



*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—Sept. 27**

**This Sunday, Sept. 29 @ 9:00**

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

### **Sermon Series— Celebrate**

The heart of worship is celebration! We celebrate who God is, what God has done for us in Jesus, and the new Spirit-filled lives we get to live because of it. By taking the time to celebrate God's gifts to us— gifts of diversity, unity, promise, and new life—we are attuning ourselves to the good things in life so that, even in times of struggle and hardship, we can be sustained.



### **This Sunday — Celebrate Life** | Mark 5:35-43

Celebrating new life is about celebrating how we are transformed for joy and to thrive.

### **Scripture Reading** | Mark 5:35-43

He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). The girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.



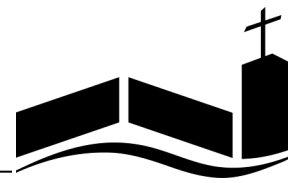
### **New Sermon Series— Generous: The Beauty in Giving**

Stewardship Series Overview

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 fulfilment. 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.

### **Next Week — Living With Abundance** | Matthew 6:24-34

What we focus on gets magnified. We are invited to seek the kingdom of God and experience a growing trust and freedom from worry.



## Other Ministry Updates

- Sept 29** 9:00 am Worship Service with Handbells  
10:00 am Education Hour  
10:00 am Fellowship  
10:30 am Cribbage/Uno/Fastrack Tournament & Potluck
- Oct 1** 11:00 am *Meeting the Spirit* Study  
4:00 pm Property Team Meeting
- Oct 2** 3:00 pm Guest Connection Meeting  
6:00 pm Meals & Mission  
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal  
7:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- Oct 3** 1:00 pm Game Day  
6:30 pm SING
- Oct 6** 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion  
10:00 am Education Hour  
10:00 am Fellowship  
10:30 am Traditional Worship service with Communion

### Cribbage, UNO & Fast Track Tournament and Potluck!

**This Sunday, Sept. 29th at 10:30am** all are welcome to play in the one-day cribbage, UNO, Fastrack tournament. There are sign up sheets or you can just come and enjoy. We are also having a potluck so bring your favorite dish to share.

### Calling all football fans!!

Did you know that you can play in the Cribbage Tournament AND watch the Viking/Packers game?? We will have the game playing on the big TV, so you can have fun in the tournament AND watch the game at the same time! Plus... with the brunch potluck you don't even have to cook!! Plan to join in, it's going to be a fun time!!



### Second Service

Starting in October, we will be returning to TWO services on the first Sunday of each month. We will have a Contemporary service at **9:00am** and a Traditional service at **10:30am**. All other Sundays will be a single, blended service at **9:00am**.

### Meals & Mission Night

**Oct 2nd** marks the return of BUMC Meals & Mission Nights from **6- 7:30pm**. These quarterly events start with a shared meal in the Fellowship Hall @ **6pm**, followed by a missional activity for all ages. This night, we will be having chili cheese dogs and making tie blankets for the animal shelter! We hope to see you there! Confirmation students are required to attend.

### Praise & Coffee Returns

Join us for a community wide gathering for men and women to enjoy a time of fellowship, fun, coffee and God! Don't drink coffee? No problem - there are plenty of other options. Grab dinner before you come or have dinner while you're there. This is a casual time to enjoy each other's company! We'll be meeting the first Monday of each month (starting **Oct 7, 2024**) at **6:00PM** in the side room at Perkins in Buffalo. Call Sheryl Lehman with questions at (763) 229-0340.

### Community Breakfast Volunteers Needed!

On **October 12<sup>th</sup>** we are hosting the Community Breakfast at the Community Center in Buffalo and are looking for 15 volunteers!! There are lots of different ways to help - and each shift is relatively short. Please consider signing up!

### Book Study

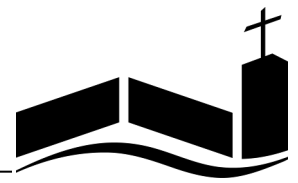
We are offering a small group study called "*Meeting the Spirit*". We will meet every **Tuesday from 11 am to approximately 12:15** and **Wednesday evenings from 6:15 pm- 7:30pm**.

### Spirituality in Nature Group (S.I.N.G)

Join us on **October 3 at 6:00pm** for our final S.I.N.G of the season! We will meet at BUMC, so if you haven't had an opportunity to join us, please do! The theme for the evening is Autumn: Harvest. We hope to see you there.

### Church Conference Sunday, Nov. 17

There will be a Church Conference to vote on the 2025 budget, membership report, elected church leadership, and other church business will take place on **Sunday, November 17 at 10:00 am**. All members of Buffalo UMC are welcome to vote. Constituents are welcome to participate.



## Other Ministry Updates



### From Our Pastor

I am confident there were times when growing up my parents encouraged me to share. My parents were good people. But I do not remember their encouragements and I do not remember how readily I shared. And I am fairly sure I struggled with being generous if and when I did share.

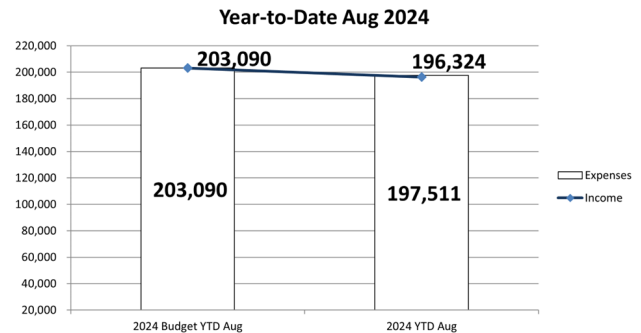
One thing I know I did not share was my mother's rhubarb crisp. It was so good! And if it came out of the oven around 4:00 pm, our family would eat the whole 9 by 13 pan of rhubarb crisp (made with Bisquick) BEFORE supper hit the table. I can still hear my mother yelling, "How can this pan be empty already!"

The Strom family liked their desserts. Our rhubarb crisp escapades were way before all these advancements in research in neuroscience – studying the brain. Compelling evidence is now piling up proving sharing with others and being generous is good for you. We are hardwired to thrive when we are generous. That should not surprise us when we remember we were created in God's image. Our God is lavish and exceedingly generous all the time. With that in mind, it seems like it would be beneficial for us as a church family to study God's generosity and how we too can be generous. That will be our focus for our stewardship campaign this October in a series called Generous: The Beauty of Giving. As we acknowledge we were created to function at our best when we follow God's example, let us begin to pray now to make the most of this opportunity. Let us begin to pray now to make the most of this opportunity. Pray we grow in our relationship with God and in our knowledge of God's generosity. Let us ask God how we can grow in our generosity practices that generates praise and glory to God and a generous outpouring of blessings to others.

For the beauty of giving,  
Pastor Amy

### Finance Team Report – August

Hope you've been enjoying the summer. Through August our year-to-date income minus expenses was at -\$1,188. Income for August was \$17,677 while expenses were \$25,386. Apportionments for the first 8 months of 2024 have been paid in full. Thank you for your faithful giving.



### Did You Know?



Did you know we offer daily devotional books for you to take home and enjoy? They are located on the wall in the entry way.

### 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!

### Picture Directories

If you need an updated BUMC phone and address directory, pick up a copy on the wall in the entryway.

### Nursery

Our church nursery is for children six and under and is staffed. You'll find the nursery on the right side of the hallway past the church office and restrooms.

### Books Needed for Our Little Library

Our church's Little Library by the playground continues to be used regularly, and we could use more children's books. Small numbers of book donations can go right in the library, but larger amounts can be dropped off at church for later use.