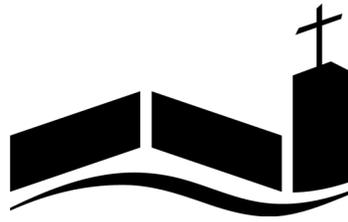


**BUFFALO
UNITED METHODIST**



So All May Know Joy

January 5, 2020



Today's Sermon:

Rediscovering Joy: Joy on the Other Side of Christmas

The post-Christmas blues are a real thing. We invest so much in preparing for it, only to have it over in the blink of an eye. Mary and Joseph certainly had every reason to experience that same feeling. Instead, God blessed them with a vision of how their baby boy would come to bring joy into the lives of countless others.

We're glad you're here!

Questions? Ask anyone with a red nametag for information about our church.

Welcome Flyers for new worshipers are found on the entryway wall.

Please fill out the "Thanks for Being Here" card in the pew rack. Time will be given to write any prayer requests and/or comments on your worship experience on the back of the card, then place it in the offering plate.

A staffed nursery is available in the education wing for children 5 & under.

Children's activity bags for worship are available on the rack in the entryway. There are also "scribble sheets" for kids on the wall!

Copies of the sermon manuscript are available before the service from any usher, and can also be found posted on our church website.

Words will be projected for all songs. Some songs are also found in the red hymnal, black hymnal or gray songbook found in your pew and page numbers are listed accordingly in your bulletin.

Coffee is served between the worship services each week in the Fellowship Hall from 9:20-10:20.

Devotional resources are available on the wall rack in the entryway.

Hearing assist devices are available, please ask an usher or soundboard operator.

8:15 am • Joyful Praise Worship

Coffee Fellowship & Education • 9:20-10:20 am

10:30 am • Celebration Worship



Joyful Praise Worship • 8:15 am



Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation & Sharing Christ's Joy

Call to Worship

Song

There is Joy in the Lord
words projected

Gospel Reading

Simeon Finds Joy in Jesus
Luke 2:21-22, 25-32 NLT

Song

Heal Our Land
words projected

The Early Word

The Tale of Three Trees
book by Andrea Elwell Hunt
told by George Christ

Gospel Reading

Anna Shares the Joy of Jesus
Luke 2:33-40 (NLT)

Message

Joy on the Other Side of Christmas

Time of Reflection

Spend this time in meditation or to write a comment or prayer on your response card

Invitation to Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Music during Communion

You're Here
sung by Tammy Jacobs
His Name is Wonderful

Prayer of Thanksgiving

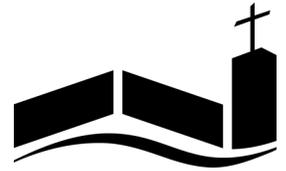
Song of Sending Forth

What a Beautiful Name
words projected

Blessing

Music for Departure

Celebration Worship • 10:30 am



Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation & Sharing Christ's Joy

Prelude

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

The First Noel

#245 vss 1-3 red hymnal

The Apostles' Creed

#882 red hymnal

Gloria Patri

#70 red hymnal

Gospel Reading

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Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Preparation

We Three Kings

#254 vss 1-3, 5 red hymnal

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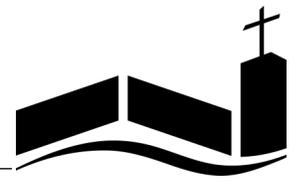
Hymn of Sending Forth

He Is Born

#228 red hymnal

Blessing

Postlude



Happening Today

Holy Communion will be received during worship today. In The United Methodist Church, all are welcome at the table, as we understand Communion to be the gift of Jesus Christ to anyone of any age who desires a closer relationship with Him. Please wear a nametag today so that all may be known by name at the Lord's Table. Ushers will direct the congregation forward down the center aisle. Bring your

offerings and attendance cards with you when you come forward to receive communion.

Sunday School Classes resume today at 9:20 am for children ages 3 through 8th grade.

Take Home Poinsettias Today

Whether you purchased a poinsettia or not, you are welcome to take one home with you today! Plastic sleeves are available.

Coming Up

Today is the Day! Sign Up for Financial Peace University Class

The 9-week Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University class is a Christian-based plan that lays out steps to follow for financial planning and management. The class will be offered at church Thursday evenings **January 16-March 19 from 6:30-8:00 p.m** with experienced FPU teachers Randy Whitcomb and Pam Sieberg. Open to all connected to BUMC or in our community. Cost is \$130 per household, including class materials, workbook and one year Financial Peace membership offering coaching, budgeting app, financial tools, and access to livestreams. Free child care provided. Sign up on the bulletin board ASAP and submit payment to the church office by **January 5**.

Guest Speaker January 26

The Founder and Executive Director of Terebinth Refuge, Cynthia (CeCe) Terlouw, will speak at BUMC between services on **Sunday, January 26**. Terebinth Refuge is a Christ-centered shelter and home near St. Cloud for previously trafficked and sexually exploited women. The refuge provides safe housing as women transition to healthy, independent lives. Come and learn how God is working through Terebinth to bring about healing and freedom for survivors of sex-trafficking and their children! This topic is best suited for adults and senior high youth. The Adult Discipleship Vision Team (ADVT) will also hold a collection of household goods for Terebinth Refuge during the month of February.

"Coffee Talk" for Parents

Come meet other BUMC parents at Coffee Talk in Classroom 109 on **Sunday, January 12** and the **second Sunday** of every month for coffee, treats and casual conversation while the kids are in Sunday School! Come every month or whenever you can – no attendance taken! We hope you will join us. Also, coffee drinking is NOT required – tea, hot chocolate and water will be provided as well. Please stop by!

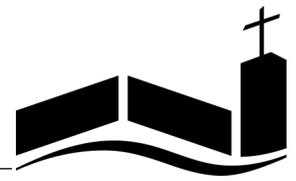


Chili Cook-Off and Cribbage Tourney on Sunday, January 26!

Check out the details on our annual Chili Cook-Off and Cribbage tournament on the easel in the entryway today and mark your calendar now!! There are many ways to participate!

1. **Simply come and eat!** Even if you don't enjoy chili, there will be soup and crackers available. Enjoy a meal and some good company.
2. **Play in the one-day cribbage tournament.** No one is eliminated from play and all games will be finished at the same time, with a winner declared by 2:30 pm.
3. **Enter a pot of your favorite chili** in the Chili Cook Off Contest to vie for the Golden Ladle Award.

More importantly, consider inviting someone you know to participate - a great cook could enter the chili contest or a cribbage player the tournament. Bring someone who might enjoy fellowship and friendly competition!



2020 Offering Envelopes Available

If you requested offering envelopes for the coming year, they are available in the entryway. If you want envelopes but don't find any with your name on, please write your name down and we'll get some for you!

Opportunities to Serve

- **Musicians** are always sought to help in a variety of ways, from children's music to worship involvement. Newcomers welcome!
- **Worship Tech Support** for both Sunday mornings and/or to prepare tech entry on Fridays or Saturdays.
- **Serve Communion to Homebound**— Consider occasionally taking communion to our homebound and care center residents. See Laurie for details.
- **Ministry Teams**—We still seek people for positions on the ministry teams of finance, property, staff parish and nominations.

Help Form a New Women's Group in 2020!

Are you a woman looking to make a difference in the world? Join Debbie Bishop between services (9:40 - 10:20) on **February 2** to brainstorm ideas for a new mission-focused women's group. Bring your creativity and help Debbie form this group. One idea is to meet quarterly to complete some sort of service project, but the details will be worked out together! John Wesley invites us to "Do all the good we can" so let's do some good!! Help make changes in the world, no matter how big or small, one step at a time!

Help Make Soup on February 1

Debbie Bishop has scheduled a soup-making day for **Saturday, February 1 at 9:30 am**. We will be making soup for the Frozen Meals ministry as well as helping the youth with their "Soup-er" Bowl Sunday fund raiser. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board, so please sign up and let us know if you'd like to 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.



Confirmation Retreat Chaperones

We currently need one male and one female to chaperone the January 25-26 confirmation retreat. You can drive over in the evening. The retreat is located at Koinonia Retreat Center in South Haven and is a required event for the confirmation program. Please contact the church office if you can volunteer for this ministry.

First Grade Faith Stepping Stone

Our first graders will learn about prayer in a Faith Stepping Stones class during Sunday School hour on **Sunday, January 19**. Parents and teachers will receive a letter soon with details. How special that parents and their 1st grade children will learn about prayer together. Then on **Sunday, January 26** the children will receive prayer books and a congregational blessing during worship.

Praise and Coffee Gathering

Praise and Coffee fellowship gathers every first Monday **at 6 pm** with Sheryl Lehman at Perkins. Join them tomorrow, **January 6**.



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 watch for the sign-up sheets posted soon in the entryway.



Confirmation Corner

Class resumes this **Wednesday, January 8 at 6 pm** with a focus night. If you haven't turned in Confirmation Retreat forms and/or money, they are due now! If you are in need of a scholarship, let the office know.

Next Sunday January 12

Love Mercy.

The first portion of the prophet Micah's depiction of what God requires of us is to love mercy. Loving mercy means loving it when people don't get the negative consequences they deserve. If justice is about collecting a debt, then loving mercy is about hating debt collecting. We can't truly love mercy until we realize the extent to which we depend on it from God.

Prayer Matters

- Kolton Peterson, 1 year old son of Nikki O'Flanagan & Tyler Peterson (grandson of Darla & Lawrence), was at Children's Hospital with RSV. Pray for full recovery and rest for all!
- Nancy Menting asks prayers for her nieces who are currently living with her, that they might find new housing and for God to work in their hearts.
- Pray for the new year be a time of healthy new beginnings and growth...change of habits, deeper faith commitment, forgiveness and reconciliations, better financial health & generosity.

Serving Today

Musicians:	Joyful Praise Team, (8:15); Marienne Kreitlow (10:30)
Tech:	Joe Schroeder, Jeremy Carlson
Scripture Reader:	James Dorado (8:15) Gloria Farwick (10:30)
Ushers:	Mike & Barb Sande (8:15) Ivan Erickson & Lester Hamann (10:30)
Coffee Servers:	Don & Jeanne Wermager
Communion Helpers:	Pam Croft, Andrea Dorado, Jacob Goth, Jade Goth, Jean Metcalf (8:15) Gloria Farwick, Marcia Wilson, Kris Uter, Susan Sorsoleil, Sally Peterson (10:15)

This Week in Ministry

Monday, January 6

9:00 am	Commodity Distribution
6:00 pm	Praise & Coffee at Perkins

Tuesday, January 7

7:00 pm	Property Team Meeting
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Wednesday, January 8

2:00 pm	Guest Connections Team Meeting
6:00 pm	Confirmation—Focus Night
6:00 pm	Senior High Youth
6:30 pm	Handbell rehearsal

Thursday, January 9

6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study at Paulette's
7:00 pm	Disciple Fast Track Bible Study

Sunday, January 12

8:15 am	Joyful Praise Worship
9:20 am	Fellowship & Education
10:25 am	Jesus Rocks rehearsal
10:30 am	Celebration Worship

Church Leadership & Staff

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