

So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—May 8, 2020

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

This Sunday, May 10, 9:00 am on Buffalo United Methodist Church’s Facebook Page:



Finding Ourselves in Creation

We were not made apart from creation, but as an integral part of it. Our search for meaning in this life is futile without a deep knowledge of the roles God has given us for caring for this earth. Just as we receive many blessings through God’s earth and we are called in turn to be a blessing to the earth. At the end of the service, we’ll invite you to take part in a Nature Scavenger Hunt challenge put together by our BUMC Hopeful Earthkeepers! This could be fun regardless of age, so be sure to stay tuned. To get a head start on things, we have included the [Nature](#)

[Scavenger Hunt list](#) here for you to download. Another version of a scavenger hunt is to challenge you to simply notice the beauty and wonder of nature around you, and post a picture on our Facebook page! (See details below.)

Sunday School

Join Miss Kris 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. We’d love to hear from you about potentially doing some children’s programming into summer, though not sure of day or time.

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

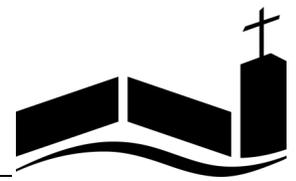
As we experience our worship series “Caring for God’s Creation” through the end of May, we encourage you to post images or videos of the ways that you are experiencing God in creation on our Facebook page. There are several there already, and we hope that as Spring pops all around us, we will all take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

Loving Creation

If you had trouble with this link for [Natural Cleaning Products](#) last week, you may try again here, or go directly to our church’s website and should be able to access it there.

Another fun idea (in anticipation of next week’s shared video on pollinator gardens), is that you can 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. Click [HERE](#) to order your free seeds!





Other Ministry Updates

Parking Lot Prayer Gathering on May 21

COMING SOON!! Join us on **Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 pm** for a Zoom-based prayer session in your car at the church parking lot, or from home. Make sure you have a device with the Zoom app on it, then gather with us from home or your vehicle. Watch for the Zoom ID next week! Curtis Rieck will lead this event, which will be less than an hour long. If you can't join us, but have prayer concerns you would like shared, please email a staff member or the church office.

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.

Faith Connections Online

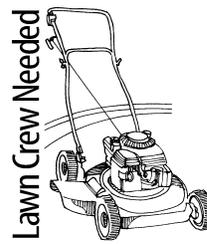
Your Adult Discipleship Vision Team has put together a list of daily devotionals, self-studies, and group online studies and will share some weekly. Check out specific links and see if something meets your needs, whatever your situation is right now. Here are three new options for this week:

1. www.asburyseedbed.com - There are many resources on this UM-based website, but you might want to check out this one in particular: *In the Valley of the Shadow of COVID 19 - 6 Days in Psalm 23*
2. www.guideposts.org - A nice daily devotional is *Mornings with Jesus*
3. www.ourdailybread.org - This site features many daily devotionals and podcasts

Online Group Bible Study *The Good Gospel*

Consider joining 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** (new start date) with an "intro" meeting. All readings/questions are online each day for you. You do not need to purchase the book, but may if you want. Please contact Rita ASAP if you want to join her group at healinghands.dc@bwig.net.

Lawn Crew Needed



Spring is here and the grass is growing! The Property Team is gearing up for lawn mowing and we save a lot of money by using volunteers to mow May through October. We schedule two households per week to mow, and with two people on riding mowers and one person using the push mower and weed whacker it takes about two and a half hours to mow the church property. (The church has mowers on site that you can use.) If you would volunteer once or twice this year, it would truly be appreciated!! Contact Michelle at the church office for more information or to volunteer. Thank you!

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.

Prayer Ministries

Sign up for the prayer chain any time to be part of that ministry. Share your prayer needs via the office email address.

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 10	9:00 am Worship on Facebook
	10:00 am Sunday School PS-6th
May 12	7:00 pm Leadership Team on Zoom
May 13	6:00 pm Confirmation on Zoom
	6:00 pm Senior High youth on Zoom
May 17	9:00 am Online Worship