



*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—Nov. 14**

**Worship: Sunday, Nov. 16 @ 9:00 am**

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

### **Sermon Series – Grateful**

We know that gratitude is good, but many of us find it hard to sustain a meaningful life of gratefulness. Four out of five Americans report feeling gratitude on a regular basis, but those private feelings seem disconnected from larger concerns of our public lives.

#### **This Sunday - Grateful Together** | Philippians 1:3-6

Gratitude deepens when it is shared. Bass describes gratitude as a circle of gifts—received and given—that bind us to one another. Discover how thankfulness draws us into richer, more connected relationships.

Guiding Question: How have you experienced gratitude in community with others?

#### **Scripture** | Philippians 1:3-6 (NIV)

“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

#### **Next Sunday—The Grateful Society** | Colossians 3:15-17

Gratitude is more than table prayers—it's a vision for how we live in the world. Imagine with us what society might look like if thanksgiving overflowed into justice, generosity, and peace.

Guiding Question: How might gratitude shape the way you engage with the wider world?

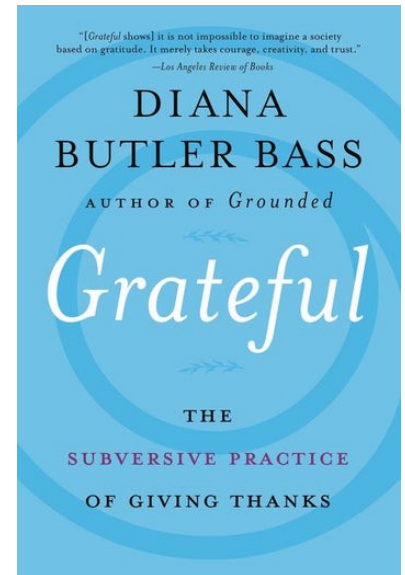
### **Sunday Fellowship**

Join us for coffee and treats, and great conversation in the Fellowship Hall at **10:00 a.m.**

### **BUMC 2025 Directories**

If you need an updated 2025 BUMC picture directory, pick up a copy on the wall in the entryway.

Please remember that our worship is livestreamed online on [YouTube Live](#) & [Facebook Live](#). You will also find links to the livestreams on our website or simply subscribe to our YouTube channel.



*Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 .*



## Other Ministry Updates

- Nov 16** 9:00 am Worship Service with FSS  
Third Grade Blessing  
10:00 am Fellowship  
10:30 am Security Task Force Meeting
- Nov 18** 4:00 pm SPRC Meeting
- Nov 19** 6:00 pm ADT Soup Dinner  
6:30 pm Handbells
- Nov 22** 11:00 am Funeral—Gale Holmquist
- Nov 23** 9:00 am Worship Service with Food  
Shelf Wagon Blessing  
10:00 am Pie Social  
10:30 am Game Day

### ADT Soup Dinner

This **Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**, join us for a meaningful evening hosted by the Adult Discipleship Team, featuring soup supper which will be Chicken Noodle and Chili. We will have 3 special guest speakers as we reflect on the theme “Homeless for the Holidays”. David Miller from Wright County Community Action as well as the Former and new Directors from Love Inc, Dean Perry and Jonathan Parker. This event will offer a chance to gather in fellowship, deepen our understanding of the issue of homelessness in Buffalo, and offer us ways we can respond with compassion to the realities of homelessness especially during the holiday season.

### Little Red Wagon Mission

This Month we have been working hard to fill the Little Red Wagon in the church with items for the Food Shelf. **Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup>** will be the last Sunday to bring in items for the Food Shelf to be blessed before we make the big delivery to the food shelf. Reminder: The Little Red Wagon is also in the entry way to put food in to bring to the food shelf all year round.

### Children

This Sunday is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Faith Stepping Stone Blessing in service where they will receive a Bible. During Sunday School all kids will have a lesson on the Bible!

### Confirmation

Thank you to the Confirmation Students for volunteering at the Prayer Partner Party last Sunday! This Sunday students will have their 3<sup>rd</sup>

lesson where they learn about loving together. They will learn how coming together in Christian love can be a strong witness to God’s love for all.

### Youth (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Hanging of the Greens is just around the corner! If you are interested in helping on November 30<sup>th</sup> in services, please reach out to Taylor Ryan. There is a role for everyone to play this day!

### Security Task Force

We will hold our initial meeting **on Sunday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am**, right after Fellowship time. All who originally signed up have been individually contacted, but others are welcome as well. Contact [Gloria Farwick](#) with questions.

### Poinsettia Order forms in Pews

Help adorn our sanctuary for Christmas by donating a poinsettia. Please place your order in the offering plate by **November 23** using the forms in the pews. Although the form lists two color options, only one option is currently available, red. Flowers will remain through Christmas Eve.

### News! BUMC Will Host “Adopt a Family”

We are pleased that our church will be hosting the Buffalo Rotary’s Adopt-a-Family Christmas program again this year. Gifts for families will be dropped off at the church on **Sunday, Dec. 7 from 1-3 pm**, then families will pick up their gifts on **Saturday, December 13**. We ask your gracious hospitality as we work with the Rotary to administer this program. Click [this](#) if you would like to sponsor a family.

### Hearing Assistance Devices

To help more people become familiar with the hearing assistance devices available for Sunday worship, Craige Farwick will be in the entryway this Sunday with the devices and his expertise. He will be glad to show you how they work and share how they’ve helped him. For the best experience, please bring your own headphones if you have a pair.



## Other Ministry Updates

### Traditional Christmas Pageant

Our Traditional Christmas Pageant brings the magic of Christmas to life through the eyes of children! Rooted in Scripture and filled with beloved Christmas hymns, this heartwarming retelling of the Nativity reminds us that Christmas truly belongs to the children—their joy, wonder, and faith light up the season. With simple, traditional costumes and familiar carols, kids will step into the story as shepherds, angels, wise men, and more.

We'll hold rehearsals on Sunday, December 7th at 10:30 a.m. and Saturday, December 13th at 10:00 a.m., with the pageant taking place during the service on Sunday, December 14th at 9:00 a.m.

We'd love for parents to be part of this special event as volunteers—helping with costumes, music, and guiding the kids. Please sign up in the entryway to lend a hand and make this year's pageant a joyful celebration for our whole church family!

### Wrapped In Love

Have you ever stopped and counted the number of pairs of socks and underwear you have in your dresser drawer? You might be surprised how many you have. The families who come to Wrapped in Love to shop for essential clothing may have none or very few. BUMC has committed to helping these families with socks and skivvies. The most needed items are listed but any donations of new underwear and socks is very appreciated. The donation box is in the coatroom entry. Let's fill it up! If you prefer, you can give money toward this cause and Rita will shop for you. **All socks and underwear donations for Wrapped In Love need to be NEW clothing.** Please no used clothing items placed in the collection box.



**Boys and girls' socks – all sizes**

**Girls' underwear – size 7 and under**

**Boys' boxer briefs – medium**

**Women's underwear – large and X-large**

**Men's boxer briefs – small and medium**

### 2026 Stewardship Cards Still Welcome

If you were gone or didn't turn in your promise cards for 2026, both for financial estimate of giving and My Plan for Serving, please bring them in. We welcome them through the end of the year, but appreciate having them as soon as possible. Not only does it help the church in planning ministry, it also helps you find clarity and joy in your faith walk and spiritual growth.

### Join Our Advent Study

Plan to come on **Mondays at noon, December 1, 8, 15 and 22**

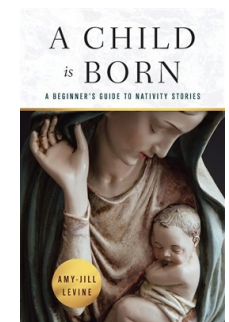
for a discussion of *Season's Greetings: Christmas Letters From Those Who Were There*, by Ruth L. Boling.

Imagine receiving Christmas Letters from biblical characters who were there for the birth of Jesus. Mary, Joseph, the Innkeeper, a shepherd, King Herod, the Maji and others. How do they remember the story? How did it change them? How might their stories change us and our understanding of what Christmas means?



### Bishop's Advent Study

You're invited to participate in the 2025 Advent Study led by Bishop Lanette. In this study, United Methodists across the Dakotas and Minnesota are invited to read "A Child is Born" by Amy-Jill Levine. Dive into the narratives of Isaac, Ishmael, Moses, and Samuel to reveal how they foreshadow and enrich the timeless Christmas story. Levine shows readers how Scripture's earlier birth stories anticipate the story of Jesus's birth and how His birth resonates and gives new meaning to those earlier stories. This event recurs weekly on **Monday, December 1, 2025 to Monday, December 22, 2025** [Add to my calendar](#)



You must [register](#) in order to receive the Zoom link to each gathering. [Order your books or e-books now.](#)