



Happy Father's Day



DIRECTORY UPDATE

In the month of June we will be continuing to update the Member Directory. Please watch for more information.

Worship Change for Sunday June 25th!

In order to offer and encourage a sabbath time for everyone at BPC we'll be worshipping at 7pm on Sunday June 25th instead of our usual 9:30am. Please use the morning and afternoon to rest, pray, and enjoy time with family and friends then join us for evening worship!

You're invited to

4TH OF JULY PICNIC

Hot Dogs, Brats, Beans, Chips, Drinks, and Dessert

Indoor and Outdoor Games

July 4, 2023 1:00pm to 3:00pm
Buffalo Presbyterian Church

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

For comments and suggestions, please contact the BPC Office

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Erring on the Side of Love
by Philip Doddridge

O Lord, let your grace and your love do for us what fear of your terrors alone cannot.

Melt our hearts by that nobler principle, and teach us to despise everything that would displease you.

Let our hearts respond with the same kind of compassion that motivated you, Jesus, to serve

the poor.

And whenever we do make mistakes, let us err on the side of compassion- a love that would never harm the worst sinner- much less the least and weakest of God's servants.

We consecrate our lives to you, Lord, even to death. We will not then feel the bitterness of death half so much, when our hearts are ablaze with a zeal for your glory.

Amen.

As the month of June and the season of Summer begin we find ourselves having just celebrated Pentecost and beginning the month with the reading of the Great Commission on Trinity Sunday (June 4th), which connects to the prayer above.

This prayer, by Philip Doddridge, calls us back to the core of love found in Christian teaching and practice. While not mentioned explicitly this theme of love is foundational to the Great Commission, in which Jesus charges his disciples (and us) to go into all the world making disciples and teaching them all he has commanded. This commission is not a small order, but when we remember the two greatest commandments Jesus gives us we are shown that the core and totality of what discipleship looks like is love of God and neighbor. Two commandments reflected in Doddridge's prayer.

Beyond (but not forgetting) the command of love this prayer remains cognizant of the glory, holiness, and goodness of God, and our own propensity to sin and mess up. It is in this context that Doddridge sets the love of God and our own commission to love in such a way that even our error sides with love and compassion. For me this prayer both lays out the challenge of our calling from God, but also the freedom to mess up found in Christ's grace.

So let us renew our commitment to the commandment and commission to love. To love so freely and broadly that even when we fall short we have done so in the pursuit of love, to the glory of God.

The grace and love of God be with you!

-Pastor Brian



BUFFALO FOOD SHELF

Joan Lowe, our BPC Food Shelf Board Member, has provided us with the statistics for the January, February, March months of this year. These figures certainly pertain to our CCC programs on **Hunger Action**:

1422 families served: January 347; February 416; March 659

4,488 individuals served: January, 1,067; February, 1,423; March, 1,997. These numbers include families and singles.

Persons served by age: Children (0-17), 31.55%; Adults (18-64), 51.45%; Seniors, (65+), 17%

Food distribution: 115,713 pounds

March Campaign raised: 43,988 pounds of food, \$61,253.75

Kids' Choice Program will begin again in June. It runs through summer and includes "kid friendly" food that is available to families when they do not have school meals available.

Volunteer Open House, Thursday, June 22, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for people to see what volunteering at the food shelf is all about and answer any questions they may have. More volunteers are always needed and welcome

BPC COMMUNITY GARDEN

We currently have 16 gardeners; nine are returning gardeners and seven are new. Three did not continue because of physical abilities. BPC is considering the possibility of having container gardens which would be much easier for people to do. We have about \$250 in donations for the Garden and a potential to make it to \$300. Most return gardeners want more plots than previously, a sign they had a good experience last year. Thanks to Mike Quady for the garden update.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST, JULY 8

A sign-up sheet will go out in June. Please consider signing up for this community event and wear your Buffalo Presbyterian shirt for it. This shows the community how we are involved to serve.

HOSTAS HOSTAS HOSTAS

Our Chief Gardener advises that we are in need of a number of replacement Hostas around the Bell Tower and elsewhere in the front of the Church. We lost a number of them due to the nasty Winter weather! If you would like to contribute some Hosta plants, please bring them with you on the June 24th for the Spring Cleanup. Otherwise just drop them off at the foot of the Bell Tower sometime the week before the Cleanup. If you choose to split an existing Hosta from your garden, when you deliver it please let Mandy, Christy or Don know right away so we can plant it immediately and give it plenty of water.

Thank you very much for your generosity!



June 2023

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | | 1 7:30a Women of Faith 10:00a Women of Faith 5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group 7:00p Communications Committee Meeting | 2 10:00a Dolores Pensky Funeral | 3 |
| 4 9:30a Worship with Communion 10:30a Coffee & Conversations | 5 6:30p Prayer Shawl Group 7:00p AA Meeting | 6 9:00a Crafty Ladies 9:00a Men's Breakfast 6:00p Building & Grounds Committee Meeting 7:00p Faith Formation Committee Meeting | 7 6:00p Worship & Music Committee Meeting | 8 7:30a Women of Faith 10:00a Women of Faith 5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group | 9 | 10 |
| 11 9:30a Worship 10:30a Coffee & Conversations | 12 6:30p PEO 7:00p AA Meeting | 13 9:00a Crafty Ladies 9:00a Men's Breakfast 6:30p Finance Committee Meeting 7:30p Missions Committee Meeting | 14 7:00p SPOT: Testimony | 15 7:30a Women of Faith 10:00a Women of Faith 5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group | 16 | 17 |
| 18 <i>Father's Day</i> 9:30a Worship 10:30a Coffee & Conversations 10:45a Birthday Planning | 19 4:00p Deacons Meeting 6:30p Buffalo Art Guild 7:00p AA Meeting | 20 9:00a Crafty Ladies 9:00a Men's Breakfast 6:30p Session | 21 | 22 7:30a Women of Faith 10:00a Women of Faith 5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group | 23 | 24 9:00a Spring Clean Up |
| 28 7:00p Worship | 26 7:00p AA Meeting | 27 9:00a Crafty Ladies 9:00a Men's Breakfast | 28 | 29 7:30a Women of Faith 10:00a Women of Faith 5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group | 30 | |

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.

June SPOT will be on Wednesday the 14th at 7:00 pm. Pastor Brian will lead us in a conversation about Testimony. Telling your story is important and powerful both for those who hear that they might be inspired or convicted, but also for yourself, as you reflect on your life and faith and the ways God is actively working in, through, and around you.

SAVE THE DATE: SPOT will be on hiatus for the months of July and August. They will start back up again in September. Watch for more information.

Community Breakfast



Join us on Saturday July 8th as we serve breakfast at the Buffalo Community Center. We'll need volunteers for a variety of tasks from 7am till about 10:30am. Please sign up outside the office.

Synod School

It's time to register for Synod School, an all ages gathering in Storm Lake, Iowa from July 23-28th. Come experience worship, fellowship, and classes/activities for every interest and age. Please speak with Pastor Brian if you have more questions. The Faith Formation Committee has scholarship money available, if interested please talk to Cindy Doth or Pastor Brian. Registration and the course catalog are available at <https://lakesandprairies.org/engaging-leaders/synod-school/> There are also paper catalogs to look at outside the office.

June 11th

Join us for worship on Sunday, June 11th as we celebrate the confirmation and graduation of several of our youth! Cake, coffee, and fellowship will follow worship.



June Volunteer Schedule

| Service Date | Building Cleaning | Coffee Time | Greeters | Lay Leader | Sound Board | Ushers | Pray & Play |
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| 6/4 | Deb Anderson/ Kathy Quady | Larry & Lavina Pattee | Larry Pattee/ Kathy Quady | Theresa Bevilacqua | Chuck Klaassen | Larry Janski & Kevin Spike | NA |
| 6/11 | Vanderheiden Family | Dave & Jean Johnson | Larry Janski/ Liz Klaassen | Lisa Ellwoods | Mike Quady | Larry Janski & Kevin Spike | NA |
| 6/18 | Vanderheiden Family | Marlene Aldrich/ Linda Shebiel | Mike Quady/ Al DeBellis | Kathy Quady | Eric Ellwoods | Larry Janski & Kevin Spike | NA |
| 6/25 | Diane Ellis | Lois Lindstrom / Elaine Thole | Elaine Thole/ Charlie Wilkens | Mary Markve- Patch | Chuck Klaassen | Larry Janski & Kevin Spike | NA |
| 7/2 | Diane Ellis | Larry & Lavina Pattee | Larry Pattee/ Kathy Quady | Steve Grittman | Mike Quady | Dave Johnson & Kevin Spike | NA |

BPC SPRING CLEANUP DAY: June 24, 2023

Come one! Come all!! It is that time of year! BPC's Buildings and Grounds Committee welcomes all to join together in making our Church look sparkling and Blessed with Love! Won't you come and join us? We will meet on Saturday, June 24th at 9:00 AM, assign folks Projects they wish to work on, and then get to work completing them. The Projects are listed on the Easel in the Narthex. On some Projects a member of the B&G Committee has been selected to be the Coordinator because there may be special needs applying to it. Please be in contact with the Coordinator before you start working. And, just like last year, around noon Larry and Barb Janski will wave their magic tongs and present everyone with some exciting grilled specialties! Those who would like to help out by bringing salads, condiments, or whatever to accompany the hot dogs will be deeply appreciated. Those who tend towards the sweeter side of things, be certain you disguise them so no one will know!!! After lunch is enjoyed, we will get back at it until as many of the Projects as possible are completed. Come and go as your schedule allows. We are offering a Sign Up sheet on the Easel in the Narthex for those who cannot make it on the 24th to pick a Project(s) to work at on their own time schedule.

We are going to hope for good weather on the 24th. If not, we will have to depend on folks to pick Projects to work on at their own pace during the weekdays that follow. We will look forward to seeing you on our Cleanup Day!!!

BPC Buildings and Grounds Committee: Larry Janski, Mandy Harkess, Kevin Spike, Eric Ellwoods, Jerry Aldrich, Chuck Klaassen, Don Eddy and Special Contributors Dave Johnson and Mark Lowe

Session Summary

Highlights of the May 16 Stated Meeting

The community garden is full and plants are growing

There are 24 gardeners using plots in the Buffalo Presbyterian Church Community Garden this summer. Forty-three of the 50 plots are being used. Only two of the gardeners are connected with our church. Those who had their plants and seeds in got a rainfall boost with about two inches falling on May 29-30. Gardeners are very appreciative of our efforts to provide this facility and they've donated about \$350 to the cause. We are in need of occasional support to maintain the garden area. A number of gardeners have said they would help when needed. If you are able to lend an occasional hand, please contact Mike Quady.

Session approves funds for new computers

The pastor and administrative assistant will be getting new computers soon. The Session approved spending up to \$3,000 for new computers for the office. Both computers are slow and not able to do all the functions necessary for running the programs of the church. The funds will come from the church's general account.



Session

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

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| 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*

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| 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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