



BUFFALO *Presbyterian* CHURCH



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

For comments and
suggestions, please contact
the BPC office at
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Deck the Halls

November 30th is the first Sunday of Advent. We will be Decking the Halls with our friends at Spirit of Joy!

After we decorate, we will enjoy a time of fellowship and a chili feed. There is a sign-up sheet outside the office if you are interested in providing chili, cornbread and/or desserts.



150th Anniversary Organ Concert

Ralph Johansen has been the organist at Buffalo Presbyterian Church since 2005. He has studied with Dean Billmeyer, Diana Lee Lucker, and Howard Don Small. Ralph is a 2007 graduate of the University of Minnesota where he received a bachelor of Music degree with a major in organ performance. He is an active member of the Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, as well as the Masons and the Eastern Star.





1Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. 2He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. 3In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' 4For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, 5yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" 6And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? 8I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" -Luke 18:1-8

In Luke 18 Jesus tells a parable of a widow and her persistence in coming before a judge to demand justice for herself. Eventually the judge relents and grants her justice, not because he was persuaded by her argument or because he was moved with compassion, rather it was because she was wearing him down and he was beginning to get annoyed.

Jesus remarks that if such a widow can wear down an unjust judge with her persistence then how much more will God, who is loving and merciful, grant justice to those who cry out day and night. Ultimately this parable is a lesson in persistent prayer and how our prayer should go up to God day and night.

Sometimes people will ask what is the point of prayer if God already knows what we need, what we want, and what we will ask, even before we do so? The answer, I believe, is multifaceted. In part our prayer, particularly our persistent prayer, is a way in which we show God the faith and trust we hold along with deepening that faith and trust as we not only speak to, but also listen to God. If communication is a two way street then prayer is not just our talking to God, but our listening to God in the midst of life's joys and sorrows. There is the possibility that in God's response to our petitions God is giving us an answer or a next step regarding the issue or need at hand. In some instances God's response may even include a command to help be the answer to our prayer. Thus our prayer becomes the element of our transformation into the hands and feet of Jesus, not only bringing the prayers of the world before God, but becoming God's response to our own and our neighbor's prayers.

Our persistence in prayer is important for our relationship with God, but it also becomes important in living out our faith. In our persistence not only the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts, but also the work of our hands and the steps of our feet become our prayers and a part of God's answer.

May you pray with such persistence that you become open to the Holy Spirit turning your prayers into action, all for the sake of God's Kingdom.

-Pastor Brian



Buffalo is once again having the Community Thanksgiving Service. This year we are celebrating the 51st year! It will be on Wednesday, Nov. 26 at Zion Lutheran in Buffalo at 7:30 pm. If you or someone you know is interested in singing in the choir please come and join us at Buffalo Presbyterian Church. We would love to include your voices. There are only 4 songs. We will rehearse the songs at BPC on Wed, Nov 12 and Nov 19 at 8:00 pm. There will be a rehearsal at Zion Lutheran on Sunday, Nov 23 at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

Persistence in Prayer

Missions

Immigration Aid Group

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

We look forward to hearing more about the work of WCI Immigrant Aid and the ways we can partner with them to support our immigrant neighbors in a CCC presentation on Nov. 9th.

Jesus explained to his disciples that what we do to the least of God's people, we do to him. Learn how we can extend God's loving care to our immigrant neighbors. Patti Pokorney will lead a short presentation and have time for questions. Ultimately, she will ask the community of Buffalo Presbyterian Church if they would like to support our "clean living" effort with monthly donations of soaps: bath and body soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, etc.

Adopt a Family

We will be adopting a family again this year! Watch for more information towards the end of the month.

Christmas Joy Special Offering

Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we reflect God's perfect gift to us. When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we prepare the way for the leaders of our Church—past, present, and future.

- 50% of our gifts smooth the path for current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need.
- 50% of your gifts prepare students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

WAYS TO GIVE:

~Write a check out to BPC, comment Xmas Joy on the memo line

~Use a credit card at pcusa.org/christmasjoy

~Text CHRISTMASJOY to 91999



Please drop off your gift cards in the office drop box or to Christy by Wednesday, December 10th



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	01 9AM CRAFT & BAKE SALE
November						
02 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME 9:30AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION 10:30AM CCC: PASTOR BRIAN	03 6:30PM PRAYER SHAWL GROUP	04 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 6:30PM FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE MTG	05 7PM ADULT CHOIR	06 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	07	08
09 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM CCC: IMMIGRATION AID GROUP/IMMIGRANT RESOURCE GRANT 2PM ORGAN CONCERT	10 5PM FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MTG	11 VETERANS DAY 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 5PM MISSIONS COMMITTEE MTG 6:30PM FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG	12 7PM ADULT CHOIR	13 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	14	15
16 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM CCC: KLAASSEN/QUADY 50 TH ANNIVERSARY	17 5PM DEACONS MTG	18 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 6:30PM SESSION MTG	19 7PM ADULT CHOIR	20 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	21	22
23 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM CCC: PASTORS	24	25 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST	26 7:30PM THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT ZION	27 THANKSGIVING DAY	28	29
30 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM CCC: DECK THE HALLS	01	02		04	05	06



15th Annual
Craft & Bake Sale
Nov. 1, 2025
9am - 3pm
FIND IT, LOVE IT, BUY IT

Proceeds from this sale benefit local mission groups including
Buffalo Food Shelf, Love INC, & Rivers of Hope

DELICIOUS BAKED GOODS	QUALITY HAND-CRAFTED ITEMS
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**DON'T
FORGET
TO FALL
BACK.**

NOVEMBER 2, 2025



“
WE DON'T KNOW
THEM ALL, BUT WE
OWE THEM ALL
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WITH RESPECT HONOR AND GRATITUDE
THANK YOU VETERANS
November 11, 2025

From the Fellowship Committee:

Please remember to LIMIT cross contamination between gluten-free and non gluten-free foods.

~We encourage coffee time servers to keep these items separate. Thoroughly wash your hands prior to handling any gluten-free foods. Please take out and put away these items without contamination~

Also, coffee time folks, please remember to include sugar-free and gluten-free options when it is your turn to serve.



**HAPPY
Thanksgiving**

This Thanksgiving may your home be filled with peace as we give thanks to the Lord

November Volunteer Schedule

Service Date	Coffee Time	Greeters	Lay Leader	Sound Board	Ushers
11/2	Personnel Committee	Liz Klaassen & Kellie Johnson	Larry Janski	Chuck Klaassen	Kathy Quady & Kevin Spike
11/9	Men's Breakfast	Elaine Thole & Charlie Wilkens	Eric Ellwoods	Mike Quady	Kathy Quady & Kevin Spike
11/16	Missions Committee	Mike Quady & Larry Janski	Theresa Bevilacqua	Eric Ellwoods	Kathy Quady & Kevin Spike
11/23	Deacons	Liz Klaassen & Kellie Johnson	Barb Janski	Chuck Klaassen	Kathy Quady & Kevin Spike
11/30	NA~ Deck the Halls	Elaine Thole & Charlie Wilkens	Lisa Ellwoods	Mike Quady	Kathy Quady & Kevin Spike



Session Summary

Highlights of the October 21st Stated Session Meeting

Session calls Special Congregational Meeting on December 14

The Session called a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 14 following worship. The special meeting is an annual event to take care of several requirements of the Book of Order. Business that will be considered at this meeting is the pastor's terms of call for 2026 and the adequacy of compensation for other church staff. The congregation will also have a chance to comment on the proposed 2026 budget. A quorum of 20 members will be required so be sure to attend this special meeting.

Christmas Celebration with Spirit of Joy

The Session was informed that our friends from Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church will be joining us for two events during the Christmas season. They will be part of our Deck the Halls event following worship on Sunday, November 30, and we will again be gathering together for the Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 pm. It's been a special blessing to have this worship community sharing our space for the past year and we look forward to other joint projects in the coming year.

Fellowship Committee will Modify Assignments for After Worship Refreshments

The Fellowship Committee is tweaking the assignments for those serving refreshments following weekly worship. Earlier this year they assigned committees and other church groups to handle the weekly responsibilities. Committees/groups will still be assigned but some of them have been combined to spread the task more equitably. Because committees/groups varied in size, and many people serve on multiple committees/groups, the new system is expected to better share the duties.

Per Capita Contributions at an All Time High!

Thanks to all of you we have received \$2,014 of the \$3,600 we owe for per capita in 2025. How did we get here? By receiving 21 of our 25 per capita pledges along with an additional \$360. Thank you for helping us support the PCUSA.

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



Board of Deacons

Meets monthly on the third Monday at 5:00pm

Diane Ellis
Kellie Johnson
Michele Lawlor
Joan Lowe*
Lavina Pattee
Kathy Quady

* Treasurer



To contribute to our mission and ministry 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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