



*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—May 15, 2020**

**“Caring for God’s Creation” Worship Series—through May 31**

**This Sunday, May 17, 9:00 am** on Buffalo United Methodist Church’s Facebook Page:



### **Creation Care as Justice**

Practicing eco-justice is an important way that we participate in witnessing to the goodness and glory of God. Eco-justice is the intersection of faith, ecology, and justice, where our faith propels us to better understand and more wisely act in the web of life, with special attention to caring for those who are disproportionately harmed by ecological imbalances. Join us this Sunday as we begin to explore this call, and look for the ways Jesus modeled justice issues for us.

At the end of Sunday’s worship online, stay tuned for a special visit to the **Knutson family’s new pollinator garden!** And if you’re inspired, you can order your own **free pollinator garden seeds!** Get a free pollinator seed pack from Xcel Energy. Even if you have a small space to plant, you can attract pollinators, which are critical to our food production and are under increased stress due to lack of habitat. Google **“Xcel Energy free seeds”** to place your order!

### **Sunday School**

Join Debbie again this Sunday for Sunday School at 10:00 am, and then we’ll continue each Sunday through May 31!! Please watch your email for the ZOOM invite, but contact Debbie if you don’t have it.

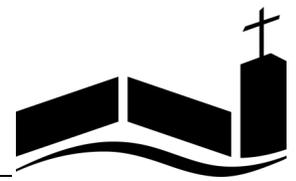
### **Share Where you see God in Creation on our BUMC Facebook page!!**

As we experience our worship series “Caring for God’s Creation” through the end of May, we encourage you to post images or videos of the ways that you are experiencing God in creation on our Facebook page. There are several there already, and we hope that as Spring pops all around us, we will all take time to notice the handiwork of God. If you need help posting something, just send to [Laurie@BuffaloUMC.com](mailto:Laurie@BuffaloUMC.com).

### **Upcoming “Events”**

**Join us this Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 pm for a half-hour Parking Lot Prayer session!** You can join us in your car at the church parking lot, or if you prefer, from your home. Even though it is a Zoom-based meeting, you can call in from a regular phone to participate without Zoom as well!! All of the details are on a separate page flyer attached. Check it out and plan to join Curtis and others!!

**Next Sunday, May 24 is Memorial Sunday**—We will recognize the memorial gifts given to the church over the past year, and will share a video of the planting of a new Memorial Tree on the church grounds.



## Other Ministry Updates

### Loving Creation

**Food Justice**—Each time we eat, we experience how dependent we are on creation for life. Today's food systems have brought modern conveniences to many but with notable costs to the earth and those involved in food production. In urban areas...where for the first time in human history the majority of the population lives...there is an increased disconnect from the land, from the communities that grow our food, and from the hands whose labor brings the harvest to our tables.



Even with the abundance God has entrusted to our care, one in nine people...nearly 800 million worldwide...do not have access to sufficient food for a healthy life. And yet, each year one-third of all food produced for human consumption is wasted.

The United Methodist Church seeks to embrace a healthy food economy based on our shared values of stewardship, sustainability, and justice. United Methodists throughout the denomination are:

- Tending community gardens
- Supporting local and fair-trade suppliers
- Partnering with local retailers to repurpose food waste
- Sharing a meal and building relationships through dignity dinners
- Advocating alongside low-wage workers throughout the food chain

We are putting our faith into action and seeking justice for God's people and God's planet.

*NOTE: The information contained in this article from a UMC "Church & Society" publication was written prior to the Coronavirus explosion and the content is even more applicable than ever!*

### UM Camps Closed for 2020

Not a surprise, but sad nonetheless, we received word that all UM church camps in Minnesota will be closed this summer.

### Submit Your Pentecost Coloring Sheet!

Adults and kids...we have a fun Pentecost coloring sheet **on our website** that you can download and color. Pentecost is May 31, and if you submit a picture of your sheet, we will include it in the worship service that Sunday!

### Online Group Bible Study *The Good Gospel*

**Sign up now!!** Join the 6-week online Bible study *The Good Gospel* with daily readings and a weekly one-hour Zoom meeting for discussion hosted by Rita Varner-Otness on **Monday evenings from 8-9 p.m** starting **Monday, May 18**. All readings/questions are online each day for you. Please contact Rita ASAP if you want to join her group at [healinghands.dc@bwig.net](mailto:healinghands.dc@bwig.net).

### Lawn Crew Needed



Please consider volunteering to help mow the church grounds once or twice this summer - it would truly be appreciated!! Contact Michelle at the church office for more information or to sign up.

### Food Shelf Support Available

Remember, the Buffalo Food Shelf is open for any who are feeling food insecure, and are observing physical distancing. Distribution times are Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Friday mornings, with senior day on the first Monday of the month in the morning.

### Office Hours—Phone Only

The building is closed but we continue to receive phone calls during regular office hours. You may also email or phone staff members.

### This Week in Ministry

May 17	9:00 am Worship on Facebook 10:00 am Sunday School PS-6th 10:00 am Sunday School 7th-8th gr
May 19	7:00 pm Staff Parish Team on Zoom
May 20	6:00 pm Confirmation on Zoom 6:00 pm Senior High youth on Zoom
May 24	9:00 am Memorial Sunday Online Worship