



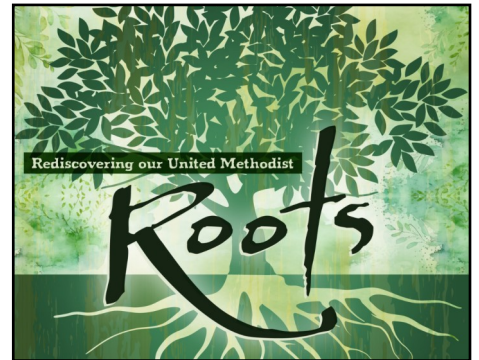
*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—May 3** **This Sunday, May 5 @ 9:00 & 10:30**

Also on Buffalo United Methodist Church's Facebook Page & YouTube!

### **New Sermon Series— Roots**

Roots give us the stability and nourishment we need to grow and break new ground. As we seek to grow in our faith as individuals and as the church, looking back at the deep roots of the Methodist movement can help us look forward to our future. More than mere traditions or rituals, our Methodist roots are evidence of God's Spirit moving through our history, the same Spirit who is breathing life into us today.



### **This Sunday — Grace** | Ephesians 2:4-10

Grace is a gift from God given freely to all people, and because of this gift we are saved. This grace is the spark that makes the Methodist fire burn, the starting point and an essential root of our theology.



### **Communion This Sunday**

Our worship this Sunday will also include Holy Communion. In the United Methodist Church, all are welcome at the table, as we understand Communion to be the gift of Jesus Christ to anyone of any age who desires a closer relationship with Him.

### **Scripture Reading** | Ephesians 2:4-10

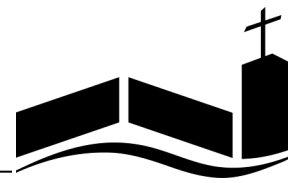
But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

### **Next Week — Baptism** | Mark 1:4-12

Baptism is God's cleansing of our original sin, initiation into Christ's Holy Church, incorporation into the body of Christ, and empowerment by the Holy Spirit for a lifelong process of discipleship in community.

**Sunday Fellowship** Check out the coffee, treats and great conversation after worship in the Fellowship Hall.





## Other Ministry Updates

- May 5** 9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service with Communion & Handbells  
10:00 am Fellowship  
10:30 am Traditional Worship Service with Communion, Mark Ochu & Handbells
- May 7** 4:00 pm Worship Design Team  
5:00 pm Marriage Class  
7:00 pm Property Team Meeting
- May 8** 6:00 pm Meals & Mission—Spaghetti
- May 12** 9:00 am Worship  
10:00 am Fellowship

### Mark Ochu on May 5

Concert pianist/organist Mark Ochu, will be playing the organ for us this Sunday at the **10:30 service**. This is a treat so bring a friend.

### Second Service

This will be the last month of our “Traditional” second service. We will resume our normal schedule of one service at **9:00 am** starting **May 12**.



### New Spirituality in Nature Group (S.I.N.G)

S.I.N.G. is a gathering of people who want to explore our connection to God in Nature. At each gathering, there

will be a variety of activities, including meeting new people with common interests, exploring nature in both group and solo time, as well as a time of sharing. Meetings will be held on select **Thursdays at 6:30 pm** of each month starting **May - Oct.** at Bertram Regional Park at the amphitheater. Participants will need the ability to both walk up to 3/4 of a mile and climb steps to reach the amphitheater.

If you enjoy meeting new people and love to be in nature, this may be the perfect opportunity for you! Join once or as many times that work for your schedule. We hope to see you there!

**May 16** - Spirituality of Water

**June 6** - Summer Solstice 1

**June 20** - Summer Solstice 2

**July 11** -Connection and Compassion 1

**July 25** -Connection and Compassion 2

**August 1** - Giving Thanks 1

**August 15** - Giving Thanks 2

**September 5** - Coming Home 1

**September 19** - Coming Home 2

**October 3** - Autumn: Harvest

**October 17** - Autumn: Harvest

### Meals and Missions

Come & join us this **Wednesday, May 8th**. We will be enjoying a meal of spaghetti at **6:00 pm** per usual, and then enjoy some time together prepping and cutting plastic shopping bags to make sleeping mats for the homeless. We will be collecting bags through May 8 so bring your plastic bags and drop them in the bin! One mat takes about 500 bags to make so we're looking for a lot!



### Help! Lawn Mowing Volunteers Sought

The Property Team is gearing up to make the summer lawn-mowing schedule. If you can help out **even once** this

summer, please let us know. Please email [Julie Bedker](#), call 612-280-2274 or sign-up on the bulletin board if you can help out.

### Fry Bread

Pastor Amy is looking for someone who can make a Native American fry bread for an Early Word. Please let her know if you can help out.

### Confirmation End of Year Picnic

Confirmation families, please check you email for important information and sign-up for the End of the Year Picnic.

### Faith Stepping Stone: Graduation

Please save the date for a special celebration of our graduating senior students on **Sunday,**

**June 2nd** during worship. Families, please get your graduates pictures in to the office soon.

