



BUFFALO *Presbyterian* CHURCH



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Street Party of Hope Booth

We are looking for volunteers that will staff our booth at the Street Party of Hope. This is on September 11th in downtown Buffalo. The time blocks are from 2-8:30pm. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you are interested.



Classes, Coffee, & Conversations

September 7th
BPC Historical Trivia

September 14th
Pastor Brian

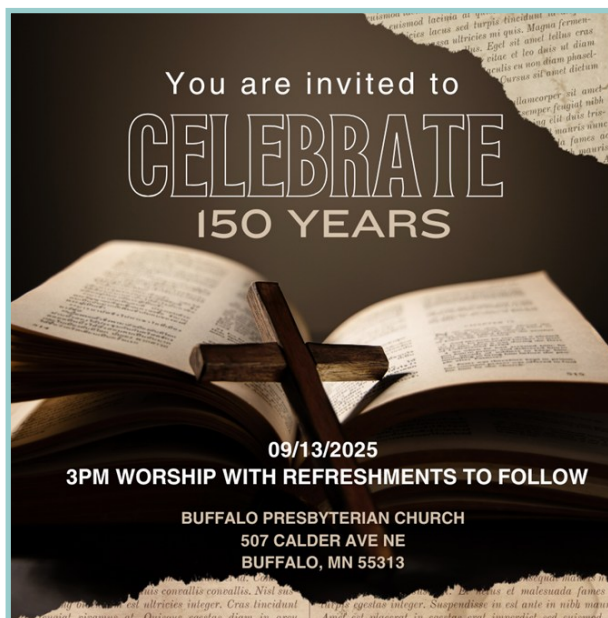
September 21st
Possible "Field Trip"
Opportunity

September 28th
TBD

150th Worship Service

Join us on September 13th to help us celebrate 150 years of service! This Community Worship Service will start at 3pm and there will be refreshments afterwards. We hope to see you there!

Please invite your friends and neighbors to come celebrate with us!



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

For comments and suggestions, please contact the BPC office at office@buffalopresbyterian.org



Our community enters another school year and with it the reminders of the importance of education for our children and teens. Learning, while of supreme importance for those in the first decades of life, is also important for people of all ages and life stages. Christians throughout the centuries and across many traditions have championed education, opening schools and centers for learning; including Sunday Schools, elementary and secondary schools, colleges, universities, and seminaries. In classes and Bible studies Christians have continued

our education as it relates to our faith well into our adulthood, taking Romans 12:2 seriously.

Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

As the new school year begins for the children of Buffalo and all communities in the U.S. let us commit ourselves to the ongoing project of learning, that is the renewal of our minds. Let us choose to engage the world with curiosity, that we might learn even in the places and situations we least expect. We may be well versed in a particular subject, we may even have accomplished advanced study in the area, but there is always more to learn. This is particularly true when it comes to God, for we are finite, but our Creator is infinite. So may curiosity help drive your pursuit of our God and your knowledge of the Holy One.

Blessings as you learn!
Pastor Brian

Zionism, Nationalism & Racism: What Do They Mean For Palestine?

**When: Sunday September 21, 2025,
FREE lunch begins at noon with
presentation at 1pm.**

**Where: Plymouth Presbyterian Church,
3755 Dunkirk Ln N, Plymouth, MN
55446**

**Sign Up: For lunch please register by
September 11th, later registrations are
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<https://forms.gle/WNqFKsCAi8ByYpbM8>



Missions

Free Community Spaghetti Supper

Our free community spaghetti supper on July 5th was a hit! We had about 53 people enjoy a wonderful meal and great fellowship! Thank you so much to those that helped make this happen!!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thank you to all of those that helped with this blood drive! There were 36 donors, 1 first-time donor, and 39 units of blood collected!

Peace & Global Witness Special Offering

Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, congregations are encouraged and equipped to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout this broken and sinful world.

- 25% retained by congregations to support peacemaking efforts in their local communities.
- 25% retained by mid councils to support peacemaking efforts at the regional level.
- 50% supports peacemaking, reconciliation and global witness.

WAYS TO GIVE:

~Write a check out to BPC, comment Peace & Global on the memo line

~Use a credit card at pcusa.org/peace-global

~Text PCUSAPEACE to 41444

~BPC will collect on October 5th~



“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.”
John 13:34

						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 	01 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30PM PRAYER SHAWL GROUP 	02 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 6:30PM FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE MTG	03 7PM ADULT CHOIR	04 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	05	06
07 9:30AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION 10:30AM CCC: BPC HISTORICAL TRIVIA	08	09 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 5PM MISSIONS COMMITTEE MTG 6:30PM FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG	10 7PM ADULT CHOIR	11 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	12	13 3PM 150TH COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE
14 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM CCC: PASTOR BRIAN 11:30AM WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MTG	15 5PM DEACONS MTG	16 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 6:30PM SESSION MTG	17 7PM ADULT CHOIR	18 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP 7:30PM COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MTG	19	20
21 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM CCC: POSSIBLE "FIELD TRIP"	22	23 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST	24 7PM ADULT CHOIR	25 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	26 WOMEN'S RETREAT	27 WOMEN'S RETREAT
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Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group

Do you care for someone with dementia or Alzheimer's? Beginning in September, a support group for caregivers will meet once a month. It will be a time of emotional support in a safe, confidential environment, plus resources will be available to better understand and cope with dementia.

Starting September 8, the group will meet the second Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30pm at the Buffalo Free Church, 2051 50th Street NE, Buffalo, MN (at the intersection of State Highway 25 and Wright County Road 113). Care-giving is demanding, but you do not have to do it alone. Join with other caregivers for encouragement and to share ideas. The group is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. It is free of charge.

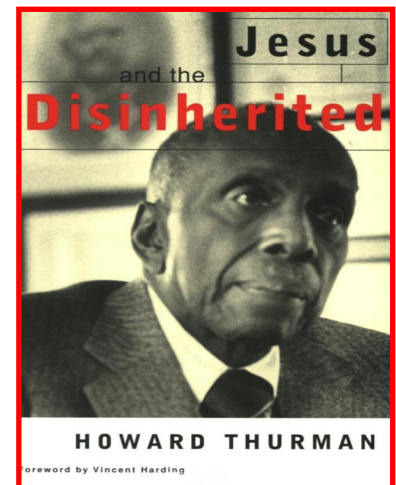
Nearly 7 million Americans had Alzheimer's dementia in 2024, including 102,000 in Minnesota. More family and friends are serving as Alzheimer's caregivers. In Minnesota, 166,000 caregivers provided a total of 228 million hours of unpaid care, valued at a total of \$5.5 billion.



Racial Justice Reading Group

In this classic theological work, acclaimed theologian and religious leader Howard Thurman demonstrates how the gospel may be read as a manual of resistance for the poor and disenfranchised.

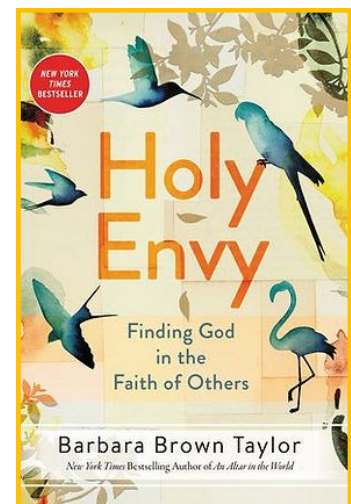
The Racial Justice Reading Group will be starting this book on September 4th. There is an extra copy in the office if you would like to join! They meet online via Zoom, Thursday evenings at 5:30pm.



People of Faith Bible Study

The renowned and beloved New York Times bestselling author of *An Altar in the World* and *Learning to Walk in the Dark* recounts her moving discoveries of finding the sacred in unexpected places while teaching the world's religions to undergraduates in rural Georgia, revealing how God delights in confounding our expectations.

People of Faith Bible Study will be starting this book. We have an extra copy in the office if you are interesting in joining. They meet Thursday mornings via Zoom at 7:30am.



September Volunteer Schedule

Service Date	Coffee Time	Greeters	Lay Leader	Sound Board	Ushers
9/7	Session	Elaine Thole & Kellie Johnson	Kathy Quady	Mike Quady	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike
9/13	NA	Elaine Thole & Liz Klaassen	NA	Eric Ellwoods	Kathy Quady & Dave Johnson
9/14	Building & Grounds Committee	Kathy Quady & Elaine Thole	Barb Janski	Eric Ellwoods	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike
9/21	Faith Formation Committee	Liz Klaassen & Mike Quady	Lisa Ellwoods	Chuck Klaassen	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike
9/28	People of Faith Bible Study	Charlie Wilkens & Kellie Johnson	Mary Markve-Patch	Mike Quady	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike

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150TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

SEPT. 13, 2025
3PM

Community
Worship Service

OCT. 4, 2025
5PM-7PM

Community Dinner

NOV. 9, 2025
3PM-5PM

Organ Concert by
Ralph Johansen

DEC. 7, 2025
9:30AM

150th Anniversary
Celebration Worship
Service

LOST 'N FOUND

Please pick up
your items! They
will be donated
the end of
September!

Session Summary

Highlights of the August 16th Stated Session Meeting and Retreat

Session takes time at retreat to talk about the future

Much of the time at the Session's annual retreat was devoted to the future of Buffalo Presbyterian Church.

Anna Kendig Flores, the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area Acting Co-Executive Presbyter, continued the discussion that congregants had at worship on July 13. Focusing on joy and energy, the group talked about what our current membership sees as areas where we might move forward in ministry while considering changes to programs which no longer make sense to continue. Pastor Entz offered several options ranging from an in-house self-study to enlisting a consultant to help with the effort. He encouraged Elders to review the book *Holy Conversations: Strategic Planning as a Spiritual Practice for Congregations* by Gil Rendel and Alice Mann. Entz will be sending additional resource ideas to the Session and encouraging Elders to do the same. The Session will keep members informed and seek input as a plan develops.

Session approves bonus for Administrative Assistant

During the pastor's three-month sabbatical the church called upon BPC's Administrative Assistant Christy Wood to do additional tasks such as coordinating funerals, setting up Zoom meetings, and keeping us all informed and moving forward. On the recommendation of the Personnel Committee the Session approved a one-time, \$1,500 bonus for Wood's work above and beyond her normal duties. The funds will come from money set aside for sabbatical costs. Christy, we all appreciate your day-to-day work at BPC and thank you for your special efforts during Brian's sabbatical.

Session

Meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 6:30pm

Theresa Bevilacqua
Cindy Doth
Larry Janski
Ashton Olsen
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 4:00pm

Diane Ellis * Treasurer
Kellie Johnson
Michele Lawlor
Joan Lowe*
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.



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