BUFFALO UNITED METHODIST

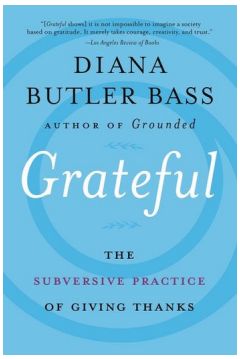
So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Oct. 31

Worship: Sunday, Nov. 2 @ 9:00 & 10:30 am

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

New Sermon Series — Grateful



We know that gratitude is good, but many of us find it hard to sustain a meaningful life of gratefulness. Four out of five Americans report feeling gratitude on a regular basis, but those private feelings seem disconnected from larger concerns of our public lives.

This Sunday - Feeling Grateful | 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

Gratitude is more than a feeling—it's a way of seeing the world. As Diana Butler Bass reminds us, giving thanks opens us to grace and reshapes how we experience everyday life. Guiding Question: What might you see differently if you looked at your life through the lens of gratitude?

Scripture | 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (NIV)

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Communion This Sunday

Our worship this Sunday will also include Holy Communion. In the United Methodist Church, all are welcome at the table, as we understand Communion to be the gift of Jesus Christ to anyone of any age who desires a closer relationship with Him.

Next Sunday— Habits of Gratitude | Luke 17:15–16

Gratitude grows through practice. Like muscles strengthened by exercise, our hearts are shaped by daily habits of noticing, remembering, and saying "thank you." Come explore how gratitude becomes a way of life.
Guiding Question: What daily practice could help you grow in gratitude?

Sunday Fellowship

Join us for coffee and treats, and great conversation in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m.

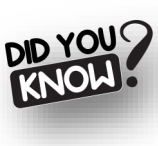
BUMC 2025 Directories

If you need an updated 2025 BUMC picture directory, pick up a copy on the wall in the entryway.

Please remember that our worship is livestreamed online on YouTube Live & Facebook Live. You will also find links to the livestreams on our website or simply subscribe to our You Tube channel.

Other Ministry Updates

Nov 2	**9:00 am** Contemporary Worship Service with All Saints Sunday and Communion
	10:00 am Sunday School
	10:00 am Youth—Breakfast and Serve
	10:00 am Fellowship
	10:30 am Traditional Worship Service with Communion
Nov 3	**6:00 pm** Praise & Coffee
Nov 4	**1:00 pm** Guest Connections Meeting
	4:15 pm Worship Design Meeting
	7:00 pm Property Team Meeting
Nov 5	**6:30 pm** Handbells
Nov 8	**10:00 am** Church Cluster Conference
Nov 9	**9:00 am** Worship Service with Handbells
	10:00 am Prayer Partner Party
	10:00 am Fellowship—Celebrate Debbie
	10:30 am Game Day Uno & Fast Track



Did You Know?

All Saints Sunday is celebrated on the first Sunday in November to honor all the saints—both well-known and those whose faith quietly shaped our lives. It's a day to remember loved ones who have gone before us and to celebrate the ongoing connection between the Church on earth and the Church in heaven.

All Saints' Sunday This Week

This **Sunday, November 2** at the **9:00 am service only** is All Saints' Day as we remember those who have gone before us and now live with Christ in heaven. During worship we will name 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.

Daylight Saving Time Ends – Fall Back!

Don't forget to set your clocks back on **Saturday evening, November 1**! Enjoy an extra hour of sleep before coming to worship next **Sunday, November 2.**

Church Cluster Conference

On **Saturday, November 8th at 10:00 am**, we will host a district cluster conference, bringing together churches from across the district to vote, share and hear the stories behind the data in these church forms—from one congregation to all. Beginning this year, clergy are not permitted to preside over a Charge or Church Conference in which their own compensation is being voted on.

Children

Our next event is our Prayer Partner Party on **Sunday November 9th at 10:00 am**. Kids will get to meet their prayer partner and play Bingo together!

Confirmation

This Sunday is our First faith partner day! Come meet and learn more about your faith partner as we learn more about other faith journey. Reminder on November 9th Confirmation kids will be volunteering at the Prayer Partner Party!

Youth

Last Reminder! This Sunday we are going to have our first Breakfast and Serve event after the first service starting at **10am**. We will start by having breakfast together as a youth group by the fire in the back of the church. Then we will work on fixing the labyrinth. Please meet outside by the fire after service!

Celebrating Debbie Bishop on November 9th!

On **Sunday, November 9th** we will be celebrating Debbie's retirement as Worship and Ministry Coordinator. There will be a large card available for you to sign on the 9th and of course we'll have cake!

In order to show Debbie our appreciation, we're making a donation to Common Hope in her honor. Common Hope is near and dear to Debbie's heart. If anyone would like to participate in this gift you can add to the donation. Checks can be made out to BUMC with "Common Hope" in the memo line. Cash can be brought to the church office. Donations will be collected until **November 9th**. Plan to come and celebrate the wonderful work that Debbie has done for BUMC!

Other Ministry Updates

Praise & Coffee

Join us for a community wide gathering for men and women to enjoy a time of fellowship, fun, coffee and God! Don't drink coffee? No problem – there are plenty of other options. Grab dinner before you come or have dinner while you're there. This is a casual time to enjoy each other's company! We'll be meeting every first Monday (**November 4**)of each month **at 6:00PM** in the side room at Perkins in Buffalo. Call Sheryl Lehman with questions at (763) 229-0340.

Poinsettia Order Forms Now in Pews

Help adorn our sanctuary for Christmas by donating a poinsettia. Place order in the offering plate by **November 23** using the forms in the pews. Flowers remain through Christmas Eve.

Wrapped In Love

Have you ever stopped and counted the number of pairs of socks and underwear you have in your dresser drawer? You might be surprised how many you have. The families who come to Wrapped in Love to shop for essential clothing may have none or very few. BUMC has committed to helping these families with socks and skivvies. The most needed items are listed but any donations of new underwear and socks is very appreciated. The donation box is in the coatroom entry. Let's fill it up! If you prefer, you can give money toward this cause and Rita will shop for you.

Boys and girls' socks – all sizes
Girls' underwear – size 7 and under
Boys' boxer briefs – medium
Women's underwear – large and X-large
Men's boxer briefs – small and medium

Blankets for Beds

As the temperatures drop and the nights grow longer, many in our community are feeling the chill more than ever. Our local food shelf is currently accepting donations of gently used bedding—including blankets, comforters, sheets, pillowcases and towels—to help families and individuals stay warm this season.

If you have extra bedding at home in good condition, consider sharing it with someone who could use the comfort. Clean, gently used items can make a world of difference for those facing tough times, especially as we move into the coldest months of the year.

Donations can be dropped off at the church and placed in the basket near the church office door or call Dianne McLain at 763-682-2260.

Together, we can bring warmth, comfort, and hope to our neighbors in need.

Thank you.

Thank you! Your decision to partner with Wrapped in Love, by providing socks & underwear for our foster families is an answer to prayer! Thank you for answering our need. It is through churches and groups like yours that we are able to meet the most basic need, clothing, to our foster children. The trauma they have been dealt is met with genuine love, hope and safety of Christ when they walk through our doors. Thank you for your partnership and joining us giving out more than just socks and underwear, but hope and love. -Wrapped in Love

News! BUMC Will Host "Adopt a Family"

We are pleased that our church will be hosting the Buffalo Rotary's Adopt-a-Family Christmas program again this year. Gifts for families will be dropped off at the church on **Sunday, December 7 from 3-8 pm**, and then families will pick up their gifts on **Saturday, December 13.** We ask your gracious hospitality as we work with the Rotary to administer this program.

2026 Stewardship Cards Still Welcome

If you were gone or didn't turn in your promise cards for 2026, both for financial estimate of giving and My Plan for Serving, please bring them in. We welcome them through the end of the year, but appreciate having them as soon as possible. Not only does it help the church in planning ministry, it also helps you find clarity and joy in your faith walk and spiritual growth.