



*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—Nov. 26**

**This Sunday, November 28 @ 9:00 am**

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

### **Advent Series - He Will Be Called**

Join us November 28- December 24 when we will talk about how we often begin to understand people by their names and titles. This Advent season, we'll get to know Jesus better by reflecting on some of His names associated with the Christmas story. The Prophet Isaiah will be our guide, as we take a closer look at his prophetic description of Jesus: "And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Those names remain just as important for us today, as we proclaim our faith that God is with us, Immanuel.

### **This Sunday - Wonderful Counselor**

The prophet Isaiah named Jesus as "Wonderful Counselor." To be wonderful is to be extraordinary, surpassingly great. To be a counselor is to have the wisdom to order plans for our future that succeed. Jesus the Wonderful Counselor is an extraordinarily wise King who orders our steps with his example, his teaching, and his Holy Spirit.



*Hanging of the Greens*

### **Hanging of the Greens**

Hey, it's a once a year traditional gathering of High School students to assist with the Hanging of the Greens Service! BUMY students sure hope that you will be able to join us this Sunday.

### **Sunday Scripture**

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:2-7 (NIV)

### **Next Sunday — Mighty God**

What if God were good but weak? Beautiful but powerless? God might want to bless us but be unable to. Wouldn't this God of good intentions be a bit pathetic? The prophet Isaiah named our Lord Mighty God, the Messiah with both the will and the power to save us. But not all power is the same, and Christ's power to save came through self-sacrifice.





## Other Ministry Updates

### Coming Up in Ministry

- Nov 28** 9:00 am Worship Service with Hanging of the Greens  
10:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Fellowship
- Nov 30** 7:00 pm Finance Meeting
- Dec 1** 3:00 pm Guest Connection Meeting  
6:00 pm Confirmation Focus Night  
6:30 pm Senior High Youth  
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- Dec 5** 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion  
10:00 am Church Conference  
10:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Fellowship

### Advent Help

You're invited to share in reading and lighting the Advent candles during this Advent season. Groups of two or more are required. One person will read a short reading while another lights a candle. After the candle lighting, a name sign for Jesus is hung on the tree in the sanctuary. Sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby or call the church office.



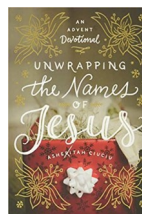
### Ornament Kits Available



To help celebrate the Advent season, Robin Anderson has made simple ornament construction kits for you to take home, each one including the names of Jesus that we'll be studying each week in worship. The kits for "Wonderful Counselor" will be in the lobby for you this Sunday. You'll find new kits there on each Sunday of Advent.

### Why Celebrate Advent?

This Advent season Pastor Bill is devoting his sermon messages to the names of Jesus. We have chosen a companion Advent devotional titled, *Unwrapping the Names of Jesus*. Following is a review of this devotional. The books are available at church on the entry bulletin board. The cost of the book is \$9.50. When purchasing a book, please put your



check or cash on Michelle's desk with a note. Most Christians agree that Christmas is all about Jesus, yet most of us spend little time preparing our hearts to celebrate Him. Why is this? Partly because we don't know how. In *Unwrapping the Names of Jesus*, the author, Asheritah Ciuciu, leads readers through the four weeks of Advent (Hope, Preparation, Joy, and Love). Each week begins with an interactive family devotional that equips readers to celebrate Advent together. It offers five daily reflections that focus on that week's name of Jesus. And included are suggestions for fun-filled family activities or service projects. This devotional can be used by readers in their own personal worship times or as a tool to engage in family worship during the busy holiday season. Either way, participants will gain a greater sense of awe and wonder at who Jesus is. By focusing on the person and character of Jesus throughout the Advent season, readers will prepare their hearts so that when they admire the live nativity, sit in the candlelight service, or wake up on Christmas morning, they can join the faithful who sing from the bottom of their hearts, "O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!"

### Gingerbread Bash

On **Sunday, December 12**, after church, we're having a fun Advent event for people of all ages: The Gingerbread Bash! We'll meet in the back fellowship hall, where we'll listen to Christmas music, share some of the Christmas story, and make gingerbread nativities (actually, we'll be using graham crackers). You can participate by showing up in-person on the 12th or using the link to the online curriculum that you'll find in the Connection. You can also sign up in the lobby to donate materials to be used in constructing the nativity scenes.

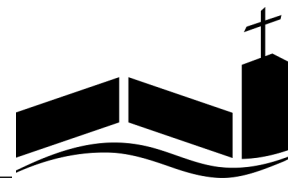


### Secure Giving



### Worship Registration





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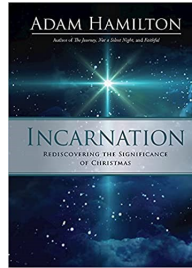
### Last Call for Poinsettia Orders



We still have Poinsettia's available . Place your order in the offering plate today using the forms in the pews. Flowers remain through Christmas Eve.

### Thursday Noon Advent Study

We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Thursdays in December from 12pm to 1pm** to discuss *Incarnation - Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, by Adam Hamilton. Each session will include a short video and discussion of a section of the book. There is a sign-up on the church bulletin board. Books are available for \$10.00. Bring your lunch if you like! Please plan to wear a mask when not eating.



- December 2: Presidents and Kings
- December 9: The Savior and Our Need for Saving
- December 16: Emmanuel in the Midst of a Pandemic
- December 23: The Light of the World

### Indoor Sunday Fellowship



Come and join us for Sunday fellowship . If you're not eating or drinking, you're encouraged to wear a

mask in the Fellowship Hall. We are still encouraging everyone over the age of 2 to wear a face covering inside our building so that we may continue to enjoy gathering in person.

### Fun Facts about Revelation

Which of the following symbols are NOT included in Revelation?

- A) Seven seals
- B) Seven beasts**
- C) Seven trumpets
- D) Seven bowls of wrath

Which seven symbols in Revelation correspond to the seven churches?

- A) Seven seals
- B) Seven trumpets

C) Seven pillars

D) **Seven lamp stands**

True or false: Revelation both begins and ends with a reference to the second coming of Christ. **True.** In verses 1:7 and 22:10.

Which of the following is not one of the four horsemen of Revelation?

- A) Famine
- B) Pestilence**
- C) War
- D) Death

*The four horsemen represent war, famine, conquest, and death.*

### Sanctuary Team Update

Following the accidental damage to our sanctuary carpet, a Sanctuary Team was formed (Robin Anderson, Jeremy Carlson, Jerry Ford, Collin Gravely, Gail Hurley, Oattie Otness, Gerry Starr, Jane Van Dorp and Rita Varner-Otness). The good news is that our insurance company has agreed to fully fund (minus our deductible of \$2500) new carpet and its installation in the entire sanctuary. Carpet replacement is to start after the first of the year and due to insurance requirements must be completed by March 12, 2022. Expenses for this project will be paid with insurance money, donations, and nonbudget funds. Besides carpeting, the team will also explore updates to seating, lighting, and painting. Please feel free to contact any of the team members with questions.

*In every thing give*  
**THANKS**

*1 Thessalonians 5:18*