



*So All May Know Joy*

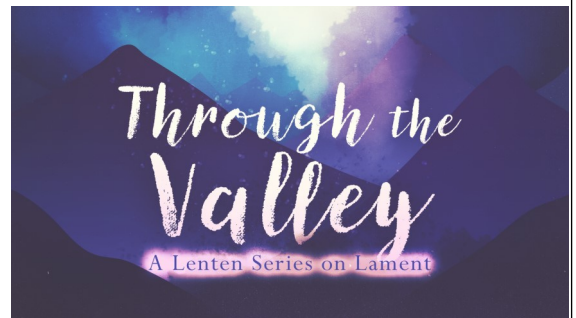
## **BUMC Weekly Connection—Feb 23**

**This Sunday, Feb 25 @ 9:00 am**

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

### **New Sermon Series—Through the Valley: A Lenten Series**

Just as Jesus wandered in the wilderness for forty days, so too can we feel like we are wandering in the wilderness, as we face hardships, grief, temptations, and injustices. This Lent, we will discover what it means to wander these parts of life in honesty with God through the practice of lament. We will learn how crying out to God in our need can help us to fully embrace what it means to be human beings held and loved by a God we can trust. We will learn that even through the darkest valleys, Jesus both goes ahead of us and walks with us.



### **This Sunday — Being Honest With God | Job 13:1-13**

Job's response to his friends ensures us that we can be honest with God in even the most painful situations, trusting God to be God in the process.

### **Scripture Reading | Job 13:1-13 (NLT)**

"Look, I have seen all this with my own eyes and heard it with my own ears, and now I understand. I know as much as you do. You are no better than I am. As for me, I would speak directly to the Almighty. I want to argue my case with God himself. As for you, you smear me with lies. As physicians, you are worthless quacks. If only you could be silent! That's the wisest thing you could do. Listen to my charge; pay attention to my arguments. "Are you defending God with lies? Do you make your dishonest arguments for his sake? Will you slant your testimony in his favor? Will you argue God's case for him? What will happen when he finds out what you are doing? Can you fool him as easily as you fool people? No, you will be in trouble with him if you secretly slant your testimony in his favor. Doesn't his majesty terrify you? Doesn't your fear of him overwhelm you? Your platitudes are as valuable as ashes. Your defense is as fragile as a clay pot. "Be silent now and leave me alone. Let me speak, and I will face the consequences.

### **Next Week — Being Honest With Ourselves - Surrender | Matthew 26:36-46**

Jesus did not always love his options and in the midst of lament, he still freely chose to surrender to God.

**Sunday Fellowship** Check out the coffee, treats and great conversation after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

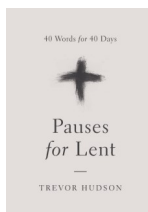


## Other Ministry Updates

- Feb 25** 9:00 am Worship  
 10:00 am Fellowship  
 10:00 am Education Hour  
 10:00 am FSS Communion Class
- Feb 26** 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl
- Feb 27** 7:00 pm Finance Team Meeting
- Feb 28** 6:00 pm Lenten Meal  
 6:35 pm Lent Service  
 6:35 pm Lenten Series for kids  
 7:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- Feb 29** 10:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive
- March 3** 9:00 am Worship with FSS Blessing  
 10:00 am Fellowship  
 10:00 am Education Hour  
 10:00 am FSS Communion Class

### Lent Series

We will be having Wed. night services, with a congregational supper at **6:00** and then a short service from **6:35-7:15**. The book we will be reading from is called *Pauses for Lent - 40 Words for 40 Days*. We have them available for sale for \$10 starting. Join us each Wed as we hear readings, reflect on our journey, and sing our way to the cross.



Children's Ministry will continue our tradition of hosting a Lenten Series for kids and youth ages 3+. We are planning some awesome activities to help our kids experience the walk to the cross as well. We are looking for an additional adult or high school **volunteer** each **Wednesday** evening from approximately **6:35 - 7:15pm**. If you can help, please sign up! Feel free to reach out to [Andrea](#) directly with any questions!

### Fifth & Sixth Grade Faith Stepping Stone



Our Communion Faith Stepping Stone class is this **Sunday, February 25** at **10am** and **March 3** in worship.

Our fifth & sixth graders will learn about communion and bake the bread that we will serve in worship. On **Sunday, March 3** they will help serve communion, and we will offer a blessing over them. As part of their Faith Stepping Stone, they also receive an additional \$100 gift toward UM church camp registration.

### Help Make Our Easter Garden Happen



Our beautiful, Easter Resurrection Garden on **March 31** only happens with your generous donation of flowers! Your flower or cash donation may be given in honor or in memory of someone if you wish. Flowers will be available for pick up after the service on **April 7**. You will find order forms in the back of the chairs.



### March is Minnesota Food Share Month:

The 43rd March campaign for 2024 runs from February 26–April 6. Any food or monetary donations made during this time will be complimented with a percentage of dollars from

the “food fund.” The food fund is funded by local corporations, foundations, businesses, and individuals, as part of Minnesota FoodShare. Please consider donating food, personal care items, or money. The most needed items are currently canned fruit, canned tuna or chicken, flour, cereal, ketchup, personal care items, or any of your favorite snacks. Place items in the red wagon outside of the church office. Let’s repeatedly fill the wagon! Money can be given through the church by designating “food shelf” in your check memo or note on your cash. You can also donate on line at [Buffalofoodshelf.com](http://Buffalofoodshelf.com) They are always looking for volunteers also.

### Prayer Shawl

Prayer Shawl gathering is on **Monday, Feb. 26 at 1:00** in the church fellowship hall. If you like to knit, crochet and/or VISIT, please join us! Any questions, please contact Dianne McLain.



### 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.