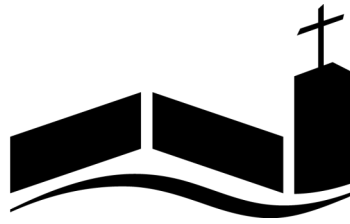


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*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—March 13**

**Worship: Sunday, March 15 @ 9:00 am**

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

### **This Sunday - It's Not Too Late to Take Ownership** | Acts 9:1-22

Repentance and transformation require taking ownership of our lives, accepting God's grace, and leaning on others as God calls us into new life.



### **Scripture Reading** | Acts 9:1-22

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord," he answered. The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

"Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

### **Next Sunday - It's Not Too Late to Live Differently** | Luke 19:1-10

A changed life starts with being seen by God and moves us not only to turn around but to live differently.

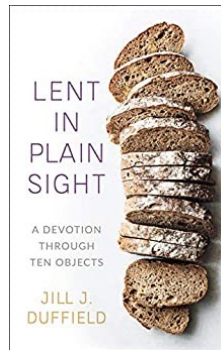


## Other Ministry Updates

- March 15** 9:00 am Worship—UMCOR Sunday  
 10:00 am Education Hour  
 10:00 am Fellowship
- March 17** 4:00 pm SPRC Meeting
- March 18** 6:00 pm Lenten Meal– Sloppy Joes  
 6:30 pm Lenten Service  
 7:15 pm Handbells
- March 22** 9:00 am Worship  
 10:00 am Education Hour  
 10:00 am Fellowship

### Lent in Plain Sight

God often works through the ordinary. This Lent, we'll use *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill J. Duffield to explore everyday objects from Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and discover God's presence in unexpected places. Join us Wednesdays from **6:00–7:15 p.m.** through **March 25** for a shared meal and worship with Scripture, prayer, reflection, and conversation. Books are available in the entry for \$11.



### Help Make Our Easter Garden Happen

Our beautiful, Easter Resurrection Garden on **April 5th** 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 12**. Order forms are in the chairs and are **due by March 22**.

### Children

This Sunday we will continue to work through the Unit God is Faithful with learning about Miracles and Wonders. In this lesson kid's will learn how God sent his Holy spirit to work in miraculous ways. They will see this through stories in the Bible and how they see the Holy Spirit working in their life's.

### Confirmation

This Sunday, confirmation students, families, and faith partners will meet with the confirmation team to review expectations and check in. Next Sunday, students will begin Lesson 11: The Connection, learning about the structure of the United Methodist Church.



### March is Minnesota Food Share Month

Minnesota FoodShare's 45th March Campaign runs **March 1–April 6**. This statewide food and fund drive supports nearly 300 food shelves. Please consider donating food, personal care items, or money. Most needed: canned goods, pasta, and cooking essentials. Place items in the red wagon outside the church office. Monetary gifts can be given through the church (note "Food Share" on check or cash). You can also donate online at [Buffalofoodshelf.com](http://Buffalofoodshelf.com). Let's fill the wagon!

### UMC Summer Camp

Check out the upcoming camp sessions and pick your favorite camp location: Northern Pines, Koronis Ministries, or Kowakan Adventures. Camp listings and registration information are on the [Camp Minnesota website](http://Camp Minnesota website).

### Thank You!

- **It's Not Too Late** = Our altar display could not have happened for our current sermon series without the help of those who willingly "borrowed" their clocks for our Worship Design Team to work with. A big Thank You goes out to these people: Mary Augustin, Amy Austin, Gail Hurley, Gayle Reed, Joe & Laurie Schroeder, Loren VanDorp and Rita Varner-Otness. All their clocks made a spectacular display!
- We so appreciated your homecooked, warm meal on our conference night! Thank you for thinking of us and sharing your time and talents! With gratitude - *Northwinds Teachers*

