



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Feb. 12

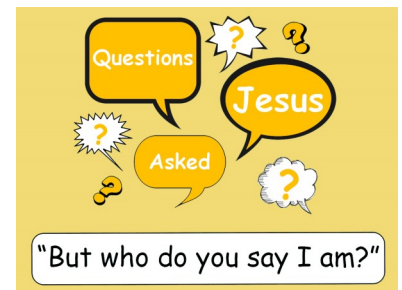
This Sunday, February 14, 9:00 am

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

Sunday — But Who Do You Say I Am?

Pastor Bill shows us to be a disciple of Jesus requires acknowledging that he is the Son of God. But as the disciples were soon to learn, it's much easier to proclaim that in private than to live it out in public!

Sunday Scripture—When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” “Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.” Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. Matthew 16:13-17 (NLT)



Lenten Series - Love Is the Way February 17- April 4

Poverty, racism, selfishness, climate change, ideological divisions, and disease all pose what appear to be insurmountable challenges to the communities we live in as well as the entire planet. But there is a path forward that can take us to a better place: The way of love. In this worship series we'll learn from God's Word and the inspiring life of Bishop Michael Curry how reclaiming the power of love can redeem the pain we're enduring in this country and lead us into a better future. The series kicks off on Ash Wednesday (February 17), and continues through Easter Sunday, with special video presentations shared via Wednesday Facebook Live sessions hosted by Curtis Rieck. The Adult Discipleship Vision Team will also be hosting optional Zoom discussion groups after the Wednesday evening sessions. If you'd like to order the companion book, they are available on Amazon: “Love Is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times.” By Bishop Michael Curry.



Ash Wednesday Feb. 17 — Chaos or Community?

Dr. Martin Luther King called us to choose between chaos or community, saying that we must learn to live together as brothers [and sisters] or perish as fools. God has put the same proposition to us. As we begin the season of Lent and put on ashes of repentance, we'll also embark on an intentional decision to choose to form a community of love.

Next Sunday Feb. 21 — What is Love?

If we're going to commit to following the “way of love” together, then it's crucial that we agree on what love is and isn't. We all have an intuitive sense of what love is and recognize that we all need it. But God's Word and example often paints a different picture of love than the one we might paint for ourselves.



Other Ministry Updates

Parking Lot Prayer February 14th!

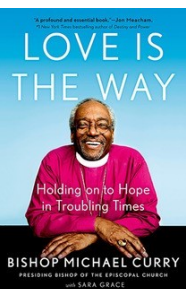
Please join Pastor Bill this Sunday, **February 14th from 4:00-4:30PM** in the parking lot for shared devotions and prayer. This will also be a Zoom event, but we would love to have our parking lot FULL of cars!! You can sit in the comfort of your warm car, while listening to it all either via your car radio on **FM 87.9** or on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81973357528?pwd=RFRweG51dzlpWDJ5MUtOSFVkJURjZz09> Meeting ID: 819 7335 7528 Passcode: 409129 Please email any prayer requests ahead of time to prayerrequests@buffaloumc.com.

Ash Wednesday February 17

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent, which is our time leading up to Easter Sunday when we examine our lives in preparation to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. Our Ash Wednesday service will premiere on Facebook at 6:30 pm. You can **pick up your 2021 Lent kit**, including ashes for Wednesday's service, by joining us for the Parking Lot Prayer service this Sunday at 4:00pm, or you'll find them after that in a bin by the door to the church. Please take one bag with ashes per family, and one pocket heart per person in your family.



Wednesday Lenten Discussion Group



The series kicks off on Ash Wednesday and continues through Easter Sunday. The Adult Discipleship Vision Team will also be sponsoring Zoom conversations after the Wednesday evening live session beginning immediately after the service. The discussions will take

place February 24-March 31. Would you consider hosting a follow-up conversation on Zoom? Conversation starters and questions for each session will be provided for you! Email Rita

Varner-Otness at healinghands.dc@bwig.net. The Zoom link for Wednesday conversation is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85053324369?pwd=NFFpdkN1YlRocjV4aGU2eVoybFNfFdz09>. Meeting ID: 850 5332 4369. Passcode: 209482

Update on Summer Camp 2021!

All BUMC children and youth who register for a UMC camp this summer will receive 50% off the tuition, as well as all 1st-time adults. In addition, we normally cover another \$100 off for fifth graders. Because camps were closed last year due to COVID, this year we're offering that \$100 scholarship for both fifth and sixth graders! Exciting! Check out the current offerings, COVID-19 Safety protocols and learn more information online! Visit the site if you are interested as registration is OPEN. <https://www.campminnesota.org/campsessions>

Coming Up in Ministry

- Feb. 14 **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
4:00 pm Parking Lot Prayer
- Feb. 16 **7:00 pm SPRC Meeting**
- Feb. 17 **6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service**
- Feb. 14 **9:00 am Online Worship Service**
10:00 am Virtual Fellowship
10:00 am Sunday School
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Condolence Card Information

Ivan Erickson—Family plans for a public celebration of life are pending better outdoor weather and/or improved COVID conditions. send cards to: Tim Erickson 11611 50th St NE Albertville, MN 55301

Joanne Johnson—The family has no plans for a public celebration of life per Joanne's wishes. send cards to: Eric Guddal 8005 Griffith Ave NW Maple Lake, MN 55358