



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Sept. 10

This Sunday, September 12 @ 9:00 am

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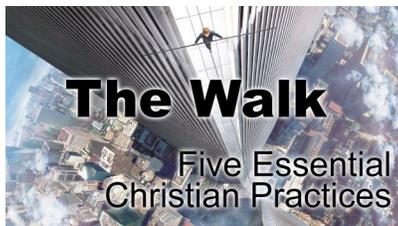
This Sunday - Confirmation Sunday

Join us as we give thanks to God for the faith of our Confirmation Class and hear what they believe about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, and the Church. Together, we'll pray for an anointing on their lives, that they may continue to grow to be faithful and joyful disciples of Jesus.



Sunday Scripture

While Jesus was living in the Galilean hills, John, called "the Baptizer," was preaching in the desert country of Judea. His message was simple and austere, like his desert surroundings: "Change your life. God's kingdom is here." [John said,] "I'm baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. The real action comes next: The main character in this drama—compared to him I'm a mere stagehand—will ignite the kingdom life within you, a fire within you, the Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside out. He's going to clean house—make a clean sweep of your lives. He'll place everything true in its proper place before God; everything false he'll put out with the trash to be burned." Jesus then appeared, arriving at the Jordan River from Galilee. He wanted John to baptize him. John objected, "I'm the one who needs to be baptized, not you!" But Jesus insisted. "Do it. God's work, putting things right all these centuries, is coming together right now in this baptism." Matthew 3:1-2, 11-17 *The Message*



Next Sunday — The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life September 19- October 17

How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? In the Gospels, Jesus modeled for us the Christian spiritual life. The apostles taught it in their writings. And the Church has, through the last 2,000 years, sought to pursue this Christian spiritual life. This series focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is intended as part of our daily walk with Christ while also being an essential part of growing together in the church. Each week, we'll explore one of these practices, its New Testament foundation, and what it looks like to pursue this practice daily in our personal life and together in the life of the church.

Outdoor Fellowship This Sunday

This week, weather permitting again, coffee, lemonade, water and cake will be just **inside** the front doors of the church. Please take what you'd like and head outdoors to chat. We hope to see you there!





Other Ministry Updates

Coming Up in Ministry

- Sept 12** 9:00 am Worship Service In-person & online Confirmation Sunday
 10:00 am Sunday School Welcome & Orientation
 10:00 am Outdoor Fellowship
- Sept 14** 7:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting
- Sept 15** 6:00 pm Confirmation Faith Night
 6:30 pm Senior High Youth
- Sept 19** 9:00 am Worship Service In-person & online, 7th Grade Faith Stepping Stone
 10:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Outdoor Fellowship

Fall Stewardship Resources

By now you should have received your fall stewardship letter in the mail, including some resources to help you to grow in your worship and prayer, Bible study, service, giving, and sharing of the Good News. All of these resources are available on our website as well. Go to the home page and look for the logo with the man walking on the tightrope ("The Walk"). We encourage everyone to compete a 2022 Plan for Serving and a Promise to Give, both of which can be completed electronically at the same site, without the need to print or mail anything.

2021 Confirmands

Congratulations and God's richest blessings to the youth who will be confirming their faith on Sunday, September 12: Gabriel Dorado, Jacob Goth, and Kady Sturm.



Newcomer Q&A, Joining BUMC

If you're new to our church, please save the date for October 10, when Pastor Bill will be available to meet with you after church to get to know you, answer your questions, and talk about what it means to join our church. The next opportunity for joining our church will be on the following Sunday, October 17.



Nursery!

Our church nursery is back for children five and under and will be staffed and available starting today. You'll find the nursery on the right side of the hallway past the church office and restrooms.



Summer Reading 2021-Another Success!

Every Wednesday morning at 9:30 during the summer, on quilts in the shade of a tree, Reading in the Park was happening! We had many guest readers, such as the Mayor, the Dairy Princesses, the Rodeo Queen, a police officer, plus our own team, sharing children's books with neighborhood youngsters and their parents/grandparents. Besides the story, we included a fun craft, an activity, and a snack during the free hour-long event---with so much appreciation from the families!! From a small beginning with just 2 attendees, we ended with 30 children on our last day, which included balloon animals by Pastor Bill, a violin demo by Pete Sargent, a birthday story, and birthday cupcakes for our grand finale!! Thanks to Julie Bedker, Barb Sargent, Sue Sorsoleil, Dianne McLain, and Gloria Farwick for these fabulous mornings, having such fun meeting and reading and sharing who we are at BUMC!



New Children's Ministry Coordinator



We are happy to announce our new Children's Ministry Coordinator!! Andrea Gravley has joined us and is training with Debbie. Andrea's email is Andrea@buffaloumc.com.

Welcome Andrea, we are excited to have you!!



Other Ministry Updates

7th Grade Faith Stepping Stone



We will bless our 7th graders who are beginning their first year of confirmation classes during worship on Sunday, September 17. As part of this Faith Stepping Stones

Blessing, we have already presented them with their confirmation study Bible.

Fall Cleanup Day

The Property Team is looking for volunteers to help cleanup our church on Saturday, October 9. Please save this date on your calendar! There are several tasks and we could use your help. Stay tuned for specific tasks and a sign up.

Landscaping volunteers needed!

We're looking for help with weeding and basic landscaping upkeep for the front of our building. Please let us know if you'd like to claim a section. It's more fun to work together on a project! Contact Jana Reinhart if you're willing to help in this way.

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Have you ever thought about being a Sunday School teacher? Well, now's your time! We are in **NEED** of a few more Sunday School teachers to teach our kids about the love of Jesus! This can be an every week commitment or you can be part of a rotating team! We have the lessons set, so no experience is needed – only a caring, loving heart! Please contact Andrea Gravley if you are interested!!



Bible & Book Studies

Book Groups: Sign up sheets are posted on the entry bulletin board at church. Deadline to sign up and be a part of the book discussion will be Sept 26. There are two book choices: *Before We Were Yours* and *American Dirt*. We are still looking for a leader for each book group.

Study Group: We have a leader for the study of Adam Hamilton's book, *The Walk*. The group will

meet Sundays, Sept 19–Oct 17 at 10:00 a.m. after church. Please let us know your interest by signing up on the bulletin board. Books will be available at church for your purchase. The cost is \$9.50. *The Walk* is the book that Pastor Bill is using for his sermon series.

Study Resources: On September 26 the Adult Disciple Vision Team will have a table in the entry with available individual and group study resources, and people there to answer your questions. Please stop, take a look and grab the resource handout. It will offer you some great ideas.

Scripture Readers/Ushers/Coffee Servers

If you are considering reading scripture, ushering or serving coffee for Fellowship time, please call or email Michelle. She is currently putting together a schedule of awesome volunteers. It's fairly easy and instructions will be given.

Thank you!

We received a thank you note from the Saturday Morning AA 12x12 group. "We thank you for allowing us the gather, to share God's hope and grace with those still suffering and for those of us who have received His saving grace." What a blessing it is to partner in such a great ministry.



Prayer Reminder from the Adult Discipleship Vision Team

When you feel a need to pray, and you're not sure where to start; When you feel called to pray, and you can't find the words; When you want to pray, because you know God cares; When you know a conversation with God is needed; Try this, prayers based on scripture. A safe place to pray. [Link Here](#)

Secure Giving



Worship Registration

