



*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—Nov 22**

**This Sunday, Nov 26 @ 9:00 am**

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

### **This Sunday — News Worth Sharing; A Life Worth Living**

Each of us is significant, and our stories matter. There is someone who needs to hear your story and feel welcome into the story of God. John 9:1-12



### **Scripture Reading**

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So, the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man."

"How then were your eyes opened?" they asked. He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So, I went and washed, and then I could see." "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said. John 9:1-12



### **Prepare | New Sermon Series**

Anyone who has hosted a Christmas dinner or party can tell you, there is a ton of preparation that goes into throwing these holiday celebrations. Many of us find ourselves doing lots of preparing in this busy season of lights, tinsel, and wrapping paper. Yet, what are we really preparing for? Who are we really preparing for? This Advent, hear God's call: "Prepare!" – for the coming one, Jesus. Hear this

imperative as an invitation to strip away all the fuss and ready your heart and life for the change that is coming when Jesus gets here.

### **Next Sunday— Keep Awake | Mark 13:24-37**

Advent is an invitation to stay awake as we wait for and recognize God's inbreaking.

**Sunday Fellowship** Check out the coffee, treats and great conversation after worship in the Fellowship Hall.





## Other Ministry Updates

- Nov 22 7:30 pm Thanksgiving Service @ Zion
- Nov 26 9:00 am Worship Service
- 10:00 am Fellowship
- Nov 27 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl
- Nov 28 12:00 pm Dynamite Prayer Lunch
- 7:00 pm Finance Team Meeting
- Nov 29 6:00 pm Confirmation Focus Night
- 6:30 pm Handbells
- Nov 30 12:00 pm Experiencing Christmas Study
- Dec 3 9:00 am Worship with Hanging of the Greens and Communion
- 10:00 am Fellowship
- 10:00 am Education Hour

### Last Call for Poinsettia Orders

Help adorn our sanctuary for Advent by donating a poinsettia. Each poinsettia is \$10 and you'll find order forms in the back of the chairs in the sanctuary. You can also call or email the church office. Payments are easy using the Breeze App. The flowers will remain in the sanctuary through our Christmas morning worship.



### Thanksgiving Service

The 49th Annual Community Festival of Praise and Thanksgiving hosted by Buffalo faith communities is scheduled for tonight at 7:30pm in the Zion sanctuary in Buffalo.

### Advent Discipleship Opportunities

Advent is a time of preparing our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child. Options to enrich our preparation are listed next.

### Thursday noon group study

Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 & 21

Things look, smell and taste differently during Advent and Christmas. These differences are a sign that God is about to do something radical and different.

Join us for *Experiencing Christmas: Christ in the Sights and Sounds of Advent* by Matt Rawle, on Thursdays at noon. We'll start each session with a short video then follow with discussion. Feel free to bring your lunch!



### Individual Online Study led by the Bishop



Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, & 19

Bishop Lanette Plambeck is leading a 4-session Advent study via Zoom on Tuesday evenings, of the book "Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation", by Will Willimon. Books

can be ordered from Amazon or Cokesbury. Registration for the class can be done on the [MN conference website](#).

### Help Decorate for Christmas Sunday

Help decorating the sanctuary and fellowship hall for Advent this **Sunday** would be appreciated. All welcome!

### Hanging of the Greens

Mark your calendars for our annual Hanging of the Greens service as we celebrate the beginning of Advent next **Sunday, Dec 3rd**.

### Meals & Mission Night

Please join us **Wednesday, Dec 6th** for our Meals & Mission Night. A scalloped potato & ham meal will be served at **6pm**, followed by our missional event of putting together fruit baskets to distribute in our community.

### 2024 Promise Cards Still Welcome

If you were gone or didn't turn in your promise cards for 2024, both for financial estimate of giving and Using My Gifts to Serve, 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.

### Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

We will be having our regular **9:00 am** Worship service offered in person and online and also a **5:00 pm** Christmas Eve Candlelight service. Please consider inviting a friend or neighbor who may be looking for a place to worship. If you're not able to participate in person or via the live stream, you'll find the service posted on YouTube and Facebook shortly afterwards. On Christmas Day at **1:00pm** we'll host our annual Christmas Day Dinner.