



Coming Up

Sharing Stories of Hope This Lent

Each Wednesday through April 3 we'll gather at 6:00 for supper followed by a session in the sanctuary at 6:30 pm. Starting with **Wednesday, March 13** our Wednesday evenings in Lent will be a time of sharing stories of hope



through songs, scripture readings, and personal stories—some live and in person, some videos and some in narration form. Do you have a story of hope to share, either your own, someone you know, or perhaps a favorite piece you've read? There are forms in the entryway to share a personal story of hope, or mention a song or scripture that gives you hope. There are no specific requirements.

Confirmation students will share in supper on Wednesdays, then have their own classes this year. Senior high and children will be part of the sanctuary time. Hope you can join us!

Help Make Our Easter Garden Happen

Our beautiful, Easter Resurrection Garden only happens with your generous donation of flowers, and this year, we need a spring garden more than ever! Order forms are found in the pew racks and must be placed by **Sunday, March 31**. Place the form and payment in the offering basket. Your flower or cash donation may be given in honor or in memory of someone if you wish. Flowers may be taken home after worship on April 28.



Prayer Journaling Class for Lent

Sheryl Lehman starts her three session prayer study on Monday, using a free workbook she developed. What a great spiritual practice for Lent! Learn more about prayer and put it to practice this season. The study is offered on **Mondays, March 11, 18 & 25 at both 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm**. Contact Sheryl at 763-229-0340 to sign up.

March is FoodShare Month!

The March FoodShare Campaign reminds us of the need for personal care and food donations for people in our community. Leave items in the red wagon by the church office. Monetary donations are also welcome, as the food shelf can stretch dollars further through food co-ops. Make checks out to BUMC with "food shelf" designated in the memo line. Bags, flyers, and envelopes are available in the church entryway.



Wesley Meal Help Needed March 30

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help with the Wesley meal **on Saturday, March 30**. Due to remodeling project at Wesley, we will be preparing bag lunches at our church kitchen starting at 9 am and then drive down to the Wesley Church to hand them out at approximately 10:45am. I also am asking that people bake 3 dozen chocolate chip cookies rather than cake since they will be easier to bag up. Sign up on the bulletin board if you can help with baking cookies or packaging and handing out the meals.

UM Social Principles Session March 24



The second in our Sunday Speaker Series is on **Sunday, March 24** with Lori McBride of White Bear Lake UMC. Plan to attend this session between services from 9:20-10:20 am in the back of the fellowship hall.

Confirmation Corner

On Wednesday's in Lent, confirmation students will share the family supper at 6:00 pm, then from 6:30-7:30 students will head to their class sessions in the education wing. They will not participate in the sanctuary sessions with adults and senior high.



Charlie Roth Concert Here on March 23



Don't miss our next Saturday Awakenings concert on **March 23 at 7:00 pm!!** It's going to be a great mix of Americana, folk, blues, country, and Celtic music performed by the engaging Charlie Roth. Charlie is a unique blend of all genres, and tells stories with his rich baritone vocal, acoustic guitar, rack harmonica, and foot percussion. A consummate showman, an entertainer with countless gigs under his belt (also a member of the Celtic band Ring of Kerry), Charlie has mastered the art of playing and singing from his heart, exuding the sheer joy of making great music which can be felt by everyone who is connected to that magical and medicinal spiritual grace. Freewill offering as always, and refreshments follow the program.

Human Trafficking Speaker April 7

John Bowen, assistant county attorney, was unable to be here on February 24 to talk about Human/Sex Trafficking in Wright County, so we have rescheduled him for **Sunday, April 7**. He will talk about this sobering social justice issue between services in the back of the fellowship hall (9:20-10:20 am). This is intended for an audience 18 years old or older. Thanks to the Adult Discipleship Vision Team for planning this Sunday Speaker Series. The final scheduled speaker is April 28 on Refugee Congress.

Q and A with Pastor Bill on March 17

While there have been many related new stories and articles, you're encouraged to learn more about the recent UM General Conference by attending a second "Q and A" session with Pastor Bill on **Sunday, March 17 at 11:30 am**, and/or by listening to **our Bishop's summary** of what actually did and didn't happen. Follow this link <https://vimeo.com/320066203> to watch the short video and this link <https://www.minnesotaumc.org> to see more general commentary and coverage from our Bishop and delegates to the General Conference. Please continue to pray for our denomination and people! God is bigger than the challenges we face.

Casting Crowns Concert Friday, April 12

Join your church family for a fun and faith-filled evening of music at the Casting Crowns concert at Target Center on **Friday, April 12 at 7:00 pm**. We were able to get extra tickets, so now have reserved a block of 70 tickets at group rates, and for confirmation students and senior high youth, the prices are further subsidized from fund raisers, so prices are:

Confirmation Students	\$10
BUMC Senior High Youth	\$15
Adults, children, guests	\$25+\$2 bus

Sign up NOW! What a great way to get spiritually filled just before Holy Week! Pay for tickets by March 17. Make checks out to Buffalo UM Youth and label "concert tickets."

Men's Fellowship Meets Saturday

The UM Men's Fellowship will gather this **Saturday, March 16 at 7:30 am** for a home cooked breakfast, meeting and fellowship. Please contact Ivan Erickson if you have questions.

"Become a Better Listener" on April 6

It's said that listening is an act of love, and it's certainly a skill that benefits us in every aspect of our lives. Learn to become a better listener on **Saturday, April 6 from 9:00-11:00 am** at church. The trainer is our Big Waters District Superintendent, Susan Nienaber, who is also a licensed therapist and consultant. Susan is very excited to share her passion for helping people learn to care for one another more effectively. All are welcome—come for your own benefit, or to improve your ministry skills. Pre-registration by March 31 would be helpful.

Camping Brochures Available

Pick up a camping brochure to register for the camp of your choice. Then complete our BUMC camping form and return it to church so we can pay the other half. First-time adult campers at UM camps also qualify for half scholarships. You can also register online at **MinnesotaUMC.org** under Ministries/camping & retreats, but be sure to let the church office know!

