



*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—Oct. 25**

**This Sunday, Oct. 27 @ 9:00**

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

### **Sermon Series— Generous: The Beauty in Giving**

We get lots of messages about what is important, what the “good life” is, and everything we need to do – and have – to achieve it. Still, so many of us remain unsatisfied, chasing after the next thing in search of fulfillment. But there is good news for us! God desires for us to have lives of contentment, freedom from worry, and joy in abundance. And Jesus shows us the way there. As we learn how to find our contentment in God, we will also discover the beauty in giving. Our lives will be evidence that the good life is the generous life – a life through which the grace of God flows into the world.



### **This Sunday — Abundance in Community: Sharing What You Have** | John 6:1-14

Though we may, at times, face scarcity, Jesus receives what we offer, blesses it and provides for us and through us.

### **Scripture Reading** | John 6:1-14

Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.”



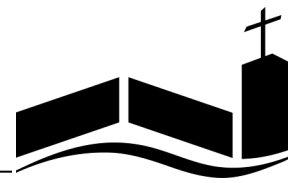
### **New Sermon Series— Living Faith**

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, insisted that Christian faith was more than just a set of beliefs or a feeling. Faith changes our lives and results in faithful action in the world. The New Testament letter of James gives the same message. This series will look at John Wesley's General Rules in connection with readings from James to show how our faith can come to life in all that we say and do.

### **Next Week — Genuine Faith** | James 2:1-7, 14-17

Genuine faith not only affects personal existence, but also produces change in the world.

**Sunday Fellowship** If you'd like an opportunity to get together for coffee and a chat ... let's meet in the Fellowship Hall after the service. On the first Sunday of each month, if you're attending the second service, make sure to come at 10:00 am and join Fellowship before the service starts.



## Other Ministry Updates

- Oct 27** 9:00 am Worship Service with Prayer Partner Blessing  
10:00 am Prayer Partner Party  
10:00 am Fellowship
- Oct 28** 1:00pm Prayer Shawl
- Oct 29** 11:00 am Meeting the Spirit  
6:30 pm Finance Team Meeting
- Oct 23** 6:00 pm Confirmation  
6:30 pm Handbells  
7:30 pm Praise Team
- Nov 3** 9:00 am **Contemporary** Worship Service with Communion & All Saints' Sunday  
10:00 am Fellowship  
10:30 am Traditional Worship Service with Communion & All Saints Sunday

### Prayer Vigil

Join us on **Tuesday, November 5** as we seek to cover every minute of our national election day in prayer for peace and unity. The sanctuary will be open for prayer from **7:00 am-8:00 pm** for anyone to come and pray. There is a sign up sheet in the entry if you could commit to a time, or just show up when it fits into your schedule.

### Church Conference

Join us for a Church Conference on Sunday, **November 17, at 10:00 AM**. We will be voting on the 2025 budget, reviewing the membership report, electing church leadership, and discussing other important church matters. All members of Buffalo UMC are encouraged to vote, while constituents are welcome to participate with voice but will not have voting rights. We look forward to your participation!

### Did You Know

Did you know we have a special email set up for Prayer Requests? If you have a prayer request you can email us at [Prayerrequests@buffaloumc.com](mailto:Prayerrequests@buffaloumc.com)



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*God for people of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.*  
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### 2025 Promise of Giving

Don't forget to complete your 2025 Promise of Giving. A promise to give is a sign of commitment, to God and to the people of this church. It's a helpful tool for you to form an intentional giving plan. And it's very helpful to our church leaders who are even now in the process of forming our 2025 church budget. There are extra cards in the entry.

### Prayer Partner Blessing and Party

Please join us in worship as we bless all those children and adults participating in this ministry to pray for each other. Sunday School children, their families, and Prayer Partners will celebrate with their annual BINGO party in the back Fellowship @ 10am.

### 3rd Grade Faith Stepping Stone

Mark your calendars for our next Faith Stepping Stone. Families for this Faith Stepping Stone blessing and class will receive a letter soon from Children's Ministry. Class will be on **November 10 and the Blessing on November 17**.

### All Saints' Sunday Next Week

Next Sunday November 3 is All Saints' Day as we remember those who have gone before us and now live with Christ in heaven. During worship we will name those who have passed away in the last year, and will invite the congregation to remember in their hearts all the saints who've gone before us.

### Daylight Saving Time – Fall Back!

Don't forget to set your clocks back on Saturday evening, **November 2!** Enjoy an extra hour of sleep before coming to worship next Sunday, **November 3**.

### Adopt-A-Family

We have the privilege again this year to help out the Adopt-A-Family ministry here in Buffalo by lending out part of our facility to distribute.