

BUFFALO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GOOD NEWS



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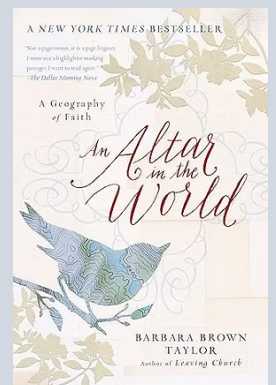


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Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus

People of Faith Bible Study.

In An Altar in the World, New York Times bestselling author Barbara Brown Taylor continues her spiritual journey by building upon where she left off in Leaving Church. Taylor shares how she learned to find God beyond the church walls by embracing the sacred as a natural part of everyday life.





CONFESSING OUR PRIDE

In our Sunday worship we regularly spend time confessing. Every week we confess our sins in prayer at the beginning of the service, acknowledging that each of us as individuals and all of us as a community have sinned against God and neighbor. Later in the service, after the sermon, we again enter a time of corporate confession, only this time it's a confession of faith, a statement of belief. Just as the act of confession can be multifaceted for us, so too can pride be multifaceted.

Many are familiar with the classic list of seven deadly sins, which includes the sin of pride. Pride in the context of sin is the arrogant attitude of superiority that an individual or group has for themselves. Sinful Pride serves to give the individual or group a sense of overimportance to the detriment of others. In this way Sinful Pride serves to separate one person from another, one group from another, one or more people from God. The virtuous opposite to sinful pride is humility. Humility does not separate one from another, it does not say "I am better than you," instead it recognizes the humanity and dignity of the other, placing us alongside them instead of apart from.

Sinful pride is not the only sort of pride that we may experience. This is a lesson that the LGBTQIA+ community offers to the whole of humanity every June, during Pride Month. Pride month serves as an annual reminder and celebration of the dignity that Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer people have; not in spite of our sexual orientation or gender identity, but because of it. Thus Queer Pride serves as an expression of human dignity and the beautiful diversity God has made within the human family. Roman Catholic Priest and author Fr. James Martin differentiates what I'm calling Queer Pride and Sinful Pride in the following way:

"...Pride is a consciousness of one's own dignity. And that's closer to what Pride Month is meant to be for the LGBTQ community: a recognition of the human dignity of a group of people who have, for centuries, been treated with contempt, rejection and violence."

In this way Queer Pride, like the virtue of humility, serves as an antidote to Sinful Pride. Queer Pride becomes a relational bridge that not only connects LGBTQIA+ people with our full selves, but also with one another and the whole of humanity. It becomes a gift to be shared not only within the LGBTQIA+ community, but beyond it, as a reminder of the beauty and dignity of the human person and the diversity of differences we carry.

So when we gather in worship to confess our sins, we shouldn't neglect to confess our Sinful Pride and the ways it separates us from one another and God. Likewise, in our confession of faith, we should include Queer Pride, our belief in the beautiful diversity of humanity and the dignity of each and every person; because of our gender identity, sexual orientation, and any other difference. May we all learn to confess our pride to the fullest extent and give thanks to our teachers in the LGBTQIA+ community that show us that pride can be a healthy belief and not always a sin.

If you're interested in reading more about the healthy version of pride I'd encourage you to read the book 'Queer Virtue' by The Rev. Elizabeth M. Edman, specifically her chapter called Pride.

SAVE THE DATE!



Meal Kit Building

June 19th 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 June 19th from 9am - 11am.

- **Money:** For kit supplies - Door slot in the BPC office (cash or checks to Neighbors Helping Neighbors)

Please have all donated items to BPC by June 18th



2026 Annual Women's Retreat - Weekend of an Immersive God

September 25th - 27th

Join the women of the church for a peaceful weekend of faith, fellowship, reflection, and beautiful outdoor surroundings. Come away for a refreshing time to reconnect, rest, and be immersed in God's presence. Sign up sheets are in front of the BPC office, you can also register at office@buffalopresbyterian.org.

Place: Clearwater Forest, Deerfield, MN

Cost: \$160.00 plus meals

August 1: Deposit of \$100.00

September 1: Remainder of the cost

For information on scholarships contact Pastor Brian.

Chicken Alfredo with Peas



Pizza Night



MISSION PAGE

It is with great love and gratitude that we thank you for your continued donations of soaps, detergents, toothpaste and shampoos for our immigrant neighbors. These products provide dignity and stability to so many, but it is the love and support behind your donations that feeds the souls and uplifts the hearts of the individuals and families that are slowly emerging from the fears and abductions of the past several months. It will take many more months to get everyone back on their feet. Bless you all for continuing to “see us” and “walk with us”!

At our last distribution of donations, we spread your love to nearly 50 households. Our last delivery was a house where 30 people were sharing space and sharing expenses. They were so, so, soooooo appreciative. They kept hugging and kissing us and saying, “Thank you”.



JUNE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	COFFEE TIME	GREETERS	LAY LEADER	USHERS
6/7/2026	Deacons & Mission Committee	Liz Klaassen / Kellie Johnson	Kathy Quady	Dave Johnson / Kevin Spike
6/14/2026	Worship & Music & Personnel Committee	Kathy Quady	Chuck Klaassen	Dave Johnson / Kevin Spike
6/21/2026	People of Faith & Women of Faith Bible Study	Eliane Thole / Larry Janski	Larry Janski	Dave Johnson / Kevin Spike
6/28/2026	Faith Formation & Fellowship Committee	Charlie Wilkens / Liz Klaassen	Eric Ellwoods	Dave Johnson / Kevin Spike
7/5/2026	Racial Justice Reading Group	Eliane Thole / Larry Janski	Theresa Bevilacqua	Kathy Quady / Kevin Spike

June

Buffalo Presbyterian Church

Jun 2026 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 6:30pm - Prayer Shawl	2 9am - Crafty Ladies 9am - Guys Breakfast 6:30pm - Faith Formation	3 11:00am - Personnel Meeting	4 7:30am - People of Faith 10am - Women of Faith 5:30pm - Racial Justice	5	6
7 9:30am - Worship	8 5pm - Fellowship	9 9am - Crafty Ladies 9am - Guys Breakfast 6:30pm - Finance	10	11 7:30am - People of Faith 10am - Women of Faith 5:30pm - Racial Justice	12	13
14 9:30am - Worship	15 5pm - Deacons Meeting	16 9am - Crafty Ladies 9am - Guys Breakfast 6:30pm - Session Meeting	17	18 7:30am - People of Faith 10am - Women of Faith 5:30pm - Racial Justice 7:30pm - Communications	19 9am - Meal Kit Building	20
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SESSION SUMMARY

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY 19 STATED SESSION MEETING



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Session Summary Highlights of the May Stated Session Meeting

New officers examined and approved, ordination date set:

As required by the Book of Order the Session examined the three new officers elected by the congregation in April. Elder nominees Lisa Ellwoods and Jeff Pattee; and Deacon nominee Tanya Jenson DeBellis shared statements of faith and answered questions about their faith and their connection to the church. The Session approved them and they will be ordained at worship on June 7. At that time, Michele Lawlor will also be installed as a Deacon, an office she currently holds. All the officers were elected to three-year terms which begin in June and continue through May, 2029.

Work on Project Regeneration continues:

Deacons and Elders met with Presbyterian Foundation Ministry Relations Officer Kyle Nolan on May 12 and discussed their 40 days of prayer and possible directions for the church in the future. The consensus was against measures like “Aging in Place” or “Closing the Church.” Most leaned into “Reinventing the Church” and looking toward resources that might allow that to happen. Nolan is compiling information he gathered at the three meetings with church officers and will be submitting a summary report. The Session will share that information with the congregation when they receive it.

Session shifts committee assignments:

With Theresa Bevilaqua and Larry Janski finishing their terms on Session, committee liaison responsibilities opened on the Finance Committee and the Personnel Committee. Ellwoods will be the Session liaison to the Faith Formation Committee, and Mike Quady will move to represent the Session on the Finance Committee where he already serves. Jeff Pattee will be the Elder representative on the Personnel Committee where he served the past two years. Pattee also indicated that he would like to serve on the Finance Committee. The remaining committees are represented by these Elder liaisons: Building and Grounds, Chuck Klaassen; Communications, Ash Olsen; Fellowship, Cindy Doth; Missions, Linda Shebiel; and Worship & Music, Ralph Johansen. Session members may chair the committees or work with another person who is chairing.

Everyday at 5:07pm our elders and deacons are pausing to pray for BPC and where God is calling us in the next years of our mission and ministry together. Please join us as we discern God's leading together!



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



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.

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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