



So All May Know Joy

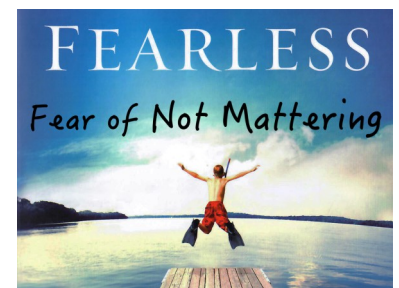
BUMC Weekly Connection—April 23

This Sunday, April 25 @ 9:00 am

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

This Sunday — Fear of Not Mattering

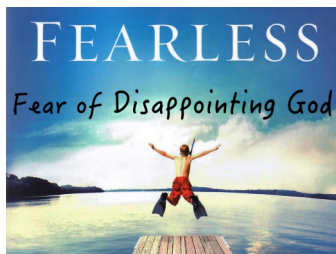
What difference does a single person make out of billions? Do you matter if you're not a headliner or A-lister? The world may soon forget you ever existed, but God knows you, loves you, and has chosen you as a child and your life is a part of God's plan for bringing about the Kingdom of God.



Sunday Scripture

O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD. You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

Psalm 139:1-5, 13-16, 23-24 (NLT)



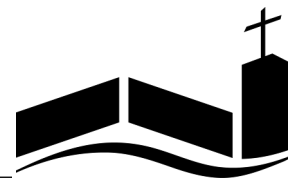
Next Sunday May 2 — Fear of Disappointing God

People have been disappointing God since their beginning in the Garden of Eden. We disappoint God whenever we chose to elevate our own will above God's. Our sin does have consequences, but God's grace makes it possible for us to restore our broken relationships. It's love, not fear, that marks a healthy relationship with God.

Virtual Fellowship Every Sunday—New Time

Sunday fellowship time is remaining on Zoom for a while longer as well, and has moved to a **new time, 10:30**. Join Dexter and Sheryl Lehman here: [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

Thankfully, we've been able to open the sanctuary for in-person worship with reservations, physical distancing, and masks for those 5 years and older. Masks are recommended but not required for children ages 2-5. Our ability to welcome you back into the church sanctuary 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. Online reservations and reservations by telephone will be open beginning each Tuesday at 9am. Use this [link](#) to make your online reservations. Online reservations will NOW be open until one hour prior to worship each Sunday morning. If you need to make your reservations by calling the church office, you'll need to do that before 1:00pm on Friday. Please remember that if you're calling, you'll need to actually speak to someone rather than just leaving a message. If we run out of space on a Sunday, we'll consider adding a second worship service to the Sunday morning schedule.



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 have changed 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.

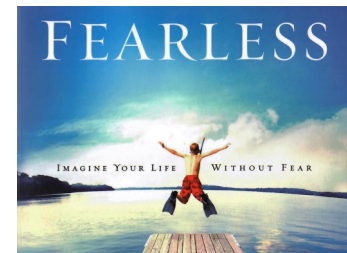
[Twitch TV](#)

[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

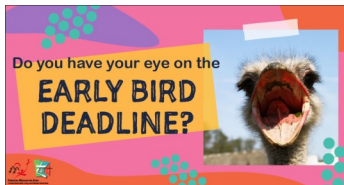
- April 25 **9:00 am Worship Service**—In person or online
- 10:30 am Virtual Sunday School** online for 2nd-6th grade
- 10:30 am Virtual Fellowship**
- 11:00 am Virtual Sunday School** online for Pre-1st, 7th & 8th grade
- April 27 **7:00 pm Finance**
- April 28 **6:00 pm Confirmation Focus Night**
- 6:30 pm Senior High Youth**
- May 2 **9:00 am Worship Service**—In person or online with Communion
- 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



Other Ministry Updates

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.

Buffalo Food Shelf

Have you been thinking about volunteering at the food shelf, but haven't sought out how to do that yet? If you have been contemplating this volunteer opportunity, now is the time. They especially need you to help clients shop on Tuesday or Thursday evenings, 6:00p – 8:00p. Anyone over the age of 14 can volunteer, with anyone age 10-13 needing to be accompanied by an adult. For more information email Tennille at buffalofoodshelfvolunteer@gmail.com. If you have any additional questions about volunteering at the food shelf, feel free to contact our church's representatives: Connie Heckenlaible 612-709-8233 or Jeff Wurtzberger 763-438-0028.

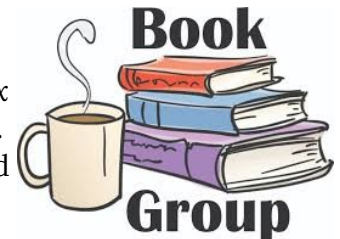
BUMC Book Groups Beginning

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.