

# So All May Know Joy

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—July 2**

**This Sunday, July 4 @ 9:00 am**

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

### **This Sunday - Confidence in God's Presence**

The psalms contain a curious blend of confident assurances of God's presence, and plaintive pleas for God to come close. That's simply the human experience. We know in our heads that God will never abandon us, but our hearts quake when we search for God and come up empty. Praying the psalms instructs our hearts to trust in God's presence.



### **Sunday Scripture**

The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name. Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.  
Psalm 23 (NLT)

### **Communion This Sunday**

Our worship this Sunday will also include Holy Communion. In The United Methodist Church, all are welcome at the table, as we understand Communion to be the gift of Jesus Christ to anyone of any age who desires a closer relationship with Him. If you are worshipping at home remember to gather your items representing the bread and the wine as we gather in spirit around Christ's table. If you don't have bread and grape juice, crackers and water are a great substitute.



### **Sunday Fellowship Time**

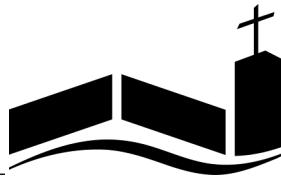
Please join us after worship this Sunday and every Sunday in the Fellowship Hall for coffee & treats.



Trust in  
God's Righteousness

### **Next Sunday — Trust in God's Righteousness**

The psalms are full of contrasts between Godly people and sinners, as well as God's blessings on the former and judgment of the latter. God's righteous love can sound like bad news to those who take an honest inventory of their own heart. But God's love prevails, and the grace of Jesus will make us white as snow.



## Other Ministry Updates

### Psalms Fun Facts

Test your Bible knowledge by trying to answer these questions. We'll pose different questions each week in the Weekly Connection, with the answers revealed in worship the following Sunday (we'll also include answers from last week's questions in the Connection). You're encouraged to use your Bibles or the internet if you don't know the answers!

### FUN FACTS

1. Approximately what percentage of New Testament quotations of the Old Testament involve psalms?

- A. 10% B. 30% C. 50% D. 70%

2. About half of the psalms are attributed to what author(s)?

- A. David  
B. Solomon  
C. The Sons of Korah  
D. Wisdom

#### Last weeks answers:

1. The Psalms were composed over a period of approximately how long? **C. 1,000 years**

2. Compared with other books of the Bible, the Psalms are how large in terms of word count?

**C. The third largest, behind Jeremiah and Genesis**

### BUMC Fun Nights in July!

July is going to be a month of Fellowship at BUMC! Not only are we meeting back in person for Fellowship each week after the 9:00 service, but we are planning some fun Wednesday nights outdoors as well! See below for more info on each week and mark your calendars now!

**July 14 - Join us on Wednesday, July 14 at 6:00 PM** for our first **BUMC Fun Night!** The Jumpin Jehosafats are coming to entertain us outside in the parking lot. You won't be able to keep your toes from tapping! This group of United Methodist pastors has performed together since 1985 and their philosophy is summed up by one

of the leaders this way:

*"I believe God wants us to have fun. We're designed to laugh and sing and dance. That's one of the ways God lifts our spirits."*

Bring a chair and a picnic dinner if you'd like and we'll supply the ice cream! Hope to see you there!

**July 21**—Cornhole Tournament/Outdoor Game Night! Bring your skills or cheer on the opponents! Either way, it will be a fun evening!

**July 28**—Water, Water Everywhere! Water balloons, water games, and maybe...a dunk tank!

### Hospitality Volunteers

Thank you to all the hard working Fellowship time Coffee servers. You all have done such a great job in serving us after Worship. If you would like to volunteer to help in this ministry, contact Michelle in the church office or sign up on the bulletin board.

### Nursery Attendant Wanted

BUMC is hoping to resume offering a Sunday morning nursery soon, but before we do that, we need to hire a Nursery Attendant. The hours are currently 8:30-10:30 each Sunday morning, and the pay is \$14.25/hour. This could be a summer gig or be a more permanent hire, depending on your interest and fit. Now that we're live streaming, you can even watch the worship service in the nursery! Let Michelle know if you're interested.



### Help Teach or Assist with Sunday School!



Do you have any interest in being a SS co-teacher, substitute or helper this Fall? Pray about this ministry and let us know if you feel called to serve as a teacher or classroom helper. Please let Debbie Bishop know if you are interested in helping in any way!



## Other Ministry Updates

- July 4**   **9:00 am** Worship Service In-person & online—Holy Communion  
**10:00 am** Fellowship Time
- July 6**   **7:00 pm** Property Team Meeting
- July 7**   **9:30 am** Reading in the Park
- July 11**   **9:00 am** Worship Service In-person & online  
**10:00 am** Fellowship Time

### Children's and Family Ministry Coordinator

The SPRC will begin a search for a new Children's Ministry Coordinator, with an emphasis on developing a strong return to in-person ministries for the fall. If you're interested in exploring the possibility of serving our families in this way, please contact Debbie Bishop, Ministry and Worship Coordinator. Debbie will also be the central point of contact for Children's ministries until the position is filled.

### Upcoming Celebrations of Life

**July 18**, Kris Carlson Informal reception, **1-3pm** at Church

**July 24**, Ivan and Janice Erickson  
**10am** Funeral,  
**9am** Visitation at Church

**July 24**, Willard Kreitlow (**2:30pm** at Bertram Park, contact Mariénne Kreitlow)

**August 7**, Dana Sampson (**11am, visitation at 10**)  
**September 11**, Carolyn McCandless (Ruth Vail's sister) (**11am, visitation at 10**)



### FREE Summer Reading in the Park is Underway!

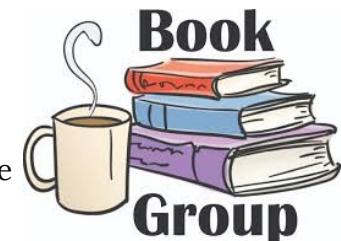
Our Summer Reading in the Park program continues each **Wednesday from 9:30 – 10:30 am** through August 25. Each week a guest reader shares a favorite book and then other fun activities are planned around the theme of the book. Please help spread the word!!

### Prayer Reminder from the Adult Discipleship Vision Team

When you feel a need to pray, and you're not sure where to start; When you feel called to pray, and you can't find the words; When you want to pray, because you know God cares; When you know a conversation with God is needed; Try this, prayers based on scripture. A safe place to pray. [Link Here](#)

### Book Groups

We are looking for book suggestions and book group hosts for July and August. What books have you read or like to read that others will enjoy also? We would like to have groups gather informally at church or at in home settings once or twice a month. All groups do not have to be reading the same book. Please let Rita Varner-Otness know of any book selections and/or your interest in hosting a group.



### Blankets for Beds

Donate new or gently used blankets/linens by calling the church office for drop off. The need is still great.

### Don't Forget Our Little Free Library!

Our Little Free Library down by the playground continues to be well used. Remember, you can place books for children or adults in it at any time, and perhaps take a book home to read!



### BUMC Prayer Labyrinth is Open

Find the labyrinth on the grounds behind the church on the north side. Resources to help guide your experience are available in the box. You are welcome anytime!