



*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—Sept. 30**

**This Sunday, October 2 @ 9:00 am**

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### **This 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.



### **Scripture Reading**

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. Ephesians 4:11-16 NLT



### **Next Sunday – 5G: Connecting Through Our Going to**

**God** We often talk about praying for others, but when it comes down to prayer itself, it's a daunting mystery. How can we grow in this, the most basic way to connect with God? And how can prayer help us to connect with God's people?

**Sunday Fellowship** Sunday Fellowship and Ministry Fair- Check out the ministry fair as well as coffee and treats after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Ministry Fair on Sunday**

Have you ever wondered about new ways you could be involved in BUMC? Wonder no more! The Ministry Fair is happening right after worship on Sunday and will have tables set up with information on all of the ways you can serve in our church! There will even be a drawing for a What's the Scoop gift card if you visit all of the tables! Now's the time to see what God is calling you to do!



## Other Ministry Updates

- Oct 2**     **9:00 am** Worship Service— Holy Communion— Ministry Fair  
**10:00 am** Sunday School Pre-School – 5th Grade  
**10:00 am** 6-12th Youth Gathering
- Oct. 3**     **900 am** Fellowship & Ministry Fair
- Oct. 4**     **7:00 pm** Commodity Distribution
- Oct. 5**     **3:00 pm** Property Team Meeting  
**6:00 pm** Guest Connections Meeting  
**6:30 pm** Meals & Mission  
**7:30 pm** Handbells  
**7:30 pm** Praise Band Rehearsal
- Oct. 6**     **1:00 pm** Game Day
- Oct. 9**     **9:00 am** Fellowship & Ministry Fair  
**9:00 am** Worship Service– Prayer Partner Blessing  
**10:00 am** Prayer Partner Bingo  
**10:00 am** 6-12th Youth Gathering  
**10:00 am** Fellowship  
**10:00 am** Partners in Ministry Meeting

### Meals & Mission Night

Join us for the first Meals & Mission night on **Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30** (or however long you can stay)! What is Meals & Mission you ask? It's a combination of having dinner at 6:00pm, and then serving together with a mission project! Our first **meal** will be hotdogs, chips, pickles and cookies! Our first **mission** will be to make tie blankets for Crossroads Animal Shelter (it's a dog theme!) **EVERYONE** is welcome and **ANYONE** can make these blankets!! This is a great opportunity to bring a friend! As a matter of fact, it would be "paw-some" if you would bring the whole pack!

### Prayer Partner Ministry

Join us on **Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>** as we begin a new year of this ministry. Children & youth from preschool through middle school are paired with an adult member of the church to pray for each other. There will be a blessing during worship and BINGO party **at 10:00 am** in the back Fellowship Hall! Feel free to come as a family or join us to support the power of prayer!

### 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

This **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.



### 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 would like to share a meal together with us on Christmas Day. Gail Hurley is 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.



## Other Ministry Updates

### 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**.

**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.

### Pew Removal

The Sanctuary Team would like your help on **Sunday, October 16, starting at 12:30** to begin removing the pews from the sanctuary. Anyone interested in helping please show up that afternoon!

### Pew Donations

The pews from the sanctuary will be available to anyone who would like one in their home, business or other location. Please talk to Jeremy Carlson to reserve your pew.

### Children's Ministry & Youth News

1. Sunday School 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**. This week please

join us for Meals & Mission Night!

3. Youth Room is open on Sunday's at **10:00 am** this week for grades 6-12<sup>th</sup> for fellowship and hangout time!
4. Sunday School families please feel free to donate a snack as able. A donation bin is located underneath the bulletin board in the Sunday School hallway.

### 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](mailto: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.

### Books Needed for Our Little Library

Our church's Little Library by the playground continues to be used regularly, and we could use more smaller in size 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.

