



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Feb. 26

This Sunday, February 28, 9:00 am

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

Sunday — 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.



Sunday Scripture

GOD told Jeremiah, "Up on your feet! Go to the potter's house. When you get there, I'll tell you what I have to say." So I went to the potter's house, and sure enough, the potter was there, working away at his wheel. Whenever the pot the potter was working on turned out badly, as sometimes happens when you are working with clay, the potter would simply start over and use the same clay to make another pot. Then GOD'S Message came to me: "Can't I do just as this potter does, people of Israel?" GOD'S Decree! "Watch this potter. In the same way that this potter works his clay, I work on you, people of Israel. At any moment I may decide to pull up a people or a country by the roots and get rid of them. But if they repent of their wicked lives, I will think twice and start over with them. At another time I might decide to plant a people or country, but if they don't cooperate and won't listen to me, I will think again and give up on the plans I had for them. Jeremiah 18:1-17 The Message

Wednesday Devotion — March 3

Tune in on Facebook Live at 6:30pm to watch the next video on Chapters 3 & 4 of "Love Is the Way" and share a devotional from Pastor Bill. An optional Zoom Discussion Group will follow on Zoom at 7:00pm (see following article for the Zoom link).



Next Sunday March 7 — Love's Call

Reading about love's selfless, sacrificial way of life can leave one feeling anxious and more than a little reluctant to take the plunge. In part, these feelings come from a misunderstanding of who God expects us to be. Love's call includes not only the love of God and our neighbor, but also of ourselves. We are all made in the image of God, uniquely made to love in unique ways.

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?>

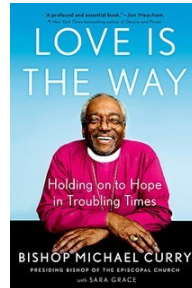




Other Ministry Updates

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 through March 31. The Weekly Connection will be posting the discussion questions that will be used at the upcoming discussion. We look forward to having you join us. If you aren't available each Wednesday, please join when you can. Here are the questions to ponder for March 3: Chapters 3 and 4.



1. Where have you experienced a small act of love this week that made a difference?
2. What does "loving from the center of who you are" look and feel like? Can you think of a recent example when you did that?
3. Dreamers refuse to accept the way things are and instead pray and work for the way things could be. Looked at this way, how are you a dreamer?

The Zoom link for Wednesday conversation is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85053324369?pwd=NFFpdkNIYlRocjV4aGU2eVoybFNfFdz09>
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 videos.

Minnesota FoodShare



The 2021 Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign will run from Monday, March 1 until Sunday, April 11. During the month of March, food shelves weigh all food donations and keep track of all dollar donations designated for the March Campaign. Based on these figures, Minnesota FoodShare will give food shelves a percentage of the available dollars from their "Food Fund". If you would like to support our local food shelf, food donations may be brought to church and we will deliver them to the food shelf. Monetary donations are accepted! By mail: PO Box 222, Buffalo, MN

55313 Online (via PayPal or a credit card): Go to buffalofoodshelf.com and click on donate now. Through the PayPal Giving Fund: (www.paypal.com/fundraiser/hub) - enter "Buffalo Food Shelf".

Coming Up in Ministry

- 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
10:30 am Sunday School
online for 2nd-6th grade
- March 2 **7:00 pm Property Meeting**
- March 3 **6:00 pm Confirmation/Senior High Youth Combined Night**
6:30 pm Lenten Livestream Service
7:00 pm Lent Zoom Discussion Group
- March 7 **9:00 am Online Worship Service** with Communion
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

Easter Garden Flowers

We plan to carry on the tradition of our Easter Resurrection Garden this year, but it can only happen with your donations. Consider purchasing an extra flower or two that you could deliver to someone else after Easter to brighten their day. Last year I (Laurie Schroeder) purchased a cyclamen and kalanchoe, and both of them continued to bloom all summer long, the cyclamen into October! You will be able to take the flowers home immediately after Easter Sunday.



We need to act fairly quickly as orders are needed by March 18. To order, please email or call Michelle at church with your flower order, or you can make a cash donation. Michelle will give you guidance on paying for them. Easter Lilies \$11, Begonias \$13, Cyclamen \$13, Mums \$13, Azaleas \$25, Hydrangea pink or blue \$25. Please place your order as soon as possible!