BUFFALO UNITED METHODIST

So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—May 15

Worship: Sunday, May 17 @ 9:00

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Sermon Series

Differences in age and experience can make it feel like people of other generations are living in completely different worlds. Understanding—or even talking with—one another can be hard. Yet if we are open, God offers a way through these impasses: a community that embraces both wisdom and innovation, where we can grow up and go gray, and where our differences become blessings rather than barriers. Join us for Generations, a worship series that reminds us God's promises are for people of all ages—together.

This Sunday— Formed and Freed | 1 Timothy 4:6-16

We are called to form and free one another—to ground others in faith and then release them to use their gifts boldly for God's new work.

Scripture Lesson | 1 Timothy 4:6-16

If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed. Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

Command and teach these things. Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Next Sunday— Where You Go, I Will Go | Ruth 1:1-18

God calls us to belong to one another—not for what we can do, but for who we are—choosing steadfast love and companionship across generations, even when life feels empty or uncertain.

Other Ministry Updates

May 17	**9:00 am** Worship with SS Singing and Volunteer Recognition **10:00 am** Fellowship & Pancake Party **10:45 am** 140/40 Planning Meeting
May 19	**4:00 pm** SPRC Meeting
May 20	**6:00 pm** Meals & Missions
May 24	**9:00 am** Worship with Memorial Gift Sunday **10:00 am** Fellowship

Sunday School

Thank you so much to all of our teachers, aides, and children for making this Sunday School year so wonderful! This Sunday, the kids will be singing during the service, followed by a pancake party to celebrate. We hope you'll join us for this special day of worship and celebration. Families of 6th graders, please remember to turn in your Confirmation paperwork to Taylor as soon as possible.

Confirmation

Thank you to all of our teachers and students for making this such a wonderful year of Confirmation! This Sunday, we will celebrate with a pancake party during fellowship. We hope you can join us for this special time together! Second-year students, please be sure to turn in your faith statements to Taylor as soon as possible. Confirmation Sunday will be held on **Sunday, May 31**.

Graduating Seniors

Congratulations to all of the seniors graduating this year! Graduate Recognition Sunday will be held during worship on **Sunday, June 14**, as we celebrate and bless our graduating seniors. Seniors, please turn in your pictures and/or graduation announcements to Taylor by **May 29**.

Pancake Party

Join us this **Sunday, May 17th** after church for a Pancake Party! We'll celebrate the end of Sunday School and Confirmation, honor our students and volunteers, and enjoy a great time together. All are welcome!

140/40 Planning Meeting

Please join us for another informational BUMC 140/40 meeting on **Sunday, May 17th @ 10:45 am** directly after the pancake breakfast. Please look for any memorabilia you may have to share.

Meals and Missions

Join on us **Wednesday, May 20th at 6:00 pm** as we enjoy dinner together followed by assembling kits for Midwest Missions! We will be creating Home Care Kits and are looking for donations! Our goal is to complete at least 50 kits! There will be a cart in the entry to drop donations from today until **May 17th**! Thank you in advance for your help in making this happen! Items needed are:

- Liquid household cleaner - 56-80 oz. (no spray bottles)
- Dish soap - 42-64 oz.
- Liquid laundry detergent - 100-150 oz.
- Scrub brush - with or without handle

Thank you Volunteers

Our church family at BUMC is deeply blessed by the many volunteers who faithfully give their time, talents, and hearts in service to others. Whether welcoming guests, teaching children, serving meals, singing in worship, or working quietly behind the scenes, each act of kindness reflects the love of Christ in powerful ways. As Galatians 5:13 reminds us, "*Serve one another humbly in love.*" Your dedication brings joy, hope, and encouragement to our church family and community every single week. This little acknowledgement is just one small way for us to celebrate you and recognize the countless ways Christ shines through your service. We truly cannot say it enough — *thank you for all you do!*

Wrapped in Love

Support adopted and foster children by donating new socks and underwear (men's medium boxer briefs needed). Place items in the coat room box. Cash donations welcome—contact Michelle or Rita Varner Otness.