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BUFFALO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service for Healing and Wholeness

January 16, 2022 at 4:00 pm

The holidays have a tendency to amplify all the complexities of life, complexities both beautiful and terrible. Amidst the joy and celebration of the season pop up grief, stress, and sorrow. Come join us as we seek to draw closer to God and in so doing open ourselves to the healing and wholeness God offers.

Annual Meeting and Potluck

January 30, 2022 at 10:30 am

Please join us at the Annual Meeting following the service on January 30th. Also bring a dish to share.

Classes, Coffee and Conversations

January 2~ No Class, join us for coffee
January 9 ~ TGIF
January 16 ~ Matthew, Moses, & Jesus
January 23 ~ Conversations To Go
January 30 ~ Annual Meeting & Potluck
February 6 ~ TGIF

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

For comments and suggestions, please contact the BPC Office

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"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' - Matthew 25: 35-36

Matthew 25 is one of many places in scripture where we are given the call to serve those in need, whether they are hungry, thirsty, sick, homeless, or experiencing some other need. As we move into a new year it is good to remember the various opportunities in our community. Our service takes shape in several ways, in **volunteering** our time and energy, in **donating** our money, and in **praying** for those in need and the people and organizations helping them. The opportunities listed below are not a comprehensive list, but are ones we at BPC have an ongoing history with. I encourage you to consider how God is calling you to serve our community in 2022.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Buffalo Food Shelf

Help Food Shelf patrons shop or work the front desk on Tuesday or Thursday evenings, Friday Mornings, or the first Monday of the month.

https://buffalofoodshelf.com/get-involved/

Love INC Big Woods

-Thrift Store: Staffing the store and sorting donations.

-Faith and Finance Classes: Accompany those taking the class as they learn how to manage their household finances.

-Transportation: Give rides to people in need.

-Moving Furniture: Help move furniture for people in need.

https://www.loveincbigwoods.org/get-involved

Donations:

Buffalo Food Shelf

Donations can be made online:
https://buffalofoodshelf.com/donate/

Or by mail: Buffalo Food Shelf PO Box 222 Buffalo, MN 55313

Love INC: Bigwoods

Donations can be made online:
https://www.loveincbigwoods.org/

Or by mail: Love INC Bigwoods Box 368, Buffalo, MN 55313

Cold Weather Shelter Fund

Overseen by the Buffalo Ministerial Association and administered by Love INC. Donations can be sent to Love Inc using the ways listed above. Please indicate Cold Weather Shelter Fund on the memo line/comment box.

Rivers of Hope

Donations can be made online:
https://riversofhope.org/donate

~Pastor Brian

The following shows the Mission Support given through the funds received from the 2021 Craft Sale. Again, we thank all of you who so graciously supported the sale through your time, talents, and funds.

Mission Groups

Buffalo Food Shelf	$ 500.00
Presbyterian Clearwater Forest Camp and Retreat Center	$ 750.00
Wrapped in Love (Foster Children's Program, Buffalo)	$ 500.00
Love, INC	$1,000.00
Ministerial Cold Weather Fund	$1,000.00
Presbyterian Missions	$2,000.00
Rivers of Hope	$ 500.00
BPC Dishwasher Fund	$ 750.00
TOTAL	**$7,000.00**

Any amount raised above the $7,000 will go to the Christmas Joy Offering.

Tuesday and Thursday evenings, the Buffalo Food Shelf needs volunteers. Any help you can give will be very appreciated. Remember, too, that food items are always welcome for the Food Shelf. There is a grocery cart in the Narthex where you can leave food. Please be sure that donated items are NOT outdated. Thank you.

Buffalo Presbyterian Church
January 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
2 9:30a Worship	3 6:30p Prayer Shawl Group 7:00p AA	4 7:30a Guy's Breakfast 9:00a Crafty Ladies 5:30p Faith Formation Committee Meeting 6:00p Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting	5 6:30p Youth Adventures with Christ 7:00p Adult Choir	6 7:30a Women of Faith 10:00a Women of Faith 5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group 7:00p Communications Committee Meeting	7	8
9 9:30a Worship 10:30a Classes, Coffee, & Conversations:	10 7:00p AA 7:00p PEO	11 7:30a Guy's Breakfast 9:00a Crafty Ladies 5:00p Finance Committee Meeting 6:30p Missions Committee Meeting	12 5:30p Worship & Music Committee Meeting 6:30p Youth Adventures with Christ 7:00p Adult Choir	13 7:30a Women of Faith 10:00a Women of Faith 5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group 7:00p WCCAR Interfaith Outreach	14	15
16 9:30a Worship 10:30a Classes, Coffee, & Conversations: 4:00p Service for Healing & Wholeness	17 MARTIN LITHER KING JR. DAY 6:30p Buffalo Art Guild 7:00p AA 7:00p Deacons Meeting	18 7:30a Guy's Breakfast 9:00a Crafty Ladies 6:30p Session	19 6:30p Youth Adventures with Christ 7:00p Adult Choir	20 7:30a Women of Faith 10:00a Women of Faith 5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group	21	22
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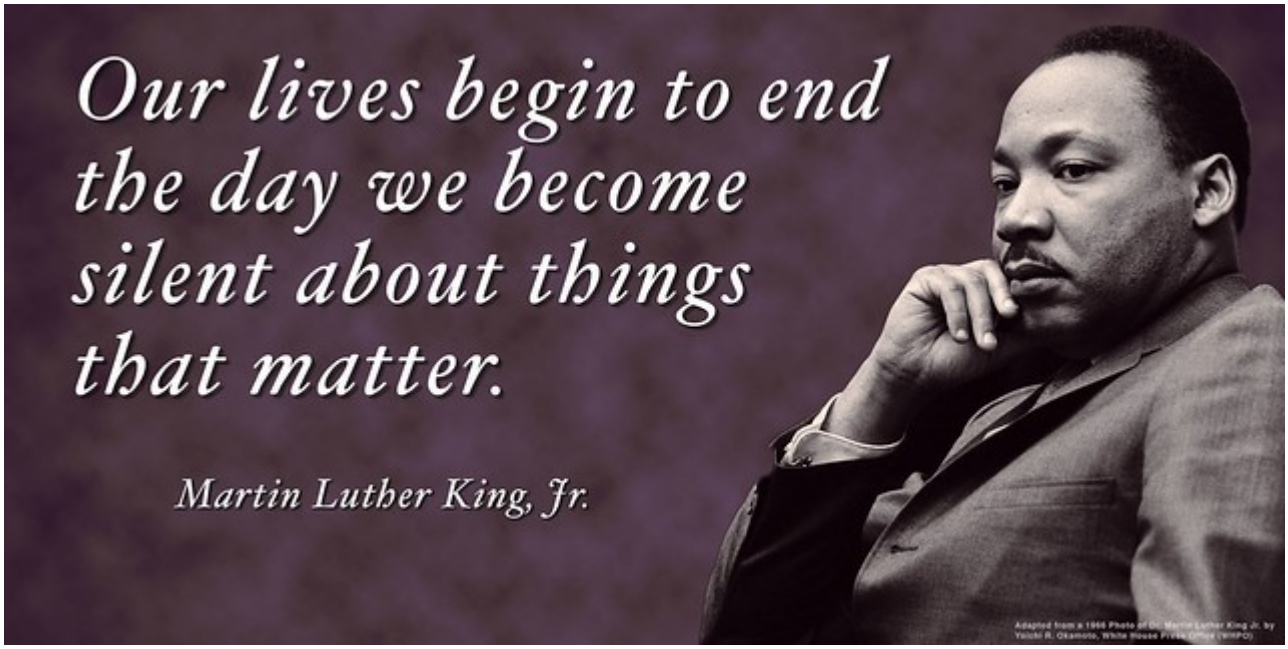


Buffalo Strong Fundraiser

February 2, 2022

10:00 am to 10:00 pm

Culvers in Buffalo

50% of Total Proceeds will be going to Crossroads Clinic.

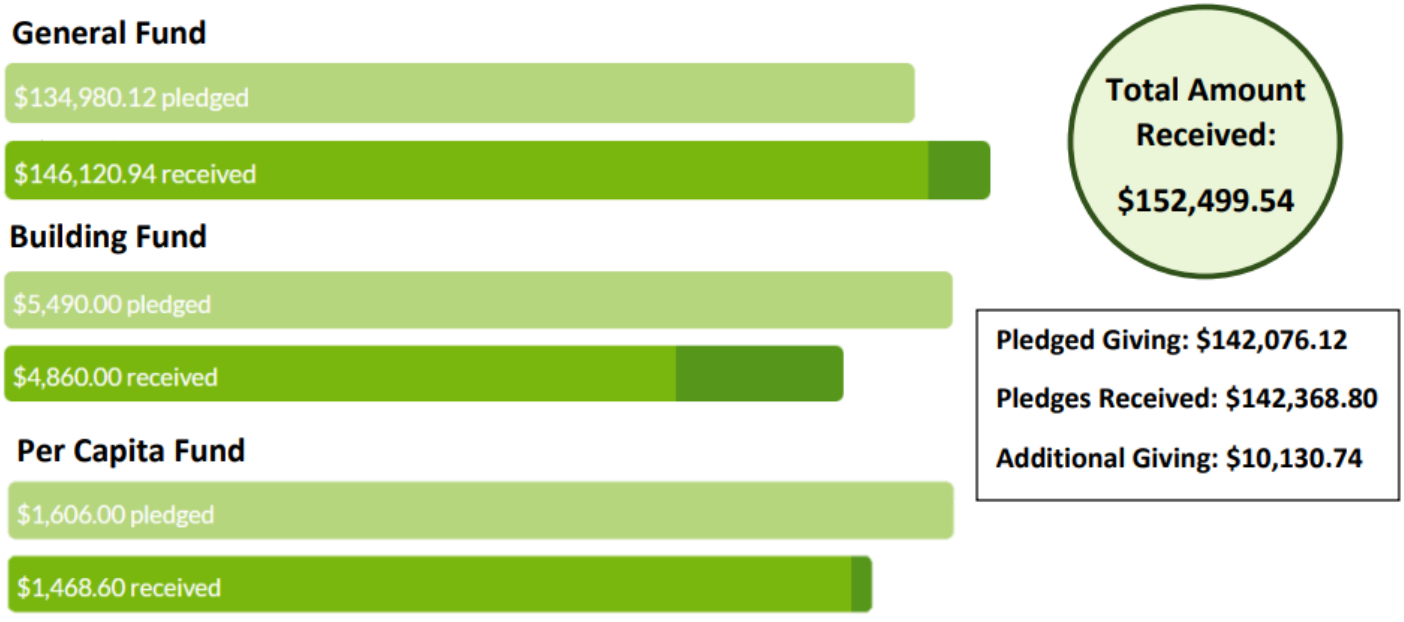
COMMUNITY WIDE BUFFALO STRONG EVENT

February 9th, 2021 impacted our community forever. Following the shooting at the Crossroads Clinic the Buffalo community rallied together in support of everyone affected by the tragedy of that day. One thing that emerged from the swell of support was the slogan Buffalo Strong and the accompanying website, resources, and sense of community pride. As Buffalo seeks to remain a strong community we must strive to love and care for one another. To help us in this the Buffalo Strong group has organized an event, with guest speaker Clint Malarchuk, focused on surviving trauma. The event will take place at the PAC at Buffalo High School on **Feb. 9th, 2022**. There will also be mental health resources available from the county and local providers.
Save the date and join us as we seek to support one another and grow as a community.

January Volunteer Schedule

Service Date	Building Cleaning	Coffee Time	Greeters	Lay Leader	Sound Board	Ushers	Nursery	Pray & Play
1/2	Vanderheiden Family	Michele Lawlor/ Mary Markve-Patch	Larry Pattee/ Kathy Quady	Lavina Pattee	Eric Ellwoods	Dave Johnson & Kevin Spike	Mandy Harkess	NA
1/9	Marlene Aldrich/ Mary Coleman	Lois Lindstrom/ Elaine Thole	Mike Quady/ Al DeBellis	Chuck Klaassen	Mike Quady	Dave Johnson & Kevin Spike	Mandy Harkess	Mandy Harkess
1/16	Liz & Chuck Klaassen	Larry & Lavina Pattee	Elaine Thole/ Charlie Wilkens	Mike Quady	Eric Ellwoods	Dave Johnson & Kevin Spike		Cindy Doth
1/23	Deb Anderson/ Kathy Quady	Barb & Larry Janski	Eric Ellwoods/ Dave Johnson	Larry Janski	Chuck Klaassen	Dave Johnson & Kevin Spike	Mandy Harkess	Mandy Harkess
1/30	Vanderheiden Family	Dave & Jean Johnson	Larry Janski/ Liz Klaassen	Mary Markve-Patch	Mike Quady	Dave Johnson & Kevin Spike		Michele Lawlor
2/6	Marlene Aldrich/ Mary Coleman	Marlene Aldrich/ Linda Shebiel	Larry Pattee/ Kathy Quady	Steve Grittman	Eric Ellwoods	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike		Cindy Doth

2021 GIVING UPDATE



Session Summary

Highlights of the December 21 stated meeting

Session approves 2022 budget

The Session approved the 2022 budget. The budget includes expenditures of approximately $185,000. The approved budget was essentially the same as the document the congregation reviewed in September.

Treasurer Mandy Harkess also gave an updated report on the fall stewardship campaign. Thirty-three pledges were received for a total of approximately $150,000. You will receive more detailed year-end financial data in January prior to the annual meeting on January 30.

Session approves mission giving

On a recommendation from the Mission Committee, the Session approved donations to local and national missions. The missions and donations are listed below:
Presbyterian Missions ($2,000); Love, INC ($1,000); Buffalo Ministerial Association Cold Weather Shelter Fund ($1,000); Presbyterian Clearwater Forest Camp and Retreat Center ($750); Buffalo Food Shelf ($500); Rivers of Hope ($500); and Wrapped in Love, a Buffalo foster children support program ($500).

The Crafty Ladies also recommended that $750 be donated to the BPC Dishwasher Fund, and that any craft sale income above $7,000 be donated to the Christmas Joy Offering.

Schermers transfer membership

At the request of Susan and Terry Schermers, the Session transferred the Schermers' membership to Venice Presbyterian Church in Venice, Florida. The Schermers will remain on Buffalo Presbyterian Church's Affiliate Members Roll and will continue to worship with us in the summer months.

Ruling Elders and Deacons

Session

Meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Theresa Bevilacqua	Worship & Music Committee
Mary Coleman	Communication Committee
Al DeBellis	Fellowship Committee
Cindy Doth	Education & Youth Committee
Don Eddy	Building & Grounds Committee
Jill Gatzke	At Large
Mary Markve-Patch	Finance Committee
Ashton Olsen	Missions Committee
Kathy Quady	Personnel Committee
Mike Quady	Clerk of Session
Pastor Brian Entz	Moderator

Board of Deacons

Meets monthly on the third Monday at 6:00 pm

Diane Ellis	
Eric Ellwoods	
Louise Markve	
Linda Shebiel	Deacon Treasurer*
Elaine Thole	
George Thole	

*Please note that our Church Treasurer is Mandy Harkess.

To give online, please scan the QR code.

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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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