

# So All May Know Joy

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—Jan. 27**

**This Sunday, January 29 @ 9:00 am**

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

### **This Sunday – The Wedding Party**

How will Jesus make whole what's been broken? The encounter of Jesus with his mother and the servants at the wedding in Cana might seem to be a trivial act of divine intervention. But God's plan all along has been that we not just learn about salvation, but that we taste, see, and feel it with great joy.



### **Scripture Reading**

The next day there was a wedding celebration in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine."

"Dear woman, that's not our problem," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

But his mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Standing nearby were six stone water jars, used for Jewish ceremonial washing. Each could hold twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told the servants, "Fill the jars with water." When the jars had been filled, he said, "Now dip some out, and take it to the master of ceremonies." So the servants followed his instructions.

When the master of ceremonies tasted the water that was now wine, not knowing where it had come from (though, of course, the servants knew), he called the bridegroom over. "A host always serves the best wine first," he said. "Then, when everyone has had a lot to drink, he brings out the less expensive wine. But you have kept the best until now!"

This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him. John 2:1-11 NLT



### **Next Sunday – The First Christian**

How should we respond to the revelation of what Jesus has done? The encounter of the risen Christ with Mary Magdalene, arguably the very first Christian, demonstrates the true nature of faith. Have you met Jesus in the Garden?

What was your response?

**Sunday Fellowship** Check out the coffee, treats and great





## Other Ministry Updates

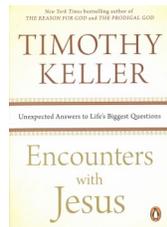
- Jan. 29** 9:00 am Worship Service with 1st grade FSS blessing  
 10:00 am Sunday School & Education  
 10:00 am Fellowship  
 10:00 am Congregational Care
- Jan 31** 7:00 pm Finance Team meeting
- Feb. 1** 6:00 pm Meals & Mission  
 6:30 pm Handbell rehearsal  
 7:30 pm Praise band rehearsal
- Feb. 5** 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion  
 10:00 am Sunday School & Education  
 10:00 am Fellowship  
 11:00 am Chili Cook-off & Games

### Encounters with Jesus Book

The book Pastor Bill will be referring to in his January/February worship series is *Encounters with Jesus*.

If you'd like to read ahead, following are the chapters and Scripture readings by Sunday:

- January 29:** Chapter 4: The Wedding Party  
**February 5:** Chapter 5: The First Christian  
**February 12:** Chapter 6: The Great Enemy  
**February 19:** Chapter 7: The Two Advocates



### Meals & Missions

Meals & Missions will be meeting on **Wednesday, Feb 1st at 6 pm**. Everyone is invited to join us for a dinner of tacos and making Valentine "Bags of Love" for our homebound friends.



### Chili Cook-Off & Winter Games



Start perfecting your chili recipe now so you can enter it in the Chili Cook-Off on **Sunday, February 5!** This fun event will again include games for all ages. Bring your favorite game to play.

### Gift Card Scams

This is a friendly reminder that Pastor Bill and other church staff will never text or email you

with a request to buy gift cards, transfer or send money, or anything else like that. If it looks like a scam, it usually is. This is a well-known scam that has been in operation for years.

### Meals on Wheels in February

Don't forget that February is our month to provide drivers for Meals on Wheels delivery in Buffalo! Click [Here](#) to sign up online or find the QR code in the entry way at church.



### Faith Stepping Stone: Prayer

Congratulations to the following 1st graders, Etta Lindeman & Hannah Ristow! Last week they had a special class with their parents learning about prayer. This Sunday, we bless them in worship on their faith journey.



### Summer Camp

Summer will be here before we know it! Check out summer camps for all ages with the United Methodist Church, click [Here](#).



### Soup-er Bowl Cooking!

It's that time again! We will be meeting on Saturday, **Feb 11 @ 9:30 am** to make turkey noodle and split pea with ham soup to sell on "Souper" Bowl Sunday. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the entry!



### Hymnals and Bibles

If you prefer to use the Hymnals and Bibles, please stop at the Welcome cart and one of the Guest Connections

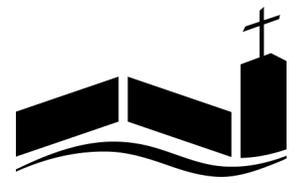
Team members will give you the appropriate books for the day. Please remember to return your hymnals, songbooks and Bibles to the bookshelf after the service.

### Secure Giving



### Worship Registration





## Pastoral Appointment Process Update from Pastor Bill

While there isn't any news yet to report about who our new pastor will be, the process of selecting one is well underway. Our Bishop, in consultation with her Cabinet, have reviewed the current appointment needs in our Conference as well as what our needs are in particular at BUMC (Every church keeps an updated church profile



on file with the Conference; Your leaders updated our profile last fall). Because there are hundreds of churches in our Conference, the process of making appointments is complex and iterative, meaning that very often when one appointment is made in one place, it results in the necessity for another appointment to be made to serve the congregation that the pastor has left. Please know that the process is saturated in prayer and a good-faith effort to make the very best appointments for all of our churches. While we don't know when an appointment will be made for BUMC, we do know that the next step in the process will be a meeting of the Staff-Parish Relations (SPR) Team with our District Superintendent and the individual that the Bishop intends to appoint here. At the end of that introductory meeting, both the appointee and the SPR Team will be asked if there is any missional reason that the Bishop should not make the appointment (missional as opposed to reasons of preference). If not, the details of the appointment will be agreed upon and a date will be selected for the SPR Team to make an announcement to our congregation. It's extremely important that this process is a confidential one among the candidate, the SPR Team, and the Cabinet, because typically a "sending" church will not know that their pastor will be moving yet. If the candidate is vacating a current appointment, announcements are usually coordinated between or among churches for the same Sunday morning so that everyone learns of the move at approximately the same time. For most of us, that means that on any given Sunday within the next several months we could come to worship and learn who our next pastor will be! Is that fun? Not really! There's always some anxiety in time spent waiting, especially as we never know how long that waiting will last. Do I have any insider or privileged information about the process? Nope. I'm in the same boat as you. I won't be at the meeting with the new pastor and will probably learn their identity when you do. This process of waiting is hard. But it is the process we have and it seems to make the most sense in terms of meeting the needs of the entirety of our Minnesota United Methodist Churches. Meanwhile, please continue to pray for the Bishop and Cabinet as well as the new Pastor who God is calling to serve our community. And remember- God is good!