



**Buffalo United Methodist Church**  
*...serving people for Jesus Christ so that we all may know joy!*

November 5, 2017

**The Weekly Joy**

Rev. Bill Reinhart, Pastor

**Today**

**Church Words – Sacrament** – A sacrament is a sacred ritual, set apart for God in the same way that we are set apart for God in our holy living. As United Methodists, we observe Baptism and the Lord’s Supper as sacraments, and everyone is invited to share in them.

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

**Next Sunday**

**Church Words – Grace** – Grace is much more than a table blessing. Grace is epitomized by the shocking reality that God died to save us, despite that we have turned our backs on God consistently. Grace means that we are free to approach God without fear, and free to fearlessly offer grace to others.

**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...**

- Though she suffered a skin issue, Kathy Maiden got good reports, with no cancer in nodes and clean margins. She meets with her oncologist Monday.
- Glenda Vidmar is making small progress every day, but expects 3 or more months of recovery at home.
- Pat Bowe had her final chemo this past week, but unfortunately got quite sick.
- Connie Irvine asks prayers for doctors’ wisdom in treating her 1 year old niece, Gentry, suffering from a mystery illness.

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**Educational Opportunities**

Sunday School classes begin run from 9:20-10:20 am for children ages 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> 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**

**All Saints’ Remembrance Sunday**

Today on this All Saints’ Sunday we remember those who have gone before us and now live with Christ in glory. We will name during worship those who have passed away in the last year, and will invite the congregation to remember in their hearts all the saints who’ve gone before us.

**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.

**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, which provides them a better living and us with better coffee!

**Christmas Day Dinner Meeting**

Our one and only planning meeting for this year’s Christmas Day Dinner is on **Sunday, November 12 at 11:35 am**. Come help with planning even if you can’t attend the dinner.

**Parkview Service This Afternoon**

Curtis Rieck will lead the worship service at Parkview Chapel **today at 2:00 pm** and would love for you to join him. Stop by to visit with the residents and add your voice to our singing.

## This Week in Ministry

<b>Monday</b> Nov 6	6:00 pm	Praise and Coffee @ Perkins
<b>Tuesday</b> Nov 7	7:00 pm	Property Team Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b> Nov 8	6:00 pm	Sr. High Youth & Confirmation – Costume Party
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:15 pm	Joyful Praise Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b> Nov 9	1:00 pm	UMW
	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study at Paulette's
<b>Sunday</b> Nov 12		<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Faith Stepping Stone Blessing</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sing in Worship</i>
	8:15 am	Joyful Praise Worship
	9:20 am	Education & Fellowship Hour
	9:20 am	Top 10 UM Beliefs Class
	10:20 am	Jesus Rocks Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Traditional Celebration Worship
	11:30 am	Christmas Day Dinner Meeting

## Ministry Updates

### Higher Call Leads Worship November 19

Don't miss worship on **Sunday, November 19** when Higher Call men's gospel quartet bless us at both services through their spoken word and rich resonant harmonies. They will ignite your spirit and uplift your soul. Higher Call endeavors to provide a truly balanced worship experience. Invite a friend to come hear their wonderful, Spirit-filled music and witness!

### Operation Christmas Child

Join our Sunday School families in supporting Operation Christmas Child now through **November 12** with donations to fill shoeboxes for kids worldwide. Bring separate items, or fill a shoebox on your own, and place in the entryway box. Cash donations would help cover the \$9 shipping fee per box.

We have 20 slots saved to go down and assemble shoeboxes on **Saturday, December 9 from 3-7 pm**. Sign up SOON if you want to go along!

### “Top 10 UM Beliefs” Underway

A six-week discussion entitled *The Top 10 United Methodists Beliefs* continues through November 19 between services, providing insights on the UM church's core beliefs through scripture, video and discussion. An optional study book is available for \$10. The location is now Classrooms A&B. Join the conversation for one session or for all.

## 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).

### Thursday Adult Bible Study

Paulette Moore hosts a weekly **Thursday Bible study at 6:30 pm** at her home. The study is starting with 2 Peter, and will then move into Revelation.

### Poinsettia Orders Due Nov. 19

Help us adorn our sanctuary for Christmas by donating a poinsettia. Place orders at \$10 per plant by **November 19** using the forms in the pews. Flowers will be left in place through Christmas Eve.

**Sign up on the bulletin board** (separate sheet) to purchase extra poinsettias for yourself at \$10, with the profits going toward next summer's “We Can Be the Change” weekend.

### 2018 Estimate of Giving Cards

If you haven't yet turned in an estimate-of-giving card for your 2018 financial commitment to the church, we encourage you to do so, both as a spiritual discipline and to help ministry planning.

### Jesus Rocks Youth Praise Team

Our youth praise team for grades 5 and up will start rehearsals on **today from 10:20-11:00 am**. They will rehearse every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the back of the fellowship hall. Come check it out! See Debbie Bishop or Laurie Schroeder with questions.

### Confirmation Corner

This **Wednesday, November 8** is a Combined night with the Sr High. We are having a costume party and some really fun games.