



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Sept. 23

This Sunday, September 25 @ 9:00 am

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This Sunday - 5G: Connecting Through Our Giving

In America, we like to imagine that what we do with our money is our own business. The truth is that our relationship with money intersects deeply with our relationship with God and others. As we grow in our ability to give joyfully, we grow in our connections with God and others.



Faith Stepping Stone - Start of Sunday School

This Sunday, **September 25th**, our three year old's and others just starting Sunday School this year, will receive a Faith Stepping Stone Blessing during worship. They will be presented with a new Bible.

Scripture Reading

Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever."

For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.

2Corinthians 9:6-10 NLT

Next Sunday — 5G: Connecting Through Our Giftedness

As wonderful as fellowship with each other is when we're gathered around a table or in a sanctuary, there's another kind of connecting with others that also serves God's plan: Using our giftedness to serve others. When we discover the unique ways God has made and called us to serve, we discover a source of joy like no other.



Sunday Fellowship Come and join us for Sunday fellowship after the service. We will be cake and coffee.



Other Ministry Updates

- Sept 25 9:00 am** Worship Service— Handbells & Start of Sunday School FSS blessing
10:00 am Sunday School Pre-School – 5th Grade
10:00 am 6-12th Youth Gathering
10:00 am Fellowship
- Sept. 26 1:00 pm** Prayer Shawl
- Sept 27 7:00 pm** Finance Team Meeting
- Sept 28 11:30 am** Diners Out at Brothers Caffe
6:00 pm Youth 6th-12th Grow Night
6:30 pm Handbells
7:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
- Oct. 1 10:00 am** New Member Class
7:00 pm an *Evening of Music and Art*
 Mariénne Kreitlow Concert
- Oct 2 9:00 am** Worship Service— Holy Communion
10:00 am Sunday School Pre-School – 5th Grade
10:00 am 6-12th Youth Gathering
10:00 am Fellowship & Ministry Fair

Sanctuary Update

We are happy to share that things are coming together nicely with the updating of the sanctuary. The seating has arrived and we are getting things lined up for the next steps to happen.

We are feeling blessed that we should be able to complete the projects in a timely manner. The sanctuary will be under construction for 2 Sundays and services will be moved to our Fellowship Hall. This schedule should give us plenty of time to get the sanctuary ready for normal service on Sunday, **November 6th.**

Sept. 20-23rd-painting has begun on some of the walls of the sanctuary

Oct. 16th - pew removal will begin after the Sunday service. A notice will be sent out to ask for volunteers to help with removal soon.

Oct. 17th - the hired painting contractor will begin painting the ceiling in the sanctuary. This will take 3 days.

Oct. 26th - carpet contractor will begin carpet removal and installation. This will take 5 days.

We also will be making modifications to the stage area, installing new lights, ceiling fans and finishing the wall painting between these dates. We are anxious to share these new changes to our church and are hoping that we can encourage others to come to help us fill up the chairs with returning members and guests.

Children's Ministry & Youth News

1. Sunday School started last week and continues through May each Sunday after worship from **10 - 10:45 am** for 3yr olds through 5th graders. Please join us!
2. Youth Group meets on **Wednesdays** for 6th - 12th graders from **6 - 7:30pm**. Join us this Wednesday for pizza & fellowship, followed by a "Grow" night. We'll be closing with a bonfire and smores! You won't want to miss it!
3. Youth Room is open on Sunday's at **10:00 am** starting this week for grades 6-12th for fellowship and hangout time!
4. Prayer Partners: Mark your calendar for our Prayer Partner Blessing and Party, Sunday **October 9th.** More details to follow!



2023 Promise of Giving

Don't forget to complete your 2023 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 2023 church budget. You can complete the physical card or you can also use the secure link on our website to complete it online.

BUMC New Member Class

On **Saturday morning, 10:00am**, Pastor Bill will be meeting at church with those who are interested in exploring what it means to join BUMC. You'll have a chance to tell your story of how you came here, ask questions about our church, or about the United Methodist Church in general, and learn what we ask of members. Even if you're not sure you're ready to join, you're invited to join us. RSVPs aren't required, but if you do know you're coming, it would be helpful for Pastor Bill to know that.





Other Ministry Updates

Walk for Hope Update

Thank you to all who “Walked for Hope” last Sunday! It was amazing!! If you wanted to donate but didn’t, there is



still time to help us reach our goal of \$1,152. Currently we are at \$730 so we’re not far off! If you’d like to donate, you can drop a check off at church or go to our church website and click on the link for the team’s fundraising page! Donations will be accepted through the end of September!

Breeze Church Directory and Calendar

Breeze is the secure, online system we use as a church directory and calendar, as well as some other pretty cool tools. For example, did you



know that you can make offerings via Breeze, send emails via Breeze, and see your history of giving? If you have a computer, a tablet, or a smart phone, you can easily create an account and access this

information from wherever you are. If you haven’t created a Breeze account yet, here’s what you need to do: Log in to [Breeze Login](#) and click “Log in”. If you have not already signed up for Breeze, you may do so at this time. Our subdomain name is buffaloumc. If you prefer an email invitation to sign up, email Michelle@buffaloumc.com.

By the way, it’s probably time to update those photos you have in Breeze. Your information is not visible to the general public or spammers, only to other people who associate with our church and have an account. You can upload your own photo, or see any staff member who’ll be glad to snap your picture and load it into your Breeze profile. Even if you’re not ever going to use Breeze, it’s super helpful to have an up-to-date photo so that others in the church can get to know you by name.

Christmas Day Dinner



Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year and we’re making plans for a very special day of worship and

service. Worship will begin a little later that morning, and then we’re hoping to serve our traditional Christmas Day Community Dinner for all those people in our church and community who don’t have others to be with on Christmas Day. Gail Hurley is even now beginning to form plans for making that dinner happen, so if you’d like to be involved in planning or promoting the dinner, making a donation, preparation, helping to cook or clean up that day, providing hospitality, or in any other way, please talk to Gail this week or look for the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

PARTLY TAME presents an Evening of Music and Art

Partly Tame is the name for what happens when four mature women artists adventurously interweave music with dynamic sculptures.



Our very own composer-performer Marienne Kreitlow, violinist Cristina Seaborn, vocalist-percussionist Susan Schleper, and artist Kim Kotila create an experience that is part concert, part theatre and art show, underpinned by messages of hope for humanity. Each musician is given time to shine in music that pivots from art songs to blues, to jazz, poetry, and folk. As an added creative element, special guest and Buffalo resident, Gretchen Lieb will share her passion through improvised dance. Join us at BUMC on **Saturday October 1st at 7 PM** – refreshments and great conversation will follow the performance.