BUFFALO UNITED METHODIST

So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Sept. 26

Sunday, Sept. 28 @ 9:00 am

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Sermon Series — Transformed by Grace

Grace is not merely a gift but God's invitation to a relationship that can change our lives and transform the world. In this series, we will delve into stories of transformation, connecting them to our everyday experiences. You'll be encouraged to see God's presence in unexpected places and recognize the surprising ways God shows up in our lives.

This Sunday - A Disciple's Lifestyle

In the final week, we'll look at Luke 16 and the story of the clever manager, encouraging us to be creative and wise stewards of God's resources. As disciples, we are called to use our creativity and care for all that God provides, prioritizing relationships and the growth of God's kingdom. We'll challenge ourselves to think beyond self-preservation and invest in our community with a spirit of generosity.

Scripture | Luke 16:1-13 NIV

"The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg — I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.' "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' "'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied.
"The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.'
"Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' "'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied.
"He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'

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?

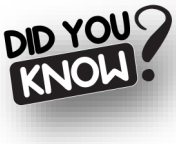
Next Sunday—Who Do You Say That I Am? | Luke 9:18-27

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.

Other Ministry Updates

Sept 28	**9:00 am** Worship Service
	10:00 am Education Hour
	10:00 am Fellowship with cake
Sept 30	**6:30 pm** Finance Team Meeting
Oct 1	**6:30 pm** Handbells
	6:30 pm Never Beyond Hope Study
Oct 4	**9:00 am** Fall Work Day
Oct 5	**9:00 am** Contemporary Worship Service with Communion
	10:00 Education Hour
	10:00 am Fellowship
	10:30 am Traditional Worship Service with Communion.

Did You Know?

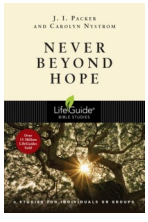


Stewardship isn't just about money—it's about using our time, talents, and treasures to care for God's gifts and make a difference in the world.

Save the Dates!

These are some upcoming dates that you won't want to miss. **October 8th** will be our very first Wednesday night Meals and Missions Night and 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. Please make a point of saving these dates and giving the gift of your presence.

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, those who gone before us. To sign up and get the study guide, please see the table in the entry.

Fall Work Day

Fall Work Day is set for **Saturday, October 4th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m**. No sign-up is required—just come when you can! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Collin Gravley.

Church Security

In light of the recent public shootings, BUMC Leadership Team is grappling with ways to make our building more secure on Sunday mornings. Much discussion and thought needs to be put into how we move forward, but for a beginning measure, we are choosing to lock doors in the following manner on Sunday mornings. There are 3 outside doors needing consideration. Proposed start date is Sunday, **October 5**.

1. We propose that Guest Services lock the NE door by the dumpster at 8:30 AM.
2. The front doors and coat hall door would be locked 10 minutes after the start of service by the Guest Services, with special accommodations on Communion Sundays.
3. All other outside doors are already permanently locked.

Please contact Gloria Farwick, representing Leadership Team, with questions or helpful comments.

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