



The Joy Connection

June 2017

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Worship Events

Sunday, June 4

Stories of Courage: Prayer

Acts 2:1-8, 14-21

Acts 4:23-31

Holy Communion

FSS Graduate Blessing

Sunday, June 11

Curtis R. Rieck Preaching

How's Your Backyard?

Pharaoh & The Exodus

Exodus 8:1-10

Camper Blessing

Love Offering

Sunday, June 18

Going Fishing: Cast Your

Nets into the Deep Waters

Luke 5:1-11

Sunday, June 25

Going Fishing:

Fishing for People

Matthew 4:12-13, 17-22

Sunday Schedule

Joyful Praise Worship

8:15 am

Education & Fellowship Hour

9:15-9:45 am

Celebration Worship

9:45 am

Summer Sailing with Jesus

If you've ever been on a sail boat, then you know that the excitement that comes when the wind comes up and the boat heels over on edge and takes on speed, cutting through the waves. Unfortunately, the thrill of the speed and the on-edge posture of the boat can also create a bit of risk and consternation of capsizing. Being the church is a little bit like sailing a boat. We're on a mission to make disciples of Jesus for the transformation and healing of the world. Since we're on a mission, that means we need the wind of the Holy Spirit in our sails to move forward. And wherever there's wind, there's bound to be those ominous waves of change. It's quite a dilemma. Do we stay stuck in a lull, safe for the moment but ultimately doomed for lack of food and drinking water? Or do we hoist the sails and risk the waves, surrendering to the Holy Spirit for the joyful ride of a lifetime to discover the promised land?

The original disciples of Jesus had plenty of experience with sail boats. Do you recall that sailing trip that was immortalized in Mark 4:35-41? Scripture tells us that "a furious squall came up." A squall is a sudden, violent wind or storm. As Jesus slept in the back of the boat, the disciples were afraid they were about to die. The famed painter Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn created *The Storm on the Sea of Galilee* in 1633 as his artistic impression of that fateful crossing. I invite you to Google that and take a close look at the faces and the body language of the people on the boat. If you look closely, you'll see that there are fourteen people on the boat: Jesus, the twelve disciples, and Rembrandt himself!

Some of the disciples appear to be hard at work attending to the rigging and sails. One disciple is seasick at the edge of the boat, while one is valiantly trying to take control of the storm with the rudder. One disciple is hanging on for dear life, while another is deep in prayer. One disciple appears to be ignoring the storm, while two disciples are venting at Jesus for letting the boat be tossed on the waves.

As we sail forward into June and beyond, which of these disciples will you be? The winds of change are inevitable. Ultimately, the only thing we can really control is how we'll respond when they come. Remember that whatever comes our way this year, we're in this together and Jesus is in the boat with us. We need not fear the waves.

Blessings,
Pastor Bill

Buffalo United Methodist Church

...serving people for Jesus Christ so that we all may know joy!

Grow in Love of God and Neighbor

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul & mind and
love your neighbors as yourself Matthew 22:37-40*

Introduce People to Jesus

*Therefore, go and make disciples of all people...
Matthew 28:19-20*

Heal a Broken World

*The spirit of the Lord is upon us to bring good news to the poor
Luke 4:16-21*

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Spiritual Growth

Summer Worship Series

Many of the great gospel stories have something to do with fishing. Jesus called fishermen to be his disciples; he preached from the fishing boats; he called his followers to “fish for people,” he multiplied the fish and the loaves to feed the multitudes, he told parables about fishing, and the last scene we see in the gospels is Jesus helping his disciples fish. This summer we’re “**Going Fishing**” in worship as we hear the fishing stories in the Gospels on Sundays June 18-July 16.

There are lots of wonderful fishing metaphors in the scripture, and we’ll explore them together this summer.

Mid-Week Worship in July

Summer can be a challenging time to stay connected with your church family so many churches hold mid-week services for those who are gone on the weekends. We are looking at trying Wednesday Night worship (and more) for four trial weeks July 5, 12, 19 and 26. This will be an intergenerationally-led, short service from 6:30-7:10 followed by other activities, possibly to include fellowship, VBS or similar children’s activities, recreation, youth group, music rehearsal, discussion groups or Bible study – whatever people want!

Please let us know if you think this is a good idea or not, and if you might be interested in providing music or worship participation and/or coordinating an activity afterwards or a light meal prior to, please talk with Pastor Bill, Curtis, Debbie or Laurie.

Answered Prayer Garden

How has God answered prayers in your life? Once you start watching and listening for answered prayers, you start to see how many times things have worked out for the best, how many times struggle has been followed by blessing, and the people who have entered your life and made a positive impact. Please take time to share them on one of the paper tulips in the lobby or fellowship hall. Let’s fill our walls!



Church Conference June 4

A church conference will be held on Sunday, **June 4 at 10:50 am** (following the 9:45 am service) to vote on adopting our five breakthrough ministry initiatives. District Superintendent Susan Nienaber will convene the meeting. A single “yes” or “no” vote on all five initiatives will be taken via written ballot. We must receive at least 75% “yes” votes of the members present in order to adopt the initiatives. Please make your presence a priority at this historic Church Conference!

Growing Generous Givers

We welcome God into most parts of our lives, but often hesitate with our money. Yet money is a gift like any other, and our use of it a spiritual discipline. As a church, and as individuals, we seek to grow in our stewardship faithfulness.

John 21:1-6

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, “Friends haven’t you any fish?” “No,” they answered. He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Prayer - *Dear God, I know that often you do not “come through” until I take that step of faith. As I prayerfully reflect on my financial commitment to the church, I am thankful that whatever you place on my heart to give, you will bless as an act of faith for changing the World. Thank you for providing for this opportunity In Jesus’ name. Amen.*

♥ *Ministry & Missions*

Feed My Starving Children

Join us on **Saturday, June 3 from 2-4 pm** at **Feed My Starving Children** in Coon Rapids as we pack meals to send to famine stricken countries around the world. This is a great way to learn about world hunger and to make a difference. During the two hours, you will learn about world hunger, pack meals, pray over the meals before they are sent, and see how much of an impact was made by your crew. Everyone, especially families, are encouraged to attend. Volunteers must be at least 5 years old.

Call Kris Wurtzberger at 763-438-0047 **IMMEDIATELY** if you are interested in attending, as she will be calling in our numbers on Monday, May 29.

United Methodist Women Fellowship

The United Methodist Women will not meet in June as originally scheduled. Watch for news of our July gathering. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for any woman interested in going to the Minnesota Arboretum. Details and the date will be announced soon but we need to know how many are interested.

UMW Bake Sale June 4

If you like to bake or prepare snacks, please bring some to church on **June 4** when you come to worship and place them on the table provided. Congregation is invited to give a free-will donation and take those goodies home to enjoy. Money received will go towards the 2017 UMW Missions.

UMW Rummage Sale August 16-19

Mark your calendar for another rummage sale sponsored by United Methodist Women on **August 16-19**. Go through your closets and storage units and save items you no longer need or use for this sale - books, toys, children's clothing, small household items, crafts, needlework, holiday items, games, collectibles, miscellaneous items, etc. All proceeds will go toward the UMW Mission support.

To volunteer to help with the rummage sale, contact the church office or Sara Gaeth.

Blankets for Beds

Though winter is nearing an end, the need for blankets continues. Please bring new and gently used blankets, bedding and towels for local distribution. If you need items to be picked up, please contact Dianne McLain at 763-682-2260.



Connecting with Campers

We're so blessed to have 12 children attending UM camps this summer. Many will be going in June, July and August, so we encourage you to pray for them and if you'd like, drop them a note while they're at camp. Pick up a complete list of campers and camp addresses at church.

June 18-23 Andrea Larson, Maverick Gilson, Ava Markeson
June 25- 30 Sarah Buchholtz
July 20-22 Brendan Buchholtz
July 23-28 Andrew Knutson
Aug 6-8 Joanna Hanson
Aug 6-11 Gabriel Dorado, James Dorado, Rachel Dorado, Anthony Hanson, Spencer Hanson

Frozen Meals Available

There are several different sizes of chicken noodle casserole, some turkey soup, chili and chocolate chip cookies in the storeroom freezer for you to take to someone needing a meal or two. Ask for help if you can't find them!

Return of Penny Wars

Start saving your pocket change now for the return of our summer penny wars! It's a friendly competition between the congregation's guys and gals to support a worthy ministry. This year's penny wars will support the youth mission team and will run from **July 2 - 23**, with the winners announced on July 30.



Thank you Prayer Partners

Thank you to all who were Prayer Partners for our Sunday School students this year, and also, a special thank you to Sheryl Lehmann for providing the prayers. 2 Corinthians 1:11 says "You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many." YOU are a blessing to the youth and this church, and an extension of God's love.

Worship

Upcoming Worship Events

- June 4** Pentecost! Holy Communion; Faith Stepping Stone Blessing of Graduates
June 11 Blessing of Campers; Love Offering; Curtis R. Rieck preaching

Graduate Recognition June 4

On **Sunday, June 4** we will bless our high school graduates with their final Faith Stepping Stone. We pray for their safety, guidance and inspiration as they continue their educations and seek life vocations.



Graduates with ties to this church include:

Ryan Dirks	Tyler Dirks
Karrisa Eull	Kaleb Gilson
Ty Heckenlaible	Levi Pramann

Love Offering Collected June 11

Each year the Minnesota Annual Conference churches take up a “love” offering for missions. The offering benefits international, national and local mission projects and helps fund Volunteer in Mission scholarships (10%). This year’s offering also provides support for UM University of Sierra Leone School of Applied Health (60%) and Emma Norton Services (30%). We will receive the love offering on **June 11** – watch for a basket in the entryway! Pastor Bill will deliver it to the Annual Conference on June 20.

Parkview Service June 25

Pastor Bill would love to have you join him as he leads worship at Parkview Chapel on **Sunday, June 25 at 2:00 pm**. It’s great to have folks there to visit with the residents and add their voices to our worship. Let him know if you can join him!

Worship Attendance

	Early	Late	Total
April 30	176	-	176
May 7	108	67	175
May 14	109	59	168
May 21	154	69	223

Fun & Fellowship

Saturday Awakenings

**Saturday,
June 24, 7:00 pm**



Dan Newton, a nationally acclaimed accordionist, is back by popular demand on **Saturday, June 24 at 7:00 pm**. Dan plays many surprising and creative genres of music on accordion, and even if you don’t think of yourself as an accordion-lover, you will be thoroughly entertained! Dan is a regular at the Minnesota State Fair, and has played all over the country, including appearances at the Kennedy and Lincoln Centers. Check out his website at www.daddysqueeze.com for more information. Don’t miss a high energy Saturday Awakenings concert. Bring a friend!

Diners Out Gatherings Are Back

This fellowship ministry will meet on the 4th Thursday of each month through September. This is a good way for empty nesters and others to get better acquainted with friends of Buffalo UMC, so join us for dinner and a time of fellowship at Perkins restaurant on **Thursday, June 22 at 5:30 pm**. If you have any questions or need a ride, call Dave & Sara Gaeth at 763-682-4964.

United Methodist Day with the Twins



United Methodist Day is coming back to Target Field on **August 3, 7:10 p.m.** Here's your chance to join family, friends, and other United Methodists across Minnesota for a night of big-league fun. Bishop Ough will be in attendance! Tickets are \$31 on The Deck or \$16 on the Home Run Porch. \$3 of every ticket sale goes to UMCOR International Disaster Response. If you are interested, contact the church office for ordering details.

Children's Ministries & Sunday School

Sunday School Update

By Katie Krauze

Yet again, another Sunday school year has come to a close. We are so fortunate for all the kids and families that blessed us by coming, sharing, and participating in our Sunday school this year. It is truly wonderful to see each and every one of you. YOU make our program so much fun!



I know we are all looking forward to the much anticipated activities that summer brings. Just remember, in the craziness of all these plans, picnics, and friend/family gatherings, to be thankful. Be thankful for the people that surround you. Be thankful for the free time you have amidst life's demands. Be thankful for the food on our tables. Be thankful for rain and sunshine that help everything grow. Be thankful.

I stumbled upon this prayer in my daughter's prayer book the other night. It was a good reminder for everything we have, there is someone who doesn't, so be thankful and try to reach out to someone in need this summer, as well as, all year through.

May we who have much remember those who have little.

May we who are full remember those who are hungry.

May we who are loved remember those who are lonely.

May we who are safe remember those who are in danger.

May we who have so much learn to share.

Amen.

Wishing you all safe travels this summer and lots of fun memories to be made. We are looking forward to seeing all our Sunday school friends in church this summer and back in Sunday School in September!

Have a FANTASTIC summer!

Be a Sunday School Teacher

We are already recruiting SS teachers and helpers for next Fall. Pray about this ministry and let us know if you feel called to serve as a teacher or classroom helper. There is also a need for resource room helpers on Sunday mornings to help collect offerings, take attendance, and organize supplies.

Camper Blessing on June 11

During worship on **June 11** we'll bless all the children that are attending camp this summer. Pick up a "Connecting with Campers" sheet so you can write to campers this summer. They love getting mail from their church family!

Thank You Sunday School Teachers

Bob Talbert said "Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best." Thank you to all of our SS teachers that came to church each week ready to teach our children about what is the foundation of their lives. Your gifts are amazing!! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Sunday School Team

We are always looking for people to serve on the Sunday School team, which will be meeting in June (date TBD). If you might consider this incredibly important ministry, please contact Debbie Bishop for details.

Summer Reading Program on Hold

The summer reading program had planned for Tuesday mornings at our church playground has been put on hold as it was discovered that there is a weekly Tuesday morning concert for kids at Sturges Park sponsored by the ECFE. We don't feel we can compete with them for kids, so will be looking at other alternatives before launching the program.

We still hope to move forward with the reading program, but need to work out a new plan. Details will be sent out to families once we know more. If you would like to get involved with this ministry, please contact Debbie Bishop.

Confirmation

Confirmation Schedule

June 15 **Deadline for Creeds**
July 29 **Wesley Meal Service Project**

Confirmation Update

Our year is winding down, and students expecting to be confirmed in the fall need to have all of their assignments completed by the end of May. These assignments include worship notes, helping with a Wesley Meal and personal faith creed submission. All creeds are due to Pastor Bill by **June 15**. REMINDER: creeds must be submitted in a Word document or in the body of an email to pastorbill@buffaloumc.com. (Please, no Google-Docs links.) Review the submission guidelines given to each student on their last Faith Night.

Welcome, 7th Graders!

This fall our 8th grade confirmation students will welcome a new batch of incoming students into the process of knowing and growing in Jesus as their Savior and Lord in September. Letters to incoming 7th graders will be sent out in July, so be thinking about possible faith partners! Please ask that you not contact faith partners yourself - just list the names of those you want to consider. If you know a youth who might want to participate in our confirmation program, please have them talk to us as soon as possible.

Confirmation Wrap-Up

We give thanks for God's faithfulness during this past year of confirmation as we learned and grew together. On September 17, we anticipate that twelve students will be confirmed.

All other confirmation requirements should be completed by **August 1**. These assignments include worship notes, service hours, helping with a Wesley Meal, and attending "The Event."

Ministry Team Reports

Church Conference June 4

A church conference will be held on Sunday, June 4 at 10:50am (following the second worship service). The purpose of the church conference is to vote on adopting our five breakthrough ministry initiatives. District Superintendent Susan Nienaber will convene the meeting. There will be a single "yes" or "no" vote via written ballot on the entire group of initiatives, with only members present eligible to vote. We must receive at least 75% "yes" votes to adopt the initiatives. Please make your presence a priority at this historic Church Conference!

Finance Team Update

by Darrin Laudenbach

Our Church community responded positively to the call for giving. Recall that through 3/31/17 actual income from giving was \$17,908 less than budgeted. We significantly outperformed our budgeted giving for the month of April. Our year-to-date giving shortfall stands at \$10,309.52 at 4/30/17. We still have a hill to climb but we are headed in the right direction.

Expenses are \$8,625.20 less than budgeted through 4/30/17. We expect actual expenses to approach the budgeted amount as the year progresses. Expenses fluctuate from month to month with the timing of events and programming but tend to approach budget by the end of the year.

We are excited by the high enrollment numbers and sound financial position of BUMP.

Worship Projector Update

You may have noticed that our projector in worship has formed a bluish spot that discolors each slide. We've been told that our projector's optics are beginning to fail, so will need to replace in the near future. We'll keep you posted on the estimates we get for replacement. We are looking at all the current technological options out there to see what will be the best fit at the best price, but if anyone wants to help with this selection process and/or helping to finance a replacement, please let us know.

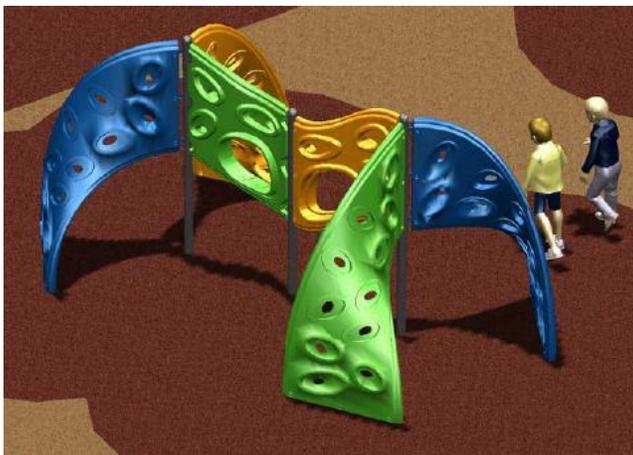
Children's Ministry Coordinator Hello

Hello! My name is Debbie Bishop and I am so happy to be your new Children's Ministry Coordinator! I have been working with the kids for three years now as their music co-leader and am so excited to expand my role in this wonderful church we have! As I type this, the song "God of this City" by Chris Tomlin is playing and it reminds me of all the breakthrough possibilities we have as a church!! The lyrics say "For greater things have yet to come and greater things are still to be done in this city." I'm sure this is true for us as disciples of Jesus and members of BUMC. I can't wait to see what greater things are yet to come!

Playground Phase II Update

Phase II of the BUMC Playground re-development is underway as equipment has been ordered and will leave the factory before the end of May and be at BUMC by the first week of June. The City is prepared to help once again with the install for which we will need church volunteers for just one day. The City will also construct a 6 foot handicap trail to the play areas and a 12 foot between-areas patio to ease clean-up of spilled pea gravel & wood chips. ADA approved surface materials will be used and a discrete area constructed for summer placement of a portable toilet and trash can serviced by the City.

Some ministry programming will act to stimulate summer use of the Methodist Church Park's green space, and encourage simultaneous use of the same by the immediate neighborhood for youth sports practices and family activities. Your ideas and participation are welcome!



Our Church Family

Prayer Matters...

- For Brian Gilson and family as his mother, Marcia, passed away on May 20, sooner than expected in spite of multiple health concerns.
- For Debbie Bishop's Uncle Jack, who passed away in May following a heart attack.
- For Kaye Pramann, who has experienced increased pain and fatigue.
- For Don Wermager's brother-in-law, Duane, and sister Helen as his health is precarious.
- For Nancy Campbell as she mourns the death of her sister.
- For Jane Hurley who had a cancerous spot removed and is doing well.
- For Mari Miner who has been struggling with serious back pain and cluster migraines.
- For Martha Grimme who continues her cancer journey while gaining strength at Park View.
- For Joe Schroeder's mom, Bev, to have successful hip surgery on June 7
- For our church as we prepare for the work of the Holy Spirit in "new ways."
- For the Bishop and Cabinet as they prayerfully work on pastoral appointments.

Thank You from:

- Judy Peterson "I would like to thank everyone at BUMC for all the support, kindness, prayers and love shown to me during my cancer journey."
- Buffalo Food Shelf "On behalf of the Buffalo Food Shelf, Please accept our thanks for your 2017 Mason's Fund Drive donation. A big plus is that the Mason Match doubled the value of your donation. Your gift, combined with others we received throughout the year, ensures that we will be able to meet the ongoing need for food security within the community we share."

Celebrations:

- For our high school graduates as they prepare for their future ahead: Ryan Dirks, Tyler Dirks, Karissa Eull, Kaleb Gilson, Ty Heckenlaible & Levi Pramann.



your kind compliments, and your financial scholarship contributions. We feel very positive about our wonderful preschool and all the lives we have touched in the past eight years. Our facility is top notch, we offer both indoor and outdoor learning/play space, we have support from several church committees, we have scholarship support from many members, and we are a true outreach to the community as God's love shines through the eyes and hearts of our young ones.

The Preschool Advisory Board has been active in finding sources of money that are FREE with some small effort on our part. If we get the whole congregation involved, those funds will grow even faster! Here are three ways to help:

1. Save your "Labels for Learning" points found on each Coborns receipt.
2. Save your cap, bag top, from Kwik Trip or Kwik Star's Nature's Touch and Kwik Quenchers to help us earn "Milk Moola".
3. Mention BUMPreschool at Office Depot stores for credit toward supplies.

Containers are set up by both the main church entrance and the SW entrance to deposit all of these valuables, or drop them in Melissa's mail cubby. Thanks for joining in these fund raising efforts!!)
Happy and safe summer!

Melissa Ungaro, Director



Change of Staffing for Fall

Each of us faces change in our lives, and the same applies to BUMPreschool. In this case it is a personnel change for the 2017-18 school year as our assistant Dustine Jerde is leaving us. Christine Hartke stays on as lead teacher and "rock," ensuring a smooth transition for next school year.

Applications for the position will be posted soon, so pass it on if you know someone qualified!

Preschool Staff:

Melissa Ungaro, director
Christine Hartke, 3-year-old & 4/5 teacher
Dustine Jerde, teaching assistant

What's Up in Preschool?

Our preschool year officially ended May 25 & 26 with picnics on blankets with families and friends. Before we ate, our preschoolers entertained with their favorite songs and teachers presented each student with their own personal CD of photos.

During the month of May, we celebrated Moms and had fun sending home special surprises! We loved our Caterpillar and Butterfly unit and had a great time creating our own caterpillars! We ended the month with "Camping." The children loved pretending they were in the outdoors, playing games and learning about camp life. With the cool weather during much of May, we spent less time outside than usual, but still took advantage of the sunshine on those few marvelous days!

For fall we are offering morning classes for both the 3's and 4/5's, but the 4/5's have the option of 9-11:30 or 9:00-2:00 (extended day/Lunch Bunch). We have 17 registered in the 4/5 class, and currently just one in our 3's, so if you know of a preschool family in need, please let them know! We also offer a referral discount! I will continue to give tours all summer, so encourage anyone interested to call or visit our website for more information and downloadable registration forms.

As we conclude this successful year, we offer a sincere thank you to everyone in the congregation for your words of encouragement,

Connection Points

Ministries and fellowship opportunities meeting at regularly scheduled times

United Methodist Women

Every 2nd Thursday of the month



All women are invited to join in the fellowship hall monthly to spend time in fellowship and devotions, and to learn more about the missions supported by the UMW.

This Month: No meeting this month

United Methodist Men's Fellowship

Every 3rd Saturday of the month

Men of the church interested in service, faith and fellowship are invited to come meet with other men for fellowship, devotion and fund raising projects. The meetings begin with breakfast at 7:30 am.

This month: On hiatus for the summer



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Every 4th Monday



Gather at Arlene Nelson's home at Park Terrace at 1:00 pm to knit or crochet shawls for people who might be homebound, in the hospital, grieving, or in other challenging situations. You may participate in ministry even if you can't attend the sessions. Call Dianne McLain at 763-682-2260 with questions.

This month: Monday, June 26th at 1:00pm

Thursday Gatherings

Every 1st Thursday of the month

Gather in the fellowship hall at 1:00 pm for a time of fellowship playing games and occasional service project. Bring a favorite game and snacks. All are welcome! Call Esther Kiphuth at 763-477-6221 if you have questions.

This month: Thursday, June 1 at 1:00 pm



Adult Bible Study

Every Thursday



An ongoing traditional Bible study meets at Paulette Moore's home. All are welcome to join this study long- or short-term as able. Call Paulette for details at: 763-276-7435. Currently studying the books of Jude, James, 1 Peter and 2 Peter.

Weekly: On hiatus for the summer

Diners Out Fellowship Gathering

Every 4th Thursday of the month

Gather at Perkins during the months of May-September at 5:30 pm for food and fellowship. Primarily active seniors, but all are welcome! Call Sara Gaeth at 682-4964 if questions.

This month: Thursday, June 22 at 5:30 pm



UPCOMING STUFF

Watch your mail and email
for summer Wednesday
night dates for students in
all grades!



Youth Mission Trip 2017

Inspire an epidemic of kindness!

**WE STILL NEED ONE
MORE ADULT IN
ORDER TO MAKE THIS
TRIP HAPPEN!!!**



**“Where Everybody
Knows Your Name!”**

CURTIS R. RIECK

Curtis@buffalounmc.com

(They guy who should know stuff)

*NODOTS
NO STARS*



“Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us...”

Hebrews 12:2

“Finish strong! It’s almost the end of the school year with only a week left.” Those are words I can remember saying to myself a lot when my kids were in school - not to them mind you, to ME!

Both in Matthew and in Mark 13:13, Jesus said, *“He who endures to the end will be saved.”* That ought to cause you some concern. He who endures to the end will be saved; not he who starts well, but he who finishes well. Now Jesus is not saying that you are saved by enduring, but what He is saying is that those who are truly saved do, in fact, endure.

This matter of perseverance is so critical to the Christian life that James 1 tells us that perseverance above all other human traits is the characteristic that God is trying to build into your life and mine.

James 1:2-3 also says that God uses trials to teach us perseverance.

“My brothers, consider it pure joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the trial of your faith produces endurance.” Here’s the question. What do you do when the pressure is on? It’s easy to start the race. All kinds of people get up in the morning, put their jogging suit on and start running. But when the miles click past and the muscles start to fatigue and life isn’t easy anymore, what do they do? What do you do?

It’s easy to put on a white dress or rent a tuxedo and get to the front of the church; anyone can do that. But to have a great marriage—not for five—but for fifteen or forty years, that takes work! That takes perseverance.

It’s easy to conceive a child and, in the big picture, relatively easy to birth a child. But to keep on training and raising children day in and day out, following through on what you say and teach — that takes commitment!

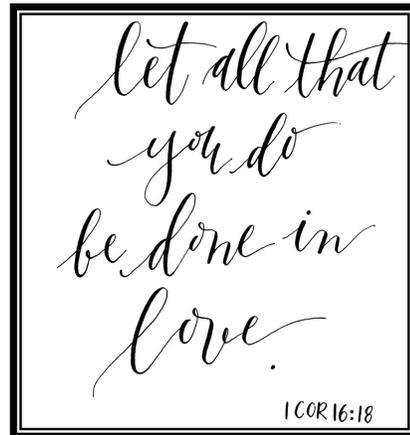
This month as many of you stand at the end of a school year, if your year was like mine, you can see some pretty significant peaks and valleys. Praise God for them. Praise God that at this year’s end, you can stand before Him in faith and humility and say, “No matter what is behind me, I finish this year strong in Christ.” Like Paul in Philippians 3:13--4 *“but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God ”* I press on—that’s perseverance.

As you look ahead (because another year is just around the corner), You don’t know what the year will bring, but you can be sure of this, God is faithful. His mercies will be new every morning of every day...

June Schedules

Scripture Reader Schedule Traditional Celebration Service 9:45	
June 4	Paulette Moore
June 11	Darla O'Flanagan
June 18	Dan Buchholtz
June 25	Nancy Campbell
Coffee Server Schedule	
June 4	UEC - Craig & Maggie Lilja Pat & Jen Bowe
June 11	Del Smith & Nancy Menting
June 18	Loren & Jane Van Dorp
June 25	Duane & Rita Otness
Usher Schedule	
8:15 am	
June 4	Mike & Barb Sande
June 11	Dennis & Tracy Daleiden
June 18	Glenda Vidmar & Gail Hurley
June 25	Don & Jeanne Wermager
9:45 am	
June 4	Ivan Erickson, Lester Hamann
June 11	Lester Hamann & Iona Markley
June 18	Linda Bostic & Jeremy Carlson
June 25	Bill & Mary Augustine

Looking Ahead... Items to Put on Your Calendar	
July 4	Independence Day—Office Closed
July 22-27	High School Mission Trip
July 29	Wesley Meal
August 6	UMW Muffin Sunday
August 13	Mission Sunday
August 16-19	UMW Garage Sale
August 26	Saturday Awakenings



Information

Resources

Current issues of the *Upper Room*, *Alive Now*, *Pockets (for children)*, and *DevoZine* are available in the entryway for a nominal donation.

Prayer Requests

Call the office or use the cards available in the attendance pads to make prayer requests. Turn them in to the pastor before services on Sunday morning for inclusion in announcements.

Prayer Circle

Please call the church office at 763-682-3538 with prayer concerns or to be part of the prayer circle.

Flowers for the Altar

Do you have a special event or person you want to honor with flowers some Sunday? Sign up on the flower chart posted by the office, and indicate if you will bring your own, or place your check for \$39 in the offering marked "flowers" and we will order.

Please let the church office know:

- If your telephone number, e-mail address or mailing address change.
- When a member of your family is hospitalized or in need of pastoral care.
- If you would like Holy Communion brought to you.
- If you know of someone in the congregation that could use a delivered meal.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Schedule 8:15 am Joyful Praise Worship 9:15-9:45 am Fellowship & Education 9:45 am Traditional Worship				1 1:00 pm Thursday Gathering 6:30 pm Womens AA	2 	3 7:30 am Worship Design Team Mtg 9:00 am AA 11: am -9:00 pm Private Rental 2:00-4:00pm Feed My Starving Children
4 <i>Holy Communion</i> Graduate Recognition UMW Bake Sale 10:50 Church Conference MCCI Voting 7:30 pm AA (FH)	5 9:00 am Commodity Distribution 10:00 am AA 7:30 pm AA	6 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Weight Watchers 7:00 pm Property Team Meeting	7 8:30 am Wt. Watchers 7:30 pm Joyful Praise	8 1:00 pm UMW 6:30 pm Womens AA	9	10 9:00 am AA 11:30 am-3:30pm Private Rental
11 7:30 pm AA Love Offering Camper Blessing	12 10:00 am AA 6:30 pm BeFrienders 7:30 pm AA	13 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Weight Watchers 7:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting	14 8:30 am Weight Watchers 7:30 pm Joyful Praise	15 6:30 pm Womens AA Newsletter Deadline	16	17 9:00 am AA
18 <i>Father's Day</i> 7:30 pm AA	19 10:00 am AA 12:30 am MS Society 7:30 pm AA	20 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Weight Watchers 7:00 pm SPRC Meeting Annual Conference	21 8:30 am Weight Watchers 7:30 pm Joyful Praise Annual Conference	22 5:30 Diners Out at Perkins 6:30 pm Womens AA Annual Conference	23	24 9:00 am AA 7:00 pm Saturday Awakenings – Dan Newton
25 2:00 pm Parkview Service 7:30 pm AA	26 10:00 am AA 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:30 pm AA	27 10:30 AA 6:30 pm Weight Watchers 7:00 pm Finance Team Meeting	28 8:30 am Wt. Watchers 7:30 pm Joyful Praise	29 6:30 pm Womens AA	30 	



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