

So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—July 24

This Sunday, July 26, 9:00 am

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

Second Chances: Stories of Restoration and Redemption Series Continues

The message of the Gospel is that no matter where we are or what we've done, God sees beyond our imperfections, loves us, forgives us and offers us a new life.



Three Mothers in the Gospels –July 26

A woman with a possessed daughter, a woman with a dead son, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, witness to his crucifixion. Jesus gave all three second chances, either by reversing their circumstances or by forging new family ties. Even a mother's pain is not beyond the ability of Jesus to redeem.

Worship Now on YouTube as Well as Facebook!

“Worship now on You-Tube as well! For those who prefer to not use Facebook, you'll now find a YouTube link to our Sunday worship on our church website. The link will be posted each

Sunday morning on the “Worship” page of our website BuffaloUMC.org. So join us each Sunday for our Facebook Premiere Viewing Party at 9:00 am, OR watch on our new BUMC YouTube Channel!

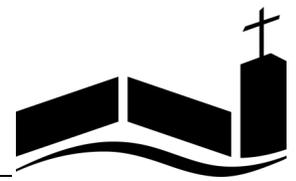
Wednesday Evening “Praise and Prayer” Worship Gathering July 29 at 7:00 pm

We had a wonderful Wednesday evening worship service last week at church with participants both in person and on Facebook Live! Join us this coming **Wednesday, July 29 at 7:00 pm** for our next outdoor worship! This is your chance to gather (at a distance) here at church (weather permitting), or to again watch on Facebook as a livestream! Just go to our church's FB page. If you come to church, bring your face mask and a lawn chair or blanket. We will include some music in the service.

Learning More about Racism - Following the Wednesday evening service at around 7:30 pm, we'll have a short gathering put together by our BUMC Adult Discipleship Team to hear about resources on racism which you may wish to consider reading or listening to. We'll include not just books, but also podcasts, online posts, and movies. If you have a resource for which you would like to share a short review, either in person or in writing, please let Rita Varner-Otness or Laurie Schroeder know ASAP! Many of the resources we are recommending are from a Christian perspective, though others may be secular. Our hope is that sharing some of the commentaries from others may inspire all of us to seek out more information in order to learn and grow in awareness and understanding.



Additionally, the team is planning a Zoom presentation for August on the topic of racism, so watch for details on that.



Other Ministry Updates

Confirmation Sunday & Classes 2020-2021

Planning for the 2020-2021 Confirmation year is underway, with the current plan being an **online service of confirmation on August 30 or September 7**. Confirmation classes will resume on Wednesday evenings (Zoom or in a safe, in-person format) in September. Like educators everywhere, we are preparing to adjust to whatever the current situation is in Minnesota with the pandemic. Current students and parents should check their email for important updates from Pastor Bill (please remember to check your "Junk Mail" folder). Prospective new students should have received a letter in the mail. If you didn't receive one, please reach out to Michelle Jones with your interest.

Meals on Wheels Drivers Sought!

August is typically our month to deliver meals on wheels in Buffalo. They are indeed delivering out of the Buffalo Community Center. If you feel safe delivering meals, it is a true gift to many who depend on the meals. **This year you will sign up directly on line using SignUpGenius.** There is a link on our webpage, or you may type this in: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094fa5ae2ba6fa7-august2>

Learn about Rain Gardens

You may have seen the video by the Liljas on rain gardens at the end of worship last Sunday, or found it online, but if you didn't and you are interested in learning more, go to our BUMC Hopeful EarthKeepers YouTube channel to view it and learn about rain gardens. We plan to install one at church, and you may want to consider one at your home! The easiest way to find it is from our church's webpage where there is a link to it, as well as links to some great additional information on putting in a rain garden.



Access to the church office remains available by appointment and the church telephone will continue to be answered (remotely) during business hours.

Staying Connected during Pandemic

Remember to pick up the phone or drop a note or email to your church family to offer a word of support and stay connected. Those who live alone especially appreciate hearing from you, and the rest of us need social connections beyond our households, too!

- Ken Weese reports that Roxie can now have visitors for a short time Monday through Friday. Call Lorraine at 320-274-3434 to make an appointment for a 30-minute outdoor visits.
- Dennie Bowe passed away on July 19 a short time after going into hospice. The family appreciates your prayers and support.
- During the pandemic when some are not comfortable having homemade meals brought to their homes, send gift cards for takeout to families who are going through tough times. You may also want to donate to our family fund, designated for someone in particular or for general use by Pastor Bill.

Ways to Give Your Tithes and Offerings

God's call to ministry is ongoing in summer and regardless of pandemics, so your gifts really matter to the life of the church! Here are the varied ways you can give:

- EFT (automated giving) helps maintain cash flow and can be set up through Patty
- Mailing in your offerings is also great— send to BUMC at 609 8th St NW, Buffalo 55313
- Use free online banking BillPay.
- Give on our website or our Facebook page by clicking on the "give" link. Do remember that whenever you use a credit card, the fees use up a portion of your gift, however.

This Week in Ministry

- July 26 **9:00 am Online Worship on Facebook**
July 28 **Finance Team Meeting** online
July 29 **7:00 pm Praise & Prayer Worship** gathering at church; also livestreamed to watch from home
7:30 pm Resources on Racism sharing
August 1 BUMC Meals on Wheels delivery begins
August 2 **9:00 am Online Worship**