

# So All May Know Joy

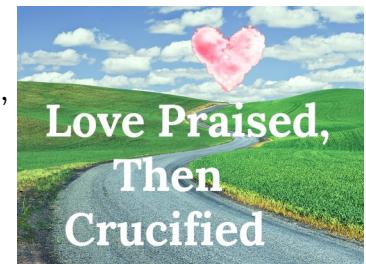
## **BUMC Weekly Connection—March 26**

**This Sunday, March 28, 9:00 am**

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

### **Sunday — Love Praised, Then Crucified**

Jesus was welcomed to Jerusalem by cheering crowds waving palm branches, witnesses to the power of love demonstrated in the teaching and actions of Jesus. Only one week later, the same crowd abandoned the way of love, crucifying love on a cross.



### **Sunday Scripture**

The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A large crowd of Passover visitors took palm branches and went down the road to meet him. They shouted, “Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD! Hail to the King of Israel!”

John 12:12-19 (NLT)

### **Wednesday Devotion — March 31**

Tune in on Facebook Live at 6:30pm to watch the next video on Chapters 11 & 12 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).

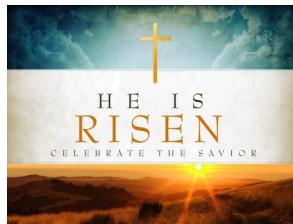


### **Holy Thursday, April 1**

Join us at 6:30pm for our Holy Thursday worship on Facebook Premier as we share the Passover meal together and retrace the last steps of Jesus and the disciples on the way to the cross of Calvary.

### **Good Friday, April 2**

On Friday at noon, join us again on Facebook Premier for the Buffalo Ministerial Good Friday service as we experience the agony and sorrow of the crucifixion of Jesus.

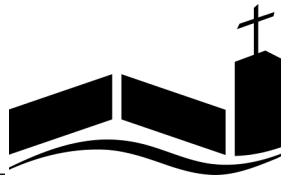


### **Next Sunday April 4 Easter Sunday— Love Conquers Death**

Not even death could separate Jesus from the love of his Father. Love's triumph was announced by the empty tomb and heralded anew by each person who makes the bold decision to follow Jesus and the way of love.

### **Virtual Fellowship Every Sunday**

You're invited to join Dexter & Sheryl Lehman 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. [Fellowship Zoom Link](#)  
Meeting ID: 732 4519 5738 Passcode: B0r4cn



## Other Ministry Updates

### Worship Remaining Online for Now

Sadly, we will not be able to resume in-sanctuary worship yet due to rising COVID rates in Wright County, but we will try again after Easter (April 11). While we understand how disappointing this is for many of you, we ask that you continue to be patient for the sake of our community as vaccination begins to become more widespread. An explanation of the data and decision-making process used was emailed earlier in the week and is available from the office upon request. We'll continue to evaluate our progress and plan in the hopes of resuming in-person worship soon.

### Sunday Worship Moving to Livestream This Week

Please remember that online worship will now be livestreamed on YouTube, Facebook, and Twitch TV. You will find links to the livestreams on our website and below, or simply subscribe to our YouTube channel.

[Twitch TV](#)

[YouTube Live](#)

[Facebook Live](#)

### Wednesday Lenten Discussion Group

Zoom conversations on Love Is the Way, continue at 7 p.m. after the Wednesday service with March 31 being our last zoom discussion.

We are posting here the discussion questions that will be used this coming Wednesday. We look forward to having you join us even if you have not been able to on other Wednesdays. We have had stimulating conversation on the topic of Love and the power it has in our lives. Here are the questions to think about for March 31: Chapters 11 and 12

- How did your blessing experiment go last week? Were you able to bless someone you disagree with?

- Compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Which of these do you wear easily? Which is more uncomfortable for you?

- Are you at risk of giving up on love? Which of

the actions - listen, trust, give in, obey - do you most need to grab hold of today?

4. What are one to three core values or principles that you would like to live into more deeply?

The Zoom link for Wednesday conversation is: [Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 850 5332 4369.

Passcode: 209482 You can also go to the UM conference website at [minnesotaumc lenten-study](#) if you would like to read the full study guides or preview the videos.

### Spend Time in the Easter Resurrection Garden



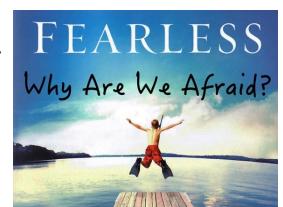
Though we won't be worshiping in person on Easter Sunday, you can still spend time in the Easter Garden if you'd

like to take pictures or spend time in reflection. We will schedule family units for 20 minute slots on Easter Sunday, April 4 starting at 10:30 am into the afternoon. To reserve time in the garden, contact Laurie Schroeder at [woodsedgeapples@msn.com](mailto:woodsedgeapples@msn.com) or by calling 763-682-4409. We will schedule on the half hour to allow safe transition time between visitors.

### Call for Pictures for FEARLESS Worship Series

On April 18, we'll be starting a new worship series about living the resurrection life as fearless Easter people.

We'd love to be able to share your photos of living fearlessly! Please send in a photo (or a scanned photo) of you or someone you know doing something fearlessly, however you want to define it. Please include a brief paragraph caption that gives us the "who, what, where, when, and why" of the photo. Submission of your photo constitutes permission to share your story in our livestream worship.



### Sunday School

There will not be Sunday school on Easter morning. It will resume the following week.



## Other Ministry Updates

### Play with Cool Tech in the Sanctuary



Have you sat in worship thinking how fun it would be to run the projections during the service? If yes, now is your time to shine!!! We have

implemented our new video/live streaming system and are looking for people to volunteer to run it during worship! The best part?? You don't even have to be a "techie" to help!! Debbie Bishop will be training anyone that is interested in helping, so send her an email letting her know you'd like to be on the list ([debbie@buffaloum.com](mailto:debbie@buffaloum.com))!

### Palm Branches for Palm Sunday (March 28)

Good news! We have palm branches for you for Palm Sunday. Please pick up your palm branches outside the door nearest the church office before Sunday morning.



### rsvp.church

We will be using rsvp.churh through Breeze, our current church database for a reservation system when we resume in-person worship. This allows our church to reopen safely in the age of the coronavirus by providing a simple RSVP form. RSVP registration will be available on Tuesday before the Sunday we are open for in-person Worship. You will be sent an email with a link to RSVP. If you would like to sign up to use Breeze, please respond to this email. If you would rather RSVP for in-person worship by phone, please call M-Th 9:00-3:00, Fri 9:00-1:00.

### 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! .



### 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!

### Coming Up in Ministry

March 29 **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 31 **No Confirmation or Senior High Youth**

**6:30 pm Lenten Livestream Service**

**7:00 pm Lent Zoom Discussion Group**

April 4 **9:00 am Worship Service– Easter**

Sunday Online

**10:00 am Virtual Fellowship**

### Update on Summer Camp 2021!

All BUMC children and 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 normally cover another \$100 off for fifth graders. Because camps were closed last year due to COVID, this year we're offering that \$100 scholarship for both fifth and sixth graders! Exciting! Check out the current offerings, COVID-19 Safety protocols and learn more information online! Visit the site if you are interested as registration is OPEN. [CampMN](http://CampMN)



### Email for Prayer Requests

We have a separate email address specifically for prayer concerns/requests. Debbie will directly receive your emails and put your prayer requests on the Prayer Circle. The email address is [Prayerrequests@buffaloumc.com](mailto:Prayerrequests@buffaloumc.com).