



Buffalo United Methodist Church

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

November 19, 2017

The Weekly Joy

Rev. Bill Reinhart, Pastor

Today

Higher Call Men's Gospel Quartet – We will be blessed by the music and testimony of Higher Call men's gospel quartet, as they share their God-given talents and Spirit-filled hearts with us!

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

Next Sunday

First Sunday of Advent – The Wonder of a Star - Of all the ways God could have announced the coming of Jesus, why a star? The Bethlehem star signaled the coming of Jesus. Will we offer our lives in worship, or will we resist the sign from God, fearfully clinging to our pride and position? We find our HOPE in the wonder of the star.

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...

- Pray for Roxie Weese to gain strength of body and spirit through difficult challenges.
- Celebration for our new members: Pauline Connick and David and Dana Sampson.
- Pray for Aliyana and her dad, Brian Davis with the loss of their Grandma Semmler last week.

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Educational Opportunities

Sunday School classes begin run from 9:20-10:20 am for children ages 3 through 8th grade. Also, a **Sermon Discussion** takes place every Sunday at 9:20 with Sheryl Lehman at the designated table in the fellowship hall.

Here's What is Happening

Welcome, New Members!

Today we receive new members as they take their vows and are introduced during worship. Please make a point of welcoming them personally this morning, and getting to know them. The enclosed bio sheets tell you a little about them.

Church Conference Today at 11:35 am

Today is the annual Church Conference to vote on the pastor's compensation package, 2018 budget, membership report, ministry team members, and other church business. The meeting is **Sunday, November 19 at 11:35 am**. All are welcome; members of Buffalo UMC may vote.

Bring an Ornament - Advent Begins!

This Advent we will rediscover "The Wonder of Christmas" in worship and in small groups beginning **next Sunday, November 26**. The four weekly themes are The Wonder of...a Star, a Name, a Manger, and a Promise. As a commitment to focusing on Christ this Advent season, we invite you to bring an ornament on one of those themes to hang on our tree in the entryway – stars, "Jesus" ornaments, mangers or angels for bringing the message of promise. Let's fill up the tree with beautiful ornaments as we turn our hearts to Christ!!

Please Let Us Know You're Here Today!

Whether a regular attender, or a guest, we hope that you will please complete the "We're Glad You're Here" card the ushers handed you to let us know you're here. Just drop the card in the offering basket each week! It is appreciated.

This Week in Ministry

Tuesday		
Nov 21	7:00 pm	SPRC Team Meeting
Wednesday		
Nov 22	7:30 pm	Community Thanksgiving Service at Zion
Sunday		
Nov 26		<i>United Methodist Student Day Offering</i> <i>First Sunday of Advent @BUMC</i>
	8:15 am	Joyful Praise Worship
	9:20 am	Senior High "The Wonder of Christmas" Advent class
	9:20 am	Education & Fellowship Hour
	9:20 am	Top 10 UM Beliefs Class
	10:30 am	Traditional Celebration Worship

Ministry Updates

Poinsettia Orders Due Nov. 19



Today is the last day to donate a poinsettia for our sanctuary. Place orders at \$10 per plant using the forms in the pews. Flowers will be left in place through Christmas Eve. Extra poinsettias will be available to purchase for yourself at \$10, with the profits going toward next summer's "We Can Be the Change" weekend. **Sign up on the bulletin board** (separate sheet) to order for take home on December 3.

Advent Study Materials

We begin our Advent journey on Sunday, November 26 with an all-church worship and study on "The Wonder of Christmas." Make a commitment to participate by being in worship, and considering a group or individual study. Check out the table in the entryway for a "Wonder" Advent daily devotion book or take part in a "Wonder" Advent class using the study book (\$10).

Operation Christmas Child

Cash donations Operation Christmas Child would still be welcome to help cover the \$9 shipping fee per box, or you can participate by signing up for one of the 20 slots we have to go down and assemble shoeboxes on **Saturday, December 9 from 3-7 pm**. Sign up SOON if you want to go along!

Christmas Dinner Donations

It's that time of year...we've posted the food donation list for our annual Christmas Day dinner, and turkeys are on sale...so buy an extra one now to donate! (Unfortunately, due to limited room in the church freezer, if you can keep turkeys at home until

Dec. 13, it would be terrific!) Sign up on the bulletin board to donate food items or to help decorate the fellowship hall on Dec. 3.

Coffee Hour Offerings

To improve hospitality for guests, we moved the coffee hour fellowship basket from the front end of the refreshment table to the side counter where regulars can donate, but guests won't feel obligated. Your donations allow us to continue buying coffee direct from Guatemalan farmers, providing them a better living and us better coffee!

Student Day Offering Next Week

We will receive the United Methodist Student Day special offering on **Sunday, November 26**, as one of the 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.

Frozen Meals Available

Thanks to our cooking and assembly crew, we now have ravioli lasagna frozen and available for you to deliver to someone in need of a helping meal.

Community Thanksgiving

The Community Thanksgiving Service is **Wednesday, November 22** at Zion Lutheran Church at 7:30 pm. It's a wonderful worship of praise and gratitude with mass choir and handbells.

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.

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.