



Buffalo United Methodist Church



December 2016

The Story of Christmas

From Luke 2: 1-20

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born

this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Popping Corn at Garfield

The next popping date is Friday, December 9th at 8 a.m. Four volunteers are needed to open bags, bag the popcorn and deliver the ordered popcorn to the classrooms. Usually takes about 2 hours. If you are interested and would like to help - talk to the popcorn maker, Marlene Himes, or Chris Gochenouer (363-5000).

Delivering Backpacks to Garfield:

Backpacks continue to be delivered weekly.

Thanks for the children's books that have been donated. Books will be given to the backpack students monthly during the school year.

United Methodist Women

No meeting in December. Come join us Thursday, January 19th at 9:30 p.m.

After a short business meeting Marlene Himes will share the program.

In November, we learned about the RISE Program that helps newly released prisoners return to life outside of prison.

Buffalo UMC Upcoming Event Dates for 2017:

Pancake Breakfast - March 25

Yard Sale - Thursday June 8th & June 9th

Ice Cream Social - July 15th.

Fall Bazaar - October 14

Trunk or Treat - October 29

Bertram UMC Upcoming Event Dates for 2016-2017

Pancake Breakfast - February 25

Spring Supper - April 22

Homecoming - August 19

Fall Supper - October 14

Golden Age Potluck

Come join us on Thursday, December 8th at 11:30 a.m. at the Buffalo UMC for fellowship and good food! Bring a friend(s) and a dish to share. Place settings and beverages will be provided. Please bring a \$3 to \$5 gift to share for a gift exchange.

Joys and Thanks:

- Thanks to the leaf rakers!
- Thanks to Bob Marrs for planting 400 daffodils, 50 tulips, 200 snowdrops, 200 Siberian Squill and 50 daylilies west of the church. Can hardly wait for spring to come to see all the flowers!
- Thanks to Gary Hackney for installing the new back door.
- Thanks, Hep Hentrich for hanging the updated church sign by the front door.

We have enjoyed watching the neighborhood children playing in the leaves.





Christmas Dinner: Sunday, January 15 ?
@ 12:15 pm Please bring a \$3 to \$5 gift
or a white elephant gift to exchange
after dinner.

**Items needed by Sunday,
December 11th for Garfield
Students**

Garfield students range from
Kindergarten to 5th grade. Thank
you for your help!

- Snow pants - youth sizes
small, medium, and large.
- Underwear sizes 4 through
10/12
- Sock sizes range from 13 to
size 6.
- Warm gloves and hats
- Warm mittens

January Special Offering- Human Relations Day

Strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico.
Encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth.



Bertram & Buffalo United
Methodist Churches continue to support
the ministries of the Mission of Hope.
They will be serving lunch 11:30 A.M.
– 1:30P.M. on December 6th 2016.

**Caroling - Sunday, December 18th after
Church**

Please bring 2 dozen cookies, or other
holiday goodies to share. We will make
plates of the tasty items donated and
deliver the goodies to Buffalo shut in's
and do some caroling too. We will
return to church for soup, corn bread,
and other edible tidbits. Plan to join us!

**BAKE
SALE**

Election Day Bake Sale Profit

Thanks to everyone who donated baked
goods for the bake sale. \$57 will be used
for Garfield student's outer wear and treat
bags for the boys and girls.



Cleaning: Monday, December
12th at 9 a.m.



Reminder-

There will be no Board Meeting for the
month of January!

December 21st meeting is at 4pm

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 8:45 Buffalo UMC Worship	5	6 Mission of Hope serving lunch 11:30am-1:30pm	7	8 Golden Age Potluck 11:30am	9	10
11 8:45 Buffalo UMC Worship Gary Hackney BD	12 Cleaning church 9am	13	14	15	16	17
18 8:45 Buffalo UMC Worship Caroling 9:45am Faye Reynolds BD	19	20	21	22 NOOMA Bible Study 9:30am	23	24 Candlelight Worship Service 4:30pm
25 8:45 Buffalo UMC Worship Christmas ☺	26 Laura and Clayton Milner BD	27	28	29	30	31

January 6th Char Stanford BD
 January 8th Ward Seufferlein BD





Prayers for the healing-

Tom Ferguson, Joanie Musil, Don Durand, LaReatha Hentrich and Carol, Bob Fish's cousin.

Hope everyone is ready to start doing the Advent calendar with me(Nancy). It will be a joy to know we are helping many families to put food on their table.

Remember we now have a facebook page. It is called Buffalo United Methodist Church. It is a good way to keep in touch with what is going on with the church.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1192792444092651/>

As you probably all know, Betty DeSotel passed away this month. She has been a member of Buffalo for quite some time. She has done a lot for our church. She is now with her husband Larry, who passed away 5 months ago. We also lost friends to the church, Donna Schimek and Allison's grandmother, Eva Mosness.