



*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—Feb. 6**

**Worship: Sunday, Feb. 8 @ 9:00 am**

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

### **Sermon Series — God Behaving Badly?**

**This Sunday - God is Peaceful** | 2 Kings 2:23-25,

Stories like Elisha's curse and the bears, or the angel striking down 185,000 Assyrians, leave us wondering what kind of God we're dealing with. Is God violent or peaceful? Do these accounts reveal God's character—or are we missing something deeper about justice, protection, and divine purpose? These difficult texts shape how we understand God's heart. The question is real and an answer is needed.

### **Scripture Reading**

From there Elisha went up to Bethel. As he was walking along the road, some boys came out of the town and jeered at him. "Get out of here, baldy!" they said. "Get out of here, baldy!" He turned around, looked at them and called down a curse on them in the name of the Lord. Then two bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the boys. And he went on to Mount Carmel and from there returned to Samaria.

**Next Sunday - God is Near** | Psalm 22:1-2, Psalm 13:1-6

The psalmists cry out with raw honesty: "My God, why have You forsaken me?" and "How long, Lord? Will You forget me forever?" Their words echo our own seasons of silence, sorrow, and unanswered prayer. Is God distant or near? Does He hide His face, or hold us closer than we realize? These questions shape our faith in the darkest moments.

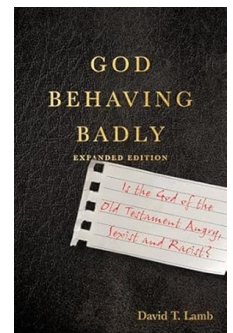
And as we move toward Lent—a season of reflection, repentance, and honest longing—we're invited to bring this very question before God. Lent opens space to wrestle, to wait, and to discover His presence in ways we often overlook.

### **Sunday Fellowship**

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

### **Pie with the Pastor at Perkins**

Join me every **Thursday at noon** for *Pie with the Pastor* at Perkins. During this season of heightened stress, uncertainty, and tension in our state, I want to offer a little extra pastoral care and support. This is a relaxed, welcoming time to visit, enjoy good conversation, and share what's on your heart. Whether you come with questions, concerns, or simply for fellowship and a slice of pie, I'll be there to listen and spend time with you. I hope to see you there. — *Pastor Amy*





## Other Ministry Updates

- Feb 8**      **9:00 am** Worship with Handbells  
**10:00 am** Education Hour  
**10:00 am** Fellowship & Soup-er Bowl Sales  
**10:15 am** Membership Class  
**10:30 am** Game Day
- Feb 10**      **7:00 pm** Leadership Team Meeting
- Feb 11**      **12:00 pm** Pie with the Pastor  
**6:00 pm** Meals & Missions  
**6:30 pm** Handbells
- Feb 15**      **9:00 am** Worship with New Member Blessing  
**10:00 am** Education Hour  
**10:00 am** Fellowship

### Meals and Missions

Join us on **Wednesday, Feb. 11** for Meals and Missions! We will start with a spaghetti dinner at 6:00 pm and then begin our mission project about 6:35 pm. We will be making Valentine's Day surprises to share with others, to let them know they are loved!

### Northwinds School Outreach

It is time again to support our church's neighborhood school, Northwinds Elementary. In the past, BUMC has provided teachers and staff with a meal during the school's parent-teacher conferences. We have again committed to providing food on **Thursday, February 12**. If you are willing to make some food, help set up around 1:30 pm, or take down at 7:00 pm, please contact [Rita Varner Otness](#).

### Children

This Sunday Children will continue to learn about Spiritual Disciplines. This Sunday they will learn about Godly Submission. Godly Submissions are asking God to show us how to live and obey Him. Next Sunday in Sunday School, we will be doing a service project to learn about the Spiritual Discipline of serving others!

### Confirmation

This Sunday Confirmation Students will learn more about God the Sustainer and look through

their Bibles for verses that talk about God the Sustainer. They will then learn more about how they can use this information in their Faith Statements.

### Meals on Wheels Volunteer Drivers



February is our designated month to support Meals on Wheels. There is a new sign-up process for volunteer drivers. Catholic Charities of St. Cloud has implemented a registration system through [VolunteerHub](#). Please use this link or QR code to sign up: This system is new, so if you need assistance or have questions, please contact Stacy @ 320-229-4592.

### Summer Camp 2026 Registration Is Open

Shake off the winter chill and picture a crackling campfire, s'mores, and friends singing camp songs about Jesus. In just a few months, it can be real—now's the time to sign up for camp for yourself, your family, or kids from your church. "In a world that seems to want to tear us apart, summer camp is a place for coming together," says Dan Ziegler, director of Koronis Ministries. Discover what's new and exciting this year at each Camp Minnesota location. [Read article](#) / [Register for camp](#)

### Thank You!

- Thank you so much for your generous support of \$720.50 in 2025 Your gifts provided resources to over 7,000 men, women and teens last year. - *Adult & Teen Challenge*
- Thank you for your donation of \$120.00 during 2025. We are so grateful for the support of people like you. May you be blessed abundantly this coming year as you have been a blessing.—*Wrapped in Love*
- Thanks all who came to the prayer vigil. It was good to pray together for light, courage, hope, love and for what is happening in our state. If you would like to have some guidance on what to pray, there are some prayer suggestions on the 'Welcome Cart' in the entry. — *The Prayer Ministry*