BUMC Weekly CONNECTION

October 28 2026

Sunday Service

When God Breaks Your Heart
Pastor Amy Strom
November 1, 2026
9am Service

SCRIPTURE

Nehemial 1:1-11

Dear friends,

Congratulations on 140 years of ministry! Sorry I cannot be present to celebrate with you. For those of you who do not know me, I was pastor for 8 years during the planning and construction of the building, having served from 1982 to 1990. Unfortunately I will be 93 on October 10th and have just recently moved into a semi-assisted living facility, although I remain very alert and active.

I have many fond memories of my time in Buffalo. To recall a few: Christmas tree sales, Braschler Music concerts, and the Reverend Joyce Plum pulpit exchange from England. I also remember our first wedding and funeral services in the new church building were without water and sewer because they had not been connected yet. A highlight was following completion of the building, we added an addition two years later.

My prayers are with you as you continue to serve the Buffalo community. May God continue to bless the Buffalo United Methodist Church and support the congregation and staff.

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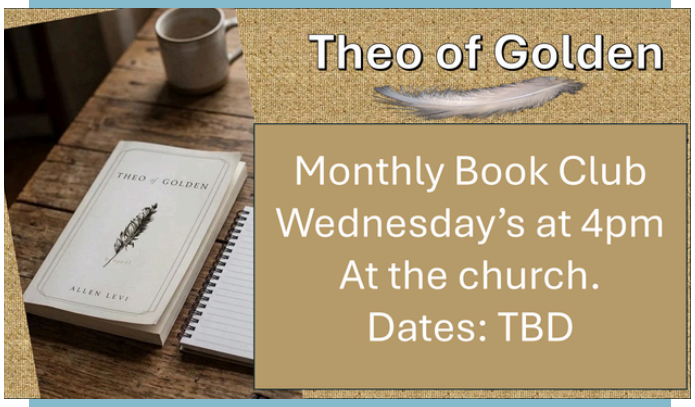
Nov 1	**9:00 am**	**Sunday Service | Communion**
		All Saints Sunday
	10:00 am	**Fellowship**
	10:15 am	**Safety Response Team**
Nov 2	**6:00 pm**	**Praise & Coffee / Perkins**
Nov 3	**4:15 pm**	**Worship Design Team**
	7:00 pm	**Property Team**



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 dona used bedding, including blankets, comforte pillowcases, and towels. Donations can be at the church and placed in the basket nea office.

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER

"Please take time to pray this prayer consistently throughout November as we seek God's help together."

Rebuild

Gracious God, as You guided Nehemiah to gather Your people and rebuild Jerusalem's walls, guide us to rebuild together. Break through our financial challenges and renew our hope. Encourage our discouraged hearts, deepen our faith, and inspire generous spirits. Grant us peace as we trust in Your provision, wisdom as we consider options for closing our financial gap, and courage to follow where You lead. Unite us in prayer and purpose, ready to offer our gifts and take the next faithful step. With confidence in Your gracious hand upon us, we affirm our desire to partner with You in this good work: "Let us start rebuilding." — Neh 2:18 (NIV) Amen.

WRAPPED IN Love

Help children in foster care, children who have been adopted, and their family members start the school year with new socks and underwear.

- Please donate **NEW** socks and underwear only.
- All sizes are needed, from preschool through adult.
- Place donations in the box in the coat room.
- Prefer someone else to shop? **Rita Varner Otness** is happy to help.
- Give monetary donations directly to **Rita** or to **Marcia** in the office.

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Children and Youth Ministry

Confirmation & Sunday School News

Growing in Faith, Serving with Joy!

What a wonderful week of fellowship, faith, and service at Buffalo United Methodist Church! Last Sunday, our Sunday School children, along with their families and teachers, did an amazing job hosting Coffee Fellowship! They brought a delicious assortment of homemade treats, helped prepare and serve coffee, cleared tables, and even tackled the dishes and cleanup!

What a blessing to have such an enthusiastic group of young children who are learning the joy of serving others. A heartfelt thank-you to all the families, teachers, and volunteers who helped make the morning so special!

Our Confirmation students also enjoyed their first gathering of the year with their Faith Partners. Together, they spent time exploring the book of Colossians, sharing meaningful conversations, and strengthening the connections that help guide our young people along their faith journeys. We are so grateful for the caring adults who give their time and encouragement to this important ministry.

Earlier in the week, our congregation came together for the **Neighbors Feeding Neighbors** event, and what an incredible success it was! With many helping hands, we packaged 83 meal kits for neighbors in our community experiencing food insecurity. Our Confirmation students joined in the effort, working alongside members of all ages. It was especially heartwarming to see everyone preparing meals, sharing a meal together, laughing, and enjoying one another's company.

These moments are such beautiful reminders of what it means to be the body of Christ. Whether we're serving coffee, building relationships, or helping feed our neighbors, we are putting God's love into action. Thank you to everyone who helped make this week such a wonderful example of faith, fellowship, and service. We are truly blessed to be part of this church family!

-Sue D.

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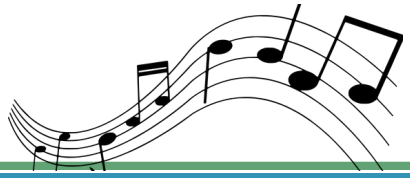
Discipleship Hub

Welcome to our Discipleship Hub! This page is designed as an easy-access resource for our discipleship teams, bringing together the information you need in one place. We're grateful for your faithful service and look forward to supporting you as we grow in faith and fellowship.

From the Praise Team

Praise Team – Making a Joyful Noise!

As the holidays approach, our BUMC Praise Team is busy preparing music for upcoming worship services and celebrations! Our dedicated volunteers continue practicing, learning new songs, and sharing their musical gifts with our church family. Have you considered sharing your talents through singing or playing an instrument? The Praise Team always welcomes new members to audition! Contact Laurie Schroeder or Debbie Bishop to arrange an audition or learn more. Have a favorite worship song? We'd love your suggestions! Thank you for supporting our Praise Team as they help us celebrate God's love through music!



Welcome Helpers

Gloria Farwick/ Guest Connections

Nov. 1 - Barb O. & Gloria F.
Nov. 8 - Dale L. & Gayle R.

Coffee Servers

Marcia Plaschko/ Admin Asst.

Nov. 1 - Jean & Peter M.
Nov. 8 - Ashley & Tyler L.

Scripture Readers

Amy Austin /Worship Coordinator

Nov. 1 - Mike M.
Nov. 8 - Lori G.

Communion Servers

Amy Austin/ Worship Coordinator

December
Jean M.,Gloria F., Bruce D.
Sally P., Chris S.

Safety Response Team

Nov. 1 - Randy W.
Nov. 8 - Gail H.

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