



BUFFALO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SPRING CHOIR CONTATA

*Portraits
of
Grace*

Sunday, April 2
AT 9:30 AM

Special Guest Dr. Andrew Burgdorf on cello

Classes, Coffee, and Conversations

- April 2
Coffee & Conversations,
No Class
- April 9
No CCC~Happy Easter!
- April 16
TGIF
- April 23
Earth Care
- April 30
Accessibility Audit Update

**EASTER
BREAKFAST**

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SUNDAY
APRIL 9TH
8:00AM-9:00AM

 PALM SUNDAY CHOIR CANTATA April 2, 9:30 AM	 MAUNDY THURSDAY April 6, 7:00 PM
 GOOD FRIDAY April 7, 7:00 PM	 EASTER SUNDAY April 9, 9:30 AM

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

For comments and suggestions, please contact the BPC Office

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12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. 13 Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. 14 The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
-1 Timothy 1:12-14

In his first letter to Timothy, Paul reminds him that it is Jesus Christ who is his strength and whose grace overflows in his life not only to show the greatness of God's mercy in his life, but also as an assurance to Timothy of Christ's ability to be a sure and certain strength in Timothy's life and ministry as well.

This teaching and promise is for us as well. We see throughout scripture how God is the strength of God's people. Psalm 21 reminds us that God is the strength of the king, who rejoices in God's provision in his life. God in Christ Jesus desires to be our sure and certain strength in life as well and is the only lasting source of strength on which we can rely.

Life comes with all sorts of hurdles and pitfalls, but God is there for us, waiting and wanting to be our strength in time of need as well as time of plenty. The weight of life and all that is happening in the world can be overwhelming, yet God is here for us, to strengthen, support, and guide us in all things. So let us cast ourselves upon Jesus our Lord with gratitude, for the love, grace, and mercy we have been shown and look to him for strength in all parts of life, in the little things and in the big things.

Thanks be to God who leads us beside still waters. Thanks be to God who is with us even in the valley of the shadow of death. Thanks be to God, by whom our cups overflow!

-Pastor Brian

Scam Warning

There continue to be scam messages going around via email and text message pretending to be me as well as other pastors. It is terrible that people are willing to take advantage of well meaning people, but unfortunately this is a reality we must face. If you ever receive an email or text message saying that it is from me asking you for money, gift cards, etc. it is VERY likely NOT from me. Please do a couple things:

1. Check what phone number or email address is sending the message.
2. Double check with me in person or using my church phone or email, brian@buffalopresbyterian.org.

I would never text or email you personally asking for money, gift cards, etc under any circumstances. Nor would I be secretive about it. We have official budget lines and avenues we can use to help people in need and those are the ways I'd go about soliciting help/funds for people.

Thank you for your cautious care.

RIVERS OF HOPE – This is one of our Mission Recipients. We received a “thank you letter” for the \$1000 which we gave to them. They “provide a community-coordinated response to end family violence. In 2022 they **provided free advocacy services to 750 adults and 184 youth** all experiencing some form of domestic violence. This is a 33% increase from 2021. Rivers of Hope is available to **support victims/survivors of domestic violence 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**” They thanked us for our support, indicating they cannot do the work alone and appreciate our generosity and support.

CONTAINER GARDEN CLASS – **April 27, 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. at church.** Watch for news and a flyer about this class. Joan Lowe has arranged for a class about container gardening. It will be led by Master Gardener Interns, Melissa Brown and Sharon Allen. It is free; it will be fun; refreshments and door prizes!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S SPECIAL JUSTICE & PEACE DATES

April 7 – World Health Day

April 18 – Holocaust remembrance Day

April 21-27 – National Agricultural Day

April 23 – Earth Day

CCC – Coffee, Conversation, and Class Sunday – April 23 - The Mission Committee will be presenting a program concerning “Earth Care.” Please join us that day in our conversation about Earth Care – the “Why, How, When, and Where.”

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING - April 10 – May 28 Nurturing those of the church to come.

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. PCUSA

Fill a bag for our Local Food Shelf

Respond to food insecurity in our community by filling a grocery bag with much needed food and household items for our local food shelf. There are bags in the grocery cart in the narthex. This March campaign is from February 27th through April 9th.



April 2023

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

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2 Palm Sunday

9:30a Worship
10:30a CCC: Coffee & Conversations, No Class

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6:30p Prayer Shawl
7:00p AA Meeting

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

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1:00p Personnel Committee Meeting
7:00p Adult Choir

6 Maundy Thursday

7:30a Women of Faith
10:00a Women of Faith
7:00p Worship

7 Good Friday

7:00p Worship

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9 Easter Sunday

8:00a Easter Breakfast
9:30a Worship with Communion

10 Easter Monday

6:30p PEO
7:00p AA Meeting

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9:00a Crafty Ladies
9:00a Men's Breakfast
6:30p Finance Committee Meeting
7:30p Missions Committee Meeting

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7:00p Adult Choir

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

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9:30a Worship
10:30a CCC: TGIF

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4:00p Deacons Meeting
6:30p Buffalo Art Guild
7:00p AA Meeting

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9:00a Crafty Ladies
9:00a Men's Breakfast
6:30p Session

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7:00p Adult Choir

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

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9:30a PEO

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9:30a Worship
10:30a CCC: Earthcare

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7:00p AA Meeting

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7:00p Adult Choir

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

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10:00a SPOT: Prayerful Movement

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9:30a Worship
10:30a CCC: Accessibility Audit Update

Upcoming Events



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

God became flesh and walked among us. In fact, 1st Cor. 6:19, describes our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit. The simplest gestures can be used to glorify God- shaking a hand, hugging a friend, exercising. Our bodies are meant to be holy offerings to God.

It makes sense that we use our bodies to pray.

Let's learn more about movement as prayer. Saturday, April 29th at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall

SAVE THE DATE: May SPOT is to be determined. Watch for more information.



CONTAINER
Garden Class

- **FREE**
- **Hands on Planting**
- **Door Prizes**
- **Refreshments**

Thursday, April 27, 2023
Buffalo Presbyterian Church
7pm to 9pm

Instructors: Melissa Brown & Sharon Allen
Master Gardener Interns

The graphic features a rustic wooden background with gardening tools like a green shovel and a green rake, along with some soil and small plants.

April Volunteer Schedule

Service Date	Building Cleaning	Coffee Time	Greeters	Lay Leader	Sound Board	Ushers	Pray & Play
4/2	Liz & Chuck Klaassen	Marlene Aldrich/ Linda Shebiel	Elaine Thole/ Charlie Wilkens	Lavina Pattee	Chuck Klaassen	Dave Johnson & Kevin Spike	NA
4/6	NA	NA		Kathy Quady	Eric Ellwoods	Kathy Quady	NA
4/7	NA	NA		NA	Eric Ellwoods	Kathy Quady	NA
4/9	Liz & Chuck Klaassen	NA	Larry Pattee/ Kathy Quady	Lavina Pattee	Mike Quady	Dave Johnson & Kevin Spike	NA
4/16	Diane Ellis	Lois Lindstrom/ Elaine Thole	Larry Janski/ Liz Klaassen	Chuck Klaassen	Eric Ellwoods	Dave Johnson & Kevin Spike	Mandy Harkess
4/23	Diane Ellis	Larry & Lavina Pattee	Mike Quady/ Al DeBellis	Mike Quady	Chuck Klaassen	Dave Johnson & Kevin Spike	Victoria Vanderheiden
4/30	Becky & Don Eddy	Marlene Aldrich/ Linda Shebiel	Elaine Thole/ Charlie Wilkens	Larry Janski	Mike Quady	Dave Johnson & Kevin Spike	Cindy Doth
5/7	Becky & Don Eddy	Lois Lindstrom/Elaine Thole	Larry Pattee/ Kathy Quady	Steve Grittman	Eric Ellwoods	Kathy Quady & Kevin Spike	NA

We are still looking for volunteers to assist with Worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Please let Christy know if you are available to help. Thank you!

BPC Choir Needs Your Help

The BPC choir will finish its season with the service on Sunday, May 21. We would like your help!! We would like you as a congregation to choose the music that we sing that morning. Do you have a favorite anthem or remember a particular song that had meaning to you? Let Mike or one of the choir members know. Please have suggestions to us by April 9.



Men's Breakfast is Back!

Please Join the Men at Forget Me Not Café Tuesday mornings at 9am. Come enjoy great food and fellowship!



Session Summary

Highlights of the March 19 Special Congregational Meeting
and the March 21 Stated Meeting

Congregation elects at-large members to the Nominating Committee

At a special congregational meeting on March 19 the congregation elected Virginia Johnson, Julie Long, and Larry Pattee as the at-large members to the Nominating Committee. Along with an Elder and a Deacon, they will seek nominees for two open Elder positions on the Session and two Deacon openings on the Board of Deacons. They will be doing their work in the coming weeks and propose their nominees to the congregation in late April/early May.

Session defines the duties of the Accessibility Coordination Team

The Session set the parameters for the work of the Accessibility Coordination Team. The team will make recommendations to the Session on improving accessibility to the church's facilities and programs based on the accessibility audit which was completed in 2022. The Session kept the guidelines broad stating, *"Using the Accessibility Audit, its results, and its feedback as your launching point, Session Charges the ACT (Accessibility Coordination Team) to coordinate the efforts to address and increase the accessibility of Buffalo Presbyterian Church, its ministries, programs, and facilities. The ACT is to report to Session and seek Session's approval for any policy changes or financial expenditures outside of the general budget."*

Gideons will promote their ministry in June

The Session discussed a request from the local Gideons chapter to share their story and solicit funds for their work at a Sunday worship. The Session members agreed that the Gideons could make a presentation at a CCC time after worship in the summer.



Session

Meets monthly on the third
Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Theresa Bevilacqua	Finance Committee
Mary Coleman	Communication Committee
Cindy Doth	Education & Youth Committee
Don Eddy	Building & Grounds Committee
Jill Gatzke	At Large
Chuck Klaassen	Fellowship Committee
Mary Markve-Patch	Worship & Music Committee
Ralph Johansen	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*	Deacon Treasurer*
Barb Janski*	
Liz Klaassen	
Louise Markve	
Elaine Thole	
George Thole	

*Please note that our Church Treasurer is Mandy Harkess.



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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