



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Nov. 21

Worship: Sunday, Nov. 23 @ 9:00 am

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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 - 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?

Scripture | Colossians 3:15–17 (NIV)

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Matthew 5:3-10 (NIV)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

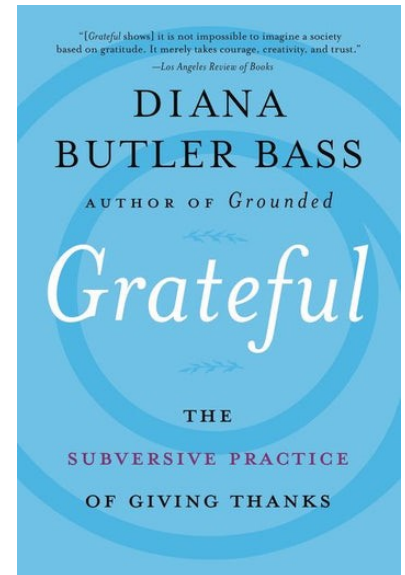
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Next Sunday—First Sunday of Advent and Hanging of the Greens |

Sunday Fellowship

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





Other Ministry Updates

- Nov 23 9:00 am** Worship Service with Food Shelf Wagon Blessing
10:00 am Pie Social
10:30 am Game Day
- Nov 25 6:30 pm** Finance Meeting
- Nov 26 7:00 pm** Community Thanksgiving
Eve worship service at Zion
- Nov 27 & 28** Office Closed
- Nov 30 9:00 am** Worship Service with Hanging of the Greens
10:30 am Congregational Care Meeting

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. This **Sunday November 23rd** 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, Sunday School Children will be serving in fellowship along with music time during Sunday School. Please remember to bring back the Christmas Letter to Jesus Project! Don't Forget to sign up to help with the Christmas Pageant on **December 14th!**

Confirmation

This Sunday in Confirmation we have our 2nd Faith Partner lesson. This lesson we will dive deeper into scripture around God the Creator and how we can use this scripture to have a better understanding of God the Creator for our Faith Statement. Also don't forget confirmation students are asked to help with Hanging of the Greens and Christmas Pageant so make sure you sign up for a role!

Youth (9th- 12th grade)

Hanging of the Greens is just around the corner! If you are interested in helping on **November 30th** in services, please reach out to [Taylor Ryan](#). There is a role for everyone to play on this day!

Poinsettia Order forms in Pews

Help adorn our sanctuary for Christmas by donating a poinsettia. Please place your order in the offering plate by this Sunday, **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, Craig 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.

Join Our Advent Study

Plan to come on **Mondays at noon, December 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 12:00 pm** 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 Magi 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? The books are available in the entry way along with a sign-up sheet.





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.

Current socks and skivvies needed:

Men's Boxer Briefs – Small and Medium
Women's underwear – All sizes

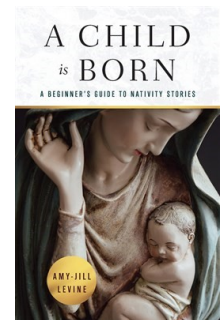


2026 Stewardship Cards Still Welcome

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.

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.](#)

The Zoom link will be provided to those who have registered as the first discussion draws near. Attending the sessions live will provide the most meaningful experience, but each one will be recorded and sent to all registrants within a couple days of each gathering.

Food Shelf Support

Remember, the Buffalo Food Shelf is open for any who are feeling food insecure, and are observing physical distancing. Distribution times are Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Friday mornings, with senior day on the first Monday of the month in the morning.