



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—July 29

This Sunday, July 31 @ 9:00 am

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

This Sunday - Drop That Bacon-Wrapped Shrimp?

One enduring debate in the church is how much of the Old Testament law still applies to Christians. Although orthodox Jews still abstain from foods such as shrimp and bacon, most Christians see those dietary prohibitions as antiquated. Why is that? And what was their purpose anyway?

Believe It or Not!

*Drop That
Bacon-Wrapped
Shrimp?*



Scripture Reading

Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Give the following instructions to the people of Israel.

"Of all the land animals, these are the ones you may use for food.

You may eat any animal that has completely split hooves and chews the cud. You may not, however, eat the following animals that have split hooves or that chew the cud, but not both. The camel chews the cud but does not have split hooves, so it is ceremonially unclean for you. The hyrax chews the cud but does not have split hooves, so it is unclean. The hare chews the cud but does not have split hooves, so it is unclean. The pig has evenly split hooves but does not chew the cud, so it is unclean. You may not eat the meat of these animals or even touch their carcasses. They are ceremonially unclean for you.

"Of all the marine animals, these are ones you may use for food. You may eat anything from the water if it has both fins and scales, whether taken from salt water or from streams. But you must never eat animals from the sea or from rivers that do not have both fins and scales. They are detestable to you. This applies both to little creatures that live in shallow water and to all creatures that live in deep water. They will always be detestable to you. You must never eat their meat or even touch their dead bodies. Any marine animal that does not have both fins and scales is detestable to you.

Leviticus 11:1-12 NLT



Next Sunday – Service With a Smile

We often think of service to others as an obligation, either as a requirement of our employment or our duty as Christians. Believe it or not, service with a smile wasn't invented by the hospitality industry. Jesus has given us all gifts that we are to share with others by serving them in love. As we learn to do that with joy, we discover our true purpose in life.

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





Other Ministry Updates

- July 31** 9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Fellowship
10:00 am Friendship Bracelet Event
10:00 am Congregational Care Team
- August 1** 9:00 am Commodity Distribution
6:30 pm BeFrienders
- August 2** 7:00 pm Property Team
- August 3** 9:30 am Reading in the Park
3:00 pm Guest Connections Team
- August 6** 8:00 am Worship Design Team
- August 7** 9:00 am Worship Service-Communion
10:00 am Fellowship
10:00 am Using Words Wisely Event
10:00 am Women in Action Meeting

Good News from Finance and SPR

As many of you recall, staff pay was significantly reduced at the beginning of 2022 due to where our budget projections were around that time. However, many people in the congregation responded by increasing their giving and pledges. At their meeting last Tuesday, the Finance Team determined that your generous giving to date and projected giving is strong enough relative to our expenses to allow us to make the following immediate actions:

1. Staff pay will be restored to 2021 levels.
 2. Staff will receive back pay making up for the reductions for January 1 to present.
- Finance is confident that with your continued giving at the present levels, we'll be able to take these actions, as well as fully meet our Conference apportionment obligations and mortgage payments for 2022 without relying on reserve funds. The Finance Team thanks everyone who stepped up with their giving during these challenging times, and the Staff-Parish Team thanks the staff who worked at reduced pay levels for so long for the sake of the church.

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. If you are interested or have questions, please reach out to Andrea at Andrea@buffaloumc.com.

Save the Date!

The BUMC Women's Retreat will be on **September 23-24**. More information to follow.



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.

Mentimeter!

This Sunday is the last Mentimeter quiz about some of the strangest stories in the Bible. Have your mobile browser pointed to www.menti.com, or scan this QR code with your camera and select "join another quiz". We'll give you the quiz code each Sunday when we're ready to begin. Look for this week's questions and answers on the back page of the Weekly Connection.



Devotionals and Online Resources

UMC list of daily and weekly devotionals from around the country: [Click Here](#)

The Upper Room (Daily devotional): [Click Here](#)

Terry Hershey Sabbath Moment (weekly devotional): [Click Here](#)

Asbury Seedbed (Daily devotional from JD Walt of Asbury Seminary): [Click Here](#)

Insight for Living (Daily devotionals from Chuck Swindoll) [Click Here](#)

Billy Graham Association (Daily Devotional) [Click Here](#)

BibleGateway. Multiple Bible translations along with some great study tools: [Click Here](#)

Sheryl Lehman's prayer resource website: [Click Here](#)



Other Ministry Updates

Special Summer Fellowship Events

July 31 - Wise Friendships! We'll be watching a short video and making bracelets to share with friends!

Aug 7 - Using Words Wisely! We'll be watching a short video learning how our words matter and what toothpaste has to do with it!

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.

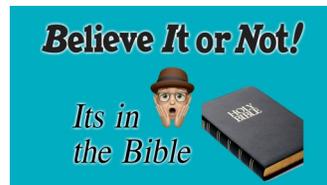
Deliver Meals on Wheels This August



August is our month to deliver Meals on Wheels. There are still open shifts to fill. Meals are picked up from the Buffalo Community Center at **11:00 am** (around back). Sign up [Here](#) or in

the entryway using the QR code to help with this act of kindness.

Believe It or Not! Strange Facts from the Bible: Answers



July 24

Leviticus prohibited the people of Israel from eating which of these land animals?

B. Camels

Leviticus prohibited the people of Israel from eating which of these birds?

D. Eagle Owl

Leviticus prohibited the people of Israel from eating which of these marine animals?

D. Anything without both fins and scales

Leviticus prohibited the people of Israel from eating which of these insects?

A. Bees

July 31

What was the name of the man living among the tombs that Jesus met?

A. Lazarus B. Nathaniel C. Jairus D. Legion

When Jesus drove the evil spirits from the man living among the tombs, where did they ask to be sent?

- A. Back to hell, where they came from
- B. Into the empty tombs
- C. Into a herd of pigs
- D. Into the air

What happened to the pigs?

- A. They went into the water and drowned
- B. They were sacrificed as a burnt offering
- C. They began to talk, begging to be let free
- D. They went in search of a spider named Charlotte

How did the witnesses respond to the incident with the pigs?

- A. They shouted in disbelief and began praising God
- B. Many became disciples of Jesus
- C. Some said, "Is that bacon I smell?"
- D. They pleaded with Jesus to go away

Women in Action

Early in 2020 Debbie Bishop started the Women in Action group. COVID put an end to activities for this team. We would like to see the group start up again. There will be a re-organization meeting after the Sunday service, **10 a.m.** on **August 7**. Rita Varner-Otness will be leading this meeting and group. We will talk about kick starting this group again and some activities that are being planned and how the Women in Action can be a part of those events. If you want to be in Women in Action again or start new with us, but can't come to the meeting August 7, please let Rita know. If your interest and ability to be involved has changed and you can no longer be involved, please contact Rita. Rita's email is ritaraevo@gmail.com or call 763-682-5256.



Nursery Help Wanted

We are looking to expand our nursery staff. Sunday mornings (8:45-10:15, \$20). If you are interested in learning more about

this opportunity, please contact Andrea at Andrea@buffaloumc.com.