



BUFFALO *Presbyterian* CHURCH



Loving all People,
Living our Faith,
and Following Jesus

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Craft & Bake Sale

Shout out to family, neighbors, relatives, and friends. Please come to BPC on November 2nd to shop, eat, and relax in the Christmas Cafe before or after shopping!!!

All proceeds from this sale will benefit local mission groups including Buffalo Food Shelf, Love INC, and Rivers of Hope.



*Classes, Coffee,
& Conversations*

November 3

Gratitude & Stewardship Led By Cindy & Mike

November 10

The Book of Confessions Led By Pat

November 17

Pastor Brian

November 24

Apostle's Creed Series Wrap-Up

Community Thanksgiving Service

Buffalo Presbyterian will be participating in the 50th annual Buffalo Community Thanksgiving Service. It will take place on Wednesday, Nov 27 at Zion Lutheran beginning at 7:30 pm. The service will be led by the Buffalo Ministerium and include a community handbell choir and a community choir. Everyone is encouraged to attend. BPC choir members will be participating in the service. If you are interested in participating in the choir, you can attend rehearsals at BPC on Wednesday, Nov 13 and Nov 20. We will rehearse the music starting at 7:45. There will be a rehearsal on Sunday, Nov 24 at 7:00pm also. Anyone interested should contact Mike Agre.



We hope you enjoy our monthly newsletter, **The New Times.**

For comments and suggestions, please contact the BPC office.

We will be looking for ushers for this service. Please watch for a sign up sheet outside the office.



In this election season there have been so many ads, so much name calling, so much division, and too many lies. It can wear on people and communities alike. My prayer for you, for us, for our nation, is that we can hold onto those important and deeply held ideas and values that drive our political thinking while also remembering the shared humanity of those who differ from us, even when those differences reach the level of insults and lies.

Prayer can be a powerful and meaningful practice to help us when we tense up, get frustrated, or feel disheartened. We can al-

ways turn to God with anything and everything that is going on in our life, lifting our cares and concerns in prayer. Prayer also offers us the opportunity to listen to

God for how we might be called to engage important topics and situations in this heated political climate.

Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus. -Philippians 4:6-7

A prayer for during the Election:

Loving God, Lord of all, our hearts are weary with the anxiety, longevity, and divisiveness of this election season. As our country goes to the polls we pray for one another, for those who will

vote the way we vote, and for those who will vote differently. We pray that we might all make our votes with love, good will, and a desire for a better tomorrow; for our families, our communities, our neighbors, and all the people who call these United States home.

Guide each of us who will vote by your Holy Spirit as we discern the candidates that we will vote for, lead us thoughtfully and lovingly to make the best decisions we can. Help our country not to be driven by hate, fear, or greed, but by love for one another and the pursuit of justice and peace for all. May those elected govern with humility, wisdom, and concern for those who voted for them, for their opponents, or not at all.

As we seek to uphold the truth, pursue justice and peace, and love our neighbors as ourselves help us to remember your divine image in each person, especially those whose political stances differ from our own. Ease our anxieties as we wait for

the election results and move forward with our newly elected officials. Strengthen us for the work ahead as we recognize that there is more work to be done beyond the casting of our ballots.

Help us, in all things, to pursue your Kingdom, your Beloved Community, and may it come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

May the Peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.

-Pastor Brian

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Missions

Buffalo Food Shelf

The Buffalo Food Shelf has a program named “Kid’s Choice.” It is specifically for children and their families to come to the Food Shelf to pick up food. They had specific dates in June, July, and August when foods were distributed:

June, 180 children were served; 3,960 lbs.

July, 264 children served; 5,808 lbs.

August, 220 children served; 5,280 lbs.

The final Kid’s Choice for 2024 will be held during the Christmas break: 12/17, 12/19, 12/20, 12/26, and 12/27.

The BFS Holiday Basket Program is soon to begin. Each basket will contain a variety of holiday meal items including: pie, pumpkin for Thanksgiving and apple for Christmas. Also, a voucher for a turkey (November) or a ham (December) will be given clients to redeem at Cub Foods.

These baskets will be given out during regular Food Shelf hours with Thanksgiving, November 1 through November 26 and Christmas, December 2 through December 20. The Buffalo Community Center, Woodmere, and Lakeside will have their meals delivered to each location on November 20 and December 18.

The Food Shelf is planning on packing and distributing 300 baskets each month for a total of 600 holiday meal kits through the Food Shelf, Buffalo Community Center, Woodmere, and Lakeside.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

PDA is deploying National Response Team members to help respond to the needs of those in Tampa Bay Presbytery, the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, and Northeast Georgia Presbytery. If you would like to help support this financially, you can give online at bit.ly/DR000169

Rivers of Hope

*Holiday Program
Gift Card Drive*

WE ACCEPT GIFT CARDS IN ANY AMOUNT FROM ANY STORE!
COMMON REQUESTS ARE FOR GAS STATIONS, GROCERY STORES, WALMART OR TARGET

**GIFT CARD DONATIONS ARE GIVEN TO FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS
EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TO SUPPORT THEM DURING THE HOLIDAY
SEASON**

CALL US AT 763-295-3433 OR EMAIL INFO@RIVERSOFHOPE.ORG TO SCHEDULE A
GIFT CARD DROP OFF TIME OR MAIL GIFT CARDS TO:
RIVERS OF HOPE
PO BOX 511
MONTICELLO, MN 55362

Please drop off your gift cards in the office drop box or to Christy by Wednesday, December 4th

November 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	01	02 9AM CRAFT & BAKE SALE
03 <i>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME</i> 9:30AM WORSHIP W/COMMUNION 10:30AM CCC: GRATITUDE & STEWARDSHIP 7PM CREED ZOOM DISCUSSION	04 6:30PM GIRL SCOUT TROOP 6:30PM PRAYER SHAWL GROUP 7PM AA	05 <i>ELECTION DAY</i> 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 6:30PM FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE MTG	06 1PM CREED IN-PERSON DISCUSSION 6PM 150TH PLANNING MTG 7PM ADULT CHOIR	07 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	08 7AM FREC: OVERCOMING RACISM	09
10 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM CCC: THE BOOK OF CONFESSIONS 7PM CREED ZOOM DISCUSSION	11 <i>VETERANS DAY</i> 5PM FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MTG 7PM AA	12 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 5PM MISSIONS COMMITTEE MTG 6:30PM FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG	13 1PM CREED IN-PERSON DISCUSSION 7PM ADULT CHOIR	14 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	15	16 10AM SPOT: YOU ARE NOT ALONE: FINDING HOPE IN GRIEF
17 8:30AM 150TH PLANNING MTG 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM CCC: PASTOR BRIAN 7PM CREED ZOOM DISCUSSION	18 4PM DEACONS MTG 6:30PM GIRL SCOUT TROOP 7PM AA	19 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 6:30PM SESSION	20 7PM ADULT CHOIR	21 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP 7PM COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MTG	22	23 10AM PEO
24 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM CCC: APOSTLE'S CREED BOOK STUDY WRAP-UP	25 7PM AA	26 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST	27 7PM ADULT CHOIR	28 <i>THANKSGIVING DAY</i>	29	30

Sabbatical?!? What Is That?

There is a “new word” floating around Buffalo Presbyterian Church recently. Perhaps this word is unfamiliar to you. This article is intended to help you understand the term and its impact on possible future events for the congregation and its leadership. The term is “Sabbatical.”

There are several definitions available online and they are all similar. The general meaning is: A sabbatical leave is a prolonged period of time away from work that employees can take for a variety of reasons, including personal growth, research, or travel. Sabbaticals can be paid or unpaid, and can last

from a few weeks to several months. Time with family and personal care are benefits as well.

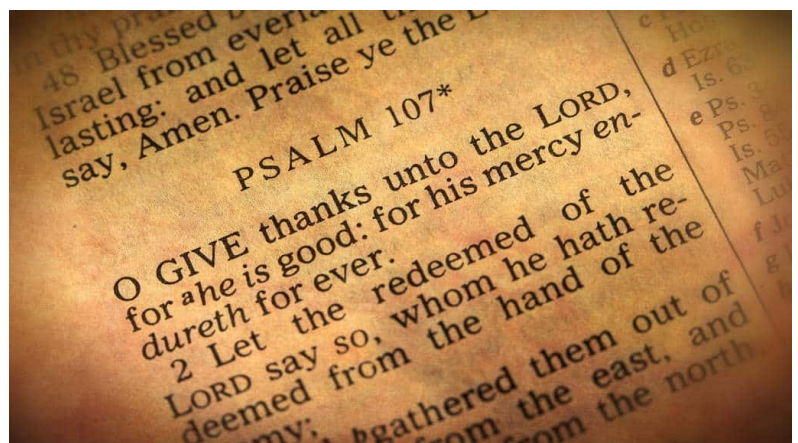
In the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., a Sabbatical is usually paid leave for the pastor, generally a period of three months, for the purpose of rest and renewal. The Sabbatical is most productive when it is planned along with the congregation, since both the pastor and the congregation will be experiencing different styles of worship and study during the time.

Sabbatical leave is a practice most often in church or academic professions. The Church considers it to be important because, unlike most other areas of employment,

the pastor is involved with the members on a 24/7 basis, often during the most stressful times of their lives, in addition to the usual pastoral requirements of worship and sermon planning, education, and general administration. A period of renewal, away from the congregation, is beneficial for both parties, and both will be refreshed and revitalized to continue the work of the church in the community.

Look for additional information during a future CCC, congregational meetings in December and January, and future Newsletter articles.

-Personnel Committee



November Volunteer Schedule

Service Date	Coffee Time	Greeters	Lay Leader	Sound Board	Ushers
11/3	Mary Coleman & Linda Shebiel	Kathy Quady & Larry Pattee	Ashton Olsen	Chuck Klaassen	Kellie Johnson & Kevin Spike
11/10	Michele Lawlor & Mary Markve-Patch	Charlie Wilkens & Liz Klaassen	Eric Ellwoods	Mike Quady	Kellie Johnson & Kevin Spike
11/17	Dave & Jean Johnson	Elaine Thole & Larry Janski	Mike Quady	Eric Ellwoods	Kellie Johnson & Kevin Spike
11/24	Doth Family	Mike & Kathy Quady	Theresa Bevilacqua	Chuck Klaassen	Kellie Johnson & Kevin Spike

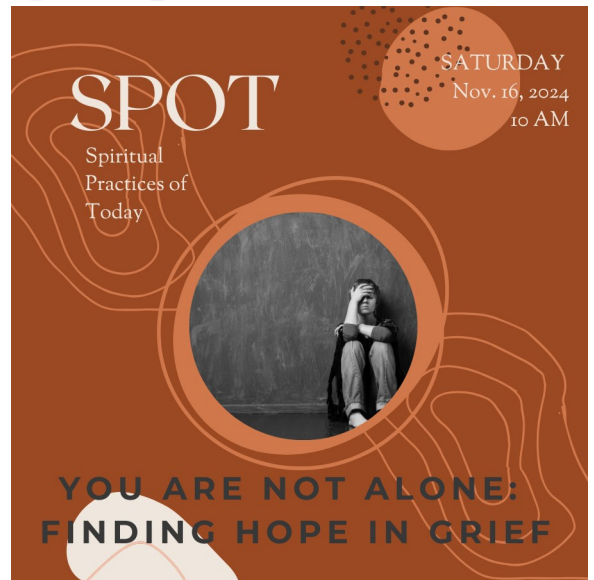
SPOT~You Are Not Alone: Finding Hope in Grief

***“Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.” - Matthew 5:4***

You are invited to join us for our November SPOT as we come together to discuss the journey through grief. This will be on Saturday, November 16th at 10 am.

Grief affects us all and can look very different depending on what we are grieving. Through guided reflection, supportive conversation, and discussions, we’ll explore how grief can be a spiritual practice that leads us to healing, hope, and renewal.

Spiritual Practices Of Today (SPOT) is a monthly Faith Formation offering that focuses on various spiritual practices we can use to grow deeper in our faith and relationship with God.



Session Summary

Highlights of the October 15 Stated Session Meeting

Facilities discussion with Spirit of Joy Lutheran continue

Don Eddy and Chuck Klaassen will represent Buffalo Presbyterian Church (BPC) in discussions with two representatives from Spirit of Joy (SOJ) Lutheran Church regarding the possibility of sharing our facility with the Lutheran congregation. The Session also met with a visioning group from SOJ and discussed their using the current nursery for office space and one of the

coat areas for storage. Their church plans to worship on Sunday afternoons. They would also like one evening, possibly Thursday, where they would have primary use of the building. Contact Chuck or Don if you have any questions or thoughts about the arrangement.

Session sets special congregational meeting and Christmas Eve worship time

Members will have a chance to comment on the budget,

consider the pastor's terms of call, and review the adequacy of our staff's compensation, and elect at-large members to the nominating committee at a special congregational meeting on Sunday, December 8, following worship.

The Session also approved a slight time change in the Christmas Eve service. This year the service is scheduled for 4:00 pm.

Church receives survey of land that may be sold

Otto and Associates have surveyed the land parcel being considered for sale by the church. The parcel is large enough for three residential homesites and allows access to the church property from the south off Sixth Street NE. The next steps for the Session are to inform the presbytery of the potential sale and get an appraisal of the land's value.

Session

Meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 6:30pm

Theresa Bevilacqua
Cindy Doth
Don Eddy
Larry Janski
Ralph Johansen
Chuck Klaassen
Linda Shebiel
Mike Quady
Pastor Brian Entz

Finance Committee
Fellowship Committee
Personnel Committee
Communications Committee
Worship & Music Committee
Building & Grounds Committee
Missions Committee
Faith Formation Committee/ Clerk of Session
Moderator



To contribute to our mission and ministry online, please scan the QR code.

Board of Deacons

Meets monthly on the third Monday at 4:30pm

Barb Janski*
Liz Klaassen
Michele Lawlor
Joan Lowe
Lavina Pattee
Kathy Quady

* Treasurer



Buffalo Presbyterian Church is a congregation in which the Word, the Spirit, and the Love of God enrich and strengthen us as individuals and families in Christ.

The purpose of this Church is to fully equip us to become disciples of Jesus Christ, obeying His commandments to love and worship God, love and care for our neighbors, and make new disciples in our community and the world.



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