



*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—March 12**

**This Sunday, March 14, 9:00 am**

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

### **Sunday — Love Leaves No One Behind**

Love sounds good in theory but often falls short in practice. Why? Because love insists that not one of God's children be left behind, counted as worthless and treated accordingly. Jesus has shown us the way of love and equipped us with that same love to lift up the marginalized in our world.



### **Sunday Scripture**

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. Since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us. We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. 1 John 4:7-12, 16-21 NLT

### **Wednesday Devotion — March 17**

Tune in on Facebook Live at 6:30pm to watch the next video on Chapters 7 & 8 of "Love Is the Way" and share a devotional from Curtis Rieck. An optional Zoom Discussion Group will follow on Zoom at 7:00pm (see following article for the Zoom link).



### **Next Sunday March 21 — Love Brings Us Together**

Our life together is increasingly marked by polarization: racially, economically, sexually, and politically. The stress of these deep divisions is threatening the existence of the communities we've long relied on to hold us together: the family, the church, and the government. As unlikely as it seems, the way of love can still unite us.

### **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>

### **Fellowship Time**

**Zoom at 10am**

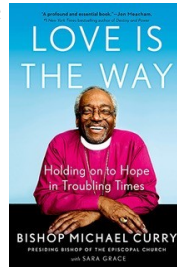




## Other Ministry Updates

### Wednesday Lenten Discussion Group

Zoom conversations on Love Is the Way, continue at 7 p.m. after the Wednesday evening services through March 31. We are posting here the discussion questions that will be used at the upcoming discussion. We look forward to having you join us. If you are not available each Wednesday, please join when you can. We have had thoughtful conversation on the topic of Love and the power it has in our lives. Here are the questions to think about for March 17: Chapters 7 and 8.



1. Is there a time when you felt someone made assumptions about you without knowing you?
2. What opportunities do you have to build bridges with someone who may have a vastly different life experience or worldview than you?
3. Our baptismal commitment is that we be a community of love and forgiveness. How does our church live this out? Where could we do better?
4. One practice of compassion is to look at the people you meet with warm eyes and a soft heart. How can you practice that this week? As you do, notice how that impacts your sense of connection and common humanity.

The Zoom link for Wednesday conversation is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85053324369?pwd=NFFpdkN1YlRocjV4aGU2eVoybFNFdz09>  
Meeting ID: 850 5332 4369. Passcode: 209482  
You can also go to the UM conference website at <https://www.minnesotauc.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 until Sunday, April 11. 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!



### 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. You will be able to take the flowers home immediately after Easter Sunday. To order, please email or call Michelle at church with your flower order, or you can make a cash donation and send your check into the church. Easter Lilies \$11, Begonias \$13, Cyclamen \$13, Mums \$13, Azaleas \$25, Hydrangea pink or blue \$25. Please place your order as soon as possible!



### Coming Up in Ministry

- March 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
- March 16 **7:00 pm SPRC Meeting**
- March 17 **6:00 pm Confirmation Focus Night**
- March 17 **6:30 pm Senior High Youth**  
**6:30 pm Lenten Livestream Service**  
**7:00 pm Lent Zoom Discussion Group**
- March 21 **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

### Daylight Saving Time This Saturday!

Remember to set your clocks ahead for Daylight Saving Time on Saturday, March 13! Spring ahead, or you'll miss worship!

### Lawn Crew Needed

The Property Team is gearing up for lawn mowing and we have saved a lot of money annually by using volunteers to mow May through October. The church has mowers on site that you can use. Would you consider volunteering once or twice this year? Contact Michelle at the church office to volunteer. Thank you!