



# Valley Voice

*Greater Buffalo Run Valley United Methodist Church  
Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World  
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Say it ain't so – 2026!

What a year we have had to say the least.

For me it is hard to believe that we had our grand opening service for our new church way back on April 21, 2024 which is one year and 7 months ago ~ Seems just like yesterday.

With that the church has been busy doing “churchy” stuff like feeding the hungry, providing firewood to heat homes, providing oil to those that needed some extra help, providing gifts to children in the foster care system, delivering meals to those that couldn't afford them, visiting the home bound, sick and hospitalized. Sounds kinda like something a guy named Jesus would do.

Sadly though, we live in a world where helping people that are down on their luck or are financially less fortunate than we are has become viewed by some as something that is wrong to do.

You know the words, “well it's their fault for their situation” or “why should I help someone else” or “it's not my problem.” Well folks, it is our problem because Jesus says it is our problem. Jesus taught that feeding people and healing the sick was central to his mission and the Kingdom of God commissioning his followers (which each one of us are his followers) to do the same. He gave them authority to cure diseases emphasizing they should heal freely as they received freely because healing was a sign of God's power and presence.

Jesus emphasized radical generosity, radical love and radical compassion for the poor, stating

that helping the needy is serving him directly (“least of these”), that the poor are blessed (“yours is the kingdom”) and that followers should give generously, even to the extent of selling possessions to help as expressed in parables like the Sheep and the Goats (Matthew 25) and teachings about inviting the poor to banquets (Luke 14).

He proclaimed good news to the poor (Luke 4) and taught that caring for them is essential to following him, contrasting the rich man's lavish life with poor Lazarus at his gate (Luke 16).

If I were a defense lawyer, I would say **“Your Honor I Rest My Case”!**

The sad part about it is I feel like sometimes I am banging my head against the wall having to defend Jesus's teachings in a world that doesn't want to listen or sadly a world that does not care.

But you know what, I do not have that problem with this church. You emulate Jesus in all that you and we do together for the common good of not only the people within our doors but also those that have not walked through them.

When you combine this with the outstanding youth leadership we have, the awesome music director, awesome band, awesome volunteers and awesome people willing to take leadership positions and listen to the needs and wants of the church combined with an awesome congregation I have no desire to retire (again).

But I do know that will happen but until then keep doing what you do best and that is loving God with all your heart.

2026 is going to be a blast!!





**Greater Buffalo Run Valley**

**United Methodist Church**

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***MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS  
CHRIST FOR THE  
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Sunday Worship time is  
9:45 a.m. in person. The service is also posted  
to our Facebook and YouTube pages. Search  
for GBRVUMC.

Children's Church is available for all  
children and youth. The Nursery Nook is also  
available. It is located in the social room and is  
available for infants and children through 3  
years of age. Parents may remain with their  
child and watch the service on the television or  
certified staff will be happy to watch over them.

If you are in need of prayer or would like to  
have a pastoral visit, please contact

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**Church Office Hours**

Lisa Catherman, Secretary/Treasurer  
Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Upcoming Events**

~Community Dinners: January 9th Ham Pot Pie,  
February 6th Chicken and Waffles and March 6th  
Pork and Sauerkraut. Eat in or take out from 4 to  
6 PM. Cost is \$12.

~Watch for our soup suppers at 6 PM followed by  
a worship service at 7 PM each Wednesday dur-  
ing Lent.

~Winter Carnival – date to be determined.

Watch our website and Facebook page for more  
information on these and other events.

**Celebrations**

Larry & Gloria Lohr are happy to announce the  
engagement of their son, Philip Fenstermacher  
to Amber Torres.

Fred and Connie Shay are proud that three of  
their four grandchildren got their degrees in De-  
cember! Congratulations to each one.

-Jeffrey Shay with a BS/BA in Management Infor-  
mation Systems and Accounting from West Vir-  
ginia University.

-Rachel Shay with a BS/BA in Marketing and Hos-  
pitality from West Virginia University.

-Harrison Shay with a Master of Science in Aero-  
space Engineering from the University of Cincin-  
nati.

**A Little Lamb Shall Lead Them**

Izzy Dahlke and some of her friends shared the  
light of Christ at school recently. A staff member  
was taken to the hospital. That, along with a situ-  
ation that occurred on the playground, prompted  
her and the others to gather and pray for all in-  
volved!

We are thankful for the nurturing they receive  
through teaching about God's love and presence  
through the Bible, encouraging prayer and a per-  
sonal relationship, and grounding them in faith  
through our church community and family rou-  
tines. It's about showing them God is a loving Fa-  
ther who is always with them, accepts their feel-  
ings, and guides them through life's adventures

## **We've Been Busy!!**

October was a busy time for our church. We offered the **Spaghetti Dinner** on the first Friday. A **Honey Baked Ham sandwich sale** was held on the second Saturday with an option of turkey this year.

We had a very successful **Family-Youth Campfire** night that was well attended and ended with the excitement of fireworks. Ms. Vicky shared a funny-scary story with us. We enjoyed hot dogs and s'mores over the fire.



**Chef Curt treated us to a night of Tart Baking** that was certainly enjoyed by all those that attended.



We were also able to offer free flu shots again this year. **A big thank you to Leslie Womeldorf and the Penn State Nursing program** for their time and talents.

## **Our New District Superintendent**



We were honored to welcome our new District Superintendent, Michelle Bodle to our church with a delicious meal after the service to share in fellowship and conversations.

## **Firewood 4 Good (F4G)**

By early December 2025, just 2 months into the firewood season, F4G had provided about 30% more firewood to people in need than we did in ALL of last winter! What is driving that? Is it awareness of F4G given this is our 2nd year, more demand in a tough economy when people needed heating help, or the amazing volunteers that make sure people get firewood no matter the reason. Probably all of these!

We need your help to keep making firewood available.

~ The same Saturdays (3rd of the month) as the Food Pantry from 9am -12noon we get together to cut, split and stack firewood at the church firewood yard areas. We load people who come to pick up from 10am - 12 noon. We provide all the equipment, supplies, training and safety needs. This will be monthly through March. After that we will have special events to restock for 2026-2027 needs, and restart the monthly events in October.

~ If you know of potential donations of cut hardwood, please let Craig Womeldorf or Pete Peters know.

~ Soon we will have a donation day to support F4G program needs.

**Most importantly, if you or someone you know needs firewood, please contact Craig Womeldorf at 717-870-7944 or [cwomeldorf@aol.com](mailto:cwomeldorf@aol.com), or contact the church.**

The **Boy Scout Food Drive** was another successful event that we were able to participate in. We had numerous volunteers and plenty of Scouts collecting, sorting, boxing and filling up the shelves in our Food Pantry.





It was a cold and windy night on Halloween so we enjoyed the warmth of the church by celebrating **Trunk or Treat** indoors. We all enjoyed hot dogs, snacks and seeing all the creative costumes.



### Women United for Christ

Hello from "Women United for Christ." Can you believe another year has gone by...WOW!!

As you know, we meet on the fourth Monday of each month - so starting *January 26, 2026 at 6:30pm* (weather permitting) we will be meeting in the Church social hall to work on "Spread the Love" for February. That will also be dessert night!! Invite a friend to share in the fun with us.

February 23, 2026: will be "Movie Night" of course with popcorn. March 23, 2026: In planning stages.

Some ideas that were suggested to the group - Kentucky Derby Night and a Tea Party in the spring

Get your thinking caps on ladies - let's come up with some fun ideas that we can all have fun with. If you have any questions or suggestions, please see Jackie Hughey or Lisa Deibler

WUFC collected items for the "Homebound Gift Bags" we do each year for Christmas. It's a nice way to show people in our church and community that we care about them. For some, it may be the only present they receive. Along with the gift bag, we also give them a beautiful flower as a

reminder of our love for them. During October and November, we collected boxes of candy to give to the food pantry so they can put a box of goodies in their bag of groceries that month. Nice way to say, "Merry Christmas!"

Our trip to Harmony State College for what has become our annual Christmas Caroling event for the guests who reside there was a blast! Everyone had a wonderful time singing and enjoying snacks.

November proved to be a busy month, beginning with our Spaghetti Supper and our Honey Baked Ham Sandwich sale.

We had a wonderful time buying gifts and stuffing Shoe Boxes for Samaritan's Purse annual event. The boxes will be sent to children in many countries. We were treated to yummy pizza after



all the work was done. We had 48 boxes ready to send to the needy children. What a great JOB!



Our annual Gingerbread House decorating party was well attended and children and adults alike showed off their creative talents with so many types of decorations.



This year we were honored to sponsor a Quilts of Valor event. We had ten veterans that were recognized and presented with a Quilt that was made especially for them. The event was very well attended with numerous family and friends in attendance. We continued the celebration with sweets and coffee in the Fellowship Hall after the service.



The Nittany Knights presented an amazing concert with beautiful song choices that brought joy for all of those in attendance. We couldn't help missing our dear friend Jim Decker.

Our annual **Bake Sale** at the Bald Eagle Area High School Craft Show was a big success! We had so many scrumptious goodies to offer to the numerous shoppers and vendors that stopped by our booth. The conversations flowed and it was such a treat to be able to talk with so many and share pleasantries.



The Women United for Christ enjoyed a Christmas gathering at Hoss's with over 30 in attendance. There were plenty of gifts and laughs throughout the evening. On November 24, 2025 we gathered at Hoss's Restaurant for our annual "Christmas Party". We revealed our Secret Sisters at this event and played a white elephant gift

exchange. We didn't meet in December but we look forward to seeing you in January!



December is always a busy month with the hustle and bustle of the holidays.

We began celebrating Advent the first week of December enjoying plenty of hot soup and bread before each service. Thanks to Linda Bathgate for organizing the event.



Women United for Christ shared the joy of the season by stuffing over 30 stockings made by Erlene Jordan full of treats and novelties for those we remember especially at this time of the year. They were

delivered to individuals in their homes and other facilities where they reside.

There was an outing to Harmony for caroling and cookies with the residents. It was as much a blessing to those that attended as to those at the home.



## Ministry Outreach Opportunities

Due to the generosity and support of the community and our members participating in our fund-raising efforts, we were able to purchase gifts for 12 children through a local agency. We



pray the children and their families will be as blessed as we were with buying the gifts.

We were grateful to be able to provide some necessities for a mother in need and also a single lady that is facing challenging times. God has blessed us with so much. We rejoice in being able to help others sharing the love of Jesus with each one.

Other events included an engaging Children's Christmas Program. We enjoyed watching 20 of our kiddos and several adults sharing their talents in "Finding Jesus at Christmastime." The



singing and drama they presented was absolutely amazing and the congregation was Certainly entertained.



A cantata titled "A Child Is Born – All Is Well" was presented by our talented choir and band members. It was certainly something to experience. We thank Jean Stauffer for her leadership and all those who were involved in an enjoyable performance!

The Christmas Eve Service was a spiritual and emotional event as we celebrated the coming of our Lord and Savior as was proclaimed in our cantata "King of Kings on a manger throne". May the joy of that event fill your hearts now and in the coming new year as we continue our worship together.



## God's Wisdom Speaks Volumes A Valuable Lesson Learned

I had an opportunity to grow this year, and it wasn't in the way I would usually go about learning things. I like to read and study hoping to increase my knowledge of scripture and how to live my life for Christ. Scripture tells us that we grow through our trials and tribulations. I was never a fan of that kind of learning but found it to be life changing for me.

A few months ago, I was doing things as I usually did when I received a rebuke. An explanation didn't seem to rectify the complaint. I felt wronged and in an untenable situation which led me to carry a grudge. To say that it affected my spiritual life would be an understatement. I questioned my self-worth and more hurtful to me, my rightful place in my church. Psalm 130:1 explained my feelings, "From the depths of despair I call to you, Lord; Lord, hear my cry!" I prayed and sought answers from God as to how to move past this "thing" that affected my life in such a big way. God in his infinite wisdom and gracious mercy showed me that in experiencing that hurt that I had can wound each of us in the same way and reminded me that I needed to be aware of times when I may have done something similar that wounded another of God's children.

So, the lesson I learned was to be more aware of myself and my interactions with others and put less emphasis on what others may say to me. We are all imperfect creatures needing God's forgiveness every day and I stand on the promise of 2 Corinthians 2:9 "My grace is all you need, for my power is the greatest when you are weak."

Gloria Lohr

Happy  
New Year  
2026

# January Celebrations and a Thought

## **Birthdays**

- 2 Reigan Golas
- 2 Dennis (Skip) Hockenberry
- 2 Nathan Greene
- 3 Cole Houser
- 6 Melissa Ishler
- 7 Jenn Houser
- 7 Liz Witherite
- 9 Reagan Lose
- 11 Lisa Deibler
- 11 Jackie Golas
- 11 Jaylee Lose
- 12 Denise Magill
- 12 Rich Poorbaugh
- 18 Angela Clark
- 20 Roman Henry
- 21 Brad Tomco
- 24 Jerry Dunkle
- 24 Jeri Carver
- 26 Bailey Little
- 28 Joe Price
- 29 Diana LaRoche
- 31 Winter Gresh

## **The Christian New Year**

What will your New Year's resolution be for 2026? Some people look forward to this season every year as an opportunity to reflect and reset. Others feel guilty from the hauntings of failed resolutions past. But how should the disciple of Christ treat this season?

First, we recognize that there is no distinctly Christian response to New Year's. I believe the season can bring Christians with an unmatched opportunity for reflection. Fundamental to the Christian outlook is the belief that our identity no longer rests on our own performance. To trust Christ is to finally give up on the futile pursuit of making ourselves. We are now "in Christ." He is our "wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption" (1 Corinthians 1:30). So then, while it's true that resting here is a constant struggle, this life-altering truth must be our starting point when reflecting on life change and resolutions. Nothing I do or perform can move the needle because Christ has already taken me past the finish line. "For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3).

If my life, this very moment, is hidden with Christ who is seated right now at the right hand of God, then I can close the book on other mindsets. For the Christian, "the truest and most honest parts of ourselves" is who we see when we look at Christ.

We no longer, therefore, live "into" an identity where we're trying to make ourselves. Instead, Christ has made it possible to live "out of" an identity where his righteousness has already been imputed to us -- meaning God legally accounts a believer as righteous through Christ. The Christian call, in other words, has nothing to do with achievement of something not yet gained and everything to do with living based on who we already are in Christ. Why do we "put to death what is earthly" in us and "put on . . . compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience" (Colossians 3:5, 12)? Because we have died, and our lives are now hidden with Christ in God. We resolve to live according to who we are in Christ. A Christian resolution begins in Christ.

With that said, our journey in Christ celebrates new beginnings, and the new year provides a wonderful opportunity to reevaluate and form new habits that help us connect our lives with who we are in Christ. After all, to be "baptized into Christ Jesus" means that we have both died and been raised in him. We have died to the power of sin and have been raised so that "we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:1-4). The Christian, therefore, has unique access to the Holy Spirit's power. The same power that raised Christ from the dead now works in us to raise us daily from the soul deadening way of life we formerly pursued. Christ has made it possible for us to live no longer enslaved to sin but instead enslaved to righteousness.

In closing may you reflect on these questions.

The first set has to do with rooting your life in Christ: Have I lived with awareness of who I am in Christ? Or have I fallen into the trap of trying to prove myself to God or to myself or to the world? How would my life look differently if I was more deeply rooted in my identity in Christ? These have to do with living out of my identity in Christ. What habits have you formed that prevent you from living out of who I am in Christ? How have I allowed sin to reign, leading me to obey its passions (Romans 6:12) and taking me backwards to who I used to be? What earthly practices do I need to put to death (Colossians 3:5)? What Christlike characteristics do I need to put on (Colossians 3:12)? What new habits will help me walk in newness of life?

By Casey McCall

# GREATER BUFFALO RUN VALLEY UMC OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2026-2028

Administrative Board (AD BOARD) Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday		FINANCE COMMITTEE Meets as Needed	
Curt Knepper	Chair	Donna Mitchell	Chair
Donna Mitchell	Finance Chair	Curt Knepper	Ad Board Chair
Lisa Catherman	Treasurer	Lisa Catherman	Treasurer
Dale Dixon	Trustee Chair	Lisa Deibler	Financial Secretary
Glenda Houser	SPPRC Chair	Glenda Houser	SPPRC Chair
Gloria Lohr	Lay Leader	Dale Dixon	Trustee Chair
Gloria Lohr	Recording Secretary	Glenda Houser	Auditor Chair
Diana LaRoche	Women United for Christ	Linda Bathgate	Lay Delegate
Lisa Deibler	Financial Secretary	Gloria Lohr	Lay Leader
Pastor			
STAFF/PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS		<b>Auditors</b> Glenda Houser, Tammy Leathers	
Glenda Houser	Chair 2026		
Gale Bowman	2026		
Mark Leathers	2026		
Debbie Houser	2026	<b>Lay Leader</b>	Gloria Lohr
Barry Ishler	2027	<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Gloria Lohr
Virginia Hartle	2027	<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Lisa Deibler
Cindy Dixon	2028	<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Barry & Bonnie Ishler
Lisa Deibler	2028	<b>*Treasurer</b>	Lisa Catherman
Gloria Lohr	Lay Leader	<b>Delegate to Conference</b>	Linda Bathgate
TRUSTEES & CORPORATION BOARD Meets 1st Monday		<b>Finance Depositors</b>	Jerry Dunkle, Barry Ishler
Dale Dixon	Chair 2026	<b>Safe Sanctuaries Advocate</b>	Lisa Catherman
Barry Ishler	2026		
Richard Stauffer	2026		
Blair Free	2027		
Eddie Grubb	2027		
Will Houser	2027		
Glenda Houser	2028		
Terry Emel	2028		
Chris Hogue	2028		



# February Celebrations

## Birthdays

1	Erlene Jordon
1	Jane Rishel
3	Robert G. Flick
5	Sarah Scharf
7	Zachary Spearly
8	Penny Evock
8	Adeline Lose
10	Andy Houser
10	Evelyn Emel
14	Flint Bagley
15	Meredith Houser
17	Heather Little
18	Meghan Ishler
21	Izabella Catherman
21	Chad Ishler
22	Kristin Price
24	Kendal Tumlin
27	Linda McCaslin
27	Bonnie Ryver
28	Catherine Houser

## Anniversaries

3	Larry and Gloria Lohr
20	Fred and Connie Shay

## A Look at Valentine's Day and Love

Valentine's day is not only for couples. We are also celebrating our God's unending love for us, our families, friends and every other human being on the earth.

1 Corinthians 13, often called the "Love Chapter," defines the nature of true **Christian** love. Paul tells us that the most impressive spiritual gifts—such as speaking in tongues, prophecy, or extreme self-sacrifice—are "nothing" and "worthless" if not motivated by love.

He describes 15 descriptors of how love acts and what it avoids. These are mostly verbs, reminding us that love is an active choice rather than a passive feeling. He contrasts love with temporary spiritual gifts like prophecy and knowledge, which will "pass away" when perfection comes. Love is eternal because it is part of God's nature.

In the New Testament, the Greek word used for "love" in this chapter is **agape**. Agape is a "love of the will" rather than a love of emotion or attraction. It is a deliberate choice to seek the highest good of another person, regardless of their response or whether they deserve it. It is characterized by self-giving and sacrifice, epitomized by Jesus Christ's death on the cross. It puts the welfare of others above one's own interests. Unlike romantic love, love of friends or family affection, agape is not based on feelings. It is the standard of love that allows believers to love even their enemies. It is a "fruit of the Spirit" and cannot be fully produced by human effort alone; it is poured into the hearts of believers by God.

Let us thank God for his indescribable gift of love for each one of us and help us to share it with others.

*We remember with you and offer our sincerest sympathies to those who have lost loved ones and friends.*

*Carl Ammerman*

*Steven Muirhead*

*Leon "Jim" Smith*

*Sandra Kauffman Womeldorf*

*James "Jim" Decker*

Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted by God himself. Matthew 5:14



# Love Word Search

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Find the hidden words.



K Y D S N G E G I P B E E E H  
U P A E M L G A A V E A B O N  
W R T V Q F P R R J A T P W E  
U E I E Z J R B R Z R E O P Z  
U N R I G H T E O U S N E S S  
N E B L B Q P P G F M H C J K  
N S Q E K E R S A V P P R P X  
E J E B C O P T N C M L C X Q  
R N S C V O N E T N X J J T C  
D P D O I E M D E R E F F U S  
Y N K U I O R I J E A L O U S  
R E I T R D J O N F L C G V K  
D R A K F E Z E A G X M K O F  
Z P Y Z D A S R R R L S R A W  
Q T K X B W R E V E N Y Y C N

Is **PATIENT**

Is **KIND**

Is Not **JEALOUS**

Does Not **BRAG**

Is Not **ARROGANT**

Does Not Act **UNBECOMINGLY**

Does Not Seek Its **OWN**

Is Not **PROVOKED**

Does Not Take Into Account A  
Wrong **SUFFERED**

Does Not Rejoice In  
**UNRIGHTEOUSNESS**

**REJOICES** With The Truth

**BEARS** All Things

**BELIEVES** All Things

**HOPES** All Things

**ENDURES** All Things

# March Celebrations and A Reflection

## **Birthdays**

- 1 Brooks Tumlin
- 2 Charlotte Corcelius
- 2 Ava Peters
- 3 Sam Runk
- 8 Bob Hartle
- 8 Patrick Ishler
- 12 Nicholas Ishler
- 13 Susan Houser Robinson
- 16 Robert Jarvis
- 17 Todd Emel, Jr.
- 17 Mallory Fouse
- 18 Chelsea Snook
- 19 Collin Emel
- 27 Jennifer Lohr

## **Anniversaries**

- 19 Tiffany & Chris Hogue

## **A Lenten Love Story By Christie Purifoy**

I was sure there was only one way to tell the story. The beginning was the black page in my own little copy of the wordless book. The beginning was the black bead on the bracelet I made in Vacation Bible School. The beginning was the first bullet point in every gospel tract I'd ever seen. The beginning was that first brick on the Romans Road to Salvation: *we all have sinned*. Sin, separation, estrangement: this is how the story always began. I thought I knew the story. I thought I had it right. It began with a great debt. I owed this Christ everything. This is the story I was taught, and this is the story I believed. This is the story that has shaped my whole life. And this is the story I still believe.

But I spent years crawling my way back to the beginning of the story. And ten years ago, I arrived. Desperate with pain and unmet desire, I let go of that black page. I let go of the blood-red, and I let go of the white. I'd spent my whole life clinging to my own cleanness, my own goodness, trying to pay back the debt I owed, but it no longer mattered. The only

things that mattered were these: Was I known? Was I loved?

When it no longer seemed to matter if I was good, I heard this: I see you. God didn't care if I was good. And he didn't care if I believed. But he cared that I was hurting. Because he loved me like I love my babies. And he held me like I hold my babies. He held me until I could say, like Job, "My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you."

It is Lent, and I am thinking about sin. I am thinking about the Love I encountered ten years ago. My prayer these weeks has been the same every day. It is brief and simple: *search me, O God, and know my heart*. The result has been surprisingly straightforward. It has felt like God placing a mirror right in front of my face. I can't help but see what the mirror reflects, and I cringe. I see something ugly, something so buried I would never have discovered it on my own, and I feel the expected shame. I'd like, just for a moment, to forget what I've seen. But then another thought occurs to me: it takes such love to hold up that mirror. *Thank you, God, I whisper. Thank you for loving me enough to show me this.*

It's as if God is the friend who won't let me leave the house with spinach stuck between my teeth or toilet paper clinging to my shoe. What a relief it is to have a friend like that.

And so, I have finally arrived at the black page. The black bead. The first brick. But I am not afraid. I am not ashamed. At least, not for long. Because I know what comes next. I know about the blood-red, and I know about the white.





*Ever think about giving God a gift? In Matthew we were told that when we remember those who are sick or feel forgotten it is a gift to God. Scripture says that the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'*

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**Those Serving  
our Country**

**PFC. GAVIN CLARK**

**COL. MICHAEL TUMLIN**

We remember all those serving in  
the military and our Veterans along  
with their families.



## Greater Buffalo Run Valley United Methodist Church

Worshipping to serve and praise the Lord at 9:45am, in-person in the church building. The weekly service is posted on YouTube at gbrvumc, after the church service.

### January 2026

**Acolyte** Children

**Ushers** Dale & Cindy Dixon

**Altar Flowers:** Glenda Houser In Memory of Robert Houser

	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Gloria Lohr	Glenda Houser	Emily Repka	Deb Houser
<b>CC Teachers preschool &amp; under</b>	TBD TBD	Pastor Jim No C Church	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
<b>CC Teachers Grade K-4</b>	TBD TBD	Pastor Jim No C Church	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
<b>CC Teachers Grade 5 and up</b>	TBD TBD	Pastor Jim N C Church	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
<b>Greeters</b>	Gale Bowman Donna Mitchell	Gale Bowman Donna Mitchell	Curt & Louise Knepper	Curt & Louise Knepper

### February 2026

**Acolyte** Children

**Ushers** Craig and Leslie Womeldorf

**Altar Flowers:** Larry & Gloria Lohr In Honor of their 58<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Gloria Lohr	Glenda Houser	Emily Repka	Deb Houser
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<b>CC Teachers Grade 5 and up</b>	TBD TBD	Pastor Jim No C Church	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
<b>Greeters</b>	Connie Shay Karen Bilger	Connie Shay Karen Bilger	Randy Troska Linda Bathgate	Randy Troska Emily Repka

### March 2026

**Acolyte** Children

**Ushers** Eddie Grubb & Diana LaRoche

**Altar Flowers:** Will & Debbie Houser in Memory of Gladys Fetzer

	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Gloria Lohr	Glenda Houser	Emily Repka	Deb Houser	Linda Bathgate
<b>CC Teachers preschool &amp; under</b>	TBD TBD	Pastor Jim No C Church	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
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<b>CC Teachers Grade 5 and up</b>	TBD TBD	Pastor Jim No C Church	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
<b>Greeters</b>	Pete & Connie Peters	Pete & Connie Peters	Pete & Connie Peters	Erlene Jordon Sue Whitehead	Erlene Jordon Sue Whitehead

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Upcoming Volunteer Activities

Upcoming workdays and wood distribution at the church weather permitting

- 3rd Saturday of January - March, 9 am-12 noon:

- January 17
- February 21
- March 21

Always good to let me / this group know if you are attending,  
but please come on out!

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