



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—March 4

This Sunday, March 6 @ 9:00 am

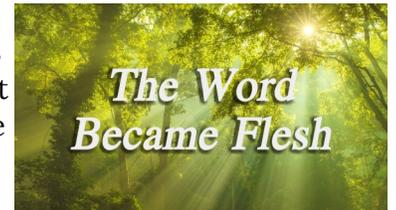
Also on Buffalo United Methodist Church's Facebook Page, Twitch & YouTube!

John: The Gospel of Light & Life

Light, life, love, truth, belief. John's Gospel presents themes, miracles, and teachings of Jesus in a unique way. Even the language is unique, with Jesus sometimes sounding more like a philosopher king than the earthy teacher of everyday parables, of which there are none in John. In this series we'll explore what John has to teach us about finding light and life in the name of Jesus. This series runs from **March 6-April 17**.

This Sunday - The Word Became Flesh

John's prolog is intended to color the way we read the entire Gospel, so it's important that we come to grips with what John meant when he wrote that the Word became flesh. How can a word become flesh? How can a word be with God, or a word be God? Today we'll try to move past John's poetic language to arrive at a deeper understanding of Jesus.



Communion This Sunday

Our worship this Sunday will also include Holy Communion. In The United Methodist Church, all are welcome at the table, as we understand Communion to be the gift of Jesus Christ to anyone of any age who desires a closer relationship with Him. If you are worshipping at home remember to gather your items representing the bread and the wine as we gather in spirit around Christ's table. If you don't have bread and grape juice, crackers and water are a great substitute.

Scripture Reading

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. John 1:1-9 NRSV



Next Sunday — The Miraculous Signs of Jesus

John includes many miracles that the other Gospel writers did not, and vice versa, always emphasizing them as "sign" of God's glory. How did those witnessing these signs respond? What do John's miracles tell us about who Jesus is, and how we might respond?



Other Ministry Updates

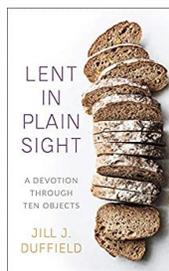
- March 6** 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion
10:00 am Sunday School & Education
10:00 am Fellowship
- March 8** 7:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting
- March 9** 6:00 pm Lenten Meal
6:30 pm Lent Service
6:30 pm Confirmation Focus Night
6:30 pm Senior High Youth
6:30 pm Children's Lenten class
7:30 pm Handbell Practice
- March 13** 9:00 am Worship Service with Handbells
10:00 am Sunday School & Education
10:00 am Fellowship
10:00 am John Book Study

Covid Update

With the latest guidance from the CDC, and the determination by the CDC that Wright County currently has a low Covid transmission rate, BUMC no longer has a recommendation that everyone wear a mask while inside our building. Those with a preference or need to wear a mask are welcome to continue to do so without judgment. Please continue to use good sense, like staying home when you're sick. We'll continue some of our other precautions for a while yet, like opening the side doors to the sanctuary for greater air exchange, receiving offerings without passing a plate, and using our alternate style of serving communion.

Lenten mid-week services

Each week we'll be enjoying music and sharing stories, prayers, Scriptures, and reflections from the book *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill Duffield. If you like, you can pick up a copy of the book and read along. There are books available in the entryway for \$12.50. We will also have reflection journals for you available in the lobby each week to use during the service if you'd like. You'll also find them posted on our website. Each Wednesday, we'll meet for supper in the Fellowship Hall at **6:00pm** and then in the



Sanctuary at **6:30** for our service. The services will also be live-streamed.

Lenten Meals

Please join us each **Wednesday at 6:00pm** for dinner before our worship service.

March 9: Pulled pork sandwiches with chips, etc. served by Bob Highberg

March 16: Tacos served by the 4th - 6th graders

March 23: Spaghetti, salad and bread served by Women In Action

Children's Lenten Series

Lessons & Activities each week running from **Wednesday, March 2nd - April 6th.**

Please join us in the back Fellowship Hall each week from **6:30 - 7:15 pm.** BUMC youth will be assisting each week.

3/9 Bread: God gives us our daily bread. Join us this week for bread making!

3/16 Cross: Join us this week to make your own yarn cross! It's a reminder to Be Who Jesus Is!

3/23: Coins: Join us this week as we look at various coins and make offering boxes!

3/30: Shoes: Join us this week as we "walk with Jesus" and help start a shoe drive!

4/6: Oil: Join us this week as we learn about how oil relates to our life with Jesus!

Help Make Our Easter Garden Happen

Our beautiful, Easter Resurrection Garden on **April 17** 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 24.** Order forms are in the pews and are due by **March 13.**



Secure Giving



Worship Registration





Other Ministry Updates

RESCHEDULED—Fifth & Sixth Grade Faith Stepping Stone

We've rescheduled our Communion Faith Stepping Stone class and blessing for **June 4 at 9am** and **June 5** in worship. Our fifth & sixth graders will learn about communion and bake the bread that we will serve in worship. On **Sunday, June 5** they will help serve communion, and we will offer a blessing over them. As part of their Faith Stepping Stone, fifth graders also receive a \$100 gift toward UM church camp registration, in addition to the half already paid by the church.

March is Minnesota Food Share Month

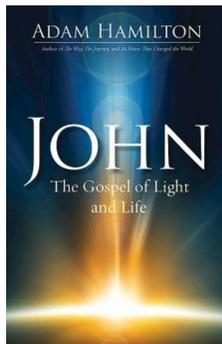
The March campaign for 2022 runs from **February 28—April 10**. Any food or monetary donations made during this time will be complimented with a percentage of dollars from the "food fund."



The food fund is funded by local corporations, foundations, businesses, and individuals, as part of Minnesota FoodShare. Please consider donating food, hygiene items, or money. The most needed items are currently: kid-friendly cereals, peanut butter, or other name brand items. Money can be given through the church by designating "food shelf" in your check memo or note on your cash. They are always looking for volunteers. Check out their website: [Here](#)

John: The Gospel of Light and Life

Sheryl Lehman says: *I am looking forward to celebrating Lent with my church family. During the six week Lent focus, I will be facilitating a study on the book of John titled John: The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton. We will be meeting in the back of Fellowship Hall during the Sunday school hour following our Worship service **March 6 - April 10**. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the entry way. Books are available for \$11.50.*



Summer Camp



Summer 2022 camp 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 the tuition, as well as all 1st-time adults. In addition, we cover another \$100 off for fifth graders.

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.



Devotionals and Online Resources

UMC list of daily and weekly devotionals from around the country: [Click Here](#)

The Upper Room (Daily devotional): [Click Here](#)

Terry Hershey Sabbath Moment (weekly devotional): [Click Here](#)

Asbury Seedbed (Daily devotional from JD Walt of Asbury Seminary): [Click Here](#)

Insight for Living (Daily devotionals from Chuck Swindoll) [Click Here](#)

Billy Graham Association (Daily Devotional) [Click Here](#)

BibleGateway. Multiple Bible translations along with some great study tools: [Click Here](#)

Sheryl Lehman's prayer resource website: [Click Here](#)