



Lent:

The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days. The church's peculiar Lenten claim is that in dying we live, that all who are baptized into Christ are baptized into his death. To be raised with Christ means one must also die with Christ. In order to embrace the resurrection, we must experience the passion of Jesus. The way of the cross, the way to Easter, is through death of the "old self." In dying, we live. It is the power of the resurrection on the horizon ahead that draws us into repentance toward the cross and tomb. Through the intervention of God's gracious resurrection, lifelong changes in our values and behavior become possible. By turning from the end of the "old self" in us, Lenten repentance makes it possible for us to affirm joyfully, "Death is no more!" and to aim toward the landscape of the new age. Faithfully adhering to the Lenten journey of "prayer, fasting and almsgiving" leads to the destination of Easter.

The symbolic importance of the banners include:

The cross with the crown of thorns: The soldier twisted branches from a thorn bush for a crown. Laughing they put it on His head.

Lamb of God: Jesus is the Lamb of God. By bleeding, dying and rising again, he saved us from our sins. This is a banner of triumph.



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

For comments and suggestions, please contact the BPC Office



An understanding mind gains knowledge; the ear of the wise seeks knowledge. -Proverbs 18:15

The importance of learning, of which Proverbs reminds us, is one that has been near and dear to Presbyterians and many Christians for centuries. Many schools and universities in the United States were founded with Christian/denominational ties, though some of those ties have since been severed or loosened. Sunday School, Bible Study, and other forms of learning make up an important part of the regular schedule of our church and many others.

This pursuit of knowledge is a good thing, especially when we recall that our knowledge is to be more than memorization and the reading of books. John Calvin and Theresa of Avila both teach about how the knowledge of self and the knowledge of God are intertwined. Our learning is meant to be personal and interpersonal. Learning and knowledge are not meant to remain on the pages of books or in the synapses of our brains, what we learn is meant to shape us and our interactions with God, the world, and ourselves.

At BPC we endeavor to provide and engage in learning opportunities that stretch, challenge, and grow us and our relationships. We spend time learning about various areas of mission and justice in our community and world. We've watched documentaries, read books, and had discussions that deepen our awareness of gun violence, climate change, and other problems facing our world. We've also brought in speakers from various local non-profit organizations, like

Love INC and Rivers of Hope, who we support through donations and volunteering. We've been striving lately to learn more about topics that impact closely the lives of people in our congregation and community. This January Cindy Doth, a church member, gave a presentation about mental health, a topic that is often invisible in our society. On April 26th we are bringing in Austen Hartke to talk to us about the church and LGBTQ people. We've also had opportunities to learn more about what is happening in our presbytery and denomination through presentations by various members of presbytery leadership. If there are issues or topics that you would like to learn more about or see addressed in classes, study groups, or special programs I'd love to talk to you more about them!

All of the topics mentioned above are truly important for us to learn about, but I'd be remiss if I didn't recognize some of the most important learning that goes on at BPC, that of studying our faith and the Bible. We are blessed to have multiple midweek Bible study groups as well as two Sunday classes for adults. We also offer various classes and opportunities for youth and children on Wednesdays and Sundays.

To all of the people at BPC who enable us to learn so much, thank you. Thanks to the teachers, Bible study leaders, organizers, and committee members. Thanks most of all to everyone who participates, seeking to learn more about God, our world, our faith, and ourselves. What a beautiful community of learning this is!

To the Glory of God,
Pastor Brian

Wednesday Lent Schedule

March 4– April 1

Joyful Noise Youth Choir	5:30-6:00pm
Soup Supper	6:00-6:30pm
Lenten Classes	6:30pm-7:30pm
Adult Choir	7:30pm-8:30pm



Classes, Coffee and Conversations

March 1, 2020
Kitchen 101

March 8, 2020
Faith Questions with Pastor Brian

March 15, 2020
Dr. Brene Brown Sermon
Pat Olsen

March 22, 2020
Conversations –to –go
Larry Pattee

March 29, 2020

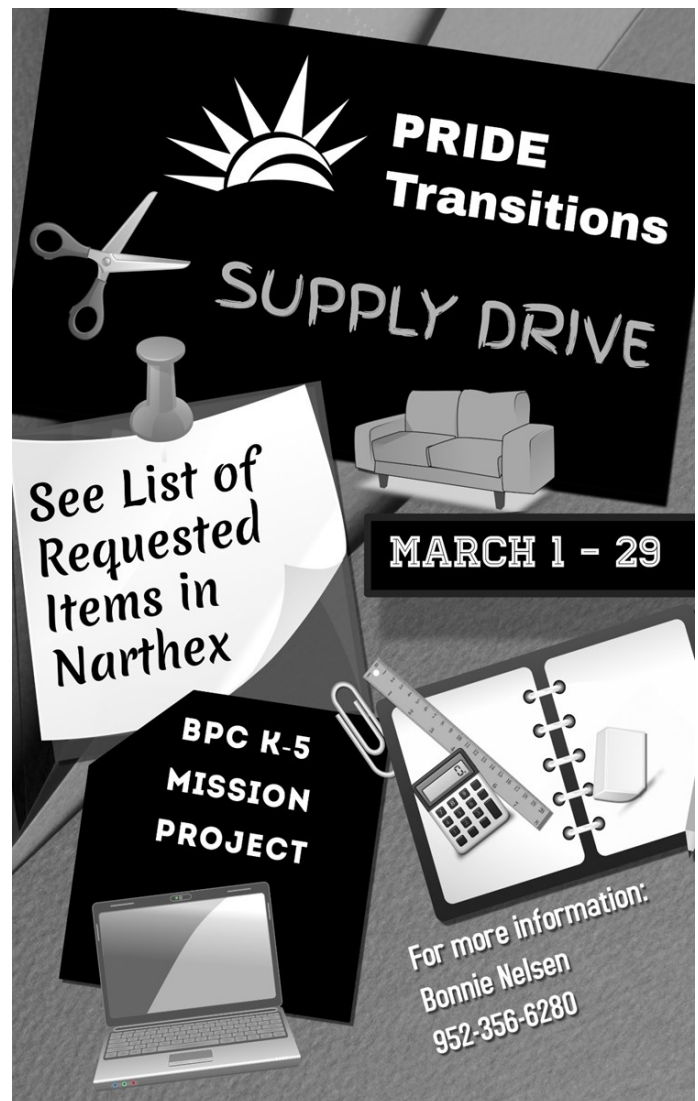
BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020

12:00PM TO 6:00PM



**American
Red Cross**



Don't Miss Classes, Coffee, and Conversations on April 5th!

Crisel from The Nest is excited to come share with us all about this maternity home!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday Soup Suppers-March 4-April 1

3 to 5 soups, bread, and crackers will be served at 6pm. Soups will be supplied by members of the congregation. You are responsible for cleaning your own dishes. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Easter Breakfast-April 12 from 8am-9am

Buffalo Presbyterian Church

March 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8:00a Adult Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a Classes, Coffee, and Conversations 11:30a Worship & Music Committee Meeting	2 9:00a Drivers Improvement 5:00p Kiwanis 6:30p Prayer Shawl Meeting 7:00p AA Meeting	3 7:30a Guy's Breakfast 9:00a Crafty Ladies 5:00p Building & Grounds Committee Meeting	4 10:00a Personnel Committee Meeting 5:30p Joyful Noise Youth Choir 6:00p Soup Supper 6:30p Lenten Study 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	5 6:30a Women of Faith 10:00a Women of Faith 6:30p Communications Committee Meeting 7:30p Education Committee Meeting	6	7
8 DAYLIGHT SAVING 8:00a Adult Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a Classes, Coffee, and Conversations	9 5:00p Kiwanis 7:00p AA Meeting 7:00p PEO	10 7:30a Guy's Breakfast 9:00a Crafty Ladies 10:00a Nominating Committee Meeting 3:15p Finance Committee Meeting 6:30p Missions Committee Meeting	11 5:30p Joyful Noise Youth Choir 6:00p Soup Supper 6:30p Lenten Study 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	12 6:30a Women of Faith 10:00a Women of Faith	13	14
15 8:00a Adult Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a Classes, Coffee, and Conversations	16 12:00p Blood Drive 5:00p Kiwanis 6:00p Deacons Meeting 6:30p Art Guild 7:00p AA Meeting	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY 7:30a Guy's Breakfast 9:00a Crafty Ladies 6:30p Session	18 5:30p Joyful Noise Youth Choir 6:00p Soup Supper 6:30p Lenten Study 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	19 6:30a Women of Faith 10:00a Women of Faith	20	21
22 8:00a Adult Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a Classes, Coffee, and Conversations	23 5:00p Kiwanis 7:00p AA Meeting 7:00p Fellowship Committee Meeting	24 7:30a Guy's Breakfast 9:00a Crafty Ladies	25 5:30p Joyful Noise Youth Choir 6:00p Soup Supper 6:30p Lenten Study 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	26 6:30a Women of Faith 10:00a Women of Faith	27	28
29 8:00a Adult Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a Classes, Coffee, and Conversations 4:00p Free Community Soup Supper @ Community Center	30 5:00p Kiwanis 7:00p AA Meeting	31 7:30a Guy's Breakfast 9:00a Crafty Ladies				



Community Arts Program

March 11th, 2020 10:00 – 12:00 Noon

Painting with Specialty Paper

The next CAP activity will be held Wednesday, March 11th, and will be led by Buffalo artist Mary Zillman. Mary is a retired elementary school teacher who moved to this area about three years ago. She is a member of the Buffalo Artist Guild, on the Board of the Art Guild and currently volunteers at Gilda's Clubhouse. For this CAP activity, we will paint with water-color.

The subject can be nature scene or anything you choose. Then we will paint specialty paper to paste on to our painting. There is no need to worry. This is an easy and fun experience of Painting. It will be a fun, no worry class with a beautiful creation to take home. Please come and bring a friend.

I would be delighted to paint with you. Mary Zillmann

There is no limit to class size.

This opportunity is offered by C.A.P., while a donation of \$5.00 is suggested.

To register, please contact Christy at BPC office: 763-682-2773 or

office@buffalopresbyterianchurch.org

See you on March 11th. Bring a friend

March Volunteer Schedule

Service Date	Building Cleaning	Coffee Time	Greeters	Lay Leader	Sound Board	Ushers
3/1/2020	Becky & Don Eddy	Mary Markve-Patch/Michele Lawlor/Cynthia Grittmann	Elaine Thole/Kathy Quady	Bonnie Nelson	Mike Quady	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike
3/8/2020	Diane Ellis/Julie Long	Marlene Aldrich/Linda Shebiel	Mike Quady/ Al DeBellis	Theresa Bevilacqua	Eric Ellwoods	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike
3/15/2020	Marlene Aldrich/Mary Coleman	Lavina & Larry Pattee	Larry Janski/Larry Pattee	Nancy Grittmann	Jerry Aldrich	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike
3/22/2020	Becky & Don Eddy	Barb & Larry Janski	Kathy Quady/Elaine Thole	Worship Team	Mike Quady	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike
3/29/2020	Diane Ellis/Julie Long	Cynthia Grittmann/Michele Lawlor/Mary Markve-Patch	Mike & Kathy Quady	Ashton Olsen	Eric Ellwoods	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike

COMMUNITY SOUP SUPPER

Sunday, March 29, 2020

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

COST: FREE

Buffalo Community Center

206 Central Ave Buffalo



www.BuffaloPrebyterian.org

We will be hosting a Community Soup Supper on March 29, 2020 at the Senior Community Center in Buffalo. We will be setting up at 4pm, the dinner will be from 5pm to 6:30pm. We will provide a homemade soup dinner for the Buffalo community, served with bread and crackers, lemonade, milk, and water. The event will be paid for by the special donations with any balance to be paid by the Fellowship memorial fund. Please sign up in the narthex.

Session Summary

Highlights of the February 18th stated meeting

Session approves 2020 budget

The Session approved the 2020 budget. Final figures from the stewardship campaign must be tallied before the treasurer can present actual figures to the Session. That means that the Session can't act on a final budget the end of the previous year. Although there was a notable increase in giving, the final income figure was short of the goal that was presented to the congregation at the end of 2019.

The Session cut about \$1,500 from proposed expenditures to better align them with projected income. The budget includes \$172,608 in projected income and \$170,008 in projected expenditures. The budget will leave \$2,600 in the checkbook at the end of 2020. That figure is \$7,500 less than the \$10,108 that was in checking account at the beginning of the year.

The Session will continue to monitor expenses and income through the year and make adjustments as needed. The 2020 budget does allow the church to move Pastor Brian Entz's job from $\frac{3}{4}$ (75%) to $\frac{7}{8}$ (87.5%) of full time.

Pastor Entz will attend NEXT Church Conference

Pastor Entz is participating in the NEXT Church Gathering March 1-4 in Cincinnati. NEXT Church is teaching elders, students, educators, church members, youth leaders and ruling elders who care about the flourishing of the church of Jesus Christ in ways that are relative to our communities. The mission statement says: "We believe God is always calling the church into the future. NEXT Church seeks to follow God by strengthening the relational fabric of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We do this by cultivating congregations and leaders who work in sustained, effective, and faithful ways to promote God's transformation of our communities for the common good."

Be sure to talk to the pastor when he returns to find out what he learned that will help our congregation.



Session

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

Al DeBellis	Fellowship Committee
Don Eddy	Building & Grounds Committee
Mandy Harkess	Communications Committee
Ralph Johansen	Worship & Music Committee
Julie Long	Education & Youth Committee
Joan Lowe	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	
Linda Shebiel	Deacon Treasurer*
Kevin Spike	
Elaine Thole	
George Thole	

*Please note that our Church Treasurer is Chuck Klaassen.

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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