BUFFALO UNITED METHODIST

So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—May 22

Worship: Sunday, May 24 @ 9:00

Also on Buffalo United Methodist Church's Facebook Page & YouTube!

GENERATIONS

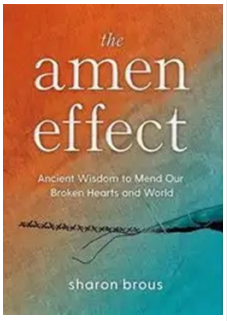
This Sunday — Where You Go, I Will Go | Ruth 1:1-18
God calls us to belong to one another—not for what we can do, but for who we are—choosing steadfast love and companionship across generations, even when life feels empty or uncertain.

Scripture Lesson | Ruth 1:1-18

But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons— would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord's hand has turned against me!"

At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her." But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

New Sermon Series - The Amen Effect



The word "Amen" is often treated as a conclusion—but it is really an agreement. It is a shared response that says, we are in this together, and we will be changed by what we have heard. In this sermon series based on The Amen Effect, we will explore what happens when communities learn to say "Amen" not just with their lips, but with their lives. "Effect" means to influence, to produce change, to make a difference. So, the Amen Effect is what happens when people choose presence over absence, connection and community repair over isolation, and shared life over quiet withdrawal. This series is about repairing what has been torn in us and between us. It is about mending the small and large fractures that happen in relationships, communities, and even within our own hearts. It's being committed to show up for one another and have the courage to believe that community is not accidental—it is spiritual work. When we say "Amen" together, we are not ending something. We are agreeing to begin again—together.

Next Sunday — Show Up | Ecclesiastes 3:1–4 and Romans 12:15
Sharing joy and grief is the heart of life itself.

Other Ministry Updates

May 24	**9:00 am** Worship with Memorial Gift Sunday
	10:00 am Fellowship
May 26	**6:30 pm** Finance Meeting
May 30	**10:00am-4:00 pm** Work Day
May 31	**9:00 am** Worship with Confirmation Sunday
	10:00 am Fellowship

Nursery Closed This Weekend

Please note that the nursery will be closed this Sunday in observance of the holiday. This break allows our dedicated nursery staff to enjoy some well-deserved rest. Thank you for your understanding!

Memorial Sunday Recognition

This Memorial Sunday, we recognize all gifts given to the church in the past year in memory of loved ones lost. We honor their memory and celebrate the ways those gifts support ongoing ministries in the name of Christ. Gifts have been received in the names of:

Joyce Dietz
Dave Gaeth
Ruth Fischer
Gale Holmquist
Russlie Froemming
Neil Hammer
Grace Kerzman
Dennis Varner

Confirmation

Confirmation classes are done until September. Thanks to all the students, faith partners, table leaders and parents for the commitment over the past year. 8th graders will need to have their final faith statements in by **June 15**.
Confirmation Sunday will be held next **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**.

Spring Work Day – Join Us on the 30th!

Our church community is coming together for a Work Day on the **30th, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**. It's a wonderful opportunity to help care for our church grounds, spruce up our facilities, enjoy some fellowship with fellow members and help out our amazing Property Team.
No matter your skill level, there's a task for everyone, from cleaning and organizing to outdoor projects. Please bring gloves, comfortable clothing, and a willing spirit. Together, we can make a big difference and show our love for our church home.

BUMC Labyrinth Opens for Its 16th Season

The BUMC labyrinth is once again open and ready for use as of May. This beloved spiritual and contemplative space has been guiding visitors through mindful walking and reflection since it was first installed in the fall of 2010 by that year's Youth Group.
Now entering its 16th season, the labyrinth continues to offer a peaceful retreat for all who seek a moment of calm, meditation, or reflection. Whether you are new to the practice or a returning walker, the winding path awaits to provide a quiet space to pause and reconnect.

Summer Reading in the Park in June

Our Summer Reading in the Park program will kick off on **June 17th** and continue each **Wednesday from 9:30 – 10:30 am** through **August 19.** If you are willing to be a "guest reader" please let Gloria Farwick know ASAP, then we'll plan activities around the theme of your book.! People like you make it happen! Please help spread the word about this great ministry beginning again in "The Park"!!

Wrapped in Love

Support adopted and foster children by donating new socks and underwear. Place items in the coat room box. Cash donations welcome. Items needed are:

- Medium Sports Bras
- Women's small, medium, large, and XXL underwear
- Men's large boxer briefs
- Men's size 6-12 white socks

-contact Michelle or Rita Varner Otness.