BUFFALO UNITED METHODIST

So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Oct. 3

Worship Sunday, Oct. 5 @ 9:00 & 10:30 am

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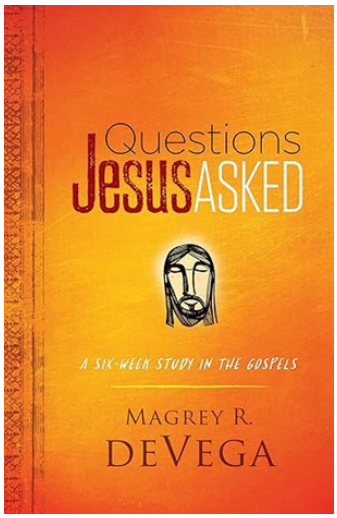
New Sermon Series — Questions Jesus Asked



Jesus was fond of asking questions, many of which cut right to the heart of what it means to be human. Why are you afraid? What do you live for? Who do you say that I am? In Questions Jesus Asked, by author Magrey DeVega, we will explore three of Jesus' most provocative questions he posed to others and seek to find our own answers to those questions.

Asking and answering these questions takes courage. Not only do they reveal what Jesus really cares about, they open a window into our hearts. We all have questions for God, but growth happens when we turn things around and ask what Jesus wants to know about us. When we dare to raise them, these questions bring us a fuller appreciation for the wisdom, power, and presence of God in our lives. Are you willing to step out in faith? Are you ready to answer the questions Jesus asked?

This Sunday - Who Do You Say That I Am? | Luke 9:18-27

Our journey through the questions Jesus asked begins with the most foundational and consequential of them all. Your answer to that question determines more than your beliefs about Jesus; it reveals what you believe about yourself, your relationship to Christ, and your perspective on life.

Communion This Sunday

Our worship this Sunday will also include Holy Communion. In the United Methodist Church, all are welcome at the table, as we understand Communion to be the gift of Jesus Christ to anyone of any age who desires a closer relationship with Him.

Scripture | Luke 9:18-27

Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "God's Messiah."

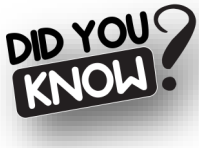
Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."

Next Sunday— Why Are You Afraid? | Matthew 8:23-27

It should be no surprise that this is one of Jesus' questions to his disciples. Fear is one of the most prevalent and haunting emotions. Come learn what the disciples learned in how to overcome fear.

Other Ministry Updates

Oct 5	**9:00 am** Contemporary Worship Service with Communion **10:00** Sunday School & Confirmation **10:00 am** Fellowship **10:30 am** Traditional Worship Service with Communion
Oct 6	**6:00 pm** Praise & Coffee
Oct 7	**1:00 pm** Guest Connection Team **4:15 pm** Worship Design Team **7:00 pm** Property Team Meeting
Oct 8	**6:00 pm** Meals & Missions—Spaghetti **6:30 pm** Handbells **6:30 pm** Never Beyond Hope Study
Oct 12	**9:00 am** Worship Service with Handbells **10:00** Sunday School & Confirmation **10:00 am** Fellowship **10:30 am** Cribbage/Fast Track/Uno with Potluck



Did You Know?

Jesus asks an estimated 307 questions in the Bible. He used questions to help us understand spiritual truths rather than providing direct answers.

Save the Dates!

Don't forget our annual Cribbage/Uno/Fast Track tournament on **Oct. 12** with a potluck. Fall is such an important time for us to be coming together as the church. Sign-up in the entry way. Our Church Conference will be held after church on **October, 26th**.

Security Update

This **Sunday, October 5**, we will commence our current plan of securing the sanctuary during worship. All entry doors will be locked by **9:10 and 10:40** (10 minutes after service begins.) To further research this topic, a Task Force is being formed. Please contact **Gloria Farwick** if you'd like to join this group.

Praise & Coffee

Join us for a community wide gathering for men and women to enjoy a time of fellowship, fun, coffee and God! Don't drink coffee? No problem – there are plenty of other options. Grab dinner before you come or have dinner while you're there. This is a casual time to enjoy each other's company! We'll be meeting every first Monday (**Oct 6**)of each month **at 6:00PM** in the side room at Perkins in Buffalo. Call Sheryl Lehman with questions at (763) 229-0340.

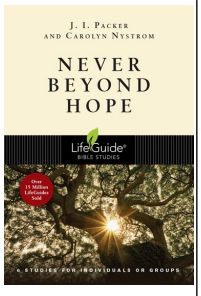
Meals & Missions

Join us next **Wednesday, October 8th** for Meals and Missions. Dinner starts at **6pm** and then we'll make tie blankets together for the Crossroads animal shelter. As an added thing this year, we are encouraging anyone coming to bring a donation for the shelter. Maybe a can of food, or an inexpensive bag of unscented, clumping cat litter! And if you're wondering about dinner - we're having spaghetti! Every donation helps! If you have any questions please reach out to Debbie Bishop. Meals and Missions is a great way to serve and enjoy fellowship together.

Hearing Action Team

A meeting will be held on **Sunday, Oct 19th** after fellowship for all who have concerns pertaining to the auditory issues in the sanctuary. This is a meeting to fill out a short survey and express needs and concerns. We will be putting together a Hearing Action Team. Please reach out to Gloria Farwick to sign up or ask questions.

Never Beyond Hope Bible Study



Come join our fall Bible Study. We will meet on Wednesday evenings for one hour, continuing through Oct 29th! Never Beyond Hope encourages us to find REAL hope for TODAY through the Biblical stories of those who have found hope in God.

Flowers

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are in memory of Ottie Otness who passed away **October 5, 2022.**

Other Ministry Updates

Children's Ministry

A big thank you to our kids for serving during Fellowship last Sunday! They did a wonderful job caring for and serving our church family.
Coming up on **Sunday, October 12th**, after Sunday School, we'll host an Uno Tournament just for the kids. Sign-up is available in the entryway.

Confirmation

We had a great kickoff to Confirmation last week as we spent time getting to know each other. This Sunday we'll begin our first lesson, "Travel Together," where we'll explore how Confirmation is a journey—one supported by many people walking alongside you. On **Sunday, October 12th**, we'll switch things up with a Game Day playing UNO during Confirmation, giving the kids time to enjoy fellowship and fun together.

Youth Group

Our Youth Group is also invited to a **Game Day on Sunday, October 12th** in the Fellowship Hall! Students are welcome to bring their favorite games, or they can enjoy ones we have.

BUMC Outreach Continues

Wrapped in Love is a non-profit store in downtown Buffalo serving foster and adopted families. BUMC is continuing this outreach by collecting new socks and 'skivvies' (underwear), which are always in high demand.
Most needed right now:
Girls: underwear (sizes 4–6), socks (small)
Women: underwear (large)
Boys: boxer briefs (sizes 4–5), socks (all sizes)
Men: boxer briefs (small & medium)
Donations can be placed in the large white "Wrapped in Love" box outside the church office. Monetary gifts may be made to BUMC with "Wrapped in Love" in the memo. For questions, contact Rita Varner-Otness.

BUMC Red Cross Blood Drive Facts

- More than a dozen from BUMC Volunteered
- 48 blood donors visited our church
- Only 4 were turned away due to health reasons
- Our drive collected 47 units with a goal of 37

From the Finance Team

The Finance Team is pleased to report on the positive financial results for August. Income reached $30,942, while expenses were $22,404, contributing to a year-to-date net income of $4,031. Below is a monthly income/expense comparison chart to more clearly show our financial results. Thank you for your faithful and generous giving.

INCOME/EXPENSE COMPARISON

	2025			
	YTD INCOME	INCOME	EXPENSE	NET YTD
JANUARY	27,058	27,058	27,271	(213)
FEBRUARY	56,031	28,973	24,826	3,934
MARCH	82,288	26,257	26,028	4,163
APRIL	106,570	24,282	23,671	4,774
MAY	125,045	18,475	26,167	(2,918)
JUNE	151,760	26,715	27,700	(3,902)
JULY	174,776	23,016	23,621	(4,507)

Game Day

We are bringing back Game Day! A time to gather and play games together. It will be the **2nd Sundays of the month starting at 10:30am**, in the back Fellowship Hall. That gives everyone a chance to Fellowship together with a snack and some coffee and then play some games.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Our nursery is open each Sunday during the 9am service. Please note, it will be closed on **Sunday, December 28th** so our staff can enjoy the Christmas holiday with their families.
We are looking for additional volunteers to help care for our youngest members. If you feel called to serve, please contact Taylor Ryan or Jan Bjore if interested.

Blankets for Beds

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