

Buhler's New Year Update | January 2026

Blessed New Year to our dear family and friends.

We had a wonderful Christmas and the first few weeks of January.

Let me share two highlights:

1. On December 24 we hosted our annual Turkey stew in the basement of the church. This started at 4 pm and went until just before 6 pm. At that time, our candlelight service began upstairs. We had around 100 for the meal and 170 for the candlelight service. A larger than normal percentage of those who came were completely new to our church. Several just saw our sign advertising a free meal and walked in to enjoy the warm meal and Christmas carols after. Others from the neighborhood have been coming to join us for a number of years. I consider this a Christmas present for our neighbors and I love renewing many relationships.

2). Last Sunday, four of us spent the afternoon visiting people in our community and delivering delicious meals. We met with people from our church who are currently facing cancer diagnoses. Each of the team took the lead at different homes and prayed. We also visited with some who had faced significant addictions in the past and have overcome them through faith in Christ. One gentleman is being baptized this coming Sunday. In one home a young man is still in the throes of full blown addiction. Another stop was outside under the overhead Skytrain rails where a number of young adults gather to smoke crack cocaine and fentanyl. It was tragic to see how this lifestyle has ravaged them. They were very appreciative of our visit and the warm meal. A brother from Nigeria, who was on the team, was shocked and dismayed to see drugs being taken so openly. We intend to repeat this visitation after church once a month.

Our church is currently studying Acts 2 with the theme of TOGETHERNESS. The team members and the believers we met voiced that this visitation, sharing and praying was a wonderful example of **TOGETHERNESS IN ACTION**. Everyone is looking forward to our next outing,

May you experience much joy and many blessings in the coming year.

Thank you so much for your friendship, love and togetherness.

Mark and Catherine