Buffalo United Methodist Church

...serving people for Jesus Christ so that we all may know joy!

November 18, 2018 **The Weekly Joy** ***Rev. Bill Reinhart, Pastor***

Today

Live to Give: Grace – Loving others is one thing, but loving those who don't deserve it? That's taking things to a whole new level! Grace is the scandalous love of God that we don't deserve. Accepting our own need for grace compels us to offer grace to others.

8:15 am Joyful Praise Worship
9:20 am Fellowship Coffee Hour
10:30 am Traditional Celebration Worship

Next Sunday

Live to Give: Thanks – Giving thanks to God isn't something that only happens after the fall harvest. As God's people, we're called to give thanks in all things. Today we also give thanks for the many promises to Live to Give that were consecrated to God last Sunday.

Welcome, Guests!

We welcome all guests to worship!
If you have questions, ask anyone with a red nametag for information about our church.

Prayer Matters

- Bill Augustin's mother passed away last week. Please keep Bill, Mary and family in your prayers.
- Kris Uter will have surgery on Tuesday. Please pray for all to go well and for minimal pain in recovery.
- Prayers of blessing and thanksgiving for our new members!

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Educational Opportunities

Sunday School classes for children age 3 through 8th grade meet each Sunday from 9:20-10:20 am.

Here's What is Happening

Consecration & New Member Sunday

Today is a special day as we consecrate our 2019 promises to Live to Give Service, Sacrifices, Hope, Worship, and Grace. If you did not receive a mailing or forgot your forms at home, copies are available on the table in the entryway.

How might God be calling you? Perhaps you'll continue to serve in an ongoing ministry, or maybe it's time to add or change to something new!

We're also blessed to welcome our new members today – Marcia Wilson, the Gravley family of Collin, Andrea, Carter and Dalinda, and Julie Sipe and family, Matt, Marshall & Nora. A bio sheet with photos will be available next week.

Community Thanksgiving Service

The Community Thanksgiving Service is **Wednesday, November 21** at Zion Lutheran Church at 7:30 pm. It's a wonderful evening of praise and gratitude with mass choir and handbells, including our Chancel Chimes.

Student Day Offering Next Week

We receive the United Methodist Student Day special offering next **Sunday, November 25**, one of six annual UM special offerings. This offering calls the church to support students preparing for life in uniting faith with knowledge through scholarships and the UM student loans.

Poinsettia Order Forms

Help adorn our sanctuary for Christmas by donating a poinsettia. Place order and payment in the offering plate by **November 25** using the forms in the pews. Flowers will be left in place through Christmas. **Sign up on the bulletin board** (separate sheet) to purchase extra poinsettias for yourself at $10, with the profits going toward apportionments.

This Week in Ministry

Tuesday		
Nov 20	7:00 pm	Staff Parish Meeting
Wednesday		
Nov 21	6:30 pm	Financial Peace University
	7:30 pm	Thanksgiving Service @ Zion
Sunday		
Nov 25	*UM Student Sunday*	
	8:15 am	Joyful Praise Worship
	9:20 am	Sunday School & Fellowship
	10:20 am	Jesus Rocks Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Traditional Celebration Worship

Ministry Updates

Help Make the Christmas Dinner Happen

We have posted the Christmas Day Dinner sign-up sheets with many ways to support this wonderful community outreach ministry – our 22nd annual dinner!!

- Donate food, supplies or cash. (Turkeys needed by Dec. 11; other items by December 23.)
- Help decorate on **Sunday, November 25.**
- Help cook turkeys on **Saturday, December 15.**
- Help set up tables on **Sunday, December 23.**
- Volunteer to work one or more of the shifts on **Christmas Day.**

Financial Peace Home Study Available

If you are interested in the FPU course, but couldn't attend the class, we do have packets available that you could purchase to do the study online at home. We will offer them at half price for just $50. This is a great opportunity to take charge of your finances! Please see Laurie if interested.

Operation Christmas Child by Dec. 5

Our confirmation families are collecting items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. You're welcome to join them if you wish to. A list of what to include or not include is available in the entryway. Shoeboxes are provided – drop items in the designated box by **December 5.**

Nursery Substitutes Sought

Angie Masteller, our nursery attendant, provides great care to our children. However, she'd occasionally like a Sunday off. Could you consider being a paid sub in the nursery? Please let Debbie Bishop know. It won't be often help is needed. Perhaps this could be a service ministry for you.

Church Conference December 2

There is a Church Conference to vote on the 2019 budget, membership report, ministry team members, and other church business on Sunday, December 2 at 9:20 am. All members of Buffalo UMC are welcome to come and vote. Constituents are welcome to participate with voice but not vote.

Advent Class on Nutcracker

This year's Thursday noon-hour Advent class is on "The Gift of the Nutcracker" **Nov. 29- Dec. 20**. Books are available for $13, but scholarships are available. Please read chapter 1 ahead. Sign up for this unique study with Laurie!

Singleton Street Concert Dec. 1

The Delano-based Singleton Street Trio is back to share their rich bluegrass harmonies and instrumentation with us once again on **Saturday, December 1 at 7:00 pm**. They've also promised to include a Christmas set in the concert! Invite some friends. Flyers available in the entryway for this Saturday Awakenings event.

Adopt a Family for Christmas

Buffalo Rotary is sponsoring the local Adopt-a-Family program. If you, or a group you're in, want to adopt a family, call 612-490-0025 or grab a form off the bulletin board by the office. Let's fill in the gap to help our neighbors in need.

"Comfort Choir" Available

There is a small group of people in our congregation willing to come to the home or bedside of a person who is ill or in hospice, even on short notice, to quietly sing hymns or praise songs. If you have a family member or friend who might be blessed or comforted in this way, please contact Craig at 763-682-1994 or 763-242-7922.

Confirmation Corner

There will be no class this week. The Community Thanksgiving service listed above is an encouraged event but not required for confirmation students.