



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—March 11

This Sunday, March 13 @ 9:00 am

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This Sunday - The Miraculous Signs of Jesus

John includes many miracles that the other Gospel writers did not, and vice versa, always emphasizing them as “sign” of God’s glory. How did those witnessing these signs respond? What do John’s miracles tell us about who Jesus is, and how we might respond?



Scripture Reading

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.”

And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it.

When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.”

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. John 2:1-11 NRSV

Next Sunday — Born of Water and Spirit



To call John’s Gospel the Gospel of Light and Life is to acknowledge two of the most frequent themes found in the book. The meeting between Jesus and Nicodemus has both themes on full display, revealing how easy is for us to hear and use the same words but arrive at radically different meanings. The light and life that Jesus offers are anything but ordinary.

Sunday Fellowship

Come and join us for Sunday fellowship. Coffee is served after the worship service each week in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am. BUMC no longer has a recommendation that everyone wear a mask while inside our building. Those with a preference or need to wear a mask are welcome to continue to do so without judgment.





Other Ministry Updates

- March 13 9:00 am** Worship Service with Handbells
10:00 am Sunday School & Education
10:00 am Fellowship
10:00 am John Book Study
- March 15 7:00 pm** SPRC Meeting
- March 16 6:00 pm** Lenten Meal
6:30 pm Lent Service
6:30 pm Confirmation Focus Night
6:30 pm Senior High Youth
6:30 pm Children's Lenten class
7:30 pm Handbell Practice
- March 20 9:00 am** Worship Service
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Daylight Saving

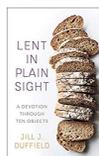
Don't miss church on Sunday! Remember to Spring Forward one hour.

Videos on Ukraine

Rev. Dr. Fred Vanderwerf, Southern Prairie District superintendent, and his wife Stacy spent eight years as missionaries in Ukraine. He recently interviewed two United Methodists with unique perspectives on the situation there: Pastor Volodymyr Prokip, who leads a student ministry in Lviv, Ukraine. He shares his thoughts on the current crisis, the immediate needs, and the response. He also reflects on where he sees God at work, what crisis brings out in people, and how we might help. [Watch video](#) Bishop Eduard Khegay, resident bishop of the Eurasia Episcopal Area (which includes Russia and Ukraine) reflects on the war, the trauma Ukrainians are facing, how we might respond, and how he is personally wrestling with Russia's future. [Watch video](#) To financially support humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people, you may give to [Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery](#)

Lenten mid-week services

Each week we'll be enjoying music and sharing stories, prayers, Scriptures, and reflections from the book *Lent in Plain Sight*



Plain Sight by Jill Duffield. If you like, you can pick up a copy of the book and read along. There are books available in the entryway for \$12.50. We will also have reflection journals for you available in the lobby each week to use during the service if you'd like. You'll also find them posted on our website. Each Wednesday, we'll meet for supper in the Fellowship Hall at **6:00pm** and then in the Sanctuary at **6:30** for our service. The services will also be live-streamed.

Lenten Meals

Please join us each **Wednesday at 6:00pm** for dinner before our worship service.

March 16: Tacos served by the 4th – 6th graders
March 23: Spaghetti, salad and bread served by Women In Action

Children's Lenten Series

Lessons & Activities each week are running from **through April 6th**. Please join us in the back Fellowship Hall each week from **6:30 - 7:15 pm**. BUMC youth will be assisting each week.

- 3/16 Cross: Join us this week to make your own yarn cross! It's a reminder to Be Who Jesus Is!
- 3/23: Coins: Join us this week as we look at various coins and make offering boxes!
- 3/30: Shoes: Join us this week as we "walk with Jesus" and help start a shoe drive!
- 4/6: Oil: Join us this week as we learn about how oil relates to our life with Jesus!

Last day to order Easter Flowers

Our beautiful, Easter Resurrection Garden on **April 17** 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 24**. Order forms are in the pews.

Secure Giving



Worship Registration





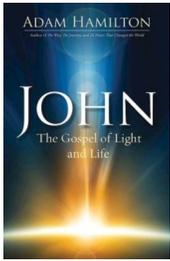
Other Ministry Updates

March is Minnesota Food Share Month

The March campaign for 2022 runs until **April 10**. Any food or monetary donations made during this time will be complimented with a percentage of dollars from the “food fund” by local corporations, foundations, businesses, and individuals, as part of Minnesota FoodShare. Please consider donating food, hygiene items, or money. The most needed items are currently: kid-friendly cereals, peanut butter, or other name brand items. Money can be given through the church by designating “food shelf” in your check memo or note on your cash. Check out their website: [Here](#)



John: The Gospel of Light and Life



Sheryl Lehman says: *I am looking forward to celebrating Lent with my church family. During the six week Lent focus, I will be facilitating a study on the book of John titled John: The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton. We will be meeting in the back of Fellowship Hall during*

the Sunday school hour following our Worship service through April 10. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the entry way. Books are available for \$11.50.

Property Team Updates

The equipment in the janitor closet near the Fellowship Hall is the property of Classic Cleaning. They have a shelf labeled for chemicals; the janitor cart and vacuum are theirs. Please refrain from using these items. There are two corded Church vacuums. One located in the Kitchen Storage room, the other in the education wing, Room 112B. Any tasks that are not being completed by the cleaning company, please let the staff or Property Team know.

Lawn Mowing

Jeremy Carlson will be handling the role of Lawn Mowing Coordinator this year. If you would like to be involved, please email him

at jeremy.carlson1@gmail.com. Help is always needed and it's very easy to learn the equipment. Let's pray for a bit more rain than last year to utilize these volunteers.

Summer Camp



Summer 2022 camp registration is open! Don't forget about the Early Bird incentive. Register before **April 30** and receive a \$25 Camp Store Credit. Save even more by bringing a friend with you to camp. [Click here for details.](#) All BUMC 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 cover another \$100 off for fifth graders.

What Are You Reading?

The Adult Disciple Vision Team has asked BUMC members to submit reviews of what they are presently reading, watching, or studying. You will see a review from an individual and we are hoping that this will inspire you to also pick up the book, watch the movie, or engage in the devotional that is being reviewed. Please feel free to speak with the person who submitted the review.

This month Mike Knutson has submitted the following review on *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness In a Changing World* by the Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Douglas Abrams. In April 2015, Nobel Peace Prize Laureates Bishop Desmond Tutu and His Holiness the Dalai Lama spent a week together discussing what joy truly is and practices to bring more of it to our lives. Both have lived extremely challenging lives filled with violence, oppression, and suffering. Through their faith and spiritual practices, both have found a life filled with deep joy. Douglas Abrams, the interviewer, and author, organizes the stories and ideas from these spiritual giants into a logical narrative and shares how the latest science supports these concepts. At the end of the book, there are several easy practices the Dalai Lama and Tutu say have helped them maintain deep joy through all things.

