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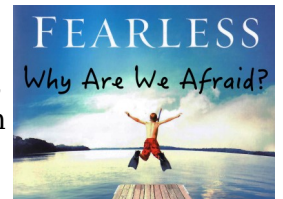
BUMC Weekly Connection—April 16

This Sunday, April 18 @ 9:00 am

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

New Series — Fearless: Imagine Your Life Without Fear

This Sunday through June 13 we are starting a new series based on Max Lucado's book, *Fearless*. Each sunrise seems to bring fresh reasons for fear. Virus mutations, layoffs at work, slowdowns in the economy, flare-ups in the Middle East, scarcity in the housing market, and global warming. Terrorism even begins with the word terror. Fear, it seems, has taken up a hundred-year lease on the building next door and set up shop. Oversized and rude, fear herds us into a prison of unlocked doors. Wouldn't it be great to walk out? Imagine your life, wholly untouched by angst. What if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to threats? If you could hover a fear magnet over your heart and extract every last shaving of dread, insecurity, or doubt, what would remain? Envision a day, just one day, where you could trust more and fear less. Can you imagine your life without fear?



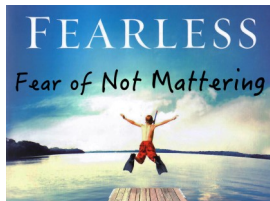
This Sunday — Why Are We Afraid?

Our bodies are hardwired to respond in various ways when we perceive danger, and the experiences we associate with fear, physically and mentally, can help us avoid harm. But we aren't meant to let fear drive us on. Jesus was raised from the dead so that we might live according to the call of God, not fear.

Sunday Scripture

Then Jesus got into the boat and started across the lake with his disciples. Suddenly, a fierce storm struck the lake, with waves breaking into the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" Jesus responded, "Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!" Then he got up and rebuked the wind and waves, and suddenly there was a great calm. The disciples were amazed. "Who is this man?" they asked. "Even the winds and waves obey him!"

Matthew 8:23-27 (NLT)



Next Sunday April 25— Fear of Not Mattering

What difference does a single person make out of billions? Do you matter if you're not a headliner or A-lister? The world may soon forget you ever existed, but God knows you, loves you, and has adopted you as a child and your life is a part of God's plan for bringing about the Kingdom of God.

Virtual Fellowship Every Sunday—New Time

Sunday fellowship time is remaining on Zoom for a while longer as well, and it's moving to a **new time, 10:30**. [Fellowship Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 732 4519 5738 Passcode: B0r4cn We'll keep you posted on when we'll be able to offer an indoor fellowship time again.





Other Ministry Updates

In-Sanctuary Worship is Back!

Thankfully, for the first time in over a year, we're able to open the sanctuary for in-person worship with reservations, masks, and physical



distancing, effective April 18, 2021. Thanks be to God! This is largely due to the progress we're making with vaccinations, especially among the most vulnerable adults. If you're someone who's at special risk for severe COVID symptoms and haven't been vaccinated, we encourage you to continue worshipping online at this time. You can find details on the COVID precautions we're taking in worship as well as how to make your reservations for in-sanctuary worship on the church website. You most likely also received that information in an email from the church this past Wednesday. Reservations for each Sunday can be made beginning each Tuesday at 9am and will close each Friday at 1pm, first come first served.

Here is the link. [RSVP Church](#) This link is valid only from Tuesday at 9am and will close each Friday at 1pm.

If we run out of space on a Sunday, we'll consider adding a second worship service to the Sunday morning schedule. The BUMC Connection contains a link that you can use to make your reservations for the week, or please call the church office.



New Sunday School Times

Sunday School for all ages is remaining online through the end of the school year. In order to accommodate

parents attending in-sanctuary worship, some Sunday School times are changing as of Sunday: Pre-1st and 7th & 8th grade will move to a new time (11:00 am), 2nd-6th grade will remain at 10:30 am.

Sunday Worship also Livestreamed

Please remember that online worship is now livestreamed on You Tube, Facebook, and Twitch TV. You will find links to the livestreams on our website and below, or simply subscribe to our You Tube channel.

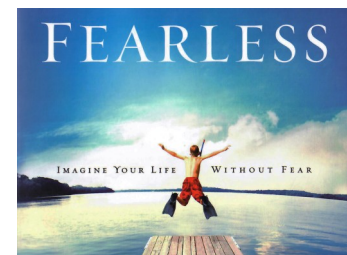
[Twitch TV](#)

[YouTube Live](#)

[Facebook Live](#)

Call for Pictures for FEARLESS Worship Series

Sunday we start a new worship series about living the resurrection life as fearless Easter people. We'd love to be able to share your



photos of living fearlessly! Please send in a photo of you or someone you know doing something fearlessly, however you want to define it. Please include a brief paragraph caption that gives us the "who, what, where, when, and why" of the photo. Submission of your photo constitutes permission to share your story in our livestream worship.

Coming Up in Ministry

April 18 **9:00 am Worship Service**—In person or online

10:30 am Virtual Sunday School
online for 2nd-6th grade

10:30 am Virtual Fellowship

11:00 am Virtual Sunday School
online for Pre-1st, 7th & 8th grade

April 20 **7:00 pm SPRC Meeting**

April 21 **6:00 pm Confirmation**

6:30 pm Senior High Youth

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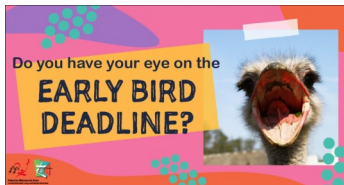
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Update on Summer Camp 2021!

All BUMC children and youth who register for a UMC camp this summer will receive 50% off the tuition, as well as all 1st-time adults. In addition, we normally cover another \$100 off for fifth graders. Because camps were closed last year due to COVID, this year we're offering that \$100 scholarship for both fifth and sixth graders! Exciting! Check out the current offerings, COVID-19 Safety protocols and learn more information online! Visit the site if you are interested as registration is OPEN. [CampMN](#)



Early Bird deadline is **April 30!** Register soon to reserve your spot and to take full advantage of the Early Bird incentive of \$25 in

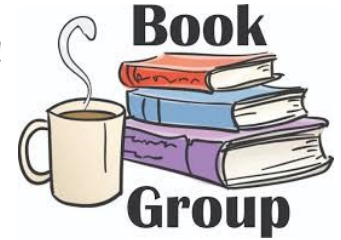
camp store credit. This credit may be redeemed for snacks at the canteen or items from the camp store.

Camp Minnesota has scholarship funds available to campers who need them most. Check our website for more information on financial assistance and to apply for a campership!

Bring your friends and save! For each new camper (someone who has not attended a Camp Minnesota camping event in 3 years) you or your child bring to camp in 2021, you will receive \$25.00 off the price of your camp. This is our way of thanking you for helping us make camp even better by bringing along a friend! Just list the friend when you register for camp, and the discount will be applied when they register for camp.

BUMC Book Groups Beginning

Have you ever been in a book club? They are fun! The group chooses a book to read and then they gather one or two times a month to socialize and talk about the book they have chosen.



Well, now you can be a part of such a group by choosing either one of our two BUMC Book Groups beginning the week of April 18. We will be reading the book *Fearless – Imagine Your Life Without Fear* by Max Lucado as our first book. After we have completed that book, we will as a group choose another. You can continue to be a part of the group book after book or come and go from the group as your schedule permits. We are planning on these book groups continuing long term.

As we start now in April, one group will be meeting by Zoom on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:15 p.m. Those meeting dates are April 19, May 3, 17, 31. The Zoom group host is Sheryl Lehman. Please use this Zoom link [Click Here!](#) Meeting ID: 895 0658 4238; Passcode: 873897 The second group will be meeting in person in the church fellowship hall on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. for one hour. That group is hosted by Rita Varner-Otness. The Sunday group will meet April 18, May 2, 16, 30.

We are asking each participant to please purchase or borrow your own book to use. You can start reading now. There is no need to register for a group. Just show up to chat. Be FEARLESS! Join a group!

Lawn Crew Needed

With all this rain we will start mowing soon and we have saved a lot of money annually by using volunteers to mow May through



October. The church has mowers on site that you can use. Would you consider volunteering once or twice this year? Contact Michelle at the church office to volunteer.