



*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—Nov. 27**

**This Sunday, November 29, 9:00 am**

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

### **Finding God Among the Screw-ups**

No matter how smart we are, no matter how old we are, everybody screws up sometimes. Everybody. Being made in the “image of God” means we have infinite value and great potential, but it doesn't mean we won't screw up. Thankfully, God has a long history of working with people like us and bringing beauty out of ugly situations.



### *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 online Sunday **at 9:00** via the church Facebook Page.

#### **Sunday Scripture**

God spoke: “Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, And, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth.” God created human beings; he created them godlike, Reflecting God's nature. He created them male and female. God blessed them: “Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge! Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth.” Genesis 1:26-28-26-28 MSG



#### **Next Sunday**

All of us face disappointments in life, because all of us have hopes and dreams. If you're never disappointed, it might mean you're not dreaming big enough! Joseph was certainly disappointed in Mary when he learned that she was pregnant, but God showed him a larger dream and a better hope.

#### **Holy Communion**

Our worship next Sunday will also include Holy Communion, so remember to gather your items representing the bread and the wine as we gather in spirit around Christ's table. If you don't have bread and grape juice, crackers and water are a great substitute.



## Other Ministry Updates

### Community Festival of Praise & Thanksgiving Tonight

The annual Community Festival of Praise and Thanksgiving hosted by Buffalo faith communities will premiere online on tonight at **7pm**. This year, you can invite your neighbors, friends, and family to attend this service of thanks no matter where they are through our BUMC Facebook instead of coming to the Zion sanctuary. The link is also on our webpage.



### Church Conference This Sunday

There will be a Church Conference to vote on the 2021 budget, membership report, elected church leadership, and other church business will take place this Sunday, **November 29 at 11:00 am** via Zoom. All members of Buffalo UMC are welcome to vote. Constituents are welcome to participate with voice but not vote. The proposed annual budget is attached to this email. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84364130797?pwd=ZWk4bm1qWnBybXR6TllpVysrUGE3UT09>  
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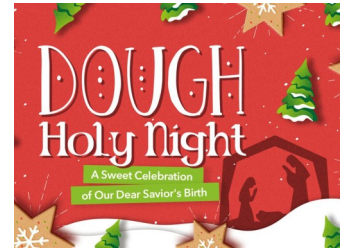
### NEW! Virtual Fellowship This Sunday

We're trying something new! You're invited to join Pastor Bill for a virtual fellowship time on Zoom at **10:00**, right after worship. He'll let you in to the virtual "fellowship hall," and once you enter, he'll be able to send you to your own private table if you just let him know who you want to be seated with. Stay for a couple of minutes, or stay for 45 minutes- It's all up to you. He'll manage the Zoom connection and the table assignments for you until he has to break the connection to prepare for the Annual Church Conference. Join Zoom Meeting

**Time: Nov 29, 2020 10:00 AM**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358934968?pwd=UjdFKzVFSEJyTUd0Q2w5eTVZQzRldz09>  
Meeting ID: 873 5893 4968 Passcode: 399671

### Dough Holy Night

"Dough Holy Night" is a deliciously-fun all church experience with the true meaning of Christmas baked in. On **December 6<sup>th</sup>** at **1:00PM**, we'll meet together on ZOOM to bake our cookies at home, all while discovering the ingredients that made the first ever Christmas so sweet!! It's so simple, anyone can do it! We will be putting cookie baking kits together for anyone who wants them, so if you are interested in picking one up, please email Michelle by **November 29**. Pick up is Dec. 3 & 4.



### Memorial Christmas Ornaments

This year, instead of Poinsettia's around the Christmas tree we will be adorning the tree with Angel ornaments. These ornaments will be \$10.00, with \$3.00 per angel going to **Wrapped In Love** of Buffalo. Please email Michelle in the church office to place your order.



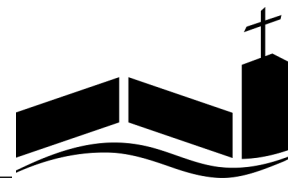
### Parking Lot Christmas Carol Sing along

Get into the advent spirit with an old-fashioned, outdoor Christmas Carol Sing-Along. We will hold our sing a-long on **Dec. 20 at 1:00PM** in the church parking lot. Join us as we sing some of the favorites! To ensure everyone's safety (and with the new restrictions) we invite you to stay in your car with the heater on! We'll be singing from our cars, masks on and windows open. We'll even be broadcasting over your car radio if you'd prefer to have your window rolled up! Please leave at least six feet between your car and the next but don't let the cold stop you from coming!



### Confirmation & Senior High Youth

This week the Confirmation students will combine with the Senior high Youth for some virtual fun, Watch your email for the Zoom link.



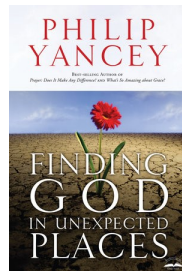
## Other Ministry Updates

### Food Shelf

The Buffalo Food Shelf is in need of volunteers to help shoppers. They especially need volunteers for Tuesday and Thursday evenings, but would welcome volunteers for any of their open hours. The food shelf is continuing to provide for the community during their usual distribution times. They are doing so in a safe way. They have had no COVID cases. If you have ever considered this volunteer opportunity, you are needed now! Please contact Connie Heckenlaible if you are interested 612-709-8233.

### Adult Advent Study

We will not be starting the Advent Study this week as we have not found someone to lead the it. If we find a leader we will be having a Zoom group discussion of 3 sessions, **Dec 6, 13, 20**. Please contact Rita Varner Otness if you have interest at [healinghands.dc@bwig.net](mailto:healinghands.dc@bwig.net). Since church is not open, we are asking those wanting to use these resources to go online and purchase them, check your local library, or local bookstores who can also order them for you. *Almost Christmas Daily Devotional* is available at [www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com), for 8.00. *Finding God in Unexpected Places* is available on Christianbook.com or Amazon for \$12-16.00. If you have difficulty purchasing or are unable to secure the book you want, please call or email Michelle in the office.



### Adopt a Family in Need

The Buffalo Rotary Adopt a Family Program is appreciative of your past interest in making the holidays brighter for an area family in need. The need is incredibly great this year as many families struggle financially and emotionally due to COVID-19. The Buffalo Rotary Adopt a Family Program will again provide clothing and personal items for children ages 0 to 18 this holiday season. If you could help out adopting a family email at [BuffaloAdoptaFamily@gmail.com](mailto:BuffaloAdoptaFamily@gmail.com) or contact the church office.

### Coming Up in Ministry

- Nov. 29 **9:00 am Online Worship Service**  
**10:00 am Sunday School** online for Pre-1st, 7th & 8th grade  
**10:30 am Sunday School** online for 2nd-6th grade  
**10:00 am Virtual Fellowship**  
**11:00 am Church Conference**
- Dec. 1 **7:00 pm Property Team Meeting**
- Dec. 2 **2:00 pm Virtual Guest Connections Team Meeting**  
**6:00 pm Confirmation & Senior High Youth Combined**
- Dec. 5 **8:00 am Worship Design Team Meeting**
- Dec. 6 **9:00 am Online Worship Service** – Holy Communion  
**10:00 am Sunday School** online for Pre-1st, 7th & 8th grade  
**10:30 am Sunday School** online for 2nd-6th grade  
**1:00 pm Dough Holy Night**

### Church Office

With the new restrictions the staff will all be working from home. We all will be available by phone and email.

### Blankets for Beds

Donate new or gently used blankets/linens by calling the church office for drop off or if you need them picked up, call Dianne McLain 763-682-2260. The need is still great.

*In every thing give*  
**THANKS**  
*1 Thessalonians 5:18*