



*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—Feb. 27**

**Worship: Sunday, March 1 @ 9:00 am**

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

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

Is it ever too late to change or come home to God? Through Jesus, we are reminded that it's never too late. God continually calls us to turn back and be renewed. Join us each Sunday through Easter, April 5, as we rediscover hope, grace, and new beginnings.

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### **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. We will only have one service this Sunday at 9:00am.

### **This 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.

### **Scripture Reading | 1 Kings 19:4-16**

And the word of the Lord came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

The Lord said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. 16 Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet.

### **Next Sunday - It's Not Too Late to Be Forgiveness | Luke 15:11-32**

Repentance is not about earning forgiveness but about returning home to a God whose embrace restores belonging and makes change possible.

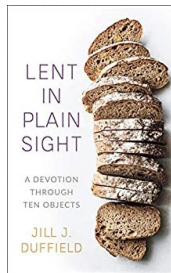


## Other Ministry Updates

- March 1**    **9:00 am** Worship with Communion and 5th Grade FSS Blessing  
                  **10:00 am** Education Hour  
                  **10:00 am** Fellowship
- March 2**    **6:00 pm** Praise & Coffee
- March 3**    **4:15 pm** Worship Design Team  
                  **7:00 pm** Property Team Meeting
- March 4**    **6:00 pm** Lenten Meal  
                  **6:30 pm** Lenten Service  
                  **7:15 pm** Handbells
- March 5**    **12:00 pm** Oattie Otness Blood Drive  
                  **12:00 pm** Pie with the Pastor
- March 8**    **9:00 am** Worship with Handbells  
                  **10:00 am** Education Hour  
                  **10:00 am** Fellowship  
                  **10:30 am** Game Day

### 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**.

**Reminder:** This Sunday we will only be having one service due to Pastor Amy's injury.

### Children

This Sunday, children begin a new unit on God Is Faithful, learning what it means to go all out. They'll discover that God keeps every promise—and will return again—because God is always faithful.

### Confirmation

This Sunday, Confirmation students will learn about the local church—its history and their connection to it. Lent is a great time to complete worship notes and volunteer hours—don't miss the opportunity!

### Finance Team Update

In January 2026, income totaled \$20,171 while expenses were \$28,095, resulting in a net loss of \$7,924. This variance was primarily due to lower -than-expected giving. Inclement weather also contributed, as one service was canceled and another experienced reduced attendance due to extreme cold. On the expense side, January included snow removal costs for services provided in December and early January. On a positive note, our January apportionments supporting the ministries of the General Conference were paid in full. Thank you for your continued faithful giving.

BUMC - Treasurer's Key Indicator Report - January 2026

<b>General Activity</b>				
(Overall Picture of BUMC)				
	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	20,171	26,151	20,171	26,151
Expense	<b>28,095</b>	26,151	28,095	26,151
Difference	-7,924		-7,924	
General Fund Reserve	66,489.00			
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 36,504.03			

### Praise & Coffee

Join us for fellowship, fun, and conversation on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in the side room at Perkins in Buffalo. Coffee and other options available—grab dinner before or during. Questions? Sheryl (763) 229-0340.

### Wrapped in Love

Support adopted and foster children by donating new socks and underwear (men's medium boxer briefs needed). Place items in the coat room box. Cash donations welcome—contact [Michelle](#) or [Rita Varner Otness](#).