

# So All May Know Joy

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—Aug. 12** **This Sunday, August 14 @ 9:00 am**

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### **This Sunday - The Great Tragedy of Life** by Curtis Rieck

Think about it, almost all of us wish we had a God story, you know, like those articles we all read where God comes through for someone in an incredible way. If God exists, you'd like Him to do something for you. You'd like Him to show up and do a miracle or fix something to give you the help that you always hear about in church. Think about it, if you want to have a God story you have to invite God into your story, right! And that's what prayer is. It's this open door to say "God, I don't want to keep living like this, I don't want to live life on my own, I need a little help here!"



### **Scripture Reading**

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8 (NIV)



### **Life Hacks: Wisdom that Works August 21-Sept 4**

The Proverbs are God's original life hacks. A life hack is a simple tip that helps us be more successful in life. Each proverb is a pithy nugget of wisdom that concisely equips us to make better choices. The Proverbs may be just the life hacks that you've been looking for to breathe new hope and purpose into your days.

### **Next Sunday – The Fear of the Lord**

What does the Bible mean by "the fear of the Lord?" If God is love, how can fear of God be holy? Replacing "fear" with "reverence" doesn't seem to adequately address our problem. Is it possible that in our modern desire to embrace the grace of Jesus, we've too eagerly dismissed the wisdom of "living in the fear of the Lord?"



**Sunday Fellowship** Come and join us for Sunday fellowship after the service. Cookies, coffee, juice, and plenty of friendly people.

*Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 .*



## Other Ministry Updates

- Aug 14 9:00 am** Worship Service–Curtis Rieck Preaching  
**10:00 am** Fellowship
- Aug 16 7:00 pm** SPRC Meeting
- Aug 17 9:30 am** Reading in the Park
- Aug 21 9:00 am** Worship Service  
**10:00 am** Fellowship  
**10:00 am** Breakfast by the Beach Event

### Save the Dates!

There are some upcoming dates that you won't want to miss in the life of our church this fall. It all begins on Sunday, **September 11**, when we kick off our fall programs and celebrate being the people of God. This will include Sunday School Open House/Orientation. We'll be having a Common Hope walk in the parking lot after church, followed by a picnic. Our Wednesday night youth programs for 6th - 12th graders will begin the following **Wednesday, September 14th @ 6pm. September 18** will be Confirmation Sunday, and on Sunday, **Sept 25<sup>th</sup>** we will be holding a Ministry Fair where you'll have a chance to meet ministry leaders and find out about getting connected with our ministry teams. The BUMC Women's Retreat will be on **September 23-24. October 5<sup>th</sup>** will be our very first Wednesday night Meals and Missions Night. Finally, on Sunday, **October 16**, we'll be welcoming new members into the church. If you're interested in exploring that option, or even just learning more about our church, we'll be holding an informal class on Saturday morning, **October 1, at 10:00**. Fall is such an important time for us to be coming together as the church, so please make a point of saving these dates and giving each other the gift of your presence.

### Special Summer Fellowship Event

**Aug 21** - Breakfast by the Beach - Support Children's Ministry in service and share breakfast with us as Jesus did with his disciples! Everyone is welcome to join us right after worship in the back Fellowship Hall.

### Children's & Youth Ministry

Are you looking for ways to be involved? Do you feel called to work with children and/or youth?

We have multiple ways for you to share your gifts and are flexible with your commitment. We have a particular need for substitutes or helpers in grades 2nd - 3rd and middle school youth. If you are interested or have questions, please reach out at [Andrea@buffaloumc.com](mailto:Andrea@buffaloumc.com).

### Books Needed for Our Little Library

Our church's Little Library by the playground continues to be used regularly, and we could use more smaller sized children's books. Small numbers of book donations can go right in the library, but larger amounts can be dropped off at church office for later use.

### Play with Cool Tech in the Sanctuary

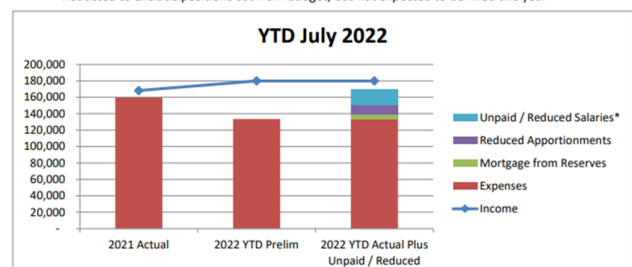
Have you sat in worship thinking how fun it would be to run the projections during the service? If yes, now is your time to shine!!! We have implemented a video/live streaming system and are looking for people to volunteer to run it during worship! The best part?? You don't even have to be a "techie" to help!! Debbie Bishop will be training anyone that is interested in helping, so contact Debbie @ [Debbie@buffaloumc.com](mailto:Debbie@buffaloumc.com)

### From the Finance Team

Due to your faithful giving, we have some wonderful news. We were able to approve back pay for all of our current staff. We also reinstated their pay to their normal rates going forward. Thank you for supporting our church.

	2021 Actual	2022 YTD Prelim	2022 YTD Actual Plus Unpaid / Reduced
Income	168,202	179,898	179,898
Expenses	159,668	133,551	133,551
Mortgage from Reserves	-	-	5,318
Reduced Apportionments	-	-	11,692
Unpaid / Reduced Salaries*	-	-	18,681

\*Reduced to exclude positions cut from budget, but not expected to be filled this year



2022 Apportionments not budgeted	\$	20,043.00
2022 Unpaid/Reduced Salaries**	\$	56,000.00
2022 Mortgage to be paid from reserves	\$	9,116.76
<b>** Adjusted Salary amount</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>32,025.00</b>