



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Aug. 29

Sunday, August 31 @ 9:00

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This Sunday — Jonah The Runaway Prophet

Join us this Sunday as guest Pastor Victor Waters shares the lessons we learn from Jonah.

Scripture Reading | Jonah Ch 1 NLT

The sailors were terrified when they heard this, for he had already told them he was running away from the Lord. "Oh, why did you do it?" they groaned. And since the storm was getting worse all the time, they asked him, "What should we do to you to stop this storm?"

"Throw me into the sea," Jonah said, "and it will become calm again. I know that this terrible storm is all my fault."

Instead, the sailors rowed even harder to get the ship to the land. But the stormy sea was too violent for them, and they couldn't make it. Then they cried out to the Lord, Jonah's God. "O Lord," they pleaded, "don't make us die for this man's sin. And don't hold us responsible for his death. O Lord, you have sent this storm upon him for your own good reasons."

Then the sailors picked Jonah up and threw him into the raging sea, and the storm stopped at once! The sailors were awestruck by the Lord's great power, and they offered him a sacrifice and vowed to serve him.

Now the Lord had arranged for a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was inside the fish for three days and three nights.

New Sermon Series — Transformed by Grace

Grace is not merely a gift but God's invitation to a relationship that can change our lives and transform the world. In this series, we will delve into stories of transformation, connecting them to our everyday experiences. You'll be encouraged to see God's presence in unexpected places and recognize the surprising ways God shows up in our lives.

Next Sunday — Called by Love

Our journey begins with the story of Zacchaeus, a tax collector whose encounter with Jesus transformed him from an agent of the state to an agent of grace. This week, we'll reflect on how Jesus calls us by name, inviting us into a life-changing relationship. Like Zacchaeus, we are called out of our comfort zones, seen and valued by God, and invited to respond with generosity and love.

Sunday Fellowship

Join us for coffee, treats, and great conversation in the Fellowship Hall after worship at 10:00 a.m.





Other Ministry Updates

- Aug 31** **9:00 am** Worship Service with Victor Waters
- 10:00 am** Fellowship Hour
- Sept 2** **1:00 pm** Guest Connection Meeting
- 5:00 pm** Worship Design Meeting
- 7:00 pm** Property Team Meeting
- Sept 7** **9:00 am** Worship Service with Communion & FSS Start of Sunday School
- 10:00 am** Breakfast Potluck
- 10:00 am** Sunday School Orientation

Did You Know?

Did you know Next Sunday is Kickoff Sunday! Come be part of the fun, fellowship, and worship but don't forget the breakfast potluck too.



Register Soon for Sunday School



Sunday School starts next Sunday and registration is open!! You should have received registration in the mail or you can [Click Here](#) to register!!

Nursery

The nursery will be closed this Sunday, **August 31**, for the holiday weekend so our volunteer staff can enjoy time off.

BUMC Outreach Continues

Wrapped In Love is a non-profit, charitable clothing store in downtown Buffalo that provides a shopping experience to families with foster and adopted children. They provide new and gently used clothing free of charge. By providing clothing to foster and adopted children, Wrapped in Love hopes to help ease their transition and give them something to call their own as well as being a much-needed resource for families to visit quickly after receiving a placement. Clothing ranges in size from newborn to adult. BUMC has agreed to be a collection site for two specific clothing needs only. We will have an ongoing collection box for **NEW** socks and "skivvies" (underwear). These are clothing items that are in high demand throughout the year for



all ages.

Please look for the large white donation box labeled "WRAPPED IN LOVE" outside of the office area and place your donation there. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check to BUMC with Wrapped in Love in the memo. Rita Varner-Otness can answer questions you may have.

From the Finance Team

Through July our year-to-date income, minus expenses is negative (4,507). As Jason stated in his verbal report during Sunday service, it is not uncommon for summer months to show negative and we anticipate those numbers to bounce back in 4th quarter. The easiest way to consider giving is through automatic online giving. Please reach out if you would like more information about online giving. Thank you for blessing our church with your faithful and generous offering!

INCOME/EXPENSE COMPARISON

	2025			
	YTD INCOME	INCOME	EXPENSE	NET YTD
JANUARY	27,058	27,058	27,271	(213)
FEBRUARY	56,031	28,973	24,826	3,934
MARCH	82,288	26,257	26,028	4,163
APRIL	106,570	24,282	23,671	4,774
MAY	125,045	18,475	26,167	(2,918)
JUNE	151,760	26,715	27,700	(3,902)
JULY	174,776	23,016	23,621	(4,507)

Confirmation Dates

- **Sunday, September 7, 10:15am** in the Sanctuary, Confirmation Sunday rehearsal which includes the kids, F.P.'s and parents
- **Sunday, September 14, 9:00am** in the worship service, Confirmation Sunday
- **Sunday 21, 9:00am** in the worship service, Confirmation Faith Stepping Stone when we welcome new students into Confirmation
- **Sunday, September 21, 10:00am** in the Youth Room, Confirmation Orientation for students, F.P.'s and parents