



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—June 21

This Sunday, June 23 @ 9:00

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New Sermon Series—On Purpose

Have you ever asked this question: Why am I here? Trying to discover the purpose of our lives can lead to a lot of questions: Who am I? Do I have a “calling”? What am I supposed to do with my life? What does purposeful living look like? Often, the world is all too ready to give us answers to these questions – promising that finding the perfect job or achieving the next milestone will make us happy. But in this series, we will embrace these questions as an invitation to discover what it is that God wants to do with the story of our lives right now.



This Sunday – What is a “Purpose”? | Matthew 5:13-16

We have a lot of misconceptions about what purpose is. Finding our purpose is about discovering who God has uniquely created us to be and how our own gifts can serve others in any given moment.

Scripture Reading | Matthew 5:13-16

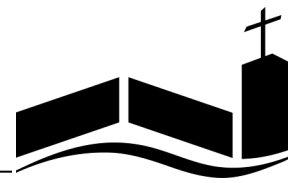
“Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You’ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.

“Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven

Next Week – I Don’t Like Spiders or Snakes! | Matthew 14:22-33 by Curtis Rieck

We’re told as children not to be afraid because “that snake is more afraid of you than you are of him.” We’re told that we don’t have to be afraid of the dark because it really isn’t that scary. We’re told not to be afraid of flying because it’s statistically the safest way to travel. Our fear is irrational.


But there’s a difference when the Bible tells us not to be afraid. The Bible is never calling you ignorant or irrational. The Bible gives situations where your fears ARE well-founded—and then it says, don’t be afraid.



Other Ministry Updates

- June 23** 9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Fellowship
- June 24** 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl
- June 25** 6:30 pm Finance Meeting
- June 26** 9:30 am Reading in the Park
6:30 pm *The Chosen* viewing
- June 30** 9:00 am Worship Service with Curtis Rieck
10:00 am Fellowship
10:00 am Congregational Care Team

Summer Movie Nights !

There's still time to join us this summer as we watch  *The Chosen*: Season 2 and look at the life of Christ through the eyes of His disciples. Every **Wednesday from 6:30 - 7:30 pm** we will be showing one episode. There will be time for discussion afterwards. Join in as many as you can!

Connecting with Campers

We are so excited to have 8 children signed up to attend UM camps this summer!! If you're willing to bless these campers by sending them a note in the mail while at camp, you can send it to: Koronis Ministries 15752 Lake Ave. Paynesville, MN 56362. Please put the camper's name and camp they are attending under Koronis Ministries. To send an email to KORcampers@campminnesota.org. Please put your camper's name and the camp they are attending in the subject line. This week Connor & Megan Boverhuis and Brynn & Dylan Warner are attending Pathway Camp 2 at Koronis.




BUMC Summer Fun Nights!

This is going to be a great summer of Fellowship at BUMC! Times and more info will be coming, but

mark your calendars now for **July 18 & August 8!**

Reading in the Park

Our Summer Reading in the Park program kicked off with a bang  Wednesday morning and continues each **Wednesday from 9:30 - 10:30 am** through **August 21**. We are also looking for healthy snack donations for approximately 24 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!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Buffalo United Methodist Church will host a Red Cross Blood drive on **Monday, July 1 from 9AM to 3PM**. There



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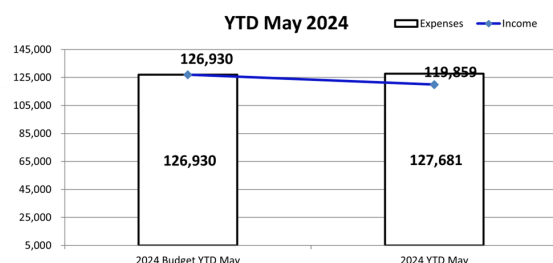
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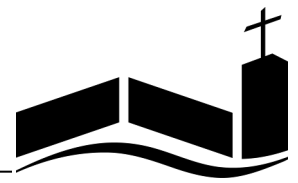
is currently a critical need for blood. Donating at this drive will help supply blood for accident victims, surgical patients and others for whom blood transfusions can be life saving. To make an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org, you can call 1-800- 733-2767 and request a blood donation appointment for the Buffalo blood drive on **July 1** or if preferred, use this QR code. Walk-ins are welcome, however, waiting times will vary as these donations will be worked in as time permits.



Finance Team Report for May

Through May, our year-to-date income minus expenses was at -\$7822. \$7440 of the loss was in May when expenses were \$1753 over budget while income was \$5686 below budget. We are a blessed church and are hopeful that we will rebound in the coming months. Your giving makes a difference.





Other Ministry Updates



Ice Cream Social Fundraiser for Jack McAlister

Help the city of Buffalo raise funds to purchase a bench in memory of Jack McAlister for all he had done for the city of Buffalo. Please join the fun on Saturday, June 29th from 11:00am -2:00 pm at the Buffalo Community Center.



Launching our SWOT Initiative!

What is a SWOT? SWOT is an acronym that stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. It is a simple tool that asks for feedback on four different topics... What are our strengths as a church? What are our weaknesses we face? What are our opportunities as a church? And what threats do we face as a church? We want to gather feedback from everyone in church because all voices matter. Gail Hurley (Chair of the Leadership Team) and Pastor Amy will be visiting teams and groups all summer long to walk through collecting your comments.

Re-launching Breakthrough Prayer Initiative!

As we launch the SWOT Initiative we also want to remember to be in prayer. Therefore, we are re-launching

God Who Sees Us, stir up this truth in our daily experience.*

...the same power that the Father used to raise Jesus from the dead is at work in us.* (Eph 1:19-20)

Breakthrough, speak, show and inspire us so that we may follow where your Spirit is leading us next at BUMC. Amen.

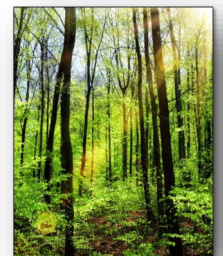
our Breakthrough Prayer shown above.

We are asking EVERYONE to pray this prayer twice a day. You can pray it at **9:02am** and **9:02pm** or anytime it works for your schedule. It will take less than a minute out of your day. We can do this!

Please pray for God's best for our church. Pray we will discern together how God is leading us and guiding us. Pray we also listen to one another as we dream and plan strategically where we need to prioritize our efforts over the next 3 to 5 years.

Spirituality in Nature Group (S.I.N.G)

S.I.N.G. is a gathering of people who want to explore our connection to God in Nature. Our hope is to gather a diverse group of all ages, committed to consistently exploring and deepening our spirituality together in nature. All stories and faith traditions are welcomed, including no-faith.



At each gathering, there will be a variety of activities, including meeting new people with common interests, exploring nature in both group and solo time, as well as a time of sharing (if interested).

The location is Bertram Regional Park (9910 Briarwood Ave NE, Monticello) at the amphitheater. Participants will need the ability to both walk up to 3/4 of a mile and climb steps to reach the amphitheater.

If you enjoy meeting new people and love to be in nature, this may be the perfect opportunity for you! Gatherings are from May - October so join once or as many times that work for your schedule.

We hope to see you there!

July 11 - Connection and Compassion 1

July 25 - Connection and Compassion 2

August 1 - Giving Thanks 1

August 15 - Giving Thanks 2

September 5 - Coming Home 1

September 19 - Coming Home 2

October 3 - Autumn: Harvest

October 17 - Autumn: Harvest