



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Feb. 5

This Sunday, February 7, 9:00 am

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

Sunday — How to Build a Church

Our very own Curtis Rieck will be sharing with us. . . . More than a flashy building contractor, God is really quite like a folk artist, you know, taking this piece and that, fitting each one carefully to another, using like items to decorate certain sections, coming up with uses for things that seemed to be totally without any use whatsoever. Yes, God seems to be about the business of building something out of whatever seems to be available for use.



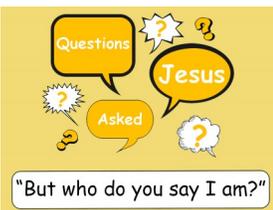
Sunday Scripture—1 Peter 2:4-10 Living Bible

Come to Christ, who is the living Foundation of Rock upon which God builds; though men have spurned him, he is very precious to God who has chosen him above all others.

And now you have become living building-stones for God's use in building his house. What's more, you are his holy priests; so come to him—you who are acceptable to him because of Jesus Christ—and offer to God those things that please him.

As the Scriptures express it, "See, I am sending Christ to be the carefully chosen, precious Cornerstone of my church, and I will never disappoint those who trust in him." Yes, he is very precious to you who believe; and to those who reject him, well—"The same Stone that was rejected by the builders has become the Cornerstone, the most honored and important part of the building." And the Scriptures also say, "He is the Stone that some will stumble over, and the Rock that will make them fall." They will stumble because they will not listen to God's Word nor obey it, and so this punishment must follow—that they will fall.

But you are not like that, for you have been chosen by God himself—you are priests of the King, you are holy and pure, you are God's very own—all this so that you may show to others how God called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were less than nothing; now you are God's own.



Next 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!

Virtual Fellowship Every Sunday

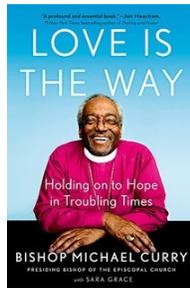
You're invited to join Pastor Bill for a virtual fellowship time on Zoom at **10:00**, right after worship. Stay for a couple of minutes, or stay for 45 mins - It's all up to you. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85247108308?pwd=SXVuNkZibHdPZlZ6WnFLL3p0cDRQZz09>



Other Ministry Updates

The Way of Love: Lenten Worship Series and Conversation

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. 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 at 6:30 p.m. 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. 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. Would you consider hosting a follow-up conversation on Zoom another day and time besides Wednesday? Conversation starters and questions for each session will be provided for you! Email Rita Varner-Otness at healinghands.dc@bwig.net and also look at our BUMC website for the Lenten schedule and more information. The Zoom link for Wednesday conversation is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85053324369?pwd=NFFpdkN1YlRocjV4aGU2eVoybFNFdz09>. Meeting ID: 850 5332 4369. Passcode: 209482



Parking Lot Prayer February 14th!

Please join Pastor Bill next 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 335 174 1539. No password needed, with your device of choice. Please email any prayer requests ahead of time to prayerrequests@buffaloumc.com.

From the Finance Team

After ending 2020 with a deficit, we have started off 2021 on a positive note. We are happy to report that our current net year to date is \$7,458. This includes our apportionments being paid through January 2021. The Christmas offering was very generous, \$6,940. Half of the proceeds went to the family fund and the remaining half went to Spirit River Community Church.

New United Methodist Clergy Approved

This week, a new class of clergy were approved for commissioning and ordination in the Minnesota Annual Conference. Candidates go through many years of education, training, mentoring, service, and evaluation before coming to the annual interview retreat. Pastor Bill serves on the church board that hosts these interviews (on Zoom this year for the first time!) Approved candidates will be commissioned or ordained during the 2021 Annual Conference. Please pray for these women and men as they serve our local churches as well as our broader communities.

Coming Up in Ministry

- Feb. 7 **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. 9 **7:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting**
- Feb. 10 **6:00 pm Confirmation Focus Night**
6:30 pm Senior High Youth
- 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