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BUFFALO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GOOD NEWS



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Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus

CCC Topics for September

- 9/13: Field Notes for Wilderness Conversation (Lisa Ellwoods & Mary Coleman)
- 9/20: Vanderheidens share on Australia Trip
- 9/27: Immersive Weekend with God (Pastor Brian)
- 10/4: BPC Budget





A LIFE OF LEARNING

With the start of September comes the start of school. The start of a new school year can be for all of us, even those who don't have kids at home or who work in schools, an encouragement to renew our commitment to a life of learning.

Education has always been an important part of the Christian faith and the Presbyterian tradition. Countless schools, colleges, universities, and seminaries have been founded by Presbyterians and Christians of other denominations. Sunday Schools, Bible/Book Studies, Vacation Bible Schools, and small groups are a regular part of many congregations' ministry and history, including BPC. Though the methods and programs may change over the years the commitment to learning remains.

Currently at BPC our regular learning opportunities are as follows:

Coffee, Classes, and Conversation (CCC): Every Sunday at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. A rotating series of topics, studies, and conversations spanning the breadth and depth of our mission and ministry.

People of Faith Bible/Book Study: 7:30am on Thursdays on Zoom. An ecumenical group studying various books about faith and spirituality.

Women of Faith Bible Study: 10am on Thursdays (on hiatus till Sept. 17th) in the Fellowship Hall. A group of women who gather to study the Bible while praying with and for our members and friends.

Racial Justice Book Group: 5:30pm on Thursdays on Zoom. A group continuing to learn about racism in our country and church and what faithful anti-racist action looks like.

The Faith Formation Committee and I are always discerning and planning for other ways we can learn and grow together, both in our faith and in our knowledge of our neighbors and world. I pray that you recommit yourself to a life of learning in whatever ways you can, both in and beyond the church. The world is vast, our neighbors near and far are diverse, and our faith in God is without end, there is always something new to learn. So may you engage your faith with curiosity for what you don't know and gratitude for those who have been your teachers.

-Pastor Brian

I'm reminded of your authentic faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. I'm sure that this faith is also inside you. Because of this, I'm reminding you to revive God's gift that is in you through the laying on of my hands. -2 Timothy 1:5-6

SAVE THE DATE!



BPC Adult Choir (Gr. 9 & Up) September 2nd at 7:00pm

Everyone is invited to come and lift their voice in song - No previous experience necessary! Questions see Mike Agre or any choir member.



Street Party of Hope September 10th from 4pm - 8pm

Join us at the Street Party of Hope for an evening of connection, healing, and inspiration. Located in downtown Buffalo at the corner of 1st Avenue S. & 1st Street S. Sign up sheets to help are located outside the BPC office.



Meal Kit Building September 12th from 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Join us as we work together to bring food to our neighbors.

Ways You Can Donate:

- **Food:** Sign up to buy specific food for the meal kits (indicate on sign up sheet how many items you will bring)
- **Time:** Help fill Meal Kits on September 12th from 9am - 11am.
- **Money:** For kit supplies - Door slot in the BPC office (Please place cash in envelope for Neighbors Feeding Neighbors. Please make checks out to BPC with Neighbors Feeding Neighbors in the memo)

Please have all donated items to BPC by September 10th



Watercolor Painting September 19th from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Join us for a fun and relaxing afternoon of watercolor painting and fellowship! Sign up sheets are located outside the BPC office.



Love INC Fall Fundraiser October 10th from 6pm - 8pm

Please let Pastor Brian know if you plan to attend. It is free to attend, but we need to get tickets from Love INC so they know how many people to prepare for. Located at St. Francis Xavier school. Dinner is included.

Chili Mac & Corn



12 oz



15 oz



10 oz



15 oz

Forgotten Chicken



12.5 oz
or
2 small cans



14 oz



15 oz

MISSION PAGE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meals On Wheels

Thank you to those that volunteered for MOWs. Just as a reminder, the times for MOWs is from 10:45am to about 12:15pm.

Vanco Platform Update

If you give through the website, we use a company called Vanco and they have updated their online giving platform. You may have received an email regarding this, along with a user guide. If you give online through the website, you will not be required to change your user name / password, but if you've bookmarked the website address, you may want to update it to:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZB7C>

Immigration Aid Collection

Thank you BPC for your past and for your on-going support of our immigrant neighbors. The soaps and detergents provided necessary dignity when people could not go out and shop for themselves. Later, those same donations allowed families to pivot funds to other necessary purchases while they worked to get back on their feet after months of lost income.

Now, many of the families and individuals are back to work, but still needing monthly assistance with food and gas. Instead of personal items, **would you please be willing to donate bottles of vegetable/cooking oil and Maseca corn flour?** With these cooking donations, families will be able to make food that is familiar, filling and comfortable for their families on a sustainable basis.

You are a blessing to so many!

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Patti Pokorney



SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

DATE	COFFEE TIME	GREETERS	LAY LEADER	USHERS
9/6/26	People of Faith & Women of Faith Bible Study	Kathy Quady	Larry Janski	Larry Janski / Kevin Spike
9/13/26	Faith Formation & Fellowship Committee	Larry Janski	Eric Ellwoods	Larry Janski / Kevin Spike
9/20/26	Racial Justice Reading Group	Charlie Wilkens	Theresa Bevilacqua	Larry Janski / Kevin Spike
9/27/26	Session	Elaine Thole	Barb Janski	Larry Janski / Kevin Spike
10/4/26	Choir	Liz Klaassen	Mike Quady	David Johnson / Kevin Spike

September

Buffalo Presbyterian Church

Sep 2026 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9:30am - Worship	31	1 9am - Crafty Ladies 9am - Guys Breakfast	2 7pm - Adult Choir	3 7:30am - People of Faith 5:30pm - Racial Justice	4	5
6 9:30am - Worship	7 6:30pm - Prayer Shawl	8 9am - Crafty Ladies 9am - Guys Breakfast 1pm - Finance Meeting 5pm - Missions Meeting	9 7pm - Adult Choir	10 7:30am - People of Faith 4pm - Street Party of Hope 5:30pm - Racial Justice	11	12 9am - Meal Packing
13 9:30am - Worship with Communion 11am - CCC: Field Notes for Wilderness Conversation	14 5pm - Fellowship Meeting	15 9am - Crafty Ladies 9am - Guys Breakfast 6:30pm - Session Meeting	16 7pm - Adult Choir	17 7:30am - People of Faith 10am - Women of Faith 5:30pm - Racial Justice 7:30pm - Communications	18	19 1pm - Watercolor Event
20 9:30am - Worship 11am - CCC: Vanderheidens share on Australia Trip 11am - Faith Formation	21 5pm - Deacons Meeting	22 9am - Crafty Ladies 9am - Guys Breakfast	23 7pm - Adult Choir	24 7:30am - People of Faith 10am - Women of Faith 5:30pm - Racial Justice	25 26 Women's Retreat	
27 Women's Retreat 9:30am - Worship 11am - CCC: Immersive Weekend with God (Pastor Brian)	28	29 9am - Crafty Ladies 9am - Guys Breakfast	30 7pm - Adult Choir	1 7:30am - People of Faith 10am - Women of Faith 5:30pm - Racial Justice	2	3

Women of Faith will resume September 17th at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

SESSION SUMMARY

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JULY STATED SESSION MEETING



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

Session Summary | Project Regeneration

Project Regeneration, an initiative of the Presbytery Foundation, seeks to help congregations prayerfully assess their current ministries, identify opportunities for renewal and growth, and develop practical strategies for strengthening their mission and connection with the community.

Through guidance, resources, and collaborative support, the program encourages churches to build on their strengths, address challenges, and discover new ways to share God's love and serve others. The goal is not simply to sustain existing programs, but to inspire renewed energy, purpose, and hope for the future of the church.

Through our participation in Project Regeneration, the Session members and Deacons have taken time to prayerfully reflect on who we are, where we are going, and how we can faithfully live into our calling. We have recognized the importance of being intentional in our actions and are continuing to explore what meaningful membership looks like in our congregation. We have discussed ways to create a culture of belonging, behaving, and believing in the way of Christ—one where people feel welcomed, connected, valued, and encouraged to grow in faith and service. At the same time, we are working toward a stable emotional and financial future by strengthening relationships, encouraging participation, and thoughtfully considering how our resources and ministries can support the church's mission for years to come. This work is ongoing as we continue to listen, learn, and prayerfully discern how God is calling our congregation forward.

As we move forward, we have created a subcommittee to build on our strengths, explore areas for growth, and develop several thoughtful suggestions for consideration. The Session and Deacons will continue to meet, discern, listen, and prayerfully consider the input of our congregation as we determine the best path forward. Our hope is to move ahead together with intention, openness, and faith, building on the work we have already begun while remaining attentive to God's calling for our church and its future. If you have any questions, please reach out to a Session member or a Deacon.

Ali's office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 9:00am - 2:00pm



Session: Meets Monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30pm

- Mike Quady: Finance Committee / Clerk of Session
- Cindy Doth: Fellowship Committee
- Jeff Pattee: Personnel Committee
- Ashton Olsen: Communications Committee
- Ralph Johansen: Worship & Music Committee
- Chuck Klaassen: Building & Grounds Committee
- Linda Shebiel: Missions Committee
- Lisa Ellwood: Faith Formation Committee
- Pastor Brian Entz: Moderator
- Mandy Harkess: Treasurer

Board of Deacons: Meets Monthly on the 3rd Monday at 5pm

- Diane Ellis
- Kellie Johnson
- Michele Lawlor
- Tanya Jenson-DeBellis
- Lavina Pattee
- Kathy Quady



COME AS YOU ARE

We strive to love, affirm, and celebrate all who join us, regardless of abilities, age, gender identity, race, or sexual orientation. Please join us with your whole self as we journey with Christ.

How can we pray for you?



Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.

*We hope you enjoy our monthly newsletter, Good News.
For comments and suggestions, please contact the BPC office at
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