



The Joy Connection

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Worship Events

Sunday, July 1

*Acting Out:
Signs and Wonders*
Acts 3:1-10
Acts 4:1-12

Holy Communion

Sunday, July 8

*Acting Out: Reaching
Escape Velocity Graduate*
Acts 7:51-8:1a
Acts 8:1b-8, 14-17

Sunday, July 15

Acting Out: Doing a 180
Acts 9:1-18
Acts 9:19-31

Sunday, July 22

Acting Out: Strange People
Acts 11:1-10
Acts 11:15-18

Sunday, July 29

*Acting Out:
Expect the Unexpected*
Acts 12:1-7
Acts 12:9-16

Sunday Schedule

Joyful Praise Worship
8:15 am

Education & Fellowship Hour
9:15-9:45 am

Celebration Worship
9:45 am

I Surrender!

The ways we interpret our days reveal a great deal about who we are, whether it's the internal self-talk or the comments we make to another person. I recently said to a colleague, "I'm having one of those days where I'm just trying not to hurt myself." You know that kind of day- first one thing goes wrong and then another. Pretty soon, you're looking for more examples to validate your theory that you're having a bad day. Telling ourselves and others that we're having a bad day is a sure-fire way to make that happen.

By "bad," I mean, of course, that something happens in a way that we hadn't planned or expected. And then, failing to find that the universe conforms to our expectations for the day, we get crabby or depressed and start to act out that bad day into the lives of others. That's not how I want to live, and I'm quite certain that's not how Jesus wants me to live.

One spiritual practice that helps me when I find myself heading down the road of frustration, anger, and even worry, is the prayer of surrender. The idea is as simple or as complicated as you need it to be. The simplest form is to take a deep breath in, slowly exhale, and say to God, "I surrender this situation to you, including all my frustrations and fears. Help me to see this through your eyes." Do that as often as you need to before the Holy Spirit calms your heart and mind.

While breath prayers are helpful in the moment, I sometime inoculate myself at the beginning of a day by quietly opening my heart to God and then systematically surrendering (or releasing) various situations and people to God. I try not to be too structured with this and simply let the Holy Spirit guide me to those people, places, thoughts, and hopes that I need to place into God's hands. My prayers often start with my family and friends, my church and church relationships, my calling as a pastor, my health, and very often my schedule. I surrender worrisome politics and world crises. I surrender what other people may think of me and how I may want to be thought of. I take my money and possessions and place them into the hands of Jesus. Ultimately, I strive to surrender all of my will and my very self.

Bad days happen, but often they don't really have to be bad. Try practicing some form of the prayer of surrender and see if it doesn't invite God's Holy Spirit to help you in new ways.

Blessings,
Pastor Bill

✠ *Spiritual Growth*

Read Along in Acts This Summer!

Our summer-long worship series is focused on the Book of Acts – an amazing account of God’s Spirit unleashed among God’s people to bring the transforming love of Jesus to the whole world! You’re encouraged to read along in your Bible.

Also, we encourage you to consider the ways you will participate in our #BUMCActingOut campaign. This is an outreach effort around telling our story beyond the walls of the church through mission and acts of kindness, but also through social media. We want to let people know that we are living our faith in very real ways! Don’t be shy – stop by the “photo frames” in the entryway at church and help us be a church that truly “acts out!”

Please note that if you wish to share your photo on social media, you should **leave out the punctuation** - #BUMCActingOut - fun to see your pics online!

S'More Worship This Summer

Summer can be a challenging time to stay connected with your church family, and mid-week services for those who are gone on the weekends can help. So instead of just the Sunday worship option, we will have **S'more** services this summer on Wednesday evenings July 11, 18, 25 and August 1. And there will be **S'more** happening than just worship!

- Light supper is served at 6:00 pm
- Informal worship from 6:30-7:10, outdoors if weather allows
- Children’s Vacation Bible School from 6:30-7:15
- Fellowship from 7:10 – ? with, you guessed it, – **s'mores!** Also opportunity for brief discussion, recreation, youth group, or Bible study, music rehearsals – whatever people want!

Is God calling you to help provide suppers, music support, or possible worship leadership? Please talk with Pastor Bill, Curtis, Debbie or Laurie if you are willing to serve.

UM Creation Care Summit

On July 26-29 Hamline University hosts this national event, put together by Minnesota EarthKeepers. It is designed for United Methodists concerned about environmental justice, sustainable food, transportation options, energy systems, climate change, and environmental degradation.

This gathering will explore ways to facilitate greater ministry effectiveness in caring for creation through collaborations. Must register by July 15. Details and registration info available at www.umcreationcaresummit.org

Worship

Upcoming Worship Events

- July 1** **Holy Communion; Guest music leader** Andrea Olson
- July 11** **S'More Wednesday Worship** 6:30-7:15; dinner at 6:00 pm
- July 15** **Heartstrings Trio** (John Hagen, Kellie Strub & Bob Strommen) provide music leadership
- July 18** **S'More Wednesday Worship** 6:30-7:15; dinner at 6:00 pm
- July 25** **S'More Wednesday Worship** 6:30-7:15; dinner at 6:00 pm

Worship Service at Parkview

Our congregation’s next time leading worship at Parkview is on **Sunday, July 1**. Join Pastor Bill for the service at **the Parkview Care Center Chapel at 2:00 pm**.

Worship Attendance

	Early	Late	Total
May 27	61	59	120
June 3	150	50	200
June 10	151	53	204
June 17	89	60	149

♥ *Ministry & Missions*

Little Library “Open for Business”

Did you know that our little library is up and running out by the playground? The good news is that we are already running low on books as people have begun to use it. If you have children’s or adult books that you would like to donate, please bring them to church and/or go use the library yourself. Take a book or two, add a book or two – it’s that simple!



Life Happens! A Caring Ministry

Life Happens is a monthly ministry where guest speakers share first-hand experiences on difficult topics, helping us know what to do and what to say to let people know we care. Join us on the **2nd Monday of each month from 7:15-8:15 pm**. We meet in the fellowship hall for a time of listening, learning, caring and dessert. Come occasionally or every month, and bring a friend if you wish.

July Life Happens:

Monday, July 9, 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Facing Paralysis

With Rob Wills, former US para-Olympian,

United Methodist Women Update

All women are invited to gather with the UMW on **Thursday, July 12 at 1:00** at church. The program will be assembling hygiene care kits for UMCOR. A sign-up sheet for the specific supplies and quantities needed will be posted by June 30 for those wishing to bring items.

Send a Greeting to Our Homebound

Are you thinking about sending a card or letter to the homebound in our congregation? There are several copies of addresses posted on the bulletin board in the entry way. This would be a great way to show God’s love.

Yankee Doodling on July 7

Join us on **Saturday, July 7** as we go “Yankee Doodling” to care centers and our homebound folks, singing old favorite patriotic songs and hymns. It’s great fun and can truly make someone’s day. (No need to be a great singer – it’s all about heart!)

We are working on setting up the timeframe as we line up our stops, but would probably be from mid- to late afternoon. See Craig Lilja or Laurie Schroeder for details.

Also, if you know someone who’d appreciate the visit, let us know that as well.

Connecting with Campers

We encourage you to pray for our summer campers, and if you’d like, drop them a note while they’re at camp. Pick up a complete list of campers and camp addresses at church. Also, if someone in your family registers, or is not on this list, be sure to let us know so we can add their name!

Avari Reid	July 29-Aug 3
Collin Aaron	August 2-4
Anthony Hanson	August 5-10
Jacob Goth	August 5-10
Gabriel Dorado	August 5-10

The Lydia Project – Purple Scarves!

The 2020 UM General Conference will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center. All UM churches in the Dakotas and Minnesota Conferences are invited to participate in the “Lydia Project” – an all-out effort to knit or crochet 10,000 purple scarves to give every delegate, dignitary, bishop and spouse in attendance. Our BUMC prayer shawl group has a goal of 75 scarves by May 2019. If you might knit/crochet a purple scarf to help us, or have questions please contact Dianne McLain at 763-682-2260. Details are: 6-7” wide, 6 feet long and any pattern of your choice BUT the color must be solid purple; as in the Vikings color.

Frozen Meals Available

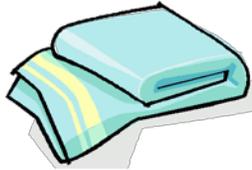
It’s time to clean out the freezer!! There are soups left (turkey and pea) in the storeroom freezer for you to give. PLEASE feel free to share the blessing of a surprise meal or two with someone today!

Men's "Fix It" Crew Can Help!

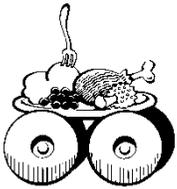
Have you been 'at a loss' trying to fix something, install something or move something heavy in your home? Our Men's Fellowship reminds you that we have several men who are available at no cost to assist you if you are unable to do the work yourself. Call Craig at 763-682-1994 if you could use some help.

Blankets for Beds

Summer is here and it's a great time to clean out your closets and donate gently used blankets, bedding and towels for local distribution. New items are also welcome. If you need items picked up at your home, call Dianne McLain at 763-682-2260.



Deliver Meals on Wheels in August



Remember, August is our month to deliver Meals on Wheels to people in Buffalo. It only takes about 45 minutes to an hour of your time. Meals are picked up between 11:30-11:45 at the back

door of the community center. There are three routes, so **we need three drivers each day, Monday through Friday only.** If you aren't familiar with Buffalo, we can team you up with someone who is. Watch for the sign-up calendar at church by mid-July!

Share Your Extra Produce

Bring extra garden produce on Sunday mornings to share with your church family. Freewill donations will help replenish the family fund. This is a great way to be good stewards, promote healthy eating, and support those in need! Please try to bring items in clean containers and minimize dirt if possible.

Socks for the Homeless

You're invited to donate new socks for men and women. We will be collecting them through October and blessing the homeless with these gifts. Thank you for your support! Call Jan Heyerdahl with questions; her cell phone is 612-483-5092.

Adopt our Playground

Looking for ways to Act Out the Gospel this summer? With summer in full swing and more families than ever using the new playground at the Methodist-City Park, the park is occasionally in need of some TLC. We are in need of some people to periodically: 1) rake/shovel the pea gravel and wood chips to fill in under and around the play equipment; 2) Sweep up loose gravel, sand, and wood chips that has spilled over the concrete curbing; and 3) Do a general walk around for trash pick-up and taking note of any equipment that might need repair. Talk to Martyn Dibben if this is your new summer ministry!

**GET YOUR
RID OF
STUFF**

Rummage Sale August 15-17

Start collecting your cast-offs! The UMW will sponsor a rummage sale in the fellowship hall on **August 15-17 (W-F)**. All proceeds will support UMW mission projects. We need lots of items to sell and volunteers to make this sale possible. All proceeds will go toward UMW Missions.

To Volunteer: Talk to Paulette Moore about helping with sorting and set-up Sunday-Wednesday Aug. 12-15 or with the sale August 15(eve) – Friday the 17th.

To Donate: Items can be brought to the church Sunday, Monday or Tuesday August 12-14. Please, no electronic, large furniture, or gym equipment. Items to bring are books, small household items, dishes, clean clothing, toys and games, nick-knacks, table linens, bedding, collectibles and baked items.

To Buy: The sale will run **5:00-8:00 pm on Wednesday; Thursday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm and Friday 8:00-noon.**

Fun & Fellowship

Diners Out Fellowship Gatherings

This fellowship ministry meets on the 4th Thursday of each month through September. Great way to get better acquainted with friends of Buffalo UMC, so join us for dinner and a time of fellowship at Perkins restaurant on **Thursday, July 26 at 5:30 pm.** For questions or a ride, call Dave & Sara Gaeth at 763-682-4964.

Thursday Game Gathering July 5

The monthly "game gathering" is on **Thursday, July 5 from 1:00-4:00 pm.** Bring a snack to share. Coffee provided. Board games, dominos, bridge, and other games are played. Relax and enjoy a fun afternoon.

United Methodist Day with the Twins

Reserve tickets before July 16 for United Methodist Day at Target Field on **July 30, 7:10 p.m.** Join Bishop Ough and other United Methodists as the Twins take on the Texas Rangers. Tickets are \$31 on The Deck or \$16 on the Home Run Porch. \$3 of every ticket sale goes to UMCOR Disaster Response. Contact the church office or go online for ordering details.



Confirmation

Confirmation Schedule

June 30 Last Wesley Meal for students
Aug 1 Mission/Service hours and worship notes are due

Welcome, 7th Graders!

This fall our 8th grade confirmation students will welcome a new batch of incoming students into the process of knowing and growing in Jesus. Letters to incoming 7th graders are sent in July, so think about possible faith partners! Please do not contact faith partners yourself - just list the names of those you might

want. If you know a youth interested in our confirmation program, see Pastor Bill ASAP.

Ministry Team Reports

Finance Team Report

May memorial and special gift giving was extraordinary, allowing us to fully fund the Sanctuary Technology Upgrade project. Thank you for your generous support of this critical project! We continue to faithfully make monthly apportionment payments to the Annual Conference, which is BUMC's portion of the support of worldwide missions such as UMCOR and Conference staff such as our Bishop and District Superintendents. Our general giving for BUMC ministries, staff, and building is somewhat below operating expenses for the year by about \$5,600. You can help us keep these ministries fully funded by catching up with your estimate of giving, enrolling in Electronic Funds Transfer, and/or making a special summer offering gift.

MCCI Team Updates

MCCI teams continue to work hard behind the scenes, setting the stage for God to break through in new ways at BUMC. The **Confirmation Design Team** is completing the finishing touches on a new confirmation program and preparing a streamlined orientation process. The **Adult Discipleship Team** is working on S'more worship discussions and fall spiritual growth offerings. Our **Signage Audit Team** is working with the **Rebranding Team** and Property Team to design new exterior signage for the front of the church. They are also evaluating how to improve the visibility of the lighted street sign. Our **Guest Connections Team** continues to provide "Ask Me" hospitality to newcomers on Sunday mornings and will at Wednesday evening worship. The **Rebranding Team** is developing new bulletin and newsletter formats to freshen up the look with clear and compelling visuals. The **Sunday Morning Schedule Feasibility Team** has surveyed neighboring churches and will talk with church ministry teams to better understand the scheduling needs, constraint, and opportunities of our congregation. Keep up the great work!



Our Church Family

Willis Kiphuth's 85th Birthday

An open house party will be held in honor of Willis' 85th birthday on **Saturday, June 30 from 1:00-3:00 pm** at Parkview Chapel. If you can't make the party, cards are welcome!

Prayer Matters...

- After having his port put in, Merlin Swanson did not feel well and experienced severe swelling so they moved up his first dialysis to June 20. Pray for improvement as he begins dialysis.
- Pray for Pat Bowe to have healing and pain relief, and for infection to cease. She had multiple surgeries to put in biliary tubes, and then another to take the tube out and replace it with a stent. She had three surgeries in 8 days!
- Willis Kiphuth is settled in at Parkview in Buffalo receiving comfort care.
- Wendy Fitch asks for continued prayers for her friend, Amy, who is undergoing chemo and radiation for a brain tumor.
- Bill Augustin is scheduled to come home June 29. Please pray for him and for Mary to have strength in body and in spirit during this transition and as he continues his recovery.
- Traci Lay asks for continued prayers for her father, Dale. He has tendon neuropathy in his leg, and keeps re-injuring it, trying to do too much. Pray for a spirit lift as well as bodily healing.
- Kelly Stokes asks for prayers for her friend, Jen Braun, who found out she has cancer again. They are still trying to figure out what kind.
- Dana Sampson ask prayers for her sister, Jennifer, who is experiencing heart implications related to her open heart surgery done last year.
- Pray for our Summer Reading in the Park program to connect with new people who might be seeking a faith connection in their lives.

Celebrations:

- Prayers of blessing and thanksgiving for Keaton & Rachel (McConnon) Anderson, as they were married here on June 16.
- Celebration on the baptisms of the three Sturm children - Aria, Kadance & Owen - who were baptized here on Sunday, June 17.
- Stephanie Mutterer asks that we give thanks to God for her niece Emma's great report scores following ovarian cancer. God is good!

Thank You from:

- Dale Lay (Traci's dad): *"Thank you all for your many prayers. Though I thought I had been safety-conscious in my ladder climbing, something went terribly wrong and my wife found me lying on the ground with the ladder on top of me. After being rushed to North Memorial, I eventually transferred to the Estates at Delano to recover with rest and physical therapy. I don't remember falling and according to the staff at Delano, I may never remember. Without your prayers, I don't know where I'd be now. Thank you. God really is good!"*

Embracing our Brokenness

By Laurie Schroeder

Far too many days, the world feels broken to me. And despair creeps in. But I know in my heart that it will get me nothing and nowhere to pull the covers over my head and try to avoid interaction. I was recently reminded that the world feels broken because it is full of broken people. And that sometimes when we embrace all that is vulnerable and broken within ourselves, we might be able to then help someone else do the same.

Bryan Stevenson said *"I guess I'd always known but never fully considered that being broken is what makes us human. We all have our reasons. Sometimes we're fractured by the choices we make; sometimes we're shattered by things we would never have chosen. But our brokenness is also the source of our common humanity, the basis for our shared search for comfort, meaning, and healing. Our shared vulnerability and imperfection nurtures and sustains our capacity for compassion. We have a choice. We can embrace our humanness, which means embracing our broken natures and the compassion that remains our best hope for healing. Or we can deny our brokenness, forswear compassion, and, as a result, deny our own humanity... But simply punishing the broken—walking away from them or hiding them from sight—only ensures that they remain broken and we do, too. There is no wholeness outside of our reciprocal humanity... Embracing our brokenness creates a need for mercy."*

Reading that reminded me that it really is our call as Christians...embrace our own brokenness and need for Christ's redemption, then provide mercy with empathy and hope to others. Some days it seems overwhelming, but avoiding others leaves me sitting in my own brokenness. Romans 13:8 says *"Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law."*

(Bryan is a lawyer, social justice activist, and founder of the National Memorial for Peace and Justice.)



Preschool Staff:

Melissa Ungaro, director
 Christine Hartke, 3-year-old & 4/5 teacher
 Jenny Hanson, teaching assistant

What's Up in Preschool?

Enrollment for the fall is progressing nicely! The 4/5 class has 9 students and the 3 year old class meets T-TH from 9-11:30 and has 6 spots currently filled, also with ongoing tours for the remaining spots. We do have scholarship requests for both classes, so please consider a donation.

Are you looking for ways to contribute to our wonderful and gracious preschool? There are several ways in which one can help, besides donating to our scholarship program. We have a Program Enhancement Fund/Wish List Fund! We have a great benefit here of having the local Gym Nation program come in every week for our 4/5 class and every other week for our 3's class. They help teach direct fine and large muscle development as well as health and nutrition for our students. This is highly talked about here and many people greatly appreciate having this as an option for their children.

We do two field trips a year, one as a large group and then one per class. The cost of these can get quite high with bus transportation, and we would love to be able to do onsite/outreach field trips, that would emphasis the themes we teach. Some of these are going to a green house, having the Como Zoo come to us, visiting the Buffalo Community Toy Workshop, and local apple orchards just to name a few.

Then we have our supplies and craft items. As many know, that after years of use, things break. As careful as we are to take care of things, they just wear out. Cleaning out your closets and finding things that you just don't feel like throwing away? Buttons, cotton balls, felt, bells, ribbon, an abundance of paper plates, spoons, napkins, toilet paper rolls? As the year progresses we will include updates on craft supplies that we are looking for and themes we will be doing that perhaps you can help with! Look for them in your weekly Sunday bulletins.

Did I mention that we would love to have church members volunteer their time to talk with us? We have many wonderful themes each year that perhaps you have a specialty or interest in, would like to come and share with our classes? If you do, let us know so we can plug it into our curriculum.

For 2018-2019, Christine Hartke will continue as lead teacher for both classes, with Jennifer Hanson as our assistant in both classes. Melissa Ungaro will continue to take on the enthusiastic job of Director of BUMPreschool and will happily give tours of our fine facility all summer as needed, so please pass the word to interested families. Our website is up-to- date and full of valuable information, registration forms and pictures as well.

To all of our young families, we wish you a happy, safe and awesome enjoyment of God's wonderful world during these glorious summer months in Minnesota!

Melissa Ungaro, Dir.



Connection Points

Ministries and fellowship opportunities meeting at regularly scheduled times

United Methodist Women

Every 2nd Thursday of the month



All women are invited to join in the fellowship hall monthly to spend time in fellowship and devotions, and to learn more about the missions supported by the UMW.

This Month: Thursday, July 12 at 1:00 pm
Program: Making Care Kits for UMCOR
Hostesses: Linda Bostic & Linda Sherman

United Methodist Men's Fellowship

Every 3rd Saturday of the month

Men of the church interested in service, faith and fellowship are invited to come meet with other men for fellowship, devotion and fund raising projects. The meetings begin with breakfast at 7:30 am.

This month: on hiatus for the summer



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Every 4th Monday



Gather at Arlene Nelson's home at Park Terrace at 1:00 pm to knit or crochet shawls for people who might be homebound, in the hospital, grieving, or in other challenging situations. Call Dianne McLain at 763-682-2260 with questions.

This month: on hiatus for summer – resuming in September

Thursday Gatherings

Every 1st Thursday of the month

Gather in the fellowship hall at 1:00 pm for a time of fellowship playing games and occasional service project. Bring a favorite game and snacks. All are welcome! Call Esther Kiphuth at 763-477-6221 if you have questions.

This month: Thursday, July 5 at 1:00 pm



Adult Bible Study

Every Thursday



An ongoing traditional Bible study meets at Paulette Moore's home. All are welcome to join this study long- or short-term as able. Call Paulette for details at: 763-276-7435.

Currently studying 2 Peter, then will start Revelation.

Weekly: Thursdays at 6:30 pm

Diners Out Fellowship Gathering

Every 4th Thursday of the month

Gather at Perkins May-September at 5:30 pm for food and fellowship. Primarily active seniors, but all welcome! Call Sara Gaeth at 682-4964.

This month: Thursday, July 26



Praise & Coffee

Every 1st Monday of the month



Gather at Perkins for coffee, fellowship and a spirit of praise! All welcome – men, women, young or old! Call Sheryl Lehman at 763-229-0340.

This month: July 2 at 6:00 pm



Children & Family Info

Buffalo United Methodist Church

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Summer Reading in The Park!



Our summer Reading & Fun in the Park is underway and continues every **Wednesday from 9:30 am -10:30 through August 22.**

Volunteer readers read books aloud and lead activities for children of all ages, with a fun theme each week at our fabulous playground. On **June 27 will be The Cat in the Hat!!** Older children who prefer to read on their own may bring their own book, or we'll have some books on hand. Snacks and play time will follow reading time.

We hope you will come when you can, and better yet, bring a friend along! This is a great opportunity for kids to see their church friends in the summer, and for us as a church to connect with the neighborhood and community.

Also, book donations are welcome, so if you have children's books around your home that your children have outgrown, we'll take them for our readers and our new Little Library!

Friends are welcome!! Parents, bring your kids and stay for the informal campfire worship if you like. Amy Buchholtz is our fearless leader, so see either her or Debbie Bishop with questions.

Volunteer with Sunday School

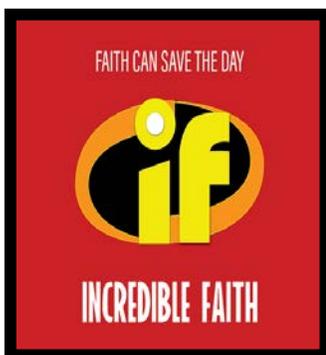
Our Sunday School team had an amazing year teaching your kids all about the love of Jesus!! As always, it takes many volunteers to make it all happen! We are already recruiting SS teachers and helpers for this fall. Pray about this ministry and let us know if you feel called to serve as a teacher or classroom helper. There is also a need for resource room helpers on Sunday mornings to help collect offerings, take attendance, and organize supplies. If you are interested in being part of this important ministry, please let Debbie Bishop know and she will find a spot for you!

Register Kids for Sunday School

We're already gearing up for Sunday School classes which start on **September 9** between our Sunday morning services from 9:20-10:20 am. Children age 3 (by September 1) through 6th grade need to register. Pick up a form to complete at church, or feel free to fill it out online at www.buffaloumc.com. Do you have a friend that may be interested in Sunday School as well? Your invitation might be just the encouragement someone needs to come and find out more about Jesus!

"Like" Us on Facebook

If you're a Facebook user, be sure to "like" our Buffalo United Methodist Family Ministries page to stay connected and get updates on things happening. Post your thoughts there, too.



"Incredible Faith" Evenings in July

We will hold four VBS-style children's events on **Wednesdays July 11, 18, 25, and August 1** in tandem with our Wednesday evening S'More worship!

Kids (age 3 through 6th grade) will learn about the "super" heroes of the Bible and how their **Incredible** faith in God allowed them to be used to save the day!! Each week will be a different "super hero!" Come each week to complete your very own super hero cape!! Even if you can't be here every week, we hope you'll come as often as you can.

Debbie Bishop, Children's Ministries Coordinator
www.BuffaloUMC.org 763-682-3538

UPCOMING STUFF



ALL STUDENTS GRADES 7-12

Are invited to join us in
the youth room
Wednesday July 11, 18 &
Aug 1

Dinner: 6:00
Worship: 6:30
Youth Group: 7:15



We Can Be The Change...
Buffalo United Methodist Church

COMING Aug. 17-19!
A waterfall begins with one drop
of water. **ONE** life can
make a difference.
Change your world!
Get involved!



**"Where Everybody
Knows Your Name!"**

CURTIS R. RIECK
Curtis@buffaloumc.com

(The guy who should know stuff)
NODOTS NO STARS



He Has Begun a Good Work in You

Sometimes I feel like my walk with Christ has been the same for a long time, and I don't really feel like anything is changing. I imagine I am not the only one who feels like this on occasion.

Here is the reality, God is making each person who is a believer into the image of Christ. The day we are complete will be the day Jesus returns to earth. Until then we can believe and know that God is NOT finished with us, even when we feel stuck in one spot. God is working on us every day, using the littlest things in our lives to make us more like Jesus.

We may feel guilty at times, falling away from God or even just trying to do things our own way. The enemy, Satan, knows how easy it is for us to get upset over feeling guilty, past sins or even our walks with Christ. He is the one who brings to mind those things we don't really need to think about.

The world may look to be falling apart. You may feel like you are stuck in the same spot. Your prayers may be bouncing off the ceiling, or you may feel God has left you. **HOWEVER**, our faith is not based on feelings but on God. We walk by faith, not by sight. God is always working.

Don't leave God out of your summer! And have patience with yourself. God is working, you never need to figure anything out by yourself.

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6

WE CAN BE THE CHANGE

August 17-19

**An all-church mission weekend
for ages 1 to 101**

SIGN-UP sheets are available in the entryway at church for you to volunteer. If you know of a project someone needs done, please let Curtis know.

NEEDED: Workers, volunteer treat makers, loans of garden tools, people to visit the elderly, people to give away free hot dogs and pop. There is a way to be involved for every person!

Inquiries to 763.682.3538

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Kindness is the language
which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

July Schedules

Scripture Reader Schedule Traditional Celebration Service 9:45	
July 1	Reader Needed
July 8	Dianne McLain
July 15	Julie Bedker
July 22	Sara Gaeth
July 29	Reader Needed
Coffee Server Schedule	
July 1	UEC – Bonnie Kelly Jr. & Bonnie Kelly Sr.
July 8	Natalie Roeser & Glenda Vidmar
July 15	Lisa McConnon & Darla Frink
July 22	Don & Jeanne Wermager
July 29	Georgia Docherty & Help Needed
Usher Schedule	
8:15 am	
July 1	Tim & Kathy Maiden
July 8	Dave & Pam Sieberg
July 15	Troy & Laura Carter
July 22	Dexter & Sheryl Lehman
July 29	Troy & Kathy Hanson
9:45 am	
July 1	Ivan Erickson, Lester Hamann
July 8	Ivan Erickson & Iona Markley
July 15	Linda Bostic & Jeremy Carlson
July 22	Linda Sherman & Help Needed
July 29	Iona Markley & Sue Sorsoleil

Looking Ahead... Items to Put on Your Calendar	
August 1	Confirmation Hours and Notes Due
August 5	UMW Muffin Sunday
August 15-17	UMW Garage Sale
August 17-19	We Can Be The Change
August 25	Saturday Awakenings with Marianne Kreitlow
August 26	Blood Drive
September 9	Rally Sunday—Fall Schedule!
September 16	Confirmation Sunday
September 22	UMW Big Water Fall Gathering
September 26	Confirmation Starts
September 29	Wesley Meal



Information

Resources

Current issues of the *Upper Room* are available in the entry-way for a nominal donation.

Prayer Requests

Call the office or use the cards available in the fill out the in the pew rack. Turn them in to the pastor before services on Sunday morning for inclusion in announcements.

Prayer Circle

Please call the church office at 763-682-3538 with prayer concerns or to be part of the prayer circle.

Flowers for the Altar

Do you have a special event or person you want to honor with flowers some Sunday? Call the office or place your check for \$39 in the offering marked "flowers" and we will order.

Please let the church office know:

- If your telephone number, e-mail address or mailing address change.
- When a member of your family is hospitalized or in need of pastoral care.
- If you would like Holy Communion brought to you.
- If you know of someone in the congregation that could use a delivered meal.

July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Holy Communion <i>Andrea Olson, guest musician</i> 2:00 pm Park View Service 7:30 pm AA (FH)	2 9:00 am Commodity Distribution 10:00 am AA 6:00 pm Praise & Coffee 7:30 pm AA	3 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Weight Watchers 7:00 pm Property Team Meeting	4 Office Closed – 4 th of July 	5 1:00 pm Thursday Game Gathering 6:00 pm Women's AA	6	7 9:00 am AA
8 7:30 pm AA	9 10:00 am AA 6:30pm BeFrienders 7:15 pm Life Happens! 7:30 pm AA	10 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Weight Watchers 7:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting	11 8:30 am Weight Watchers 9:30 pm Summer Reading 6:00 pm Supper 6:30 pm Incredible Faith VBS 6:30 pm S'More Worship 7:15 pm Youth Group	12 1:00 pm UMW 6:00 pm Women's AA	13	14 9:00 am AA
15 Heartstrings in worship 7:30 pm AA	16 10:00 am AA 12:30 am MS Support Group 7:30 pm AA	17 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Weight Watchers 7:00 pm Staff Parish Meeting	18 8:30 am Weight Watchers 9:30 pm Summer Reading 6:00 pm Supper 6:30 pm Incredible Faith VBS 6:30 pm S'More Worship 7:15 pm Youth Group 7:15 pm Joyful Praise Rehearsal	19 <i>August Newsletter Article Deadline</i> 6:00 pm Women's AA	20 	21 9:00 am AA
22 7:30 pm AA	23 <i>Youth Mission STORM</i> 10:00 am AA 7:30 pm AA	24 <i>Youth Mission STORM</i> 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Weight Watchers	25 <i>Youth Mission STORM</i> 8:30 am Weight Watchers 9:30 pm Summer Reading 6:00 pm Supper 6:30 pm Incredible Faith VBS 6:30 pm S'More Worship	26 <i>Youth Mission STORM</i> 5:30 pm Diners Out Gathering 6:00 pm Women's AA	27 <i>Youth Mission STORM</i> 10:00 am Newsletter Assembly	28 <i>UMW Mission U Too</i> 9:00 am AA
29 7:30 pm AA	30 <i>UM Twins Day</i> 10:00 am AA 7:30 pm AA	30 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Weight Watchers 7:00 pm Finance Team Meeting	Sunday Schedule 8:15 am Joyful Praise Worship 9:15 am Fellowship 9:45 am Traditional Worship			



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S'More Worship This Summer

Wednesday Evenings
July 11, 18, 25 & August 1

Light Supper at 6 pm
Outdoor Worship & VBS 6:30 pm
7:10 s'mores

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