



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Sept. 12

Sunday, Sept. 14 @ 9:00 am

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

New Sermon Series — Transformed by Grace

Grace is not merely a gift but God's invitation to a relationship that can change our lives and transform the world. In this series, we will delve into stories of transformation, connecting them to our everyday experiences. You'll be encouraged to see God's presence in unexpected places and recognize the surprising ways God shows up in our lives.



This Sunday — Confirmation Sunday

On Confirmation Sunday, we gather to celebrate a significant milestone in the faith journey of our confirmands as they affirm the vows made at their baptism, share their faith statements, and commit to following Christ. Surrounded by the support of the church, these young disciples step into a lifelong relationship with God, empowered by grace and welcomed fully into the life of the Christian community.

Scripture | Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

Next Sunday — The Secret of Contentment

Based on Philippians 4, this week focuses on learning to be content with what we have. Paul teaches us that true contentment comes from trusting in God's provision, regardless of our circumstances. We will reflect on how embracing an attitude of gratitude and simplicity allows us to live generously and freely. Through personal stories and practical steps, we'll discover the joy of contentment.

Sunday Fellowship

Join us for coffee, cake, and great conversation in the Fellowship Hall after worship at 10:00 a.m.

BUMC 2025 Directories

If you need an updated 2025 BUMC picture directory, pick up a copy on the wall in the entryway.

Please remember that our worship is livestreamed online on [YouTube Live](#) & [Facebook Live](#). You will also find links to the livestreams on our website or simply subscribe to our YouTube channel.

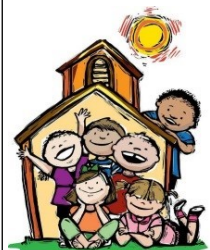
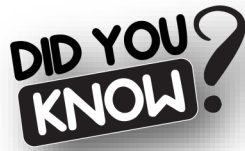


Other Ministry Updates

- Sept 14 9:00 am** Worship Service with Confirmation Sunday
- 10:00 am** Fellowship with cake
- Sept 16 4:00 pm** SPRC Meeting
- Sept 17 10:00 am** Red Cross Blood Drive
- 6:30 pm** Handbells
- Sept 21 9:00 am** Worship Service with Start of Confirmation Blessing

Did You Know?

Did you know we have 18 students in grades Pre-K through 6 registered for Sunday School. Yippee!!!



Register Soon for Sunday School

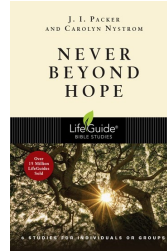
Sunday School has resumed and registration is open!! You should have received registration in the mail or you can [Click Here](#) to register!!

Confirmation Dates

- **Sunday, September 14, 9:00am** in the worship service, Confirmation Sunday
- **Sunday 21, 9:00am** in the worship service, Confirmation Faith Stepping Stone Blessing when we welcome new students into Confirmation
- **Sunday, September 21, 10:00am** in the Youth Room, Confirmation Orientation for students, Faith Partner's and parents

Save the Dates!

There are some upcoming dates that you won't want to miss in the life of our church this fall. **October 8th** will be our very first Wednesday night Meals and Missions Night and don't forget our annual Cribbage/Uno/Fast Track tournament on **Oct. 12** with a potluck. Fall is such an important time for us to be coming together as the church. Please make a point of saving these dates and giving the gift of your presence.



Never Beyond Hope Bible Study

Come join our fall Bible Study starting on **Wednesday, Sept 17th at 6:30 pm**. We will meet in the evenings for one hour, continuing through Oct 29th! Never Beyond Hope encourages us to find REAL hope for TODAY through the Biblical stories of those who have found hope in God, those who gone before us. To sign up and get the study guide, please see the table in the Entry.

Welcome New Staff

Amy Austin

Worship Coordinator
Office Hours:

- Sundays 8:00-10:00am
- Tuesdays: 9:00 - 3:00 PM
- Wednesdays: 9:00 - 3:00 PM
- Thursdays: 8:00 - 10:00 AM (by appointment)
- Fridays: 8:00 - 10:00 AM (by appointment)

Feel free to reach out or schedule a time to meet! Contact: Amya@buffaloumc.com



Taylor Ryan

Children's & Youth Coordinator

Office Hours and Availability
I typically work Tuesday-Thursday and Sundays. Hours may change based on availability and needs of the church. Here is my general weekly schedule:

- Tuesday: 9:00am-2:00pm In Office
 - Wednesday: 10:00am- 3:00pm In Office
 - Thursday: 9:00am-2:00pm In Office
 - Sunday: 8:00am-11:00am Helping in Sunday School Classrooms and Confirmation Class.
- To reach me via email taylor@buffaloumc.com



Secure Giving



Worship Registration





Other Ministry Updates

Red Cross Blood Drive

Buffalo United Methodist Church will host a Red Cross Blood drive on **Wednesday, September 17 from 10AM to 4PM**. There is currently a critical need for blood. Donating at this drive will help supply blood for accident victims, surgical patients and others for whom blood transfusions can be life saving. To make an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org, you can call 1-800- 733-2767 and request a blood donation appointment for the Buffalo blood drive on July 1 or if preferred to sign up online [Click Here](#). Walk-ins are welcome, however, waiting times will vary as these donations will be worked in as time permits.



GAME DAY

We are bringing back Game Day! A time to gather and play games together. It will be the **2nd Sundays of the month starting at 10:30am**, in the back Fellowship Hall. That gives everyone a chance to Fellowship together with a snack and some coffee and then play some games. It also gives those of us who have been enjoying Fasttrack a chance to play together again. We start today!

Hymnals and Bibles

With the sanctuary renovations, hymnals, Bibles, and other songbooks are now located on a book shelf outside of the sanctuary. The words of the songs will still be projected on the screen, but if you prefer to read music, you can pick up a hymnal or songbook on your way in. Please remember to return your hymnals, songbooks and Bibles to the bookshelf after the service.

BUMC Outreach Continues

Wrapped In Love is a non-profit, charitable clothing store in downtown Buffalo that provides a shopping experience to families with foster and adopted children. They provide new and gently used clothing free of charge. By providing clothing to foster and adopted children, Wrapped in Love hopes to help ease their transition and give them something to call their own as well as being a much-needed resource for families to visit quickly after receiving a placement. Clothing ranges in size from newborn to adult.



BUMC has agreed to be a collection site for two specific clothing needs only. We will have an ongoing collection box for **NEW** socks and “skivvies” (underwear). These are clothing items that are in high demand throughout the year for all ages.

Please look for the large white donation box labeled “WRAPPED IN LOVE” outside of the office area and place your donation there. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check to BUMC with Wrapped in Love in the memo. Rita Varner-Otness can answer questions you may have.

Coffee & Worship

Two of the best parts of Sunday morning are coffee and worship—and we welcome you to enjoy both in the sanctuary! To help protect our beautifully remodeled space, we kindly ask that you bring your coffee in a covered cup from home.

BUMC Prayer Labyrinth is Open

Find the labyrinth on the grounds behind the church on the north side. Resources to help guide your experience are available in the box. You are welcome anytime!

