



*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—August 20**

**This Sunday, August 22 @ 9:00 am**

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

### **This Sunday - Busyness**

Curtis Rieck will share that the Psalmist wrote in Psalm 90: "Human beings are like the grass that is renewed in the morning. Though in the morning it springs up new, in the evening it fades and withers." In that part of the world, there would be life that would just last a day. And the Lesson of the Grass is that life is unspeakably precious, and time is unbelievably short. We each are given this day. We didn't earn it. We don't control it. It's a gift! And we each must decide how we are going to use it.



### **Sunday Scripture**

I tell you, don't worry about your life, what you're going to eat or drink, or your body what you're going to wear. Look at the birds of the air. They don't sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. And are you not much more valuable than they? And who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Why do you worry about clothes? See the lilies of the field. They don't labor or spin, but I tell you not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. And if that's how God clothes the grass of the field which is here today and tomorrow thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, oh you of little faith? So don't worry saying, "What will we eat, or what will we drink, or what will we wear?" because the pagans run after these things. Your Heavenly Father knows your needs. Matthew 6:25-32



### **Jonah and the Big Fish August 29-September 5**

Jonah is one of the shortest books in the Bible, yet it's filled with action that can inform every would-be Christ follower. In this short study, we'll explore the futility of trying to flee from God, the mercy God offers us when we repent, God's scandalous forgiveness of notorious sinners, and why we struggle when God's justice doesn't seem fair.

### **Next Sunday — You Can't Outrun God**

It's a scene that's played out over and over in this life. God asks us to do something, and we either play dead or head off in the opposite direction. That didn't work for Jonah, and it won't work for us.

Perhaps Jonah's prayer can help us avoid some rough days at sea and dark days in the belly of a fish! What might have happened to Jonah if he had prayed that prayer instead of running from God?



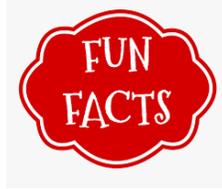


## Other Ministry Updates

### Psalms Fun Facts

#### Last weeks answers:

1. What is a "psalter?"  
B. A modern arrangement of psalms set to music
2. What is an "Acrostic" psalm?  
B. Psalms in which each verse begins with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet



### Coming Up in Ministry

- Aug 22** 9:00 am Worship Service In-person & online  
10:00 am Fellowship Time
- Aug 23** 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl
- Aug 24** 7:00 pm SPRC Meeting
- Aug 25** 9:30 am Reading in the Park
- Aug 29** 9:00 am Worship Service In-person & online  
10:00 am Fellowship Time

### Register for Sunday School



As the start of school approaches quickly, so does the start of Sunday School!! We are getting things rolling, so there are a few things we wanted you to know!

We are SO excited to be back together for Sunday School! In an effort to protect our kids (and to stay in person) the Leadership Team has decided we are going to encourage all kids to wear masks during Sunday School. As always, please reach out to me if you have concerns around this or would like to discuss further. Sunday School will be starting on **Sept 12** so the sooner you can register your child, the more help it will be in planning classes. You can click [here](#) to register or grab a hard copy form at church! Sunday School will be held each Sunday morning from **10:00 – 11:00am**. At this point, we are going to forgo music time, so the kids will go directly to Sunday School at 10:00.

Did I mention how HAPPY we are to be back together again? I encourage each one of you to think about a friend you could bring to Sunday School with you that may not know the joy that loving Jesus brings!

### Children's and Family Ministry Coordinator

The SPRC is searching for a new Children's Ministry Coordinator, If you're interested in exploring the possibility of serving our families in this way, please contact Debbie Bishop, Ministry and Worship Coordinator. [Click here for a current job description and Application.](#)



### Summer Reading in the Park Continues!

Our Summer Reading in the Park program continues each **Wednesday from 9:30 – 10:30 am** through August 25. Please help spread the word!!

### Growing Disciples

As we look to our BUMC Fall Kickoff in September, the Adult Disciple Vision Team is putting together opportunities for you. Book Groups: Sign up sheets are posted on the entry bulletin board at church. Do you have a BUMC group you are already involved with that would like to participate in a book group together? There are two book choices: *Before We Were Yours* and *American Dirt*. Each group will meet one time to talk about the book they have read.

Study Group: Five Sundays after worship, **September 19-October 17**. We will be using Adam Hamilton's book, *The Walk*, which will be following the sermon series of Pastor Bill.

Study Resources: Have you been curious about starting a Bible/book self study or studies with a group? What resources are their for me to use? How do I get started? Do I have time to do this? Well ask no more. On September 26 the ADVT will have a table in the entry with available resources and people there to answer your questions. Please stop and take a look and grab the resource handout. It will offer you some great ideas.

