



So All May Know Joy

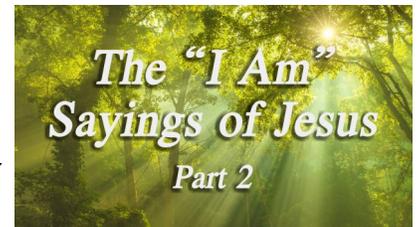
BUMC Weekly Connection—April 1

This Sunday, April 3 @ 9:00 am

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

This Sunday - The "I Am" Sayings of Jesus- Part 2

What do a grape vine and a loaf of bread have in common? Jesus compared himself to both! Today we'll hear two more of the unique "I am" statements of Jesus that John includes in his Gospel. Each of these passages reveal a facet of the character and mission of Jesus, giving glory to God and making it clear that Jesus is both the Son of God and God.



Communion This Sunday

Our worship this Sunday will 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. If you are worshipping at home, remember to gather your items representing the bread and the wine as we gather in spirit around Christ's table. If you don't have bread and grape juice, crackers and water are a great substitute.

Scripture Reading

[Jesus said,] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." John 15:1-8 NRSV

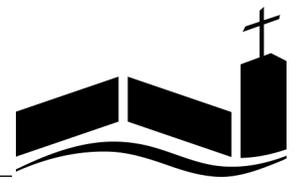


Next Sunday – The Arrest and Trial of the King

John, along with Mark, included an account of the palm parade when Jesus entered Jerusalem, perhaps to emphasize his title as King. He also portrays the arrest of Jesus in the Garden quite uniquely, emphasizing the divinity of Jesus as King rather than the humanity of Jesus in his suffering. The trial of Jesus under Pilate continues John's message clearly: Jesus is the King with true power.

Sunday Fellowship

Come and join us for Sunday fellowship. Coffee is served after the worship service each week in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am.



Other Ministry Updates

- April 3** 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion
10:00 am Sunday School & Education
10:00 am Fellowship
10:00 am John Book Study
- April 4** 9:00 am Commodity Distribution
6:30 pm Befrienders
- April 5** 7:00 pm Property Team Meeting
- April 6** 3:00 pm Guest Connections Team
6:00 pm Lenten Meal—Soup & Bread
6:30 pm Lenten Service
6:30 pm Confirmation
6:30 pm Senior High Youth Group
6:30 pm Children's Lenten class
7:30 pm Handbell Practice
- April 7** 1:00 pm Game Day
- April 10** 9:00 am **Palm Sunday** Worship Service with Handbells
10:00 am Sunday School & Education
10:00 am Fellowship
10:00 am John Book Study

Two Services on Easter Sunday

We're praying for and planning on a true Resurrection Sunday this Easter! To accommodate the extra people that Easter worship usually draws, we'll be offering a contemporary worship experience on Easter at **9:00am** and a traditional worship service at **10:30**. If you've been staying home because of schedule or musical preference, this is your chance to show up at your preferred time. Everyone who is able to do so is encouraged to worship with us in person on Easter Sunday as we celebrate turning the page on what has gone before and embrace a new and brighter future together.

Join us during Fellowship for Resurrection Rolls. Both cinnamon and caramel will be available, also gluten free rolls. Remember, **NO** traditional Sunday School on Easter Sunday. A family activity will be available to work on during Fellowship or can be taken home to complete.

Easter Letter Is On the Way

Be watching your mailboxes this week for a special Easter letter from Pastor Bill.

Lenten mid-week services

Each Wednesday evening we've been enjoying music and sharing stories, prayers, Scriptures, and reflections from the book *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill Duffield. There is one more Wed night service on **April 6**, so if you haven't had a chance to come, we hope you still will join us! Reflection journals are available in the lobby if you'd like, and they are also posted on our website. Come at **6:00** and enjoy dinner in the Fellowship Hall and then move to the Sanctuary at **6:30 pm** for our service. The services will also be live-streamed.

Lenten Meals

Please join us each **Wednesday at 6:00 pm** for dinner before our worship service.

April 6: : Our final Lenten meal will be soup (creamy potato, chicken and dumplings, and gluten free tomato bisque) and bread served by the Knutson's

Children's Lenten Series

Lessons & Activities each week are running from **through April 6th**. Please join us in the back Fellowship Hall each week from **6:30 - 7:15 pm**. BUMC youth will be assisting each week.

4/6: Oil: Join us this week as we learn about how oil relates to our life with Jesus!

Children's Ministry Shoe Drive

We're excited to announce that we have joined forces with the nonprofit [Soles4Souls](#) and are launching our own shoe drive to collect pairs of shoes to help break the cycle of poverty.

From **Wednesday, March 30th to Wednesday, April 13th**, please bring your new or gently used shoes of any kind to BUMC. Drop off box will be labeled in the front entry of the church. If able, please tie or wrap your shoes with a rubber band.

Secure Giving



Worship Registration





Other Ministry Updates

Lawn Mowing

Jeremy Carlson will be handling the role of Lawn Mowing Coordinator this year. If you would like to be involved, please email him at jeremy.carlson1@gmail.com.

Feed My Starving Children Food Packing

Save the date! On **Sunday, May 22 (1:30-3:30pm)**, BUMC is participating in large mobile food packing event at Delano UMC. This is the same event that we raised funds for with a special offering about two years ago! We're finally getting our chance to roll up our sleeves and get that food ready for hungry people. Our church has room for up to 40 people on that day. Be watching for more information and an online sign-up option. You can also reserve your spots by contacting Michelle Jones in the church office.

Women's Retreat—Save the Date

When Covid came in 2020 we had to cancel the BUMC Women's Retreat that we had planned but now we are again ready to have a retreat. Mark your calendar for this gathering to be held on **Sept 23-24, 2022**. This event will be held in our own church building. If you are interested in being on the team to help plan and carry out this activity, please contact Jana Knutson or Rita Varner-Otness and be looking for more upcoming plans to be announced.

Summer Camp

Summer 2022 camp registration is open! [Click here for details](#). All BUMC 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 cover another \$100 off for fifth graders.



Game Day is Back

If you like to play a variety of board games, card games or dominos, join us in the Fellowship Hall **April 7** and the first Thursday of each month at **1:00 p.m.** Bring a friend!

Don't Forget Our Little Free Library!

Our Little Free Library down by the playground continues to be well used. Remember, you can place books for children or adults in it at any time, and perhaps take a book home to read!



Picture Directories

If you need an updated BUMC phone and address directory, pick up a copy on the wall in the entryway or by clicking [Here](#).

Sunday Worship Livestreamed

Please remember that online worship is 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](#)

Devotionals and Online Resources

UMC list of daily and weekly devotionals from around the country: [Click Here](#)

The Upper Room (Daily devotional): [Click Here](#)

Terry Hershey Sabbath Moment (weekly devotional): [Click Here](#)

Asbury Seedbed (Daily devotional from JD Walt of Asbury Seminary): [Click Here](#)

Insight for Living (Daily devotionals from Chuck Swindoll) [Click Here](#)

Billy Graham Association (Daily Devotional) [Click Here](#)

BibleGateway. Multiple Bible translations along with some great study tools: [Click Here](#)

Sheryl Lehman's prayer resource website: [Click Here](#)