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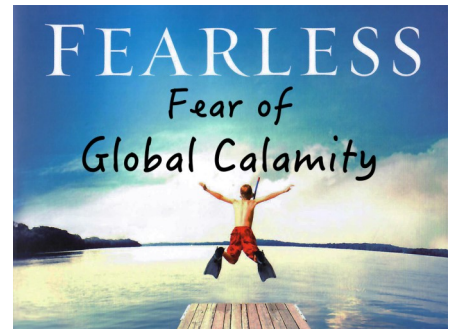
BUMC Weekly Connection—June 11

This Sunday, June 13 @ 9:00 am

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

This Sunday - Fear of Global Calamity

Pandemics, climate change, and world war are a regular feature of life on earth. Jesus warns us not to be fooled into believing that the troubles we face in this world signal the time of his return. No matter the calamities we may face, God has promised to make a new heaven and earth, marked by God's presence and the River of Life.



Sunday Scripture

Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives. His disciples came to him privately and said, "Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will signal your return and the end of the world?"

Jesus told them, "Don't let anyone mislead you, for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah.' They will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately. Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.

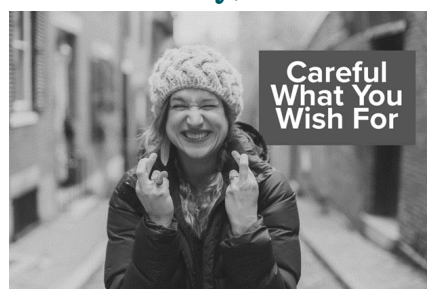
"Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my followers. And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other. And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people. Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.

Matthew 24:3-14 (NLT)

Sunday Fellowship Time

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

Next Sunday, June 20 — Be Careful What You Wish For!



Curtis Rieck will be sharing that lots of us, especially in America, find ourselves looking to "be like other 'nations'," to keep up with the proverbial Joneses, whoever they might be. We are living in an era of unprecedented prosperity. But, for those of us who have a special relationship with the Lord (as the nation of Israel had), a relationship that has taught us what is ultimately important (and conversely what is NOT important) reminds us to be careful what you wish for.





Other Ministry Updates

Graduate Recognition on June 20

Remember, we will recognize and bless our graduating seniors on Sunday, June 20. Please get your senior photos into the office.

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! Times and more info will be coming, but mark your calendars now!

July 14 (6:00pm) - Bring a picnic dinner, have some ice cream, and enjoy listening to an outdoor concert by the Jumpin' Jehosafats!

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!

Book Groups

As we finish up our first book groups on "Being Fearless", we are looking for book suggestions and book group hosts for July and August. What books have you read or liking 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, whatever the group prefers. 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 around a cup of coffee or cool drinks on the deck.

Summer Reading in the Park Starts June 23

Our Summer Reading in The Park program kicks off on **June 23** and continues each **Wednesday from 9:30 - 10:30 am** through August 25. Not only do we have esteemed readers from our congregation, but here are just a few of the guest readers lined up!

- **June 23:** The Rodeo Queen
- **July 21:** Mayor Teri Lachermeier
- **August 4:** The Dairy Princess

Please help us spread the word about this great ministry in "The Park!!"

Upcoming Celebrations of Life

July 18, Kris Carlson (Informal reception, **1-3pm**)

July 24, Ivan and Janice Erickson

July 24, Willard Kreitlow (**2pm** at Bertram Park, contact Marienne Kreitlow)



Tornado Kit Collection and Packing Event

From June 1-20, you're invited to donate supplies and/or a monetary donation to make tornado kits for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC), a depot of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). You can either purchase the supplies listed below or make a \$50 donation per kit to the church or directly to MMDC (please don't purchase plastic totes, as they prefer to have use the same totes for all the kits). We will meet after church on **June 27** to box up the supplies **at 10:15am**. There are many ways you can help. You can purchase supplies from the following list, purchase an entire kit, donate money to purchase supplies, or make a \$50 donation to the church.

- 2 pairs of work gloves
- 24 1 gallon size resealable bags
- 2 permanent markers
- 1 roll of duct tape—prefer colored
- 2 dust masks—no surgical
- 24 trash bags—heavy duty—33-45 gallon size
- 24 clear/white trash bags—20-33 gallon size

2021 Walk For Hope is done but not over!

If you are still interested in helping out, please click [HERE](#) to donate until June 13. Your donation provides opportunities for kids in Guatemala to go to school!

Coming Up in Ministry

- June 13** **9:00 am Worship Service** In-person & online
10:00 am Fellowship Time
- June 14** **7:00 pm** Book Group meeting—*Fearless*
- June 15** **Faith Statements for Confirmation Deadline**
- June 20** **9:00 am Worship Service** In-person & online— Senior Recognition
10:00 am Fellowship Time