



*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—Feb. 28**

**This Sunday, March 2 @ 9:00 & 10:30**

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

### **This Sunday — Courage to be Joyful in All Circumstances** | Philippians 4:1,4-9

According to Paul, having the courage to be first means being first in acknowledging the goal in wanting to know Christ personally, motivating ourselves toward knowing Christ, allowing God to change and mature our thinking all throughout our lives.

### **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** | Philippians 4: 1, 4-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

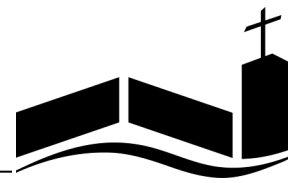
Do you ever feel like if you just make it over the next hurdle or reach your next goal that you will have finally arrived in life? Many people do, including our Biblical friends, but guess what? That's called the arrival fallacy, and it can keep us feeling disappointed and unhappy when we get to the "next thing" and find we still haven't arrived at our hoped-for destination. We are still unfailingly human, flawed, broken. This Lent, let us learn to savor our uniquely human journey without the pressure of arrival, as we reconnect with the God of Jesus Christ who leads us in the way, providing sustenance, meaning, and hope through all our ups and downs.

### **Ash Wednesday - The Classic Overreach** | Matthew 4:1-11

When we are drowning in problems, it can be tempting to think we can solve them all if we just try hard enough. In Lent, we are reminded that we are only human; to move through our struggles, we must turn to a power far greater than ours.

### **Next Sunday—Getting Free and Staying Free** | Exodus 15:22-27

Like the Israelites who were freed from Egypt only to find themselves without drinkable water, we too can find ourselves freed from one trouble only to be met with another. God invites us to shift perspective and find our freedom in relationship with God.



## Other Ministry Updates

- March 2 9:00 am** Contemporary Worship  
Service with Communion 5th Grade  
FSS Blessing  
**10:00 am** Fellowship  
**10:00 am** Education Hour  
**10:30 am** Traditional Worship Service  
with Communion
- March 3 6:00 pm** Praise & Coffee
- March 4 7:00 pm** Property Team Meeting
- March 5 3:00 pm** Guest Connection Team  
**6:00 pm** Lenten Meal  
**6:30 pm** Children's Lent Series  
**6:35 pm** Ash Wednesday Service  
**7:15 pm** Handbell Rehearsal  
**7:30 pm** Praise Team Rehearsal
- March 6 12:00 pm** Red Cross Blood Drive
- March 9 9:00 am** Worship Service with  
Handbells and Baptism  
**10:00 am** Fellowship  
**No Sunday School**  
**10:15 am** Book Study 40 Days  
**10:30 am** Fast Track & Game Day



### Did You Know?

Did you know that ashes are made from burning palm leaves from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

### Fifth Grade Faith Stepping Stone Blessing

This **Sunday, March 2** our fifth graders will help serve communion, and we will offer a blessing over them. As part of their Faith Stepping Stone, they also receive an additional \$100 gift toward UM church camp registration. Congrats and blessings to Hunter Beussman, Walter Lindeman, Charles Smith and Dylan Warner.

### Ash Wednesday Worship

Ash Wednesday worship is always a powerful way to begin our Lenten journey, the 40-day preparation period for Easter. In worship that evening we will receive ashes on our bodies as a sign of mourning for our sins, a sign of our mortality, and a sign of our great need for the saving work of Jesus. This year, we will also hear some signals of the hope which comes as new life through Easter. We will be having a meal at **6:00** and then a short service from **6:35-7:15-ish**.

### Lent

Lent is right around the corner and we will start with Ash **Wednesday on March 5**. On **Wednesday, March 12** we will be reading from The Risen King: 40 Devotions for Easter from C.H. Spurgeon. Some copies will be available to purchase for \$11 or you can order from Amazon.

While the adults are in the sanctuary, Children's Ministry will host a Lenten Series for kids ages 5-12. Andrea Gravely is busy planning some awesome activities to help our kids experience the walk to the cross as well.



**American Red Cross**

Blood Services

**Ottie Otness Memorial Blood Drive**

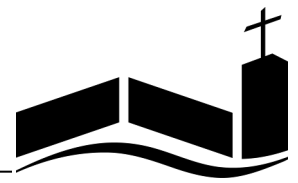
Buffalo United Methodist Church will host a Red Cross Blood drive on **March 6th from 12pm to 6pm**. Donating at this drive will help supply blood for accident victims, surgical patients and others for whom blood transfusions can be life saving. To make an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or if preferred, you can call 1-800-733-2767. Walk-ins are welcome. Each donor will receive a \$10 Amazon Gift card through their e-mail within 6 weeks after donation.



### March is Minnesota Food Share Month

The 44th March campaign for 2025 runs from March 1—April 6. Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign, the largest grassroots food and fund drive in the state,

brings together organizations, businesses, faith communities, and individuals to help stock and support the capacity of nearly 300 food shelves. Please consider donating food, personal care items, or money. The most needed items are currently canned goods, pasta, and cooking essentials. Place items in the red wagon outside of the church office. Let's fill the wagon! Money can be given through the church by designating "Food Share" in your check memo or note on your cash. You can also donate online at [Buffalofoodshelf.com](http://Buffalofoodshelf.com).



## Other Ministry Updates

### Meet Our New Members



#### David & Virginia Pippert

825 7th Ave NE Buffalo, MN 55313  
PHONE (402) 960-3894, (402) 507-6991

Dave & Ginny have been attending our church since October. They are transferring their membership from First United Methodist in Auburn, NE. Both are retired and share the love of reading and gardening. They relocated to Minnesota to be closer to their three sons and seven grandchildren.



#### Alston Armah

806 Vendell Street Buffalo, MN 55313  
PHONE (612) 328-4773

Alston has been attending our church since December, 2023. He is joining us by profession of faith. He is a lawyer and enjoys teaching, studying, sports and hiking. He is from Liberia and emigrated 15 months ago. Alston is married to Anita and they have 3 children, Alston (Jeremy), Siannah and Cyrus.

### Staff Office Hours

**Pastor - Amy Strom:** Monday, remotely  
Tuesday-Thursday - In the office, available for appointments and assistance with any questions or concerns (appointments are appreciated but not required).

Friday & Saturday - Sabbath and personal time  
You can reach me via email at [pastoramy@buffaloumc.com](mailto:pastoramy@buffaloumc.com) or by phone at 763-682-3538. For emergencies—such as a death, hospice, or hospitalization, please contact me at 612-226-8905.

**Debbie Bishop—Worship & Ministry Coordinator:** Tuesday, Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm & Friday 9:00am-1:00pm.

**Andrea Gravley—Children's Ministry Coordinator:** Sunday, Wednesday evening, Saturday. Monday-Friday, remotely.

**Michelle Jones—Administrative Assistant:** Tuesday- Thursday 9:00am-3:pm, Friday 9:00am-1:00pm.

**Sarah Williams—Bookkeeper:** remote only

### Summer Camp

Summer 2025 camp 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

We'll be meeting every first Monday (**March 3**) of each month **at 6:00PM** in the side room at Perkins in Buffalo. Call Sheryl Lehman with questions at (763) 229-0340.

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