



Buffalo United Methodist Church

...serving people for Jesus Christ so that we all may know joy!

April 15, 2018

The Weekly Joy

Rev. Bill Reinhart, Pastor

Today

The Great I Am: Metaphors of Jesus – “The Gate” probably wouldn’t be our first choice to describe Jesus, but it’s perfect as we embark on a new worship series exploring the “I Am” proclamations of Jesus in. We’ll come in through the gate of Jesus, and then go out through the gate in mission to the world.

8:15 Joyful Praise Worship
9:15 Fellowship Coffee Hour
10:30 Traditional Celebration Worship

Next Sunday

The Great I Am: Metaphors of Jesus – Jesus used many metaphors, and often in close combination. We’ll untangle a dense passage from John and discover how Jesus can be both the gate in the sheep pen as well as **The Good Shepherd**. Thousands of years later, we’re still sheep-like, needing a good shepherd to protect and lead us.

Welcome, Guests!

We welcome all guests to worship!

If you have questions, ask anyone with a red nametag for information about our church.

Prayer Matters...

- Pat Bowe had successful surgery again Tuesday to replace her biliary duct tube.
- Willis Kiphuth will need to do some residential rehab before returning home.
- Ruth Swanson has pneumonia.
- Pray for Nancy Campbell as she works on clearing out their Buffalo home.
- Ruth Kalway has returned from Texas and Joe’s memorial service is April 19.

Educational Opportunities

Sunday School classes run from 9:20-10:20 am for children ages 3 through 8th grade. A **Sermon Discussion** takes place every Sunday at 9:20 at the designated table in the fellowship hall.

Here’s What is Happening

Don’t Miss “A Gathering of Music & Praise” Today at 3:00

Our BUMC musicians host a worshipful concert **today at 3:00 pm** as a fundraiser for our sound system upgrade. We hope to see you here for this wonderful event and time of fellowship and praise.

Let Praises Resound!

“**Let Praises Resound**” this April as we fund raise to upgrade our aging sound system this month. Some of our equipment has begun to fail, so we will replace components and switch from an analog to digital system. Our sound system is a vital ministry tool, so we hope all might support this effort in spirit or with a donation, be it small or large. Flyers are available in the entryway.

Membership Class Moved to April 21

Due to weather we postponed yesterday’s membership class to this **Saturday, April 21 at 9 am**. Come and learn more about our congregation’s traditions and beliefs, and some history and values of The United Methodist Church in preparation for membership, or simply for your education and information. This will be a fun morning of conversation and fellowship, so all are welcome! Following the class, those who choose to move forward with membership will be received as members during worship on **Sunday, April 29**. There is a registration sheet on the bulletin board.

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This Week in Ministry

Tuesday		
April 17	7:00 pm	Staff Parish Team Meeting
Wednesday		
April 18	6:00 pm	Confirmation – Focus Night
	6:00 pm	Senior High Youth Group
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Joyful Praise
Thursday		
April 19	6:30 pm	Paulette’s Adult Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Community Book Read Class
Friday		
April 20	5:00 pm	Women’s Retreat Departure
Saturday		
April 21	7:30 am	United Methodist Men UMW Big Waters Gathering - Brainerd
Sunday		
April 22	8:15 am	Joyful Praise Worship
	9:20 am	Community Book Read Class
	10:30 am	Traditional Celebration Worship

Ministry Updates

Community Book Read Sessions at BUMC

People all around Buffalo will be reading *The Gifts of Imperfection*, a guide to a wholehearted life, by Brené Brown as part of the Community Book Read, sponsored by the Bounce Back Project. Kris Dirks is leading two book read sessions here at church: during the Sunday School hour from **9:20-10:20 am Sundays April 15, 22, 29**, and also on **Thursday nights on April 19, 26 at 6:30 pm**. There are still a few free books and it’s not too late to join the discussion - just show up to either group!

UM Men’s Fellowship on Saturday

The UM Men’s Fellowship gathers **Saturday, April 21 at 7:30 am** for a home cooked breakfast, meeting and fellowship and program planning. All men are welcome! Please contact Ivan Erickson at 763-497-1742 with questions.

Camping Brochures Available

Pick up a camping brochure at church to register for the camp of your choice. Then complete our BUMC camping form and return it to church so we can pay the other half. First-time adult campers at UM camps also qualify for half scholarships. You can also register online at MinnesotaUMC.org under Ministries/camping & retreats, but be sure to let the church office know!

Sunday School Outreach Day

Today our Sunday School children are doing mission outreach projects during their classes. (Parents, note some locations may have changed.) Prayer partners have been invited to join in if they would like to. They will then be donating their finished projects.

Help with Party in the Park

Have you marked your calendar for Saturday, May 19 when we host the Party in the Park with a playground ribbon cutting and tons of fun? Plan to be at this all-church event, and better yet, volunteer to help. Many volunteers are needed to welcome the community. Watch for sign-up sheets!

Nursery Attendant(s) Sought

Kaiti Maass’ last day as our nursery attendant is Sunday, May 6 so we will be looking to hire someone to take her place. If you or someone you know might be interested please check in with a staff person about getting an application and further details. Please spread the word!

Buffalo Meal Packing April 29

Our church is invited to join other Buffalo churches to pack 10,000 meals for global distribution on **Sunday, April 29** at Zion Lutheran Church. There are several shifts, but we encourage you to sign up for the 1:30 shift, if you’d like to be there with others from BUMC. Sign your family up online at: www.bit.ly/ServeBuffalo before it fills!

Blankets for Beds

Spring is a great time to clean out your closets and donate gently used blankets, bedding and towels for local distribution. Bring to church, or if you need items to be picked up, please contact Dianne McLain at 763-682-2260.

Confirmation Corner

Wednesday, April 18 is a Focus Night. We will be talking about the Life of Jesus and the Great Commission. Don’t forget your Bible’s.

Phone Directories Available

If you need an updated BUMC phone and address directory, pick up a copy on the white table in the entryway.

New Signs around the Building

Did you notice the bookcases in the entryway moved so our AED and fire extinguisher would be more noticeable? Have you noticed the new room signs all around the building? They are thanks to the MCCI Signage Audit Team. For better identification daily or in event of an emergency, all rooms are now clearly identified.

We are so grateful that the costs of these signs was funded through the generous estate gift from Willis Mellin, so did not have to come from our general revenue.

United Methodist Women Meet

The UMW meets on **Thursday, April 12** at 1:00 pm. Arlene Nelson leads devotions and our program is on New Ways to Garden. All women of the church are welcome!

2018 Apportionments

Several people have asked what our apportionment amount to the UM General Conference is for this year. It works out to \$125 per member.

When **Life Happens!** What do you say? Sometimes when people experience difficult circumstances, we may end up saying the wrong thing. Other times we are a true blessing. Or how many times do we say nothing at all and avoid the topic altogether?

Life Happens is a new monthly ministry session where we will bring in guest speakers to share first-hand experiences on topics we all too often avoid, even though we care. You are invited to join us on the **2nd Monday of the month from 7:15-8:15 pm** beginning in January 2018. We'll meet in the fellowship hall for a time of listening, learning, caring, and dessert. You may join us for one month, or every month, and bring a friend if you wish.

February Life Happens:

Panic Attacks – What do I say? How can I help?

Monday, February 12, 2018

7:15-8:15 p.m.

The Guest Connections team has begun hosting periodic informal gatherings for visitors or newcomers to BUMC. The next “Discover BUMC” gathering is on **Sunday, March 11 at 9:20 am** between services in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and discover more about our church, get acquainted with others, and be able to ask questions. Find the designated table in the fellowship hall!

Love INC Volunteers Sought

If you are looking for a new volunteer opportunity in 2018, Love INC-Big Woods is looking for helpers. Volunteer needs include: intake phone worker, transportation help, furniture delivery, thrift store sorters, merchandisers, cashiers, people to do minor household or car repair, and event planners for fundraisers. Call 763-682-2550 for more information. Be a part of what God is doing in our community!

Offering Envelopes Available

If you want offering envelopes for 2018, write your name and envelope number on the sheet in the church entryway and take them home today.

Let Us Know You're Here!

Whether a regular attender, or a guest, please complete a “We're Glad You're Here” card and drop it in the offering basket each week!

Friendly Request for Worship...

We've been asked to encourage you to limit the use of scents and perfumes when coming to church. We have some people with health issues who are very sensitive to them and it can create challenges. Thank you for your consideration!

“Ask Me” Greeters Add Hospitality

To help our congregation be more user-friendly to newcomers, the Guest Connections Team has established the “Ask Me” initiative. Each Sunday, both before and after services, you will find a friendly face roving in the entryway, with a lanyard and clipboard boldly marked “Ask Me.” If you encounter newcomers and can’t answer their questions, direct them to the “Ask Me” person. And all you helpful, friendly people should sign up for this heartwarming job! Training is provided by the Guest Connections team. Interested? Please ask this morning’s “Ask Me” greeter how to get started!

Consider MCCI Ministry Teams

Additional MCCI ministry teams will be forming soon. Please let us know if you would consider serving on one:

- ReBranding Team – see Dan Buchholtz
- Website Team
- Social Media Team
- Worship Excellence Team
- Sunday Schedule Feasibility Team
- Children & Families Vision Team
- Staff Responsibilities Review Team

Thursday Game Day This Week

Warm up your spirit and enjoy relaxed fellowship at our Game Day this **Thursday, January 4 from 1:00-4:00 pm**. Coffee is provided and you should bring a snack to share. A variety of games are enjoyed.

Coffee Hour Offerings

To improve hospitality for guests, we moved the coffee hour fellowship basket from the front end of the refreshment table to the side counter where regulars can donate, but guests won’t feel obligated. Your donations allow us to continue buying coffee direct from Guatemalan farmers, providing them a better living and us better coffee!

Frozen Meals Available

Thanks to our cooking and assembly crew, we now have ravioli lasagna frozen and available for you to deliver to someone in need of a helping meal.

Pick Up a Pocket Cross

If you missed getting a cross in worship on September 10, we invite you to pick one up today and carry in your pocket, or make into a necklace, or attach to your purse or backpack as a reminder, to “Come back to the Cross,” whenever life is challenging.

Worship Tech Help Sought

We need more people to help with worship projection, especially at late service. Please consider learning this easy process! See Laurie.

Men’s “Fix It” Crew Can Help!

Have you been ‘at a loss’ trying to fix something, install something or move something heavy in your home? Our Men’s Fellowship would like to remind you that we have several men who are available at no cost to assist you if you are unable to do the work yourself. Call Craig at 763-682-1994 if you could use some help.

Blankets for Beds

There is a steady need for blankets, so please bring your donations of new and gently used blankets of any size for local distribution. Place them in the box across from the church office.

How You Can Support BUMPreschool

Donate items: Circle button magnets; C links, (those used for babies); buttons; cotton balls; felt; bells; ribbon; paper plates, spoons, napkins, toilet paper cardboard rolls. (new or used)

Financial Support: Donate to our new Program Enhancement Fund to help cover costs of two field trips or to bring in educational programs, like Como Zoo; also helps pay for our physical education program with Gym Nation, which is a huge bonus for our kids, teaching fine and large motor skills and muscle development. Donations to our tuition scholarship fund allow us to provide low income families the opportunity to be part of our school.

Volunteer: Come in just to talk with us, help out in the classrooms, or to share a special interest.



Collect for BUMPreschool

We continue to collect caps and bag tops, (or oval from donut glazers) from Kwik Trip, and Labels for Learning from Coborns! Bring them to the red bucket across from the church office.

Parkview Service Today

Pastor Bill would love for you to join him as he leads worship at Parkview Chapel on **Sunday, June 25 at 2:00 pm**. Come visit with the residents and add your voice to our worship.

“Discover BUMC” Today

All visitors or newcomers to BUMC are invited to an informal “Discover BUMC” gathering between services **this morning at 9:20** to discover more about our church, get acquainted with others, and be able to ask questions. Find the designated table in the fellowship hall!

Praise and Coffee Gathering

Join Sheryl Lehman on **Monday, April 2 at 6 pm** at Praise and Coffee, a community-wide fellowship time in the side room at Perkins. These gatherings will be held the first Monday evening monthly for men and women to spend a time of fellowship, fun and coffee praising God. Bring and friend and the coffee is optional.

“Life Happens” this Monday, April 9

This month’s **Life Happens** ministry brings in Lawrence O’Flanagan to speak on the topic of *Needing an Organ Transplant*. We’ll hear first-hand experiences and will learn what to do and what to say to let people know we care as they face specific challenges. We meet **Monday, April 9 from 7:15-8:15 pm** in the fellowship hall for a time of listening, learning, caring, and dessert. You are invited to join us on the **2nd Monday of each month**.