



*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—May 29, 2020**

**“Caring for God’s Creation” Worship Series—final Sunday!**

**This Sunday, May 31, 9:00 am** on Buffalo United Methodist Church’s Facebook Page:



### ***The Hope of the New Earth***

The earth and everything in it is included in God's plan of redemption. Creation does not pass away, but is restored and renewed as part of the new heaven and a new earth. The Bible paints a hopeful future of harmony and mutual interdependence, where the curse of Eden is reversed and everything is eternally restored to the perfect plan of God. At the end of our worship service, we'll share a **special video** of all the amazing photographs shared by our church family which celebrate creation!

**Sunday, May 31 is also Pentecost Sunday!**

**Worship in Church Parking Lot or at Home!**

Pentecost is our annual recognition of God’s outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Christian church. We’re going to make it special!! For the first time, we invite you to drive to the church parking lot with your device to stream the Facebook Premier of worship from your car along with others. In recognition of Pentecost, bring a red scarf or banner that you can wave out your window, tie something red onto your antenna, or otherwise dress your car in red like the tongues of fire that descended with the Holy Spirit. It will be a wonderful time of connection, albeit safely!

**We suggest arriving by 8:45 am**, and we’ll have you park in every other parking space to maintain distance. **Please plan to wear a mask if you roll down your windows.** The indoor bathrooms will not be open.

Church Wi-Fi is weak in the parking lot, so be prepared to use your cell data to stream the service. And if you can’t join us in the parking lot, don’t worry, you can still join worship from home as you have been.

### **Last Week of Sunday School**

Join Debbie again this Sunday for the final Sunday School hour at 10:00 am!! Please watch your email for the invitations to upcoming children’s activities or possible Zoom gatherings this summer.





## Other Ministry Updates

### Bishop's & Pastor's Statements on the Death of George Floyd

The statement our UM Bishop Bruce R. Ough issued following the May 25 death of George Floyd is **posted on our church website** [www.BuffaloUMC.org](http://www.BuffaloUMC.org).

Pastor Bill has also posted a video statement on our Facebook page, and a written version is attached to this document. Please continue to pray for our state and our world.

### Loving Creation—Become a Hopeful Earthkeeper

We welcome any and all to be a part of the BUMC Hopeful EarthKeepers group which is forming at our church...no training necessary! The importance of caring for others and caring for our earth has taken on a sense of urgency. We want to continue providing resources and encouragement in an ongoing way, and welcome the input and ideas from all who would like to join us to identify actions we could take as a church body, as families and as individuals. We will decide together how frequently we will gather (probably monthly) ... virtually until we can safely gather. Depending on the passions and interests of our group members, we will openly discuss all possibilities and set short and long term goals. Watch for more information, but contact Craig Lilja at 763 -682-1994 or Laurie at church.



### EarthKeeper Training This Summer

Although training certainly is NOT required to be a part of our BUMC group, an EarthKeeper training session IS being offered online this summer, every other Thursday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 pm beginning June 11. If three or more sign up, we can get a flat rate for the group. Partial scholarships are available.

### Office Hours—by Appointment

The building is closed but we continue to receive phone calls during regular office hours. You may also email or phone staff members and make arrangements to stop by church.

### Discipleship Opportunities

This week's three suggestions from our Adult Discipleship Team are:

1. [www.navigators.org](http://www.navigators.org) - Resources, studies, reading the Bible in a year
2. <https://www.rightnowmedia.org>—Looking for leaders of small groups for some of these potential resources
3. [www.terryhershey.com](http://www.terryhershey.com)—a repeat suggestion for weekly devotion and e courses

### Financial Update By Glenda Vidmar

Welcome to summer! Warmer weather and longer days have finally arrived so we can get out of the house and enjoy time outdoors. Financially, we are seeing the impact of Covid-19, but overall we broke even at the end of May. Year-to-date contributions were \$104 ahead of expenses. The expenses included apportionments which were paid in full through May. Some of the reduced expenses were a result of the conference offering relief for Pension and Health Premiums for the second quarter which will reduce our expenses by a total of \$5,428. Other savings are a result of reduced building usage such as lower supply usage, cleaning and maintenance expenses. Traditionally contributions tend to drop off over the summer. This year the church has more options for electronic giving. For further information check out our Facebook page or contact the church office. The world and church life are vastly changed, but God's call to ministry is unchanging, and your giving during uncertain times allows BUMC to continue serving faithfully."

### This Week in Ministry

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| May 31 | 9:00 am Online Pentecost Worship from home or gather in your car in the church parking lot! |
|        | 10:00 am Last Week of Zoom Sunday School PS-6th   |
| June 2 | 7:00 pm Property Team   |
| June 7 | 9:00 am Online Worship on Facebook  |