



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—March 20

Worship: Sunday, March 22 @ 9:00 am

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

This 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.



Scripture Reading | Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday- It's Not Too Late to Stand Up and Stand Out |

Matthew 21:1-11

Following Jesus means more than shouting "hosanna"—it means resisting the crowd, repenting of our silence, and standing up for justice in our God-given authority.

Sunday Fellowship

Check out the coffee, treats and great conversation after worship in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am. On the first Sunday of each month, if you're attending the second service, make sure to come at 10:00 am and join Fellowship before the service starts. We will be meeting in the Back Fellowship Hall on those Sundays.

BUMC 2026 Directories

If you need an updated 2026 BUMC picture directory, pick up a copy on the wall in the entryway.

Please remember that our worship is livestreamed online on [YouTube Live](#) & [Facebook Live](#). You will also find links to the livestreams on our website or simply subscribe to our YouTube channel.

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 .

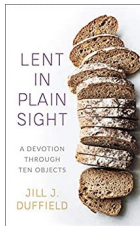


Other Ministry Updates

- March 22** 9:00 am Worship—UMCOR Sunday
 10:00 am Sunday School & Confirmation
 10:00 am Fellowship
- March 23** 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl
- March 25** 6:00 pm Lenten Meal– taco bar
 6:30 pm Lenten Service
 7:15 pm Handbells
- March 29** 9:00 am Worship—Palm Sunday
 10:00 am Sunday School & Confirmation
 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 Wednesday from 6:00–7:15 p.m. on **March 25** for worship with Scripture, prayer, reflection, and conversation.



Help Make Our Easter Garden Happen

Our beautiful, Easter Resurrection Garden on **April 5th** only happens with your generous donation of flowers! Sunday is the final day for ordering. 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 this Sunday!**

Children

This Sunday in Sunday School the kid's will be serving the coffee and treats during fellowship so don't miss out on the opportunity for the kid's to serve and be a part of fellowship time. Reminder that on **March 29th and April 5th** there will be no Sunday School for Spring Break and Easter.

Confirmation

This Sunday kids will learn about The Connection. In this lesson they will learn some of the shape and function of the structure of The United Methodist Church. Reminder that on **Sunday March 29th and April 5th** there will be no class for Spring Break and Easter.

Holy Week Begins Next Sunday

We encourage you to experience the Christ's journey to the cross during Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday next week.

Holy Thursday at BUMC - April 2, 7:30 pm

Join us as we remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and his command to love one another. This meaningful service invites us into a time of reflection, worship, and preparation for the journey to the cross. All are welcome.

Good Friday Worship – Noon April 3

Buffalo Presbyterian hosts the ecumenical Good Friday worship.

Easter

Celebrate Easter in our Resurrection Garden at either 8:15 or 10:45 on **April 5**.



Feed My Starving Children

On **Friday April 17th** we will be going to Cross Winds UMC in Maple Grove to join

them in a Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack. Our goal is to send a group of people to their church to help participants in the event. We will be meeting at our church at **6:15pm** to carpool to Cross Winds. We will be serving from **7:00–9:00pm** and return to our church around **9:30pm**. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the entry way if you would like to join. 6-12th graders are encouraged to sign up too!!

Prayer Ministries

Sign up for the prayer chain any time to be part of that ministry. Share your prayer needs via the our Prayerrequests@buffaloumc.com.



Other Ministry Updates

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. 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.

UMCOR Sunday

This Sunday we'll receive our annual UMCOR offering. Your gifts make the global disaster relief work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) possible by covering staff and administration costs, allowing your donations throughout the year to go directly to the causes you request. UMCOR has an excellent reputation world-wide for being one of the first agencies to arrive and last to leave at the scene of disasters. This is an opportunity to generously support those who are suffering by maintaining our UM relief system. You will find the special offering envelopes in the chairs.



Prayer Shawl

The Prayer Shawl group meets on the 4th

Monday of each month at **1:00 pm** in the church fellowship hall. This ministry creates prayer shawls, scarves, and hats to offer comfort and care to others. All are welcome to join in this meaningful and simple way to serve. Our next meeting is **Monday, March 23**.



Safety Response Team Update

The Safety Response Team is forming and needs a few more volunteers. The team will focus on church safety (fire, medical, weather, disruptive behavior) with clear goals and action steps. If this sounds like you, contact [Collin Gravley](#), [Gloria Farwick](#), or [Michelle](#) in the office.

Wrapped in Love

BUMC supports adopted children and foster families at *Wrapped in Love*. Donate new socks and underwear to help children feel seen and loved. **Men's medium boxer briefs** are needed at this time. Place items in the marked box in the coat room. Cash donations are welcome—contact [Michelle](#) or [Rita Varner Otness](#) who will shop for you.



Blankets for Beds

Donate new or gently used blankets/linens by calling the church office for drop off or if you need them picked up,



call Dianne McLain 763-682-2260. The need is still great.