



*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—Jan. 21**

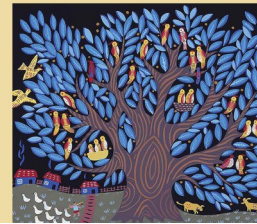
**This Sunday, January 23 @ 9:00 am**

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

### **This Sunday - Practicing Hospitality**

Communities in which hospitality is a vibrant practice tap into deep human longings to belong, find a place to share one's gifts, and be valued. The practice of hospitality reflects a willingness on the part of a community of people to be open to others and to their insights, needs, and contributions. Hospitable communities recognize that they are incomplete without other folks but also that they have a treasure to share with them.

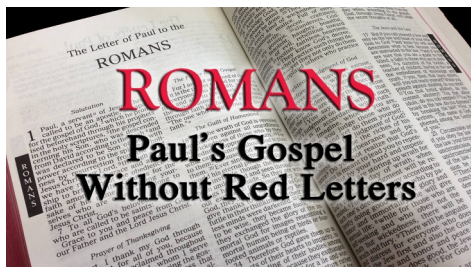
### *Practicing Hospitality*



### **Scripture Reading**

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity — all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47 NLT

### **Romans: Paul's Gospel Without Red Letters January 30-February 27**



The gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John form the core of our faith as Christ-followers, each one with a unique eye-witness account of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. And then there's Romans. It really can't be considered a gospel, because Paul never met the earthly Jesus. There are no "red letter" quotations of Jesus in Romans, no memorable parables, and no miracles like walking on water or healing the blind. Even so, Paul sets out for us the essentials of what we need to know concerning God, sin, faith, and salvation. It's a long letter to read without all the wonderful word pictures of Jesus, but Romans is singularly powerful in describing God's power and plan for restoring creation.

### **Next Sunday — He is Jesus Christ our Lord**

Paul is unequivocal and unashamed in stating his purpose for writing his letter: to announce the Good News about Jesus who was crucified but raised from the dead, "so that many will believe and obey him, bringing glory to his name."





## Other Ministry Updates

- Jan 23** 9:00 am Worship Service  
10:00 am Sunday School & Education  
10:00 am Fellowship
- Jan 24** 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl
- Jan 25** 7:00 pm Finance Meeting
- Jan 26** 6:00 pm Confirmation Focus Night  
6:30 pm Senior High Youth  
6:30 pm Handbell Practice
- Jan 30** 9:00 am Worship Service  
10:00 am Sunday School & Education  
10:00 am Fellowship

### Points to Ponder

Who is someone that you know who always makes you feel welcome? What does that person do to create that environment? How do grace and hospitality go hand in hand? Is there a “stranger” you see often who you could practice hospitality with? What is something you can do or change in your routine to make space for practicing hospitality?

### Did You Know?

Did you know that each week in the 5 minutes prior to the start of worship, announcements are shown that include the songs we will be singing as well as the scripture for the day? Watch for the slides if you’d like to mark the songs or scripture ahead of time!



### TEC 120

Teens Encounter Christ is a 3 day retreat experience for teens, by teens from across the metro. It is an amazing opportunity to listen, love and worship as you learn more about your personal relationship with Jesus. The next weekend is **February 25th-27th** at Faith Church in Minnetonka. For more information, talk to Jana Reinhart or Jana Knutson.

### New Songs for Worship!

The Praise Team is learning some new songs to share in worship, and so we thought maybe you’d like to learn them too! Although we may not do it exactly like the original artists, these links will give you the opportunity to learn the song ahead of time so you’re ready to sing along!

[House of the Lord](#)    [My Jesus](#)

### From the Finance Team

At the end of the 2021, income exceeded expenses by \$15,119 and 2021 apportionments are paid. The Christmas offering was \$6,572 and will be split \$130 General Fund, \$3,315 Teen Challenge and \$3127 Common Hope. The congregation’s abundant generosity when faced with the prospect of reduced revenues and budget constraints in 2022 gives hope that together we can meet or exceed our financial needs in 2022. Thank you for your generous and faithful giving. *by Glenda Vidmar*

### Add Your Leaf to Our Tree!



We’re growing a tree in our sanctuary as we learn how to nurture vibrant community. This Sunday, come prepared to add your leaf with one way that you’ll grow in living hospitality.

### 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 in the entry way or online [HERE](#).



### Chili Cook-Off & Winter Games

Start perfecting your chili recipe now so you can enter it in the Chili Cook-Off on **Sunday, February 6!** This fun event will again include the one-day Cribbage tournament and other games for all ages. Mark your calendars now!



### Nursery!

Our church nursery is open for children five and under and is staffed. You’ll find the nursery on the right side of the hallway past the church office and restrooms.

### Secure Giving



### Worship Registration





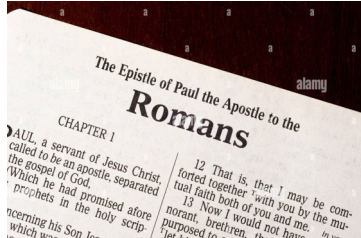
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### Celebration of Life

There will be a celebration of life for Sue Peltier on **Saturday, June 18, 1pm**, at the amphitheater of Bertram Regional Park.

### The Book of Romans

The Epistle to the Romans or Letter to the Romans, often shortened to Romans, is the sixth book in the New Testament. Biblical scholars agree that it was composed by Paul the Apostle to explain that salvation is offered through the gospel of Jesus Christ. The theme of Romans is the righteousness of God (1:17). Pastor Bill has chosen Romans as his sermon series for **January 30-February 20**. We are offering you a resource where you can read "Romans in 29 Days." Please look for that on the lobby bulletin board. Take a copy and read Roman scripture each day in February. You can also find it on the BUMC website or [Here](#) in the Connection.



### Prayer Reminder from the Adult Discipleship Vision Team

When you feel a need to pray, and you're not sure where to start; When you feel called to pray, and you can't find the words; When you want to pray, because you know God cares; When you know a conversation with God is needed; Try this, prayers based on scripture. A safe place to pray. [Link Here](#)

### Sunday School

Classes run from 10:00- 10:45 am for children ages 3 through 8th grade. Classrooms are marked in the education wing hallways. 7th & 8th graders meet in the youth room.

### Phone Directories

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

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join this gathering every fourth Monday of the month at 1:00 pm to knit or crochet shawls for people who might be homebound, in the hospital, grieving, or in other challenging situations. Join them this Monday, **January 24 at 1:00 pm**. Call Dianne McLain at 763-682-2260 with questions.

