



Buffalo United Methodist Church
...serving people for Jesus Christ so that we all may know joy!

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The Weekly Joy

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Today

The Gospel's Final Fishing Story - The final fishing story in the Gospels is a reassuring one, reminding the Apostles that Jesus has risen from the dead and continues to be their living savior and Lord. It's also a challenging story, as we are reminded that Jesus has called and sent us on mission, sometimes going where we "don't want to go.

- 8:15 Joyful Praise Worship
- 9:15 Fellowship Coffee Hour
- 9:45 Traditional Celebration Worship

Next Sunday

Lessons from the Farm: Stuck in the Mud - Nobody wants to be stuck in the mud, and yet that's the condition we find ourselves in apart from Jesus. In the parable of the sower, Jesus describes for us some of the ways that we can get unstuck and live a fruitful life of joy in God's kingdom.

Welcome, Guests!

*We welcome all guests to worship!
 If you have questions, ask anyone with a red nametag for information about our church.*

Prayer Matters...

- Bonnie Kelly (Senior) fell and broke her pelvis this week.
- Traci Lay's Aunt Wendy will soon begin treatment for advanced cancer.
- Pat Bowe has been diagnosed with early stage pancreatic cancer and will be undergoing surgery and treatment.
- Jeanne Wermager's brother-in-law, Floyd, did not get good CAT results and began autoimmune therapies.

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Education Opportunities

Sunday School classes are on summer hiatus. If you would like to start an adult small group for summer, staff can help you find resources.

Here's What is Happening

It's Not Too Late to Donate Blood!

BUMC hosts our fourth blood drive for Memorial Blood Center **today from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**. Blood supplies are woefully short in summer months, so every donation matters! We started doing these "Hearts & Hope" drives in honor of congregants going through chemotherapy. Walk-in slots are available, so donate if you can!

Penny Wars Continue!

This year's penny wars will support the "We Can Be the Change" all-church mission event and runs through **July 23** with winners announced on July 30.



Remember, dollars and silver are "points" and go in your team's jar. Pennies are "negative" – put those in the opposing team's jar to count against them. Keep bringing your pocket change as well as \$1's, \$5's, \$10's and \$20's. This is a great cause as we work together to serve people locally!!

"We Can Be the Change" All-Church Mission Event July 28-30

A waterfall starts with a single drop...help us make a difference in someone's life! Sign up to be part of our "We Can Be the Change" mission crew! We'll schedule local projects over three days F-Su July 28-30. Info and sign-up at the table in entryway. You can sign up for all three days, or just a few hours – whatever works for your schedule. All ages welcome as there will be many different levels of jobs to do. Sign up today to be part of this great local mission!

Financial Statements Available

Quarterly giving statements (through June) are now available in the entryway. Please save us a stamp and pick yours up!

This Week in Ministry

Tuesday		
July 18	7:00 pm	SPRC Team Meeting
Wednesday		
July 19	9:30 am	Summer Reading Program
	6:00 pm	Faith Connections – Light Meal
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Worship
	6:30 pm	Growing with God for kids
	7:10 pm	Youth Group (grades 7-12)
	7:15 pm	Joyful Praise
Sunday		
July 23	8:15 am	Joyful Praise Worship
	9:15 am	Fellowship
	9:45 am	Traditional Celebration Worship

Ministry Updates

Wednesday Faith Connections for All

Our Wednesday Faith Connections worship and more continue through July with a 40-minute service from 6:30-7:10 on **July 19 & 26**. “Growing with God” children’s activities/VBS will run from 6:30-7:30. Stay for fellowship and/or a faith discussion after if you wish. A light meal will be served at 6:00. Youth (grades 7-12) will have activities following worship until 8:00.

This week’s message is “In an Instant” with Curtis Rieck. Do you need to feel Christ’s touch today? Learn to surrender to his compassion and love.

Summer Reading & Fun Wednesdays

Our summer reading and fun at the playground on **Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 am** is underway and will continue every Wednesday through August. Volunteer readers will share stories aloud for different ages. Older kids are welcome to bring books and read their own if they prefer. Books are also available onsite. (*Book donations are welcome!*) After reading time there will be snacks and time to play.

Volunteers will focus on reading, so direct child supervision is not provided. All are welcome – who can you invite? Indoors if it rains.

Meals on Wheels – New Process!

August is our month to deliver meals on wheels, but it’s a new process – pick up meals from the Buffalo Community Center at 11:30 (around back). We still need 3 drivers per day, but only Mon-Fri, no weekend delivery. Sign up in the entryway to help with this act of kindness.

Could You Use a Little Help?

Do you or someone you know have a job they could use help with – painting, yardwork, cleaning? Our “We Can Be the Change” mission crew would love to help out for a couple hours or for a day! Please fill out a nomination form and we’ll schedule a time July 28-30.

Connecting with Campers

We are so excited to have 12 children signed up to attend UM camps this summer!! Pick up a *Connecting with Campers* address sheet and camp schedule in the entryway and bless these campers by sending them a note at camp.

UMW Rummage Sale in August

The UMW will host a church rummage sale August 16-18, so start gathering your cast-offs now! Talk with Sara Gaeth if you can volunteer with set-up, sales or baking. We receive items here beginning Sunday, August 13.

BUMPreschool Openings

Our preschool has just received a 4-Star Parent Aware rating!! And we have just hired an eager new teaching assistant, Jenny Hanson. Several openings in our 3-year-old class and just one in the 4-5 class. Open house is August 2 at 6:00 pm. Please help spread the word about our fabulous preschool!

Wesley Meal on July 29

We serve a meal at Wesley UMC in Minneapolis on **Saturday, July 29**, leaving church at 8 am and returning around 2:00 pm. We need a couple more volunteers, and 10 white cakes. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help in either way

Congregational Care Team

The newly organized Congregational Care Team will meet between services in the adult conference room at 9:15 am this morning. Others who are interested in serving in the area are welcome to be a part of the group. They plan on meeting on August 20, same room, same time.