

### 2021 Christmas Banner

It's time to be thinking about that square for the Christmas banner this year. Squares are available on the table in the narthex. Please use the red, green, or white squares in the basket as they are cut to fit together to form the banner. There is a flyer with directions and suggestions on the table by the basket of squares. The banner from last year will also be hung for you to check out. Last year's banner was quite small due to no in-church attendance because of Covid. So, lets get those squares done and make sure we out-do last year's banner! You will need to have your finished square back to the church by Wednesday, November 24th so the banner is ready for the beginning of Advent on November 28th.

### Classes, Coffee and Conversations



- November 7~TGIF
- November 14~ Power of Vulnerability
- November 21~Pastor Brian
- November 28~Decorate the Church
- December 5~ Conversations-To-Go

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

*For comments and suggestions, please contact the BPC Office*



**15** So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." **16** But Ruth said,

*"Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God.*

**17** *Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even*

*death parts me from you!"*

In worship on Sunday October 31st our Old Testament reading was Ruth 1:1-18, where the above verses are found. These verses are familiar to many, in part because they are commonly read at weddings. The covenantal language in the passage can be a beautiful reflection on the joining of two people in the covenant of marriage, but there is another covenant it is equally if not more so is representative of, baptism.

In baptism we recognize God's claim on our lives and in water are given a sign and seal of God's mercy and grace. Baptism (or confirmation for those baptized as young children) is also a time for us to commit ourselves to God as God has given God's self to us in Jesus Christ. It is in this aspect of baptism that we see Ruth's words to Naomi reflected in our own words towards God.

We claim God in Christ as our own, just as God has claimed us, similarly Ruth says 'do not press

me to leave you... where you go, I will go;" thus claiming Naomi as the one to whom she is covenanted. God is with us always and as Christians we are called to be mindful of God's constant and abiding presence with us. Immediately following this Ruth promises to lodge where Naomi will lodge, reminding us of Christ's language in John's Gospel, "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." Though baptism does not bind us to God in Christ alone, but also to Christ's people, the Church. So Ruth's words adopting Naomi's people as her own ring true for us as well.

The last part of Ruth's covenant, and perhaps the most significant when looking at it through the lens of baptism regards death. Ruth promises to die where Naomi dies and there be buried. In the waters of baptism we are buried with Christ, and as we arise from them, with water running down our face, we are raised with him to new and eternal life. For it is in his death that Christ defeats our sin and in his resurrection that he defeats our death, so in being united with him we not only die to sin, but are promised resurrection as well.

So may the words of Ruth find renewed meaning as we read and hear them, that we might be reminded of our baptism and the one to whom we can cling with all our life, just as Ruth clung to Naomi long, long ago. Amen.

-Pastor Brian

<sup>1</sup>John 15:4 NRSV

**DRIVERS WANTED**

**ARE YOU ABLE TO DRIVE OTHERS TO CHURCH FOR THE WORSHIP SERVICE AND/OR FOR OTHER CHURCH-RELATED EVENTS? PLEASE SIGN UP OUTSIDE THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.**



**Crafty Ladies Craft Sale** – Don't forget that the Crafty Ladies Annual Craft Sale is November 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Many, wonderful crafts for Christmas and/or any time, and delicious baked goods. Crafty Ladies will very much appreciate receiving your donations of delicious baked goods on **Friday, November 5**. Funds received go to Missions.



**Nursery Volunteers:** We are looking to expand our Nursery volunteers. Please let Christy or Pastor Brian know if you are interested.



**PRAY & PLAY:** The Faith Formation Committee is looking for individuals who would volunteer on a rotational basis during Coffee and Conversation time to supervise our children while they participate in fellowship with each other during "Pray & Play." You would lead the children in prayer (provided by the Faith Formation Committee) and afterward you can choose to supervise the children as they play. You can join in the "play" as well.



**PRAYER SHAWLS** The Prayer Shawl group meets on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to join this group who provide a wonderful ministry of our church. This is a wonderful mission of our church.



Love INC  
Love In the Name of Christ

There are new brochures on our Mission Table located outside the Fellowship Hall door. Please check them all out. Love Inc. has a new brochure, and it lists **16** ways you can volunteer for them. A very interesting brochure that fully explains all that they do to help provide assistance in our communities.



**BUFFALO FOOD SHELF** – There is a grocery cart in our Narthex for receiving food items for the Food Shelf. Please be sure when you donate that the dates on the items are current and not outdated.

# Buffalo Presbyterian Church

## November 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 6:30p Prayer Shawl Group 7:00p AA	2 7:30a Guy's Breakfast 9:00a Crafty Ladies 5:00p Faith Formation Committee Meeting 6:00p Building & Grounds Committee Meeting	3 10:30a Personnel Committee Meeting 5:30p Worship & Music Committee Meeting 7:00p Adult Choir 7:00p Youth Adventures with Christ	4 7:30a Women of Faith 10:00a Women of Faith 5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group 7:00p Communications	5	6 9:00a Craft & Bake Sale
7 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 9:30a Worship 10:30a Classes, Coffee, & Conversations:	8 7:00p AA 7:00p PEO	9 7:30a Guy's Breakfast 9:00a Crafty Ladies 5:00p Finance Committee Meeting 6:30p Missions Committee Meeting	10 7:00p Adult Choir 7:00p Youth Adventures with Christ	11 VETERANS DAY 7:30a Women of Faith 10:00a Women of Faith 5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group 7:00p WCCAR Interfaith	12	13
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# BUFFALO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FIND IT, LOVE IT, BUY IT

# 11TH ANNUAL CRAFT & BAKE SALE

\*Quality hand-crafted items

\*Delicious baked goods

Nov 6, 2021

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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507 COUNTY ROAD 134  
BUFFALO, MN 55313  
763-682-2773

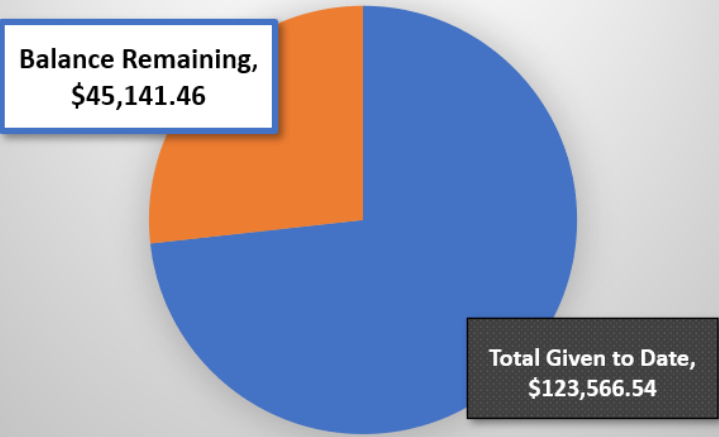


Proceeds from this sale benefit local mission groups

# November Volunteer Schedule

Service Date	Building Cleaning	Coffee Time	Greeters	Lay Leader	Sound Board	Ushers	Nursery	Pray & Play
11/7	Diane Ellis	Barb & Larry Janski	Mike Quady/ Al DeBellis	Eric Ellwoods	Chuck Klaassen	Larry Janski/ Kevin Spike	Becky Eddy	NA
11/14	Becky & Don Eddy	Dave & Jean Johnson	Eric Ellwoods/Dave Johnson	Ashton Olsen	Jerry Aldrich	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike	Mandy Harkess	Mandy Harkess
11/21	Liz & Chuck Klaassen	Marlene Aldrich/Linda Shebiel	Larry Janski/Liz Klaassen	Barb Janski	Eric Ellwoods	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike	Becky Eddy	Cindy Doth
11/28	Deb Anderson/Kathy Quady	Michele Lawlor/ Mary Markve-Patch	Larry Pattee/Kathy Quady	Nancy Grittman	Mike Quady	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike	Mandy Harkess	Mandy Harkess
12/5	Vanderheiden Family	Lois Lindstrom/Elaine Thole	Elaine Thole/Charlie Wilkens	Lisa Ellwoods	Chuck Klaassen	Don Eddy & Kevin Spike	Mandy Harkess	NA

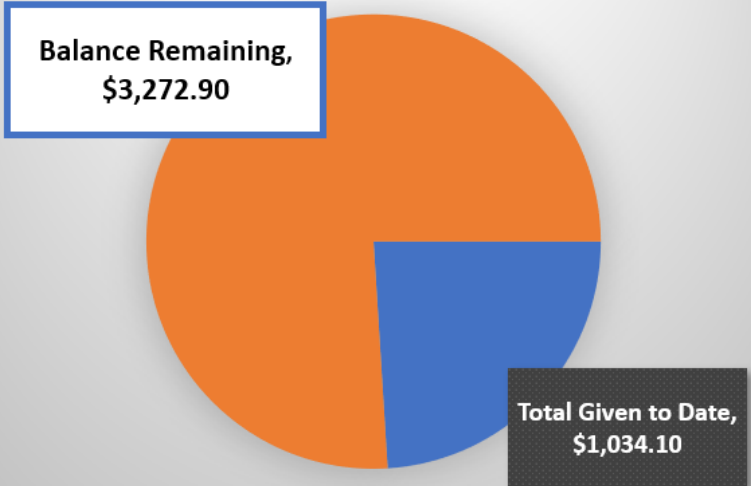
### General & Building Fund Giving



### New Treasurer!

Mandy Harkess is officially our new treasurer. You can reach her at the following email address:  
[treasurer@buffalopresbyterian.org](mailto:treasurer@buffalopresbyterian.org)

### Per Capita Giving



## Session Summary

Highlights of the October 19 stated meeting

### Stewardship drive culminates on November 7

The Session is asking that BPC members and friends submit their pledge forms by Sunday, November 7. The forms were mailed to members three weeks ago. In October, stewardship messages focused on three “P’s” in our church that require your generous financial support—people, place, and programs.

The preliminary 2022 budget presented at a special meeting in September indicated an approximate \$4,500 deficit when projecting next year’s income and expenses. Covering the difference would require a three to four percent increase in general giving in 2022.

The Session moved the stewardship timeline ahead about three weeks so they would have more complete information in finalizing the 2022 budget. It’s important for you to submit your pledge by November 7 so that the Session will have a better idea of our projected income in 2022. Watch for more information on the 2022 budget in December and thank you for your faithful financial support.

### Church will donate to

The Session approved a \$500 donation to a community mission initiative—The Ministerial Cold Weather Shelter Fund. Funds will come from the church’s Mission Legacy Fund.

The money houses homeless people in hotels on cold, winter nights. The fund is a program of the Buffalo Ministerial Association and is administered by Love, INC. in conjunction with the Salvation Army and local law enforcement.



### 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.**





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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