




COMMUNITY CAMPFIRE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 AT 5:30 PM

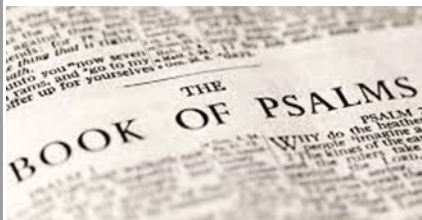
-  **MUSIC AND SINGING**
-  **S'MORES & HOT DOGS**
-  **ENJOYING AN EVENING WITH OTHERS AROUND A CAMPFIRE**

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***BRING A CHAIR TO SIT ON**

Singing Through the Psalms



Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."

In the month of October Pastor Brian and the choir will sing through the Psalms. Each Sunday will have a specific Psalm that will be the focus of worship. The Psalms were written throughout Israel's history; half of them being attributed to King David. The Psalms are divided into 5 (five) different "books" and include such themes as lament, hymns of praise, hymns of thanksgiving, wisdom and royalty. The website Seedbed says, "These are the songs that God gave us to sing; these are the songs that Jesus sang; these are the songs that the apostles sang, as well as the whole Christian church, which sprang from their testimony. These are songs that we must regain and learn to sing again." It is our hope that you find special meaning in the words of the Psalms.

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

For comments and suggestions, please contact the BPC Office



World Communion Sunday

On the first Sunday of most every month we gather around the Lord's Table in worship; to give thanks to God, to remember Christ's passion and death, and to meet him in the here and now, present by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our celebration of Communion in October carries with it an extra recognition, that of the global nature and practice of the sacrament. On this first Sunday of October we gather not just with those present in the sanctuary and those watching on the livestream, but with Christian churches around the world, from a whole host of traditions and denominations to celebrate World Communion Sunday.

World Communion Sunday has its roots in the Presbyterian Church, specifically Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA. 89 years ago, in 1933, Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr, then pastor of Shadyside, began the practice as a way to showcase the diversity and unity of the church in all its expressions around the world. Three years later the celebration was adopted by the Presbyterian Church (US), a predecessor denomination to the PC(USA). It didn't take much longer till the practice of World Communion Sunday was adopted by the predecessor body to the National Council of Churches in 1940. From there the practice continued to spread around the world.

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A beautiful and important reason for this celebration is that it reminds us both of the diverse nature of humanity and thus God's Church and also the power of the sacrament to unite us not only with Christ, but with one another as well. Every title for this sacrament tells us something about the meaning of the Supper and also what happens when we come to the table in faith. The title of Holy Communion is no different. In this naming we proclaim the power of God in the bread and cup to unite us with Christ and the power of God to unite us with one another. Thus we commune with Christ and one another when we eat the bread and drink from the cup.

A beautiful articulation of this communion comes from one of our Communion liturgies, where we pray:

*By your Spirit make us one with Christ
and with all who share this feast,
united in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.*

Our unity with Christ and with one another are intertwined and as shown in the Supper not limited by time or place. So as we come to the table this World Communion Sunday let us remember that we are a part of a larger whole, a Church that spans the world, united by nothing and no one less than Jesus our Lord and the power of the Spirit. Glory to God for this beautiful and blessed mystery.

-Pastor Brian

2022 Craft & Bake Sale

Our craft bazaar is fast approaching! More information will be in the November newsletter, but put **November 5th** on your calendar and tell your neighbors, friends, and coworkers to keep that date open! And remember the we will be having a bake sale too!





BUFFALO FOOD SHELF

Joan Lowe is our Representative on the Board of the Buffalo Food Shelf. She has sent the following information from the Board which relates to the food needs of the community:

Total Meals provided by Food Rescue totaled: **160,954**, July 21-July 22 for the past year.

The surge in food shelf visits continues with 212 families served in August of 2022 and 119 families served in August 2021.

The Director of the Food Shelf joined 2nd Harvest Food Rescue Specialist, Song Lee, in visiting their rescue partners to offer appreciation for the food they provide: Kwik Trip, Wal-Mart, Cub, and Coborns.

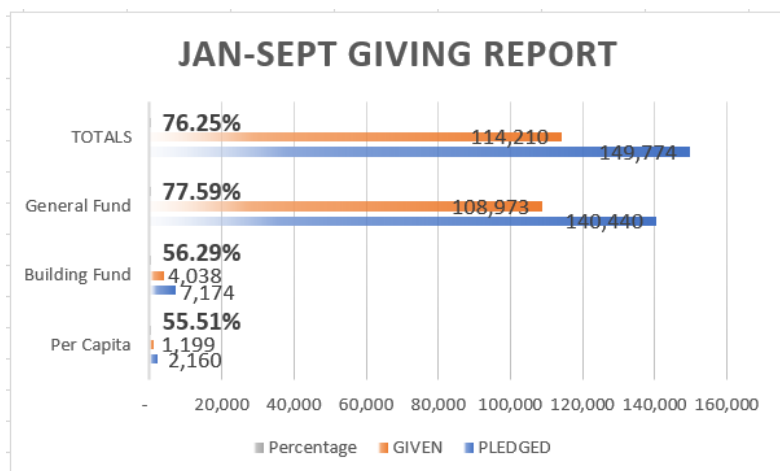
All of this illustrates the food needs in the community and the necessity of supporting our Food Shelf, and the Food Shelf is one of the Missions we support.

Another mission we support is **CLEARWATER FOREST** is the shared camp and retreat ministry of the Presbyteries of the Twin Cities Area, Minnesota Valleys, Northern Waters, Northern Plains and the Synod of Lakes and Prairies.



Information From Our Treasurer

	2022 Full Budget	2022 3/4 Budget	2022 3/4 Actual
OFFICE & ADMINISTRATION	6,913	5,185	4,651
PERSONNEL	108,018	81,014	79,997
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	33,614	25,211	29,105
FINANCE	3,770	2,828	1,270
COMMUNICATIONS	1,150	863	351
FELLOWSHIP	250	188	245
MISSION	6,700	5,025	601
FAITH FORMATION	3,240	2,430	1,197
WORSHIP & MUSIC	2,550	1,913	918
TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENSES	166,205	124,656	118,334
One-Time Expenses			12,030
INCOME	180,941	135,706	135,503
Net Result			5,139



October 2022

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

1

2

9:30a Worship with
Communion
10:30a CCC: Budget
1:30p Confirmation

3

6:30p Prayer
Shawl Group
6:30p
Communications
Committee
Meeting
7:00p AA Meeting

4

9:00a Crafty Ladies
6:00p Building &
Grounds Committee
Meeting
7:00p Faith Formation
Committee Meeting

5

7:00p Adult Choir

6

7:30a Women of
Faith
10:00a Women of
Faith
5:30p Racial Justice
Reading Group

7

8

5:30p Community
Campfire

9

9:30a Worship
10:30a CCC: Mission

10

7:00p AA Meeting
7:00p PEO

11

9:00a Crafty Ladies
6:30p Finance
Committee Meeting
7:30p Missions
Committee Meeting

12

7:00p Adult Choir

13

7:30a Women of
Faith
10:00a Women of
Faith
5:30p Racial Justice
Reading Group

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15

16

9:30a Worship
10:30a CCC: Dying
Well Part 1
1:30p Confirmation

17

6:00p Deacons
Meeting
6:30p Buffalo Art
Guild
7:00p AA Meeting

18

9:00a Crafty Ladies
6:30p Session

19

7:00p Adult Choir

20

7:30a Women of
Faith
10:00a Women of
Faith
5:30p Racial Justice
Reading Group

21

22

23

9:30a Worship
10:30a CCC: Dying
Well Part 2

24

7:00p AA Meeting

25

9:00a Crafty Ladies
7:00p SPOT: Centering
Prayer

26

7:00p Adult Choir

27

7:30a Women of
Faith
10:00a Women of
Faith
5:30p Racial Justice
Reading Group

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29

30

9:30a Worship
10:30a CCC: Dying
Well Part 3

31 [Halloween](#)

7:00p AA Meeting

Adult Faith Formation



SPOT

**Tuesday, October 25th
7:00pm**

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

We plan to meet in the Sanctuary as we reflect on the spiritual practice from September and learn about our October practice, Centering Prayer. Centering Prayer gives us a tool to still ourselves so that we might be more aware of God's presence and better listen for what God is saying to us. Remember to wear comfy clothes.

SAVE THE DATE: Eating is something we do everyday, but oftentimes we do it quickly, or in front of the TV, while on our phones, or in the car. What would it look like to be more aware of what we are eating, how we are eating and who provided what we eat? Join us on Wednesday November 16th at 7:30 am on Zoom for SPOT (Spiritual Practices Of Today), as we explore the practice of mindful eating. Please have some food and beverage available for this practice. Sign up outside the office or let Christy know by noon on Tuesday the 15th if you will be attending so we can send you the zoom link.

Youth Faith Formation

Confirmation students will be meeting on October 2nd and 16th from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm in the youth room.



Pray & Play has started again! All kids are welcome! We are looking for volunteers to help with this. Please let Christy know if you would like to help. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Christmas Banner

A reminder that we will be doing a Christmas banner again this year. More information will be in the November newsletter, but start thinking of ideas for your family quilt square so you can include it in the 2022 banner!

Singing Through the Seasons

This year the choir cantata is going to be on Sunday, Nov 20. It will be during the 9:30 service. We will be starting with Advent and singing and hearing about the different seasons of the liturgical year. We are excited to have the string quartet coming to join us again. Please put this on your calendar and spread the word.

October Volunteer Schedule

Service Date	Building Cleaning	Coffee Time	Greeters	Lay Leader	Sound Board	Ushers	Pray & Play
10/2	Liz & Chuck Klaassen	Lois Lindstrom/ Elaine Thole	Eric Ellwoods/ Dave Johnson	Barb Janski	Chuck Klaassen	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike	Victoria Vanderheiden
10/9	Marlene Aldrich/ Mary Coleman	Larry & Lavina Pattee	Liz Klaassen/ Larry Pattee	Kathy Quady	Mike Quady	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike	Cindy Doth
10/16	Vanderheiden Family	Dave & Jean Johnson	Mike Quady/ Al DeBellis	Lavina Pattee	Eric Ellwoods	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike	Victoria Vanderheiden
10/23	Diane Ellis	Marlene Aldrich/ Linda Shebiel	Elaine Thole/ Charlie Wilkens	Mike Quady	Chuck Klaassen	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike	Cindy Doth
10/30	Becky & Don Eddy	Michele Lawlor/ Mary Markve-Patch	Eric Ellwoods/ Dave Johnson	Chuck Klaassen	Mike Quady	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike	Victoria Vanderheiden
11/6	Liz & Chuck Klaassen	Lois Lindstrom/ Elaine Thole	Larry Janski/ Liz Klaassen	Larry Janski	Eric Ellwoods	Dave Johnson & Kevin Spike	Cindy Doth

CLASSES, COFFEE, AND CONVERSATIONS

OCTOBER 2 ~ BUDGET

OCTOBER 9 ~ MISSION

OCTOBER 16~ DYING WELL PART 1

OCTOBER 23 ~ DYING WELL PART 2

OCTOBER 30 ~ DYING WELL PART 3



2023 Proposed Budget

The Finance Committee and Session will be handing out a copy of the proposed 2023 budget at CCC on October 2nd. If you are unable to attend and would like a copy, please contact Christy. Thank you!

October

Session Summary

Highlights of the September 20th Stated Meeting

Session will explore land sale

Would it be possible to sell a small piece of land on the southwest corner of the church property for a couple of residential lots? The question was brought to the Session by member Charlie Wilkens who said funds from the sale might be used for future projects and maintenance.

The lots would be on Sixth Street NE. There are already three houses on the south side of the street, and the church property across the street could provide two or three new lots. A portion of that property was donated to BPC by a developer when he didn't have enough land to develop lots on the north side of the street. Because the property was donated, the church's first move is to determine if there were any restrictions on the donated land.

The Session will seek information on that question and others as the process moves forward.

Christmas Eve service set for 4:30 pm

On a recommendation from the Worship and Music Committee the Session approved a single Christmas Eve Worship Service at 4:30 on Saturday, December 24. Before the pandemic the church had done late afternoon and late evening services. Attendance had been declining at the 11:00 pm service and it was difficult to find people to help with the later service. The Session hopes that the move to a single service will boost attendance and participation.



Session

*Meets monthly on the third
Tuesday at 6:30 pm*

Theresa Bevilacqua
Mary Coleman
Cindy Doth
Don Eddy
Jill Gatzke
Chuck Klaassen
Mary Markve-Patch
Ralph Johansen
Kathy Quady
Mike Quady
Pastor Brian Entz

Finance Committee
Communication Committee
Education & Youth Committee
Building & Grounds Committee
At Large
Fellowship Committee
Worship & Music Committee
Missions Committee
Personnel Committee
Clerk of Session
Moderator

Board of Deacons

*Meets monthly on the third
Monday at 6:00 pm*

Diane Ellis*
Barb Janski*
Liz Klaassen
Louise Markve
Elaine Thole
George Thole

Deacon Treasurer*

*Please note that our Church Treasurer is Mandy Harkess.

The Fellowship Committee has planned a campfire evening for 5:30 pm on Saturday, October 8 on the church lawn. The evening includes hot dogs roasted on the fire, chips, s'mores, and more, complete with an old-fashioned campfire sing-along. Please bring your own chairs. To help us get a food estimate, please sign up in the narthex, but if you forget, please come anyway! We are One in the Spirit and one in our fellowship. Please join us on Saturday, Oct. 8.

To give online, please scan the QR code.





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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