

So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Sept. 17

This Sunday, September 19 @ 9:00 am

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This Sunday - Worship and Pray (A Living Hallelujah)

The most basic Christian spiritual practice is to acknowledge and thank God. We do that when we gather for worship in praise and prayer. But one to four times a month is hardly enough to keep us secure on our walk with God. Just as we need to keep our cell phones and tablets charged, we need to keep spiritually charged by engaging God through our worship and prayer daily.



7th Grade Faith Stepping Stone

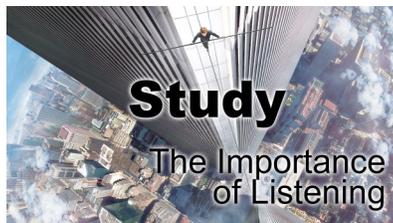
We will bless our 7th graders who are beginning their first year of confirmation classes during worship this Sunday, **September 19**. As part of this Faith Stepping Stones Blessing, we have already presented them with their confirmation study Bible.

Sunday School Start Faith Stepping Stone Next Week

Next Sunday our 3 year old's and others just starting Sunday School this year will receive a Faith Stepping Stone Blessing during worship.

Sunday Scripture

Come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come to him with thanksgiving. Let us sing psalms of praise to him. For the LORD is a great God, a great King above all gods. He holds in his hands the depths of the earth and the mightiest mountains. The sea belongs to him, for he made it. His hands formed the dry land, too. Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our maker, for he is our God. We are the people he watches over, the flock under his care. If only you would listen to his voice today! Psalm 95:1-7 (NLT)



Next Sunday – Study (The Importance of Listening)

We are blessed to have many ways we can hear the voice of God, including reason, tradition, and experience. But the Bible remains the foundational way that we can know God's character and will, especially as it reveals to us the life of Jesus. Bible study has gotten a bad rap as academic and irrelevant, but at its best, it becomes a regular part of our walk with God, helping us to discern God's call and work in our lives.

Outdoor Fellowship This Sunday

This week, weather permitting again, coffee, lemonade, water and treats 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 19** 9:00 am Worship Service In-person & online, 7th Grade Faith Stepping Stone
 10:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Outdoor Fellowship
 10:00 am Book Group—The Walk
- Sept 21** 7:00 pm SPRC Meeting
- Sept 22** 6:00 pm Confirmation Focus Night
 6:30 pm Senior High Youth
 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- Sept 26** 9:00 am Worship Service In-person & online, Start of Sunday School Faith Stepping Stone Blessing
 10:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Outdoor Fellowship
 10:00 am Book Group—The Walk

Sunday School

Teacher

Good news! We have more children enrolled in Sunday School than we have teachers for! We still need a teacher for the 4th-6th grade class. We're open to co-teaching arrangements or other creative ideas for how you might be involved. Contact Andrea Gravely for more information and to volunteer.

Pastor Bill
wants
YOU!



Staff Recognition

Congratulations and thank you to Jill Starr on the 15-year anniversary of serving BUMC as our Handbell Choir



Director! Not only has Jill brought energy and creativity through her direction here and in the broader community, she's also regularly provides dynamic piano accompaniment to our vocalists. Jill was flexible in adapting to the pandemic and managed to bring us recording of small bell ensembles during the time when we weren't meeting in person. Please express your thanks to Jill and let her know how grateful you are for her many years of leading us in worship through her music.

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 complete 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.

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 is staffed. You'll find the nursery on the right side of the hallway past the church office and restrooms.



From the Finance Team

At the end of August, we had a positive net income for the year of \$5,049. Our 2021 apportionments to the conference are current and paid through August. Due to timing of initial invoicing for the new custodial services which began in June, expenses of \$2,085 for June-August were excluded from the August results. The good news is that we continue to have a positive net income as of the end of August even after considering those costs. Thanks for your faithful and generous giving.



Other Ministry Updates

Fall Cleanup Day

Date Change: The Property Team is looking for volunteers to help cleanup our church on Saturday, **October 16**. 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.

Book & Bible 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: As Pastor Bill begins his sermon series of Adam Hamilton's book, *The Walk, Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*, a group will meet Sundays, **Sept 19-Oct 17 at 10:00 a.m.** in the back of the fellowship hall. They will dig deeper into the topics of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith, using the author's book and DVD. Exploring the importance of these practices in our Christian lives is vital to each person's walk with Christ. Please let us know your interest by signing up on the bulletin board or just join the group on Sunday. Even if you can't make it each week, we welcome you when you can attend. Books will be available at church for your purchase. The cost is \$9.50.

Study Resources: As "Study" is the sermon topic on **September 26**, the Adult Disciple Vision Team will have a table in the entry with available individual and group study resources. People will be there to answer your questions. Please stop, take a look, and grab the resource handout. It will offer you a large variety of study 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.

Lawnmowers still needed!

If you are willing to help usher out the lawnmowing season, we need your help. Please call Jeremy if you can mow yet this year at (612) 695-8977.



Do you have a Prayer Request?



We have a new separate email address specifically for prayer concerns/requests. Debbie, our Ministry & Worship Coordinator will directly

receive your emails and put your prayer requests on the Prayer Circle. The email address is Prayerrequests@buffaloumc.com

Blankets for Beds

Donate new or gently used blankets/linens by dropping off or if you need them picked up, call Dianne McLain 763-682-2260. The need is still great.

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!

Secure Giving



Worship Registration

