



The Joy Connection

June 2018

A monthly publication of Buffalo United Methodist Church

Worship Events

Sunday, June 3

***A Gathering
of Music & Praise***

ONE EXTENDED SERVICE

at 9:45 am (no 8:15)

Holy Communion

Sunday, June 10

Where's My Open Door?

Curtis Rieck preaching

Graduate Recognition

Camper Blessing

Sunday, June 17

The Big Picture

Luke-Acts

Sunday, June 24

The Blank Check

Acts 1-2

Sunday Schedule

Joyful Praise Worship

8:15 am

Education & Fellowship Hour

9:15-9:45 am

Celebration Worship

9:45 am

Peace Like a River

Have you ever sung something hundreds of times without ever stopping to ponder what it really means? That happened to me recently as I found myself humming that old hymn, "I've Got Peace Like a River." I was humming it because I wanted God to grant me some peace in the midst of an emotionally turbulent day. Suddenly I stopped and wondered, "What's so peaceful about a river?"

I can recall floating in the middle of a wide and slow river, pulling in my canoe paddle and letting the current carry me downstream at its own gentle pace as I leaned back, closed my eyes, and basked in the sunshine and the sound of the wind in the trees. Was that peace like a river?

I remember sitting by the shady banks of a roaring river as its waters cascaded through a series of limestone falls, cold water splashing everywhere and rainbows forming where the sunlight shafts intersected the airborne mist. The water was anything but quiet and still, and yet the powerful and purposeful movement of the river was refreshing to my soul. Was that peace like a river? I've spent countless hours photographing waterfalls, but I wonder if a large part of their appeal for me is simply spending time listening, watching, and feeling the water moving past me.

What does "peace like a river" mean to you? For me, there's great beauty in the paradox of that expression. How can we find peace in something that's always in motion? And yet, our lives are always moving, aren't they? The moments of our days unfold before us, sometimes in rest, oftentimes in turbulence, sometimes moving in a direction of our choosing, but oftentimes sweeping us off toward unforeseen horizons. How can we find peace in the midst of the nonstop movement of our lives? How can we find peace like a river?

For me, the key to finding peace like a river is to look for peace in the presence of the Holy Spirit, wherever I happen to be and whatever I happen to be doing. It's a discipline of recognizing when there is unease in my heart, and then deliberately casting my eyes upon Jesus. Whether it's humming a hymn, breathing a simple prayer, or remembering that I am a beloved child of God, I am learning to find peace in the presence of God, whether life is still or in chaotic motion. May your summer be filled with peace like a river!

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*

Read Along in Acts This Summer!

On June 17, we'll begin a summer-long worship series focused on the Book of Acts – an amazing account of God's Spirit unleashed among God's people to bring the transforming love of Jesus to the whole world! You're encouraged to read along in your Bible. Begin by skimming through the book to get a feel for it and we'll see how it connects with the Gospel of Luke on June 17. Then for June 24 you may want to read chapters 1 and 2.

A Gathering of Music & Praise

Don't miss the re-scheduled "Gathering of Music & Praise" concerts, celebrating the magnificence of God and the power of the cross. Our Buffalo UMC musicians will present them on **Sunday, June 3 at 9:45 am & 3:00 pm**. We will actually have JUST ONE combined, extended worship that day from 9:45-11:00+. (No 8:15 service) The concert is truly worship (minus the sermon), and will be a beautiful reminder of the impact music has in worship.

You will enjoy a wide variety of music with John Hagen, Marianne Kreitlow, Mike Knutson, Four or More Men, and join your voices with the Joyful Praise Team in glorifying God.

Our purpose has always been twofold – to invite the community and church family together for a time of praise, and to raise funds for a sound system upgrade. That is still the case, though the new sound system is already installed. Please invite friends and family to this wonderful event. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the concerts.

NOTE: If you're coming to the morning event, you may want to come early and/or stay late!!

9:00 Coffee Fellowship (pre-worship)

9:35 BUMC announcements in sanctuary

9:40 Pre-concert video with BUMC faces!

9:45 Gathering of Music & Praise with communion

11:30 Ice Cream fellowship

"Discover BUMC" June 10

The Guest Connections team hosts periodic informal gatherings for visitors or newcomers to BUMC. The next "Discover BUMC" gathering is on **Sunday, June 10 at 9:20 am** between services at a designated table in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and discover more about our church, get acquainted with others, and be able to ask questions.

S'More Worship This Summer

Summer can be a challenging time to stay connected with your church family, and mid-week services for those who are gone on the weekends can help. So instead of just the Sunday worship option, we will have **S'more** services this summer on Wednesday evenings July 11, 18, 25 and August 1. And there will be **S'more** happening than just worship!

- Light supper is served at 6:00 pm
- Informal worship from 6:30-7:10, outdoors if weather allows
- Children's activities from 6:30-7:10
- Fellowship from 7:10 – ? with, you guessed it, – **s'mores!** Also opportunity for recreation, youth group, discussion groups or Bible study, music rehearsals – whatever people want!

Is God calling you to help provide suppers, music support, or possible worship leadership? Please talk with Pastor Bill, Curtis, Debbie or Laurie if you are willing to serve.

October Reach! Registration Open

The Bishop has invited us to join him at a special event called "Reach! New People, New Places, New Passion," to be held in Sioux Falls October 5-6. This will be a unique chance to learn from some of the leading women and men in innovative ways to recapture our passion for the mission of reaching people with the love of Jesus.

The timing of this event couldn't be better, as we continue to reinvigorate our outreach to new people and pray for God to continue to break through in new ways. You can get more information online at <https://ReachUMC.org>. Let's get a group together and go! Interested? Speak with Pastor Bill.

Worship

♥ Ministry & Missions

Upcoming Worship Events

- June 3** ONE SERVICE ONLY with Holy Communion - A Gathering of Worship & Praise @ 9:45; no 8:15 service
- June 10** Graduate Recognition & Camper Blessing; Curtis Rieck preaching

Graduate Recognition June 10

On Sunday, June 10 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:



Austin Coyle	Mara Docherty
Ethan Ellis	Kyle Ewer
Anthony Fouquette	Angie Kortum
Taylor Ryan	Mason Schmidt
Madison Smith	Braden Stokes
Madelyn Swenson	Zachary Uter
Benjamin Weese	

Summer Worship Hours!

Remember, late service has moved to 9:45 am and stays that time through Labor Day Sunday, September 2!!

Worship Service at Parkview

Our congregation's next time leading worship at Parkview is on **Sunday, July 1**. Join Pastor Bill for the service at **the Parkview Care Center Chapel at 2:00 pm**.

Worship Attendance

	Early	Late	Total
April 29	138	61	199
May 6	112	77	189
May 13	145	47	192
May 20	150	45	195

Send a Greeting to Our Homebound

Are you thinking about sending a card or letter to the homebound in our congregation? There are several copies of addresses posted on the bulletin board in the entry way. This would be a great way to show God's love.

Connecting with Campers

So far we have 4 children and 1 adult registered to attend UM camps this summer. 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. Also, if someone in your family registers, or is not on this list, be sure to let us know so we can add their name!

- June 17-22** Andrea Larson
July 29-3 Avari Reid
July 29-4 Georgia Docherty
Aug 5-10 Jacob Goth, Anthony Hanson

Life Happens! A Caring Ministry

Life Happens is a monthly ministry where guest speakers share first-hand experiences on topics we all too often avoid, helping us know what to do and what to say to let people know we care. You are invited to join us on the **2nd Monday of each month from 7:15-8:15 pm**. We'll meet in the fellowship hall for a time of listening, learning, caring and dessert. Come occasionally or every month, and bring a friend if you wish.

June Life Happens: The Loss of a Child

Monday, June 11, 2018
7:15-8:15 p.m.

Deb & Jim Shadduck, presenters

**July 9 session is Rob Wills,
former US para-Olympian on Paralysis**

The Lydia Project – Purple Scarves!

The 2020 UM General Conference will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center. All UM churches in the Dakotas and Minnesota Conferences are invited to participate in the “Lydia Project” – an all-out effort to knit or crochet 10,000 purple scarves to give every delegate, dignitary, bishop and spouse in attendance. Our BUMC prayer shawl group has a goal of 75 scarves by May 2019. If you might knit/crochet a purple scarf to help us, or have questions please contact Dianne McLain at 763-682-2260. Details are: 6-7” wide, 6 feet long and any pattern of your choice BUT the color must be solid purple; as in the Vikings color.

Frozen Meals Available

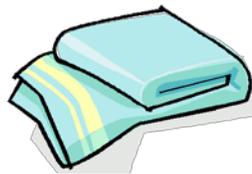
It’s time to clean out the freezer!! There are soups left (turkey and pea) in the storeroom freezer for you to give. PLEASE feel free to share the blessing of a surprise meal or two with someone today!

Men’s “Fix It” Crew Can Help!

Have you been ‘at a loss’ trying to fix something, install something or move something heavy in your home? Our Men’s Fellowship reminds you that we have several men who are available at no cost to assist you if you are unable to do the work yourself. Call Craig at 763-682-1994 if you could use some help.

Blankets for Beds

Spring is here and it’s a great time to clean out your closets and donate gently used blankets, bedding and towels for local distribution. New items are also welcome. If you need items picked up at your home, call Dianne McLain at 763-682-2260.



Thank you Prayer Partners

Thank you all who were Prayer Partners for our Sunday School students this year, and a special thank you to Sheryl Lehmann for providing the prayers. Ephesians 1:16 says “I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers”. **YOU** are a blessing to the youth and this church, and an extension of God’s love!

Celebration of Party in the Park

Thank you everyone who helped to make our MCCI Splash Event “Party in the Park” such a HUGE success! We had 570 people register - many of whom were NOT from our church! It couldn’t have gone so well without all of the help from our wonderful BUMC family, and especially Gloria Farwick as lead organizer!!

In true MCCI “triad” fashion, we ask the question “what’s next?” We placed flyers on all car windshields and handed out flyers inviting people to our Summer Reading in the Park!!

UMW Rummage Sale August 16-18

Mark your calendar for another rummage sale sponsored by United Methodist Women, on **August 16-18**. Go through your closets and storage units and save items 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 UMW Missions.

Fun & Fellowship

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 28 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 **July 30, 7:10 p.m.** Join family, friends, Bishop Ough and other United Methodists for a night of big-league fun while our favorite team takes on the Texas Rangers. 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

Thank you for your continued support of the Sunday School program. Over the summer reflect on how God might be calling you to share your faith with the youth of BUMC. Remember....“For every lesson you’ve prepared, the love of God has been shared.”



Camper Blessing on June 10

During worship on **June 10** 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!!!

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.

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 in the Park

Our Summer Reading in the Park program will be kicking off again on June 20 and will continue each Wednesday from 9:30 – 10:30am through August. We are looking for people to help read, so if you are interested in being a “guest reader” please let Gloria Farwick know! We will have a theme each week starting with **“Rodeo” on June 20 and Dr Seuss on June 27!** Please help spread the word about another great ministry beginning again in “The Park”!!



Don't miss The Cat in the Hat reading to kids in the park on **Wednesday, June 27 9:30-10:30 am BUMC Park Playground!**

Summer Camp Funds Available!

There is still time to sign up for camp this summer!! And don't forget that all children and youth attending Methodist camps will have half of the registration cost covered by BUMC. This is also a great way for us to support our UM camping programs at the same time!

Pick up a camping brochure at church or go online to <https://minnesotaumc.org/get-involved/camping-retreats/> to register for the camp of your choice. Then complete our BUMC camping form and return it to church so we can pay the other half. First-time adult campers at UM camps also qualify. Contact Debbie Bishop with questions.



Confirmation

Confirmation Schedule

June 15 **Deadline for Creeds**
June 30 **Last Wesley Meal for Students**
Aug 1 **Mission/Service hours and**
 worship notes are due

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 **August 1**. These assignments include worship notes, helping with a Wesley Meal, and other service activities and reflections. Personal faith creeds are due to Pastor Bill by **June 15**. Please send an email with an attached Word document or include in the body of an email to pastorbill@buffaloumc.com.

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 16, we anticipate that nine students will be confirmed.

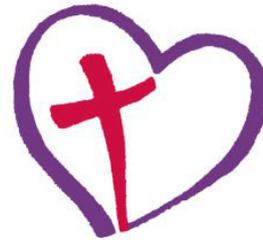
All other confirmation requirements should be completed by **August 1**. These assignments include worship notes, service hours, helping with a Wesley Meal, and attending "The Event."

In the Community

Foster Families Needed

Wright County has an urgent need for foster families. All children need a safe home where people will nurture and respect them. Children enter foster care due to significant life factors, often including abuse or neglect. This is an extremely difficult time for children. They are struggling and need extra support. The overall goal of foster care is to provide children with a temporary, stable, and caring family setting until they are reunited with their family or until a permanency plan is established for them.

Wright County seeks families who are willing to welcome children into their home. If you would like more information about becoming a foster parent please contact Marisa Ferguson at 763-682-7484 or marisa.ferguson@co.wright.mn.us



Love INC - Big Woods
Love In the Name of Christ

Ministry at Love INC

Are you looking for an easy, kid-friendly service project for yourself or your family this summer? Love INC-Big Woods has an opportunity for you! On Saturday, June 16, from 9 – 3pm. we will be bagging groceries for donations at the Buffalo CUB Foods. We've divided the day into 2 hour shifts. (9-11, 11-1, 1-3) Call 763-682-2550 or email loveincbigwoodsch@gmail.com to sign up or for more information. Love In the name of Christ = helping churches help people.

Ministry Team Reports

Finance Team Report

by Randy Whitcomb

April is in the rearview mirror, with eight months to go. Summer is fast approaching. We continue to have our monthly expenses exceed the monthly giving. Year to date income is a bit over \$12,000 behind our budgeted amount, with summer vacations and weekends at the lakes coming up our giving typically tends to lag through August. Any help you can provide during this time is very helpful to our church, remember auto-pay is available, easy to set up and you save writing a check. We continue to keep our apportionments up to date and expenses have thankfully been under budget through April. Thank you for your continued stewardship. Each of you makes BUMC the great place it is!

MCCI Team Updates

MCCI teams have been hard at work in the past month allowing God's Spirit to continue to break through in new ways. Our Guest Connections Team did an incredible job with the Party in the Park coordinating and invitation to the community. The Staff Responsibilities Review Team completed their review of staff job descriptions and made recommendations for new ways our staff can step back and allow our laity to lead. The Rebranding Team has worked diligently to develop a logo and is now working on a style guide to visually represent the church in a clear and consistent way. Our Confirmation Design Team completed a preliminary schedule for the 2018-2019 Confirmation Program. Keep up the great work!



Our Church Family

Prayer Matters...

- Please pray for Traci Lay's father, who fell from a ladder on May 22 and is hospitalized with a facial and rib bruising, and blood on the skull. (If you might be willing to help the family with some short-term yard work, please talk to Laurie.)

- Please pray that Sheryl Lehman's recovery from knee surgery goes as well as possible.
- Christy Eckenrode's father passed away, so please pray for the family, including her mother, Marcia, as they mourn him in the days ahead.
- Pray for Dave Sampson and family on the death of his sister Connie.
- Pat Bowe has been incredibly ill during her first 21-day chemo cycle. She will have 7 days off, then begins the next of 7 additional rounds. Please pray for relief on her days off and for her strength to get through the next sessions. Most importantly, pray that the cancer is defeated!
- Continue prayers for Mary Johnson as she recovers from hip surgery, and her family as they care for her and for Carl.
- Pray for Beth St. Amant as she begins a teaching adventure in Costa Rica, and for her family who will miss her.
- Please pray for Shirley Styrbicky, that her medical tests will have a good outcome.
- Please pray for Marianne Kreitlow's brother who has Lewy Body dementia.
- Marian Johnston, one of our new members that transferred from Hanover UMC, passed away.
- Bill Augustin is more able to get out and about, though it still takes some effort on his and Mary's parts. Continue prayers for steady progress and strength!

Thank You from:

- Linda Bostic: *"I would like to thank everyone that has helped me put together the newsletter over the years. A special thank you goes to Louise Fouquette, Sue Peltier, Carole Wakeling, Dianne McLain and Susan Anderson. They all do a wonderful job and I want them to know how much I appreciate their help."*
- Mayor Teri Lachermeier: *"Thank you so much for allowing me to take part in festivities this past weekend. The warmth that everyone showed to one another and to me speaks volumes for our community of faith. God bless you, your church and our Buffalo Community. Thanks to Gloria, as well."*

Celebrations:

- Prayers of blessing for our high school graduates as they prepare for their future ahead: Austin Coyle, Mara Docherty, Ethan Ellis, Kyle Ewer, Anthony Fouquette, Angie Kortum, Taylor Ryan, Mason Schmidt, Madison Smith, Braden Stokes, Madelyn Swenson, Zachary Uter, Benjamin Weese.



Preschool Staff:

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

What's Up in Preschool?

Our 2017-2018 preschool year officially ended May 24 and 25! Our finale on the last day of school was a picnic on blankets with families and friends attending. Before we ate, our preschoolers entertained with many of their favorite songs, teachers presented each student with their own personal CD of photos from the year, and then we ate and chatted, with preschool providing dessert and beverage for all.

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 we still took advantage of the sunshine on those few marvelous days!

For the fall, we are offering morning classes for both the 3s and 4/5s, but the 4/5s have the option of 9-11:30 or 9:00-2:00 (Extended Day/Lunch Bunch). We have nine

children registered in the 4/5 class, and six currently in our 3s, 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 as needed, 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, 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 nine years. Our facility is top notch, we offer both indoor and outdoor learning/play space, we have leadership 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.

Have a happy and safe summer!

Melissa Ungaro, Director



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: Thursday, June 14 at 1:00 pm
Program: Visiting Emma Norton Services

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. Call Dianne McLain at 763-682-2260 with questions.

This month: on hiatus for summer – resuming in September

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 25 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 2 Peter, then will start Revelation.

Weekly: Thursdays at 6:30 pm

Diners Out Fellowship Gathering

Every 4th Thursday of the month

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

This month: Thursday, June 28



Praise & Coffee

Every 1st Monday of the month



Gather at Perkins for coffee, fellowship and a spirit of praise! All welcome – men, women, young or old! Call Sheryl Lehman at 763-229-0340.

This month: June 4 at 6:00 pm



UPCOMING STUFF

**ALL STUDENTS
GRADES 7-12**

Are invited to join us in
the youth room

Wednesdays:

July 11, 18 & Aug 1

Dinner: 6:00

Worship: 6:30



We Can Be The Change...

Buffalo United Methodist Church

COMING Aug. 17-19!

A waterfall begins with one drop

of water. ONE life can
make a difference

Change your world!
Get involved!



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

CURTIS R. RIECK

Curtis@buffaloumc.com

(The guy who should know stuff)

NODOTS

NO STARS



WE CAN BE THE CHANGE

An all-church mission weekend –
all ages serving together

August 17-19 (F-Su)

In the midst of all of the short-term and long-term resources we pour into mission trips, we need to remember that we are all missionaries that God has strategically placed in the communities in which we live! Instead of sending our whole church body to another location, we plan to hold a mission trip in our own backyards! Everyone should plan to set aside a dedicated chunk of time in an effort to come together and serve, pray over and celebrate the communities we are part of!

The fact is that many of us desperately want to change our world but feel that we lack the resources, time or sheer numbers of people it takes to make a dent. And yes, the reality is that we are little people living in a giant world, but that doesn't mean that we can only do little things. Great things can happen. Not as a result of little people trying to do impossibly big things; but as result of the cumulative effect of **lots of little people doing lots of the little things.**

From August 17 to 19 we will partner with area organizations to make a **BIG** change in the **BUFFALO/MONTICELLO** area! We have a long list of persons who need things done, but for economic reasons, age, or isolation cannot get them done. In a 3-day blitz we will do our best to complete every project. We will paint, build, tear down, and replace anything and everything for those who need help. **WE WILL begin to change our world**, and the attitudes and dreams of others as we go. Please join us as we transform our world and ourselves!

WE WILL NEED: Workers, volunteer treat makers, loans of garden tools, people to visit the elderly, people to give away free hot dogs and pop. There is a way for every person to be involved!

Inquiries to Curtis @ 763.682.3538

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Sign-up sheets are located around
church— register soon!

Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Schedule 8:15 am Joyful Praise Worship 9:15 am Fellowship 9:45 am Traditional Worship			<i>Every good and perfect gift is sent from above.</i> <small>James 1:7</small>		1	2 7:30 am Worship Design Team Meeting 9:00 am AA
3 <i>Holy Communion</i> 9:45 am Gathering of Music & Praise 3:00 pm Gathering of Music & Praise 7:30 pm AA (FH)	4 9:00 am Commodity Distribution 10:00 am AA 6:00 pm Praise & Coffee 7:30 pm AA	5 10:00 am Staff Meeting 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Weight Watchers 7:00 pm Property Team Meeting 7:00 pm Preschool Board Meeting	6 8:30 am Weight Watchers 7:00 pm Joyful Praise Rehearsal	7 1:00 pm Thursday Gathering 6:30 pm Women's AA	8 	9 9:00 am AA 12:00-5:00 pm Private Rental
10 <i>Recognition of High School Graduates</i> <i>Camper Blessing</i> 9:20 am Discover BUMC 7:30 pm AA	11 10:00 am AA 6:15 pm BeFrienders 7:15 pm Life Happens! 7:30 pm AA	12 10:00 am Staff Meeting 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Weight Watchers 7:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting	13 8:30 am Weight Watchers	14 UMW visits Emma Norton 6:30 pm Women's AA	15 Confirmation Creed Deadline Wedding rehearsal	16 7:30 am UMM 9:00 am AA Private Wedding
17 7:30 pm AA 	18 10:00 am AA 12:30 am MS Support Group 7:30 pm AA	19 10:00 am Staff Meeting 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Weight Watchers 7:00 pm SPRC Meeting	20 8:30 am Weight Watchers 7:00 pm Joyful Praise	21 6:30 pm Women's AA Newsletter Deadline	22	23 9:00 am AA
24 7:30 pm AA	25 10:00 am AA 1:00 pm Prayer Shawls 7:30 pm AA	26 10:00 am Staff Meeting 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm Weight Watchers 7:00 pm Finance Team Meeting	27 8:30 am Weight Watchers	28 5:30 pm Diners Out at Perkins 6:30 pm Women's AA	29 10:00 am Newsletter Assembly	30 8:00 am Wesley Meal 9:00 am AA

June Schedules

Scripture Reader Schedule Traditional Celebration Service 9:45	
June 3	Concert— none needed
June 10	Pam Croft
June 17	Dave Gaeth
June 24	Mike Knutson
Coffee Server Schedule	
June 3	Servers Needed
June 10	Del Smith & Sarah Urick
June 17	Loren & Jane Van Dorp
June 24	Norm & Kathy Varner
Usher Schedule	
8:15 am	
June 3	Concert— none needed
June 10	Dennis & Tracy Daleiden
June 17	Glenda Vidmar & Gail Hurley
June 24	Don & Jeanne Wermager
9:45 am	
June 3	Ivan Erickson & Lester Hamann
June 10	Lester Hamann & Iona Markley
June 17	Linda Bostic & Iona Markley
June 24	Bob & Chris Highberg

Looking Ahead... Items to Put on Your Calendar	
July 1	Park View Care Center Service
July 4	4th of July —Office Closed
July 11	Wednesday S'More Worship
July 18	Wednesday S'More Worship
July 23-27	STORM Camp Youth Mission
July 25	Wednesday S'More Worship
July 28	Mission U Too Sr. High Youth
July 30	UM MN Twins Day
August 1	Wednesday S'More Worship
August 5	UMW Muffin Sunday
August 15-18	UMW Rummage Sale
August 17-19	We Can Be The Change All-Church Mission



Information

Resources

Current issues of the *Upper Room* are available in the entry-way for a nominal donation.

Prayer Requests

Call the office, email or use the pew response cards to make prayer requests for the prayer circle. For inclusion in Sunday morning announcements, turn them in to the pastor before the worship service.

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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A Gathering of Music and Praise



Sunday, June 3 at 9:45 am

Sunday, June 3 at 3:00 pm

BUMC church musicians, including:

**Joyful Praise Team, Chancel Chimes Handbell Choir
Four or More Men's Ensemble, John & Kay Hagen
Marianne Kreitlow, Gerry Starr and Mike Knutson**

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