



*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—Jan 12**

**This Sunday, Jan 14 @ 9:00 am**

Also on Buffalo United Methodist Church's Facebook Page & YouTube!

### **Sermon Series — Reset**

God's mercies are new every morning! But sometimes it is easy for us to get stuck in the same old routine. This New Year let's hit the "reset button," so we can claim the fresh start God makes available to us. As we rediscover our true identity in the love of God, we will discover new purpose and, guided by the compass of God's values, head off in an exciting God-given direction!



### **This Sunday — Reset Purposefully on Prayer Part 1** | Mark 1:32-39

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### **Scripture Reading**

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons. Mark 1:35-39

### **Next Sunday — Reset Purposefully on Prayer Part 2** | Mark 1:32-39

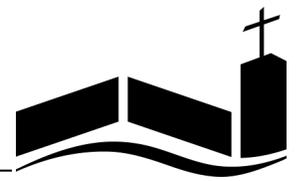
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**Sunday Fellowship** Check out the coffee, treats and great conversation after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Coffee and Worship**

The two best things on Sunday morning are coffee and worship, and we welcome you to bring yours in to the sanctuary. However, in order to preserve our beautiful sanctuary we ask that you bring a covered coffee cup from home when bringing your cup into the sanctuary.



## Other Ministry Updates

- Jan 14** 9:00 am Worship with Handbells  
10:00 am Fellowship  
10:00 am Education Hour  
10:00 am Discover BUMC  
10:15 am Get To Know Pastor Amy
- Jan 16** 12:00 pm Dynamite Prayer Study  
7:00 pm SPRC Meeting
- Jan 17** 6:00 pm Confirmation Focus Night  
6:30 pm Handbells
- Jan 18** 6:30 pm Dynamite Prayer Zoom Group
- Jan 21** 9:00 am Worship  
10:00 am Fellowship  
10:00 am Education Hour  
10:00 am First Grade FSS class

Dear Members and Friends of BUMC,  
Thank you for the gracious support and warm welcome I have experienced since beginning my ministry with you. It has been lovely! And I am genuinely excited about what the future holds for us as a community of faith called to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally invite you to a very important upcoming event in the life of our church. On **Saturday, February 3rd from 9:00 am to noon**, retired Rev. Paul Woolverton will be leading our congregation in a Rule of Christ training event.

This training is a process rooted in Scripture that can be used to foster and strengthen healthy communication, while thoughtfully addressing situations of conflict. While the presence of all persons in positions of leadership is expected, everyone in the congregation over the age of 16 is strongly encouraged to attend this Rule of Christ workshop. This is an individual, family, work, school, and church-equipping life tool that you will want to understand and begin using right away. Thank you for your commitment to BUMC.

Actively Promoting Peace,  
Pastor Amy

### Dynamite Prayer Initiative

Starting in January, for 4 weeks, we will be inviting everyone to participate in a new breakthrough prayer opportunity called the Dynamite Prayer Initiative. The Bishop is inviting all churches in North and South Dakota and Minnesota to participate in reading Dynamite Prayer – A 28 Day Experiment. Important to note, this is a devotional, not a book. And takes maybe 5 or 10 minutes each day. Consider picking up your own copy for personal study or we'll have copies available at 50% off in the entry way.

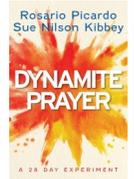
If you would like to be a part of a group that discusses this devotional, Pastor Amy will be facilitating two different casual conversations over lunch at on Tuesdays **noon to 1:00pm** starting **January 16th** or over Zoom on **Thursdays at 6:30 pm starting on Jan 18**. There is a sign-up sheet in the entry way. Together, let's ask God to break through with God's power for new hopes and possibilities for our church and our own lives. It's a good time of year and a wonderful opportunity to revive this important church-wide prayer practice.

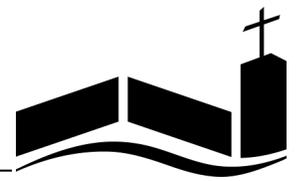
### “Discover BUMC”

If you are a newcomer and have questions, consider attending the “Discover BUMC” gathering this **Sunday, January 14** at a marked table in the fellowship hall after worship, hosted by our Guest Connections team. You can get acquainted with others and ask questions about the Methodist church or this congregation.

### Membership Class January 28

Come learn more about Buffalo UMC and Methodism in general on **Sunday, January 28 at 10:15 am** in the conference room. All are welcome whether contemplating membership or not. It's a great chance to get to know some other people, and get information. Those who choose to join following the class will be received as members on **Sunday, February 4** during worship. Please sign up on the bulletin board or call church to let us know you're coming. The nursery will also be available.





## Other Ministry Updates

### Nursery

Did you know BUMC's Nursery is staffed every Sunday from 8:45 - 10:15am? And it is especially designed for younger children (typically 1st grade and younger) while parents are attending worship. You may drop your child off before worship starts or bring them after the Early Word.



### Let's Get to Know Each Other!!

This Sunday, **Jan 14th** after worship, we will have an opportunity for you to get to know Pastor Amy better and for her to get to know YOU better!

Grab your coffee and a treat and meet in the Conference room for some casual conversation!

### Help Make Soup on February 2

Help make soup for the Frozen Meals ministry "Soup-er" Bowl Sunday fund raiser. Debbie Bishop has scheduled a soup making day for **Friday, Feb. 2 at 9:30 am**. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board, so please let us know if you can help. We will also have a donation signup sheet for supplies soon. If you've wanted to join us, but never have before, now's the time! It's not only a great gift to others, but a fun time of fellowship as well.

### Faith Stepping Stone

1st Grade families, mark your calendars for the upcoming Faith Stepping Stone Class on Prayer,



**Sunday, January 21st**. The following week on **Sunday, January 28th** we will have a special blessing for your child during worship. Letters have been mailed out this week, but any questions can be directed to

[Andrea@buffaloumc.com](mailto:Andrea@buffaloumc.com).

### Take Poinsettias Home

You are welcome to take home any poinsettias that still remain. Thank you again!!



### Blankets for Beds

The weather is turning colder and there is ALWAYS a need for new or gently used

blankets for the Food Shelf. Whenever you have some, please drop them in the Blanket Bin outside of the Church office or contact Dianne McLain at 763-682-2260 and she will pick them up. Other than pillows, any and all bedding is needed.

### Hospitality Volunteers

Thank you to all the hard working Fellowship time Coffee servers. You all have done such a great job in serving us after Worship. If you would like to volunteer to help in this ministry, contact Michelle in the church office.

### Meals on Wheels in February

Don't forget that February is our month to provide drivers for Meals on Wheels delivery in Buffalo! Sign up live on Sunday with Debbie after worship in the Fellowship Hall or online [HERE](#).



### Phone/Picture Directories Available

If you need an updated BUMC phone and address directory, pick up a copy on the wall in the entryway.



### Do you have a Church Key?

Do you or a passed love one have a Church key? Has your ministry role ended? We are trying to regulate the number of keys in circulation, to assign keys based on need, and for security purposes. Please return any unused keys to the office.

### Secure Giving



### Worship Registration

