



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Nov. 7

Worship: Sunday, Nov. 9 @ 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 - Habits of Gratitude | Luke 17:15–19

Gratitude grows through practice. Like muscles strengthened by exercise, our hearts are shaped by daily habits of noticing, remembering, and saying “thank you.” Come explore how gratitude becomes a way of life.

Guiding Question: What daily practice could help you grow in gratitude?

Scripture | Luke 17:11–19 (NIV)

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

to be the gift of Jesus Christ to anyone of any age who desires a closer relationship with Him.

Next 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?

Sunday Fellowship

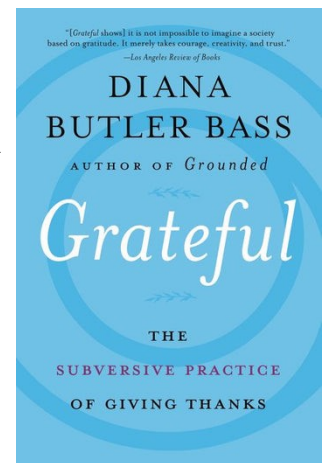
Join us for coffee and treats, and to celebrate Debbie in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m.

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 9** 9:00 am Worship Service with Handbells
10:00 am Prayer Partner Party
10:00 am Fellowship—Celebrate Debbie
10:30 am Game Day Uno & Fast Track
- Nov 11** 7:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting
- Nov 12** 6:30 pm Handbells
- Nov 16** 9:00 am Worship Service with FSS
Third Grade Blessing
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Game Day



Did You Know?

Did you know that Debbie Bishop has been an attending member at BUMC for almost 14 years and on staff for 8?

Church Cluster Conference

This **Saturday, November 8th at 10:00 am**, we will host a district cluster conference, bringing together churches from across the district to vote, share and hear the stories behind the data in these church forms—from one congregation to all. Beginning this year, clergy are not permitted to preside over a Charge or Church Conference in which their own compensation is being voted on.

Children

Don't Forget this Sunday is our Prayer Partner Party! We will meet in the back fellowship hall at 10am after worship. Kids will be given the opportunity to get to know their prayer partner and play bingo together. Parents also please see your email about important Sunday School Events coming up!

Confirmation

This Sunday Confirmation kids will have the opportunity to help with the Prayer Partner Party and get volunteer hours from helping serve during the party! On Sunday November 16th Confirmation students will have their 3rd 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 (9th-12th Grade)

This Sunday is Gam Day Sunday. Games Day will start at 10:45am after Fellowship. Come play games and get the opportunity to spend time with other Youth!

Celebrating Debbie Bishop on November 9th!

This **Sunday, November 9th** we will be celebrating Debbie's retirement as Worship and Ministry Coordinator. There will be a large card available for you to sign on the 9th and of course we'll have cake!

In order to show Debbie our appreciation, we're making a donation to Common Hope in her honor. Common Hope is near and dear to Debbie's heart. If anyone would like to participate in this gift you can add to the donation. Checks can be made out to BUMC with "Common Hope" in the memo line. Cash can be brought to the church office. Donations will be collected until **November 9th**. Plan to come and celebrate the wonderful work that Debbie has done for BUMC!

Security Task Force

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

Poinsettia Order Forms in Pews

Help adorn our sanctuary for Christmas by donating a poinsettia. Place order in the offering plate by **November 23** using the forms in the pews. Flowers 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**, and 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. If you would like to sign up to become a family gift donor, please complete [this](#) form.



Other Ministry Updates

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



Blankets for Beds

As the temperatures drop and the nights grow longer, many in our community are feeling the chill more than ever. Our local food

shelf is currently accepting donations of gently used bedding—including blankets, comforters, sheets, pillowcases and towels—to help families and individuals stay warm this season.

If you have extra bedding at home in good condition, consider sharing it with someone who could use the comfort. Clean, gently used items can make a world of difference for those facing tough times, especially as we move into the coldest months of the year.

Donations can be dropped off at the church and placed in the basket near the church office door or call Dianne McLain at 763-682-2260.

Together, we can bring warmth, comfort, and hope to our neighbors in need.

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.

Ways to Give

The strength of our church grows when each faithful person, inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit, shares their talents, spiritual gifts, passions, and wealth for the common good of building up the Body of Christ for ministry to all the world. You and your gifts really do matter!

There are many ways to give:

- EFT (automated giving) helps maintain cash flow and can be set up through Patty
- Mailing in your offerings is also great— send to BUMC at 609 8th St NW, Buffalo 55313
- Use free online banking BillPay.
- Give on our website or our Facebook page by clicking on the “give” link. Do remember that whenever you use a credit card, the fees eat up a portion of your gift, however.

Hymnals and Bibles

If you prefer to use the Hymnals and Bibles, please stop at the Welcome Cart and one of the Guest Connections Team members will give you the appropriate books for the day. Please remember to return your hymnals, songbooks and Bibles to the bookshelf after the service.

