



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Nov. 5

This Sunday, November 7 @ 9:00 am

Also on Buffalo United Methodist Church's Facebook Page, Twitch & YouTube!

This Sunday - The Throne, the Scroll, and the Lamb

After the messages to the seven churches, John's Revelation establishes the identity and authority of Jesus, the Son of God and the Lamb of God. But what's up with the sealed scroll, and why was John so eager to see it unsealed?

All Saints Sunday— During our worship service, we will recall the names of those most dear to us who have died since last November. We will be ringing a bell for your family and will remember all of our saints in prayer.

Daylight Saving Time Ends—Remember to turn your clocks back one hour! Enjoy an extra hour of sleep before the service.

Communion This Sunday—Our worship this Sunday will also include Holy Communion. In the United Methodist Church, all are welcome at the table, as we understand Communion to be the gift of Jesus Christ to anyone of any age who desires a closer relationship with Him. If you are worshipping at home remember to gather your items representing the bread and the wine as we gather in spirit around Christ's table. If you don't have bread and grape juice, crackers and water are a great substitute.

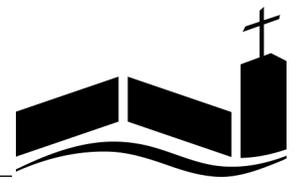
Sunday Scripture

Then as I looked, I saw a door standing open in heaven, and the same voice I had heard before spoke to me like a trumpet blast. The voice said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after this." And instantly I was in the Spirit, and I saw a throne in heaven and someone sitting on it. The one sitting on the throne was as brilliant as gemstones—like jasper and carnelian. And the glow of an emerald circled his throne like a rainbow. Twenty-four thrones surrounded him, and twenty-four elders sat on them. They were all clothed in white and had gold crowns on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning and the rumble of thunder. And in front of the throne were seven torches with burning flames. This is the sevenfold Spirit of God. In front of the throne was a shiny sea of glass, sparkling like crystal. Revelation 4:1-11 NLT

Next Sunday — Good News: Visions of Judgment

Imagine living in a world so hostile and dangerous, so filled with pain that your only real hope is that it will come to an end soon! Much of John's revelation is an elaborate series of God's judgments on the enemies of heaven. Their purpose isn't to strike fear into our hearts, but to assure us that God's team will win in the end.





Other Ministry Updates

Coming Up in Ministry

- Nov 7** 9:00 am Worship Service In-Person & Online with Holy Communion
 10:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am FSS 3rd Grade Class
 10:00 am Fellowship
- Nov 9** 7:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting
- Nov 10** 3:00 pm Guest Connections Meeting
 6:00 pm Confirmation Focus Night
 6:30 pm Handbells
 6:30 pm Senior High Youth
- Nov 14** 9:00 am Worship Service In-Person & Online FSS 3rd Grade Blessing and Handbells Play
 10:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Fellowship

Mentimeter Quizzes

You're encouraged to bring your smartphone or tablet with you to worship for the Revealing Revelation worship series because we'll be taking interactive Mentimeter quizzes about the Book of Revelation and competing for points! Scan the QR Code above to go to the quiz directly, or point your browser to www.menti.com and enter the code that we'll provide each Sunday morning. Wait for Pastor Bill to start the quiz. Your choices will be displayed on your device and tabulated with all other participants in real time on the sanctuary screen. You'll receive more points for a faster correct answer. The quizzes will only be available during worship, so don't miss out!



Fun Facts about Revelation

Answers for 10/31/21

The main purpose of the Revelation is to:

- A) Reveal the four horsemen
- B) Chastise the seven churches
- C) Predict the rapture
- D) Encourage those in the church who were suffering persecution**

Christians were facing exile, imprisonment, and execution due to their refusal to worship Roman emperors. "Jesus is Lord" could not include the emperor.

The Greek word translated as "Revelation" means:

- A) Opening
- B) Ending
- C) Unveiling**
- D) Undoing

True or False: Jesus is described using mostly human titles in Revelation, like Rabbi and teacher.

False. When John writes about Jesus in the final book of Scripture, he doesn't use terms like Rabbi, teacher, prophet, or many other titles found in the New Testament. Instead, John focuses on Christ's divinity. He uses titles such as Prince of the Kings of the Earth, Alpha and Omega, Son of God, and King of Kings.

Which of the following descriptions of Jesus do NOT appear in Revelation?

- A) The Bridegroom
- B) The Smitten Lamb
- C) The Amen
- D) The Lord of Hosts**

True or False: The word "Almighty" in reference to God occurs ten times in the New Testament, nine of which are in Revelation.

True. Revelation 1:8; 4:8; 11:17; 15:3; 16:7; 16:14; 19:6; 19:15; 21:22 and 2Corinthians 6:18

From the Finance Team

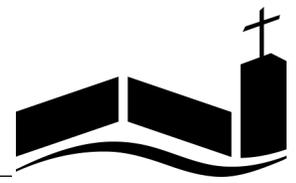
At the end of October income exceeded our expenses by \$2737 year to date with our 2021 apportionments paid through October. Faced with the prospect of reduced revenue in the coming year we are looking into creative ways to do more with less. We are working toward a budget for 2022 and we ask that if you have not yet done so, please turn in a promise of giving card for the coming year. We each can do our part. Thank you for your faithful giving.

Secure Giving



Worship Registration





Other Ministry Updates

Third Grade Faith Stepping Stone



Mark your calendars please! **This Sunday**, our Third graders will participate in a special Faith Stepping Stone Bible class during their normal

10:00 Sunday School time. Then on **November 14**, during worship, they will receive a congregational blessing!

Poinsettia Order Forms Now in Pews

Help adorn our sanctuary for Christmas by donating a poinsettia. Place order in the offering plate by **November 28** using the forms in the pews.



Flowers remain through Christmas Eve. Quantities and colors are limited this year. You can now order and pay for this online using the QR code above.

Wrapped in Love

Thanks to Kris Carlson, the non-profit, Wrapped in Love in downtown Buffalo is dear to the heart of BUMC. Because of that we are teaming up with them for a Christmas project. Wrapped in Love is an organization that works with families who have foster children. The children will be scheduled to come to the Wrapped in Love store and choose Christmas gifts for all their family members. We want them to be able to wrap their gifts before leaving so we are asking you, from now until **November 24**, to please bring gifts bags and tissue paper and put them in the marked cart in the main entry. Please no small bags, just medium and large sizes, and no rolls of wrapping paper. Thanks for helping make these children's Christmas special.



Sanctuary Team Now Formed

A Sanctuary Team has been formed at BUMC and it consists of Robin Anderson, Jeremy Carlson, Jerry Ford, Collin Gravely, Gail Hurley, Ottie Otness, Gerry Starr, Jane Van Dorp and

Rita Varner-Otness. Because the carpet in the sanctuary has been damaged and needs replacing this team of volunteers led by Jeremy Carlson came to be. After Jeremy's hard work and persistence, our insurance company has agreed to fully fund (minus our deductible of \$2500) new carpet and its installation in the entire sanctuary. This project is to start after the first of the year and due to insurance requirements must be completed by **March 12, 2022**. Besides carpeting, future considerations include seating, lighting, and painting. Please feel free to contact any of the team members with questions.

Study Review

The Adult Disciple Vision Team has asked BUMC members to submit reviews of what they are presently reading, watching or studying. In upcoming months you will see a review from an individual and we are hoping that this will inspire you to also pick up the book, watch the movie, or engage in the devotional that is being reviewed. Please feel free to speak with the person who submitted the review. Also if you would like to submit a review on a book, movie, devotional, study or blog please send it to Rita at ritaraevo@gmail.com as we welcome more participation.

Laurie Schroeder writes: *I am reading a book "Call it Grace: Finding meaning in a fractured world" by Serene Jones. The author is president of Union Theological Seminary. For those like me, struggling to see God's hand and the role of faith in our world right now, the book reminds us that it's okay to question with what we really believe. The book encourages us to be honest about our doubts and wonder what the meaning of our lives is, and also challenges us to both offer and accept grace. It's also about discovering your own life theology...what you believe based on all that you have learned and experienced in your walk with God and other human beings. I have found this book incredibly helpful in my life journey right now.*

