



*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—Feb. 20**

**Worship: Sunday, Feb. 22 @ 9:00 am**

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

### **Sermon Series | It's Not Too Late: Change Is Possible**

How often do you find yourself thinking, "It's too late"—too late to change, to overcome a struggle, to heal a relationship, or even for the world to be different? Through Jesus, we are assured it is not too late. God does not give up on us. God keeps calling us to turn around and come home. This turning is called repentance—a gift that makes real change possible, not only for us as individuals but for our communities. Repentance is often tangled up with guilt and shame, but in this Lenten season of self-examination, we will discover together that it is actually a source of hope, freedom, and transformation. Please join us every Sunday morning through Easter Sunday, April 5, as we take time to remember that we still have time—to change, to return, and to trust the grace of the Lord who never stops calling us home.



### **This Sunday - It's Not Too Late to Choose Life | Deuteronomy 30:(11-14) 15-20**

God is near and always inviting us to choose life with intention, again and again.

### **Scripture Reading | Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live 20 and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

### **Next Sunday : It's Not Too Late to Listen to God | 1 Kings 19:4-16**

When life feels overwhelming, Elijah's story reminds us that God meets us in our vulnerability and speaks not through noise or spectacle, but through silence that invites us to listen, rest, and return.

### **Sunday Fellowship**

Join us for coffee with a treat, and great conversation in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday morning.

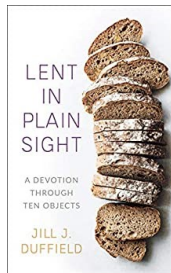


## Other Ministry Updates

- Feb 22**     **9:00 am** Worship  
**10:00 am** Education Hour  
**10:00 am** 5th Grade FSS Communion Class  
**10:00 am** Fellowship  
**10:30 am** Chili Cook Off
- Feb 23**     **1:00 pm** Prayer Shawl
- Feb 24**     **6:30 pm** Finance Team Meeting
- Feb 25**     **6:00 pm** Lenten Meal—Potato bar  
**6:30 pm** Lenten Service  
**7:15 pm** Handbells
- Feb 26**     **12:00 pm** Pie with the Pastor
- March 1**    **9:00 am** Contemporary Worship with Communion and 5th Grade FSS Blessing  
**10:00 am** Education Hour  
**10:00 am** Fellowship  
**10:30 am** Traditional Worship

### Lent in Plain Sight

God often works through the ordinary, revealing grace and meaning in everyday moments. This Lent, we'll use *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill J. Duffield, exploring ordinary objects from Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and discovering God's presence in unexpected places.



Join us every Wednesday evening **from 6:00–7:15 p.m., through March 25**. Each evening will include a shared meal and worship centered on Scripture, prayer, reflection, and conversation. As we journey toward Easter with our Wednesday gatherings let us be reminded to slow down, pay attention, and open ourselves to the kingdom of God at work all around us. Books are available in the entry for \$11.00 each.

### Help Make Our Easter Garden Happen

Our beautiful, Easter Resurrection Garden on **April 5th** only happens with your generous donation of flowers! Your flower or cash donation may be given in honor or in memory of someone if you wish. Flowers will be available for pick up after the service on **April 12**. Order forms are in the chairs and are **due by March 22**.

### Children

This Sunday, children will learn about Sabbath rest—taking time each week to rest, spend time with God, and trust in Him. Reminder: Children's activities are Wednesdays during Lent, **6:30–7:15 PM**.

### Confirmation

This Sunday in Confirmation, students will be learning about the growth and development of the Methodist movement and the founding of The United Methodist Church. Reminder to students that Lent services are a great time to get some extra worship notes done!

### Safety Response Team Update

The Safety Response Team is forming and needs a few more volunteers. The team will focus on church safety (fire, medical, weather, disruptive behavior) with clear goals and action steps. If this sounds like you, contact [Collin Grayley](#), [Gloria Farwick](#), or [Michelle](#) in the office.

### Wrapped in Love

BUMC supports adopted children and foster families at Wrapped in Love. Donate new socks and underwear to help children feel seen and loved. **Men's medium boxer briefs** are needed at this time. Place items in the marked box in the coat room. Cash donations are welcome—contact [Michelle](#) or [Rita Varner Otness](#) who will shop for you.



### Thank You!

- Thank you to everyone who has joined me for “Pie with the Pastor” at Perkins each Thursday at noon. It has been such a joy to sit together, share lunch (I never get to ordering pie because the lunch is so filling), and spend unhurried time getting to know one another better. I'm grateful for the opportunity to listen to what's on your hearts. Keep coming! It is truly a wonderful time of fellowship! – *Pastor Amy*
- Thank you to everyone who helped make our Shrove Sunday potluck such a wonderful time of fellowship. Your cooking, sharing, and hospitality made the day truly special!