



*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—March 14 This Sunday, March 16 @ 9:00**

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

### **New Sermon Series— Are We There Yet?**

Do you ever feel like if you just make it over the next hurdle or reach your next goal that you will have finally arrived in life? Many people do, including our Biblical friends, but guess what? That's called the arrival fallacy, and it can keep us feeling disappointed and unhappy when we get to the "next thing" and find we still haven't arrived at our hoped-for destination. We are still unfailingly human, flawed, broken. This Lent, let us learn to savor our uniquely human journey without the pressure of arrival, as we reconnect with the God of Jesus Christ who leads us in the way, providing sustenance, meaning, and hope through all our ups and downs.



### **This Sunday — It's Not the Destination, It's the Journey | Deuteronomy 32:1-10, 44-52**

We can work for weeks, months, even years to arrive at a certain point in life, our own "Promised Land." But sometimes that Promised Land is not what we envisioned. Sometimes we don't even make it there. And even when we do, the Promised Land is not the end of the journey. How can we let God reshape our vision of both the destination and the journey so that we can find beauty and meaning in all of it?

### **Scripture Reading | Deuteronomy 32:1-10, 44-52**

Listen, you heavens, and I will speak; hear, you earth, the words of my mouth. Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants. I will proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

They are corrupt and not his children; to their shame they are a warped and crooked generation. Is this the way you repay the Lord, you foolish and unwise people? Is he not your Father, your Creator, who made you and formed you? Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders, and they will explain to you. When the Most High...

In a desert land he found him (his people Israel), in a barren and howling waste. He shielded him and cared for him; he guarded him as the apple of his eye, like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them aloft. The Lord alone led him; no foreign god was with him.

### **Next Sunday— Who's Your Hope? | 1 Samuel 8**

When we are dissatisfied, the idea of a strong new leader can seem like our only hope to get where we want to go. But the story of the Israelite people and their demand for a king is a powerful reminder that leaders are all too human and that we must place our ultimate hope in God, the true King.



## Other Ministry Updates

**March 16 9:00 am** Worship Service

**10:00 am** Fellowship

**10:00 am** Education Hour

**March 18 4:00 pm** SPRC Meeting

**March 19 6:00 pm** Lenten Meal

**6:30 pm** Children's Lenten Service

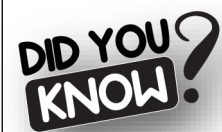
**6:35 pm** Lenten Series

**7:30 pm** Praise Team Rehearsal

**March 23 9:00 am** Worship Service

**10:00 am** Fellowship

**10:00 am** Education Hour



### Did You Know?

Did you know we order our Easter flowers and other flowers throughout the year

from Buffalo Floral? Keepin' it Local!

### Wednesday Evening Lenten Series

We will hold a brief worship service each

**Wednesday** night at **6:35pm** (come for dinner first at **6:00pm**) using the book *The Risen King: 40 Devotions for Easter* by C.H. Spurgeon. Join us as we listen to stories, reflections and prayers. Some copies will be available to purchase for \$11 or you can order from Amazon.

While the adults are in the sanctuary, Children's Ministry will host a Lenten Series for kids ages 5-12. Andrea Gravely is busy planning some awesome activities to help our kids experience the road to the cross as well.

### Outreach Task Force

The Outreach Task Force needs your thoughts and ideas! You should have received a survey in your email this past week, and if you've already completed it, thank you! If not, please do so as it only takes a few minutes. If you'd prefer a paper copy, they will be available in the entry before and after worship this Sunday! Thank you for your valuable insight!

### Sunday School News

- Students will be serving Coffee Fellowship on **March 23**
- There will not be Sunday School on **March 30** because of Spring Break



### Help Make Our Easter Garden Happen

Our beautiful, Easter Resurrection Garden on **April 20** 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 27**. Order forms are in the pews and are due by **March 16**.

### 2025 Lenten Breakthrough Prayer

Father of compassion, during this season of Lent, we cry out for a breakthrough in our hearts and minds, in our lives and in Buffalo United Methodist Church. You have promised, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." (Ez 36:26) Amid our daily struggles, we often grow tired and impatient on our journey with Christ toward the cross. We ask, "Are we there yet?" By your Spirit give us a new heart! Work within us, grant us patience, courage and guidance. By your mercy and grace, lead us deeper in becoming more like your Son in newness of life. Now, forever, and always, in the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

### March is Minnesota Food Share Month



The 44th March campaign for 2025 runs from **March 1–April 6**. Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign, the largest grassroots food and fund drive in the state, brings together organizations, businesses, faith communities, and individuals

to help stock and support the capacity of nearly 300 food shelves. Please consider donating food, personal care items, or money. The most needed items currently are canned goods, pasta, and cooking essentials. Place items in the red wagon outside of the church office. Let's fill the wagon! Money can be given through the church by designating "Food Share" in your check memo or donate online at [Buffalofoodshelf.com](https://buffalofoodshelf.com).