



Buffalo United Methodist Church
...serving people for Jesus Christ so that we all may know joy!

January 14, 2018

The Weekly Joy

Rev. Bill Reinhart, Pastor

Today

Life Beyond Belief: Beyond Signs and Sin -

Jesus didn't water down his message for the crowds. Jesus called them (and us) to repent – to face reality and turn from living in lies. God's Kingdom happens in our lives when we live with God's way of looking at the world and God's ways of living.

- 8:15 Joyful Praise Worship
- 9:15 Fellowship Coffee Hour
- 10:30 Traditional Celebration Worship

Next Sunday

Life Beyond Belief: Beyond Darkness -

Jesus came to set us free so that we can shine with his love. But sometimes darkness in our own heart (pain, shame, unforgiveness) gets in the way of the life he wants for us. To overcome the darkness, we must align our thoughts and feelings with God's truth..

Welcome, Guests!

*We welcome all guests to worship!
 If you have questions, ask anyone with a red nametag for information about our church.*

Prayer Matters...

- Please pray for Dave and Sue Sorsoleil as he recovers from back surgery, and also a heart attack which occurred during the surgery in December.
- Prayers of healing for Tammy Jacobs following a mastectomy on Thursday. Thanksgiving that her lymph nodes were all clear!
- Pray that Jean Vokaty's sons' girlfriend, Sheryl's shoulder replacement on the 15th goes well and rids her of pain.

Educational Opportunities

Sunday School classes run from 9:20-10:20 am for children ages 3 through 8th grade. A **Sermon Discussion** takes place every Sunday at 9:20 at the designated table in the fellowship hall.

Let Us Know You're Here!

Whether a regular attender, or a guest, please complete a "We're Glad You're Here" card and drop it in the offering basket each week!

Here's What is Happening

Human Relations Offering Today

We will receive the Human Relations special offering today to support neighborhood ministries through community developers; provide community advocacy in the United States and Puerto Rico through the UM Voluntary Services; and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program. This is one of six annual UM special offerings.

Offering Envelopes Available

Offering envelopes for 2018 are in the entryway at church for those who requested them. If you want envelopes but don't see any with your name on, write your name on the request sheet in the church entryway and take them home today.

Take Ornaments Home

If you brought an ornament for our tree, you will find it on the bench by the door to take home.

Phil Heywood Concert This Saturday



Our next Saturday Awakenings concert is this **Saturday, January 20 at 7:00 pm** when we welcome back singer and acoustic guitar extraordinaire, Phil Heywood. Phil has won national fingerpicking guitar competitions and has a rich baritone voice that makes for easy listening! Come enjoy the evening with us, and invite a friend.

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This Week in Ministry

Tuesday		
Jan 16	7:00 pm	SPRC Team Meeting
Wednesday		
Jan 17	6:30 pm	Confirmation/Youth Combined
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Joyful Praise Rehearsal
Thursday		
Jan 18	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study at Paulette's
Saturday		
Jan 20	7:30 am	United Methodist Men
	7:00 pm	Saturday Awakenings – Phil Heywood
Sunday		
Jan 21	8:15 am	Joyful Praise Worship
	9:20 am	Fellowship & Education
	9:20 am	First Grade Prayer Instruction
	10:20 am	Jesus Rocks Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Traditional Celebration Worship

Ministry Updates

Help Make Soup on Thursday, February 1

Help make soup for the Frozen Meals ministry and also the youth's "Soup-er" Bowl Sunday fund raiser. Debbie Bishop has scheduled a soup making day for **Thursday, Feb. 1 at 9:30 am**. A sign-up 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, too.

Chili Cook-Off & Winter Games

Start perfecting your chili recipe now so you can enter it in the Chili Cook-Off on **Sunday, January 28!** This fun event will again include the one-day Cribbage tournament. Mark your calendars now! All proceeds from the event go to support our senior high youth mission team. See Curtis with questions.

Cribbage Tournament January 28

Our annual cribbage tournament takes place in conjunction with the Chili Cook-Off and Game Day. We'll do a one day tournament starting at 11:30 or so and wrapping up by 2:30 with a winner announced. Come join the fun, and invite a friend! Sign up today in the entryway!!

For those who don't play cribbage, we encourage you to bring other board games to play, and there will be children's games and activities, too.

A soup and chili lunch is served for all!

Meals on Wheels in February

Don't forget that February is our month to provide drivers for Meals on Wheels delivery in Buffalo! Check your calendar and sign-up in the entryway.



Phone Directories Available

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

UM Men Meet This Saturday

The United Methodist Men's Fellowship meets this **Saturday, January 20 at 7:30 am**. Newcomers welcome! Contact Ivan Erickson at 763-497-1742 if you have any questions about the United Methodist Men's Fellowship. Come connect with your fellow men of your BUMC family!

Blankets for Beds

The cold weather is clearly upon us! It's a great time to clean out your closets and donate gently used blankets, bedding and towels for local distribution. Bring to church, or if you need items to be picked up, please contact Dianne McLain at 763-682-2260.

Love INC Volunteers Sought

If you are looking for a new volunteer opportunity in 2018, Love INC-Big Woods is looking for helpers. Volunteer needs include: intake phone worker, transportation help, furniture delivery, thrift store sorters, merchandisers, cashiers, people to do minor household or car repair, and event planners for fundraisers. Call 763-682-2550 for more information. Be a part of what God is doing in our community!

Confirmation Corner

This **Wednesday, January 17** is Combined Night with the Youth Group. Don't forget to bring your Bible. Also, don't forget the mandatory retreat on January 27-28 at the Koinonia Retreat Center. If you have not paid, please have this done by Jan 21.

When **Life Happens!** What do you say? Sometimes when people experience difficult circumstances, we may end up saying the wrong thing. Other times we are a true blessing. Or how many times do we say nothing at all and avoid the topic altogether?

Life Happens is a new monthly ministry session where we will bring in guest speakers to share first-hand experiences on topics we all too often avoid, even though we care. You are invited to join us on the **2nd Monday of the month from 7:15-8:15 pm** beginning in January 2018. We'll meet in the fellowship hall for a time of listening, learning, caring, and dessert. You may join us for one month, or every month, and bring a friend if you wish.

January Life Happens:
Miscarriage – What do I say? How can I help?
Monday, January 8, 2018
7:15-8:15 p.m.

Heart Strings in Concert January 28

The Heart Strings trio will perform a concert at St John's Lutheran Church Family Life Center on **Sunday, January 28 at 6:00 pm** to support disaster relief in Puerto Rico and other areas ravaged by recent storms. As you know, these areas are still struggling to rebuild and your generous free-will offerings can help. Thrivent Financial will match all money collected. Enjoy an evening of music and help storm victims at the same time. John Hagen is a member of Heart Strings.

“Ask Me” Greeters Add Hospitality

To help our congregation be more user-friendly to newcomers, the Guest Connections Team has established the “Ask Me” initiative. Each Sunday, both before and after services, you will find a friendly face roving in the entryway, with a lanyard and clipboard boldly marked “Ask Me.” If you encounter newcomers and can't answer their questions, direct them to the “Ask Me” person. And all you helpful, friendly people should sign up for this heartwarming job! Training is provided by the Guest Connections team. Interested? Please ask this morning's “Ask Me” greeter how to get started!

Consider MCCI Ministry Teams

Additional MCCI ministry teams will be forming soon. Please let us know if you would consider serving on one:

- ReBranding Team – see Dan Buchholtz
- Website Team
- Social Media Team
- Worship Excellence Team
- Sunday Schedule Feasibility Team
- Children & Families Vision Team
- Staff Responsibilities Review Team

Thursday Game Day This Week

Warm up your spirit and enjoy relaxed fellowship at our Game Day this **Thursday, January 4 from 1:00-4:00 pm.** Coffee is provided and you should bring a snack to share. A variety of games are enjoyed.

Coffee Hour Offerings

To improve hospitality for guests, we moved the coffee hour fellowship basket from the front end of the refreshment table to the side counter where regulars can donate, but guests won't feel obligated. Your donations allow us to continue buying coffee direct from Guatemalan farmers, providing them a better living and us better coffee!

Frozen Meals Available

Thanks to our cooking and assembly crew, we now have ravioli lasagna frozen and available for you to deliver to someone in need of a helping meal.

Pick Up a Pocket Cross

If you missed getting a cross in worship on September 10, we invite you to pick one up today and carry in your pocket, or make into a necklace, or attach to your purse or backpack as a reminder, to “Come back to the Cross,” whenever life is challenging.

Praise and Coffee Gathering

On **Monday, October 2 at 6 pm** Sheryl Lehman kicks off Praise and Coffee, a community-wide fellowship time in the side room at Perkins. These

gatherings will be held the first Monday evening monthly for men and women to spend a time of fellowship, fun and coffee praising God. Bring a friend and the coffee is optional.

Worship Tech Help Sought

We need more people to help with worship projection, especially at late service. Please consider learning this easy process! See Laurie.

Men's "Fix It" Crew Can Help!

Have you been 'at a loss' trying to fix something, install something or move something heavy in your home? Our Men's Fellowship would like to remind you that we have several men who are available at no cost to assist you if you are unable to do the work yourself. Call Craig at 763-682-1994 if you could use some help.

Blankets for Beds

There is a steady need for blankets, so please bring your donations of new and gently used blankets of any size for local distribution. Place them in the box across from the church office.

How You Can Support BUMPreschool

Donate items: Circle button magnets; C links, (those used for babies); buttons; cotton balls; felt; bells; ribbon; paper plates, spoons, napkins, toilet paper cardboard rolls. (new or used)

Financial Support: Donate to our new Program Enhancement Fund to help cover costs of two field trips or to bring in educational programs, like Como Zoo; also helps pay for our physical education program with Gym Nation, which is a huge bonus for our kids, teaching fine and large motor skills and muscle development.

Donations to our tuition scholarship fund allow us to provide low income families the opportunity to be part of our school.

Volunteer: Come in just to talk with us, help out in the classrooms, or to share a special interest.



for Learning from Coborns! Bring them to the red bucket across from the church office.

Parkview Service Today

Pastor Bill would love for you to join him as he leads worship at Parkview Chapel on **Sunday, June 25 at 2:00 pm**. Come visit with the residents and add your voice to our worship.

"Discover BUMC" Today

All visitors or newcomers to BUMC are invited to an informal "Discover BUMC" gathering between services **this morning at 9:20** to discover more about our church, get acquainted with others, and be able to ask questions. Find the designated table in the fellowship hall!

Collect for BUMPreschool

We continue to collect caps and bag tops, (or oval from donut glazers) from Kwik Trip, and Labels