



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—June 20 Sunday, June 22 @ 9:00

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This Sunday — I Laughed, I Cried, It changed my life! | John 4: 6-11, 13-18, 28 by Curtis Rieck

There are just moments in life that just shock you, like out of nowhere BOOM I never expected that to happen! We have these moments in life that just happen and they change the direction of our day, sometimes week or months sometimes even years. I even think that sometimes the whole direction of your life is altered by one event.



Scripture Reading | John 4: 6-11, 13-18, 28

To get there, he had to pass through Samaria. He came into Sychar, a Samaritan village that bordered the field Jacob had given his son Joseph. Jacob's well was still there. Jesus, worn out by the trip, sat down at the well. It was noon. A woman, a Samaritan, came to draw water. Jesus said, "Would you give me a drink of water?" (His disciples had gone to the village to buy food for lunch.)

The Samaritan woman, taken aback, asked, "How come you, a Jew, are asking me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"

Jesus answered, "If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking me for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water."

The woman said, "Sir, you don't even have a bucket to draw with, and this well is deep. So how are you going to get this 'living water'? Are you a better man than our ancestor Jacob, who dug this well and drank from it, he and his sons and livestock, and passed it down to us?"

Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again and again. Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst—not ever. The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life."

The woman said, "Sir, give me this water so I won't ever get thirsty, won't ever have to come back to this well again!"

He said, "Go call your husband and then come back."

"I have no husband," she said.

"That's nicely put: 'I have no husband.' You've had five husbands, and the man you're living with now isn't even your husband. You spoke the truth there, sure enough." The woman took the hint and left. In her confusion she left her water pot.

Next Sunday — The Adventure of Prayer | Matthew 7:7-8 by Victor Waters

We will explore the nature of prayer. How we currently pray and how we might change some of our prayer habits in order to better engage in prayer.



Other Ministry Updates

- June 22** 9:00 am Worship Service with Curtis Rieck
 10:00 am Fellowship Time
 10:30 am Congregational Care Team
 11:00 am Summer Fun at the Lake
- June 23** 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl
- June 24** 6:30 pm Finance Team Meeting
- June 25** 9:30 am Reading in the Park
 6:30 pm Movie Night "The Chosen"
- June 29** 9:00 am Worship Service with Victor Waters
 10:00 am Fellowship Time



Did You Know?

Did you know the kids are headed to camp this Sunday! Please pray for Connor and Megan Boverhuis and Dylan Warner for a fun and spiritual week of camp. Please pray for them. You can send them mail at: Koronis Ministries 15752 Lake Ave. Paynesville, MN 56362. To send a letter or card, please put camper's name and camp they are attending under Koronis Ministries.

Summer Fun at the Lake

Gail Hurley is graciously opening her home for a fun and relaxing day at the lake this **Sunday, June 22nd, starting at 11:00am.** Whether you're ready to paddle or just want to float and relax, there's something for everyone. There will also be a pontoon and kayaks for cruising the lake. Please bring your own beverage and a dish to share. Don't forget your lawn chair, favorite yard game, sunscreen, bug spray, and of course, squirt guns for a little extra fun! All are welcome. Directions to her home are printed and placed on the entry cart.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Buffalo United Methodist Church will host a Red Cross Blood drive on **Monday, June 30 from 10AM to 4PM.** To make an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org, you can call 1-800- 733-2767 . Walk-ins are welcome, however, waiting times will vary as these donations will be worked in as time permits.



Summer Reading this Wednesday!

Our Summer Reading in the Park program

happens **this Wednesday** and will continue each **Wednesday from 9:30 - 10:30 am through August 20.**

We are still looking for healthy snack donations for approximately 30 children each week. Donations can be placed in the labeled bin in the Church entry. Any items that need refrigeration or freezing, please label and place in the kitchen fridge/freezer. Thank you for helping making this program such a success!

Summer Movie Nights Wednesdays | through August 6 | 6:30 PM



Join us this summer for an inspiring and memorable series of Movie Nights at BUMC, featuring *The Chosen: Season 3!* Whether you're a long-time fan or discovering the series for the first time, these evenings offer something special for everyone. Please contact [Sheryl Lehman](#) for more information.

From the Finance Team

Through May our year-to-date income minus expense is negative (\$2,918). This is a change from prior months. Giving was down (\$5,250) as compared to April. This may have been due to the holiday weekend at the end of May and the start of summer travel for families. If you haven't already done so, please consider online automatic giving to help ensure consistent giving throughout the year. Thank you for your faithful and generous giving.

INCOME/EXPENSE COMPARISON				
	2025			
	YTD INCOME	INCOME	EXPENSE	NET YTD
JANUARY	27,058	27,058	27,271	(213)
FEBRUARY	56,031	28,973	24,826	3,934
MARCH	82,288	26,257	26,028	4,163
APRIL	106,570	24,282	23,671	4,774
MAY	125,045	18,475	26,167	(2,918)



Other Ministry Updates

A Letter from our Bishop

Beloved in Christ,

This is a moment of unspeakable sorrow and sacred reckoning.

Today, we mourn the deaths of Minnesota Representative Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, taken from this world by targeted violence in their home. We hold vigil for Minnesota Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, who remain in critical condition, wounded in the same cruel pattern.

We cry out with the prophets, with the psalmists, with all who have ever stood at the edge of injustice and asked: "How long, O Lord?"

This was political violence. This was an assassination. This was terror clothed in false authority. This was evil that struck at the heart of public service and family love. And we do not look away.

We lament:

We lament, not as those who are powerless, but as those who know the power of naming what is broken.

We lament the loss of two lives created in the image of God.

We lament for children who will wake to absence.

We lament the slow erosion of public trust, where leaders now lead at the risk of their lives.

And we confess:

We confess the ways we have grown accustomed to violence.

We confess the silence we've kept when political rhetoric turned to poison.

We confess the times we have chosen safety over solidarity, and comfort over courage.

We confess that, even in the Church, we have sometimes spoken more about loyalty to social and political ideologies than the life, teaching, and witness of Jesus, our Christ. We've leaned into worldly powers and authorities that distort Jesus, who alone is King of kings and Lord of lords.

There is fear among us—real and reasonable fear. Fear for those who lead and serve in public life. Fear for clergy, laity, and community leaders who stand visibly and speak up for justice.

As your Bishop, I do not deny this fear. I feel it with you. And I also know this: fear, while human, must not have the final word. Even in the ache and the fear, we remember who we are: We are people of the gospel. We are people who still choose love. We are people who still proclaim truth. We are people who follow the One who says to every storm: "Peace be still."

We are people who live into what Jesus has taught us: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself." To love God is to resist every force that tells us to hate our neighbor. To love God is to resist evil, injustice and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

To follow Jesus is to stand, even now, in the valley of death and say: "This is not the way God intends it to be."

So, I call on every United Methodist congregation, every clergy leader, every follower of Christ in this episcopal area: Mourn what has been lost—honestly and fully. Name what is broken—clearly and bravely. And live what we profess—boldly and tenderly.

Let your pulpits and ministries speak of sorrow and of truth. Let your prayers rise from a place deeper than despair. Let your witness be a living sermon of peace, justice, and unrelenting grace.

This moment aches with grief and fear; but, it is not beyond redemption. For even now, the tomb is empty. Even now, love is stronger than hate. Even now, the Spirit is moving—through tears, through courage, through the gospel that still calls us to love God, and love our neighbor, with everything we are.

In Christ's unshakable love,

Bishop Renetta Plambeck