



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—March 28 **This Sunday, March 30 @ 9:00**

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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 — No Going Back | Ezra 3:10-13, Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV)

Sometimes we think that everything will be fine if we can just go back to the way things were, but the present will never be the past. The good news is that God is in what was, what is, and what will be.

Scripture Reading | Ezra 3:10-13 (NIV)

When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments and with trumpets, and the Levites (the sons of Asaph) with cymbals, took their places to praise the Lord, as prescribed by David king of Israel. With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord:

"He is good; his love toward Israel endures forever."

And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted for joy. No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise. And the sound was heard far away.

Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV)

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Next Sunday— The Fake Out | John 2:13-25

Just when we think we have it all figured out – the right job, the right routine, the right way of doing things – Jesus comes in and upends our certainty, always moving us into deeper truth, justice, and relationship.



Other Ministry Updates

- March 30 9:00 am** Worship Service
10:00 am Fellowship
No Sunday School
10:30 am Congregational Care Team
- April 1 7:00 pm** Property Team meeting
- April 2 3:00 pm** Guest Connection meeting
6:00 pm Lenten Meal-chicken burrito/ bowl
6:30 pm Children's Lenten Service
6:35 pm Lenten Series
7:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- April 6 9:00 am** Contemporary Worship Service with Communion
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Education Hour
10:30 am Traditional Worship Service with Communion



Did You Know?

Did you know that the forty days of Lent represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry?



UMCOR Sunday

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.

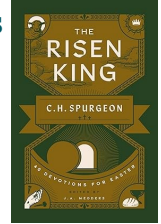
Sunday School News

There will not be Sunday School this Sunday, **March 30** because of Spring Break.

Sunday School is holding a shoe drive for Soles for Souls. Please donate your gently used or new shoes between now and Easter. Contact [Andrea Gravley](#) with questions.

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 & prayers.

While the adults are in the sanctuary, Children's Ministry will host a Lenten Series for kids 5-12.

Two Services on Easter Sunday

To accommodate the extra people that Easter worship usually draws, we'll be offering a contemporary worship experience on Easter at **9:00am** and a traditional worship service at **10:30** with Fellowship hour in between services. Our nursery will be fully staffed all morning.

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.

Summer Camp 2025

Registration is open! Don't forget about the Early Bird incentive. Register before **April 30** and receive a \$25 Camp Store Credit. Save even more by bringing a friend with you to camp. Click [HERE](#) for details. All BUMC youth who register for a UMC camp this summer will receive 50% off tuition, as well as all 1st-time adults.





Other Ministry Updates



March is FoodShare Month!
April 6 is our final collection for the March FoodShare Campaign! If you didn't bring donations, monetary donations are also welcome, as the food shelf can stretch dollars further through food co-ops. Make checks out to BUMC with "food shelf" designated in the memo line. 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!

From the Finance Team

February was a month of abundant blessings, as our church's income soared to \$28,973. Thanks to careful stewardship, our expenses were kept at \$24,128, leading to a remarkable net income of \$4,632.

Overall, the financial data for 2025 reveals a strong and positive trend, highlighting the faithful contributions and careful management that have blessed our church. We are filled with gratitude and excitement for the opportunities ahead as we work together to fulfill our mission and make a meaningful impact.

INCOME/EXPENSE COMPARISON

	2025			
	YTD INCOME	INCOME	EXPENSE	NET YTD
JANUARY	27,058	27,058	27,271	(213)
FEBRUARY	56,031	28,973	24,128	4,632

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!



Now Hiring!

Buffalo United Methodist Church is seeking a dynamic Worship Coordinator! The ideal candidate will possess strong leadership, organizational, and communication skills. Responsibilities include all the "behind the scenes" tasks necessary for vibrant a worship service.



Buffalo United Methodist Church is seeking an energetic Children & Youth Coordinator! The ideal candidate will build strong relationships with kids and their families, create engaging spiritual growth opportunities, and inspire and equip volunteers to amplify these goals. Responsibilities include developing and overseeing Sunday School, Confirmation, and Sr. High Youth programming.

Not sure you meet 100% of our qualifications? Research shows that men apply for jobs when they fulfill an average of 60% of the criteria. Yet women and other people who are systematically marginalized tend only to apply if they meet every requirement. If you believe that you could excel in this role, we encourage you to apply.

[Applications](#) and job descriptions ([Worship Coordinator](#) / [Children and Youth Coordinator](#)) are available in the church office or click on highlighted links to view. Please include with your application, a resume and cover letter describing why you are applying for this position. All materials should be emailed to sprc@buffaloumc.com.

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.

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Worship Registration

