



*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—July 9**

**This Sunday, July 11 @ 9:00 am**

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

### **This 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.

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### **Sunday Scripture**

Sin whispers to the wicked, deep within their hearts. They have no fear of God at all. In their blind conceit, they cannot see how wicked they really are. Everything they say is crooked and deceitful. They refuse to act wisely or do good. They lie awake at night, hatching sinful plots. Their actions are never good. They make no attempt to turn from evil. Your unfailing love, O LORD, is as vast as the heavens; your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the ocean depths. You care for people and animals alike, O LORD. How precious is your unfailing love, O God! All humanity finds shelter in the shadow of your wings. You feed them from the abundance of your own house, letting them drink from your river of delights.

For you are the fountain of life, the light by which we see. Pour out your unfailing love on those who love you; give justice to those with honest hearts. Don't let the proud trample me or the wicked push me around. Look! Those who do evil have fallen! They are thrown down, never to rise again. Psalm 36 (NLT)

### **Sunday Fellowship Time**

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

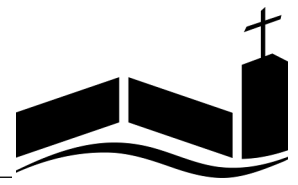


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### **Next Sunday — Cry Out to God for Help**

Lament is a natural part of the human experience, the express of dismay, need, or sadness. Even Jesus cried out in lament to God. The psalms contain some of the most colorful expressions of lament in the Bible. As we learn to pray the psalms, we can find new expression for the depths of our human experience.



## 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!



1. The Word "psalm" comes from the Hebrew word meaning:
  - A. Prayer
  - B. Song
  - C. Petition
  - D. Poem
2. Which of the following is not a category of psalm in the Bible?
  - A. Royal Psalms
  - B. Psalms of Lament
  - C. Psalms of Praise
  - D. Psalms of Jubilation

### Last weeks answers:

1. Approximately what percentage of New Testament quotations of the Old Testament involve psalms? **C. 50%**
2. About half of the psalms are attributed to what author(s)? **A. David**

### 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.*

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! Not a game player? Pastor Bill will bring his juggling equipment and teach you some basic skills! Either way, it will be a fun evening!

**July 28**—Water, Water Everywhere! Water balloons, water games, and Pastor Bill in a dunk tank!

### Confirmation Table Leaders Wanted

Pastor Bill and Jan Heyerdahl are looking for two adults to participate in our Wednesday night Confirmation program as Table Leaders. The



role of the Table Leader is to sit at a table with a small group of our students and lead small-group discussions that happen during the course of our teaching, There are 17 such nights scheduled during the school year during our regular meeting time of Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30pm. Pastor Bill participates in the class as well as Jan Heyerdahl, our main teacher. We have a roster of substitute Table Leaders in the event you have a schedule conflict. Our Table Leaders in the past have valued the chance to get to know our youth better. We have a well-defined curriculum with workbooks, so don't feel you have to have a great deal of knowledge to serve in this way. Please talk to Pastor Bill for more information.

### 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!



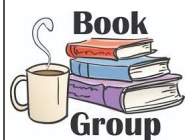


## Other Ministry Updates

- July 11** 9:00 am Worship Service In-person & online  
10:00 am Fellowship Time
- July 13** 7:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting
- July 14** 9:30 am Reading in the Park  
6:00 pm Fun Night - Jumpin Jehosafats Concert
- July 17** 8:00 am STORM
- July 18** 9:00 am Worship Service In-person & online  
10:00 am Fellowship Time  
1:00 pm Kris Carlson Memorial

### Book Groups

Two books have been suggested as very good books to read for our BUMC book groups. One is, *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate and the other is, *American Dirt* by Jeanine



**Book Group**

Cummins. *Before We Were Yours* is based on the heartbreaking true scandal of Georgia Tann, a woman whose Memphis adoption center kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families. Authors praised the novel for its “heart-racing” and shocking tale of struggle, hope, and redemption. *American Dirt* is an urgent, blistering, unforgettable book. In her portrayal of Lydia and Luca, a mother and son forced to leave their Mexican home, Jeanine Cummins has given face to migrants everywhere who flee violence and near-certain death in search of only one thing: a chance at life.

Would you be willing to have the book group come to your home or gather the group at church? There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board at church where you can indicate your interest to participate in these book groups and to also be a host if desired. You can also contact Rita Varner-Otness at 763-682-5256.

### 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.



### Children’s and Family Ministry Coordinator



The SPRC had begun 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.

[Click here for a current job description and application.](#)

### 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!!