



*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—April 4** **This Sunday, April 6 @ 9:00 & 10:30**

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

### **New Sermon Series— Are We There Yet?**

Do you ever feel like if you just make it over the next hurdle or reach your next goal that you will have finally arrived in life? Many people do, including our Biblical friends, but guess what? That's called the arrival fallacy, and it can keep us feeling disappointed and unhappy when we get to the "next thing" and find we still haven't arrived at our hoped-for destination. We are still unfailingly human, flawed, broken.



### **This Sunday — The Fake Out** | John 2:13-25 (NIV)

Just when we think we have it all figured out – the right job, the right routine, the right way of doing things – Jesus comes in and upends our certainty, always moving us into deeper truth, justice, and relationship.

### **Communion This Sunday**

Our worship this Sunday will also 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.

### **Scripture Reading** | John 2:13-25 (NIV)

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

### **Next Sunday—Palm Sunday: Staying Power** | Luke 19:28-40

Everyone loves a parade but what happens when the party is over? Real hope is built in daily acts of showing up – in times of celebration, in times of challenge, and in the ordinary in-between.



## Other Ministry Updates

- April 6** 9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service with Communion  
 10:00 am Fellowship  
 10:30 am Education Hour  
 10:30 am Traditional Worship Service with Communion
- April 7** 6:00 pm Praise & Coffee
- April 8** 7:00 pm Leadership Team meeting
- April 9** 6:00 pm Lenten Meal  
 6:30 pm Children's Lenten Service  
 6:35 pm Lenten Series  
 7:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal  
 7:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- April 13** 9:00 am Blended Worship Service with Handbells  
 10:00 am Fellowship  
 10:00 am Education Hour  
 10:30 am Fast Track & Game day



### Did You Know?

Did you know we have extra tables and chairs to rent out to the public? Get in touch with [Michelle](#) in the office for more information.

### Sunday School News

Sunday School is holding a shoe drive for [Soles4Souls](#). Please donate all styles and sizes of your gently used or new shoes and sneakers between now and Easter. Contact [Andrea Gravley](#) with questions.

### Wednesday Evening Lenten Series

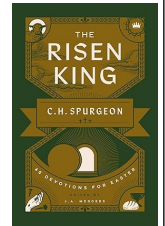
We will hold a brief worship service each **Wednesday** night at **6:35pm** (come for dinner first at **6:00pm**) using the book *The Risen King: 40 Devotions for Easter* by C.H. Spurgeon. Join us as we listen to stories, reflections & prayers. While the adults are in the sanctuary, Children's Ministry will host a Lenten Series for kids 5-12.

### Two Services on Easter Sunday

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** with Fellowship hour in between services. Our nursery will be fully staffed all morning.

### 2025 Lenten Breakthrough Prayer

Father of compassion, during this season of Lent, we cry out for a breakthrough in our hearts and minds, in our lives and in Buffalo United Methodist Church. You have promised, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." (Ez 36:26) Amid our daily struggles, we often grow tired and impatient on our journey with Christ toward the cross. We ask, "Are we there yet?" By your Spirit give us a new heart! Work within us, grant us patience, courage and guidance. By your mercy and grace, lead us deeper in becoming more like your Son in newness of life. Now, forever, and always, in the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

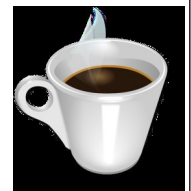


### Summer Camp 2025

Registration is open! Don't forget about the Early Bird incentive. Register before **April 30** and receive a \$25 Camp Store Credit. Save even more by bringing a friend with you to camp. Click [HERE](#) for details. All BUMC youth who register for a UMC camp this summer will receive 50% off tuition, as well as all 1st-time adults.

### Praise & Coffee

Join us for a community wide gathering for men and women to enjoy a time of fellowship, fun, coffee and God! Don't drink coffee? No problem - there are plenty of other options. Grab dinner before you come or have dinner while you're there. This is a casual time to enjoy each other's company! We'll be meeting every first Monday (**April 7**) of each month at **6:00PM** in the side room at Perkins in Buffalo. Call Sheryl Lehman with questions at (763) 229-0340.



### Two services every month

BUMC holds two services every first Sunday of the month. Our **9:00 AM** is a Contemporary Service and **10:30 AM** is a Traditional Service.



## Other Ministry Updates



### March is FoodShare Month!

This Sunday is our final collection for the March FoodShare Campaign! If you didn't bring donations, monetary donations are also welcome, as the food shelf can

stretch dollars further through food co-ops. Make checks out to BUMC with "food shelf" designated in the memo line. Please consider donating food, personal care items, or money. The most needed items currently are canned goods, pasta, and cooking essentials. Place items in the red wagon outside of the church office. Let's fill the wagon!

### Lawn Crew Needed

The Property Team is gearing up for lawn mowing 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. Thank you!



### Now Hiring!

Buffalo United Methodist Church is seeking a dynamic Worship Coordinator! The ideal candidate will possess strong leadership, organizational, and communication skills. Responsibilities include all the "behind the scenes" tasks necessary for vibrant a worship service.



Buffalo United Methodist Church is seeking an energetic Children & Youth Coordinator! The ideal candidate will build strong relationships with kids and their families, create engaging spiritual growth opportunities, and inspire and equip volunteers to amplify these goals. Responsibilities include developing and overseeing Sunday School, Confirmation, and Sr. High Youth programming.

Not sure you meet 100% of our qualifications? Research shows that men apply for jobs when they fulfill an average of 60% of the criteria. Yet women and other people who are systematically marginalized tend only to apply if they meet every requirement. If you believe that you could excel in this role, we encourage you to apply.

[Applications](#) and job descriptions ([Worship Coordinator](#) / [Children and Youth Coordinator](#)) are available in the church office or click on highlighted links to view. Please include with your application, a resume and cover letter describing why you are applying for this position. All materials should be emailed to [sprc@buffaloumc.com](mailto:sprc@buffaloumc.com).

### 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.

### Picture Directories

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

### Sermon Manuscripts

If you are interested in receiving a weekly sermon manuscript via email, let Michelle know. They are also available on our website and in the entry way on the wall.

### Coffee and Worship

The two best things on Sunday morning are coffee and worship, and we welcome you to bring yours in to the sanctuary. However, in order to preserve our beautiful sanctuary we ask that you bring a covered coffee cup from home when bringing your cup into the sanctuary.

[Secure Giving](#)   [Worship Registration](#)

