



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—April 9

This Sunday, April 11 @ 9:00 am

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

Sunday — A Promise is a Promise

Curtis Rieck will tell us that many of us today are trapped in a tomb of some form or another. We find ourselves missing out on life as it was meant to be and we need someone to roll away the stone and set us free.

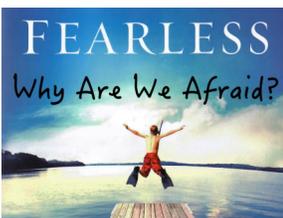


Sunday Scripture

Jesus found that he had been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, less than two miles away. Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met Him, but Mary remained in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You may ask of God, God will give You." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, yet shall he live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. John 11: 17-26

New Series — Fearless: Imagine Your Life Without Fear

April 18-June 13 we will be 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?



Next Sunday April 18— 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.

Virtual Fellowship Every Sunday

You're invited to join Dexter & Sheryl Lehman for a virtual fellowship time on Zoom at **10:00**, right after worship. Stay for a couple of minutes, or stay for 45 mins - It's all up to you. [Fellowship Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 732 4519 5738 Passcode: B0r4cn



Other Ministry Updates

Sunday Worship Moved to Livestream

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

[Twitch TV](#)

[YouTube Live](#)

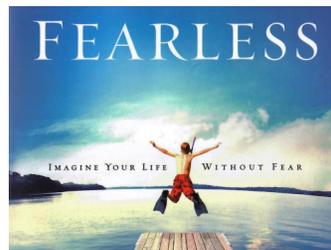
[Facebook Live](#)

Easter Flower Pick Up

If you wish to pick up your Easter flowers you may come during office hours or we have reserved **April 11 starting from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**. To reserve a different time contact Laurie Schroeder at woodsedgeapples@msn.com or by calling 763-682-4409. If you wish to donate your Easter Flower to someone homebound to be delivered, please let Michelle in the office know.

Call for Pictures for FEARLESS Worship Series

Next Sunday we'll be starting 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.



BUMC Book Groups Beginning

Have you ever been in a book club? They are fun! The group chooses a book to read and then gather one or two times a month to socialize and talk about the book. You can be a part of 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. 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 be looking in the Weekly Connection next week for that Zoom link.

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 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.

After we have completed the book, we will as a group choose another. You can continue to be a part of the group book or come and go from the group as your schedule permits. We are planning on these book groups continuing long term. Be FEARLESS! Join a group!

Coming Up in Ministry

- April 11 **9:00 am Online Worship Service**
10:00 am Virtual Fellowship
10:00 am Sunday School
online for Pre-1st, 7th & 8th grade
10:30 am Sunday School
online for 2nd-6th grade
10:00 am Virtual Fellowship
- April 13 **7:00 Leadership Team Meeting**
- April 14 **6:00 Confirmation & Senior High Youth Combined Night**
- April 18 **9:00 am Online Worship Service**
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Minnesota FoodShare

The 2021 Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign will run until Sunday, April 11. If you would like to support our local food shelf, food donations may be brought to church and we will deliver them to the food shelf. Monetary donations are accepted!

