



*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—Feb. 19**

**This Sunday, February 21, 9:00 am**

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

### **Sunday — 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.



### **Sunday Scripture**

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13 NLT

### **Wednesday Devotion Feb. 24 —**

Tune in on Facebook Live at 6:30pm to watch the first video on Chapters 1 & 2 of "Love Is the Way" and share a devotional from Curtis R. Rieck. An optional Zoom Discussion Group will follow on Zoom at 7:00pm (see following article for the Zoom link).



### **Next Sunday Feb. 28 — Making Do, Making New**

We've all had the experience of just trying to "get by." We make do with what we have and who we are and hope for better days ahead. But God isn't content with only making do. Instead, God's plan is to "make new," transforming useless lumps of clay into useful and beautiful works of art, living testimonies of God's love.

### **Virtual Fellowship Every Sunday**

You're invited to join Pastor Bill for a virtual fellowship time on Zoom at **10:00**, right after worship. Stay for a couple of minutes, or stay for 45 mins - It's all up to you. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85247108308?pwd=SXVvNkZibHdPZlZ6WnFLL3p0cDRQZz09>

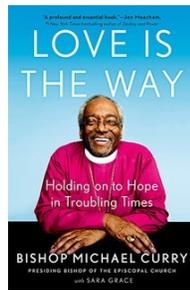




## Other Ministry Updates

### Wednesday Lenten Discussion Group

The Adult Discipleship Vision Team is sponsoring Zoom conversations on *Love Is the Way*, at 7 p.m. after the Wednesday evening services. The discussions will take place February 24-March 31. Each week in the Weekly Connection we will post the questions that will be used at the upcoming discussion. We look forward to having you join us. Here are the questions to ponder for Feb 24: Chapters 1 and 2



1. When or where have you seen agape love in action? What made it possible?  
2. What would be different in our church or community if we were fully living out agape love?

Bishop Curry tells us to turn on "God's GPS" we ask "Is this just about me or is it about we?" What aspects of life are easiest or hardest to align with this kind of love?

The Zoom link for Wednesday conversation is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85053324369?pwd=NFFpdkN1YlRocjV4aGU2eVoybFNFdz09>. Meeting ID: 850 5332 4369. Passcode: 209482. You can also go to the UM conference website at <https://www.minnesotaumc.org/2021-lenten-study> if you would like to read the full study guides or preview the weekly video.

### Sanctuary Live-Streaming Upgrades

The new cameras, computer, and other accessories have arrived at BUMC and Colin Gravey has been busy testing them out and preparing to install them in the church sanctuary. These upgrades will allow us to stream worship services to others over the internet, including weddings and funerals, with the same high-quality sound and video we enjoy with our in-person worship. This capability will be important for the many who will continue worship with us from their homes or even from other states or countries. We're currently determining the best positions for the two cameras and then installation will begin. If

you're interested in being trained on how to operate the new system, contact Debbie Bishop. No prior experience is needed! We'd like to have a fully trained crew of Audio-Visual techs when the time comes for us to resume in-person worship in the sanctuary.

### Coming Up in Ministry

- Feb. 21 **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
- Feb. 23 **7:00 pm Finance Meeting**
- Feb. 24 **6:00 pm Confirmation Focus Night**  
**6:30 pm Senior High Youth**  
**6:30 pm Lenten Service**
- Feb. 28 **9:00 am Online Worship Service**  
**10:00 am Virtual Fellowship**  
**10:00 am Sunday School**  
online for Pre-1st, 7th & 8th grade  
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### Help Make Our Easter Garden Happen

Our beautiful, Easter Resurrection Garden on **April 4** 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 4 or by appointment with the church office. Ordering instructions will follow next week.

### 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>