



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—March 5

This Sunday, March 7, 9:00 am

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

Sunday — Love's Call

Reading about love's selfless, sacrificial way of life can leave one feeling anxious and more than a little reluctant to take the plunge. In part, these feelings come from a misunderstanding of who God expects us to be. Love's call includes not only the love of God and our neighbor, but also of ourselves. We are all made in the image of God, uniquely made to love in unique ways.



Sunday Scripture

God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature so they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, and, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth." God created human beings; he created them godlike, reflecting God's nature. He created them male and female.

Genesis 1:26-27 The Message

Wednesday Devotion — March 10

Tune in on Facebook Live at 6:30pm to watch the next video on Chapters 5 & 6 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).



Next Sunday March 14 — Love Leaves No One Behind

Love sounds good in theory but often falls short in practice. Why? Because love insists that not one of God's children be left behind, counted as worth less and treated accordingly. Jesus has shown us the way of love and equipped us with that same love to lift up the marginalized in our world.

Virtual Fellowship Every Sunday

You're invited to join Pastor Bill 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. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85247108308?pwd=SXVuNkZibHdPZlZ6WnFLL3p0cDRQZz09>

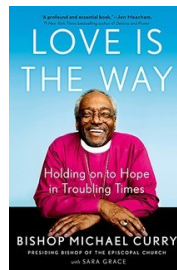




Other Ministry Updates

Wednesday Lenten Discussion Group

Zoom conversations on *Love Is the Way*, continue at 7 p.m. after the Wednesday evening services through March 31. We are posting here the discussion questions that will be used at the upcoming discussion. If you are not available each Wednesday, please join when you can. Here are the questions to ponder for March 10: Chapters 5 and 6.



1. Love God. Love you neighbor. Love yourself. Which of these three comes easiest to you? Which is most challenging?
2. When you have given of yourself to others, has it increased your sense of well-being?
3. What is a seed you can begin planting today toward growing deeper in your love of God, self and neighbor?

The Zoom link for Wednesday conversation is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85053324369?pwd=NFFpdkN1YlRocjV4aGU2eVoybFNFdz09> Meeting ID: 850 5332 4369. Passcode: 209482 You can also go to the UM conference website at <https://www.minnesotauc.org/2021-lenten-study> if you would like to read the full study guides or preview the videos.

Minnesota FoodShare

The 2021 Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign will run from Monday, March 1 until Sunday, April 11. During the month of March, food shelves weigh all food donations and keep track of all dollar donations designated for the March Campaign. Based on these figures, Minnesota FoodShare will give food shelves a percentage of the available dollars from their "Food Fund". 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! By mail: PO Box 222, Buffalo, MN 55313 Online (via PayPal or a credit card): Go to buffalofoodshelf.com and click on donate now. Through the PayPal Giving Fund: (www.paypal.com/fundraiser/hub) - enter

"Buffalo Food Shelf".

From the Finance Team

At the end of February we continue to have a positive net year to date balance of \$3,369. This is after payment of our apportionments through February 2021. It's interesting to note that this is our highest February net year to date balance since 2016. Thank you for your faithful and generous giving.

Easter Garden Flowers

We plan to carry on the tradition of our Easter Resurrection Garden this year, but it can only happen with your donations. Consider purchasing an extra flower or two that you could deliver to someone else after Easter to brighten their day. You will be able to take the flowers home immediately after Easter Sunday. To order, please email or call Michelle at church with your flower order, or you can make a cash donation. Michelle will give you guidance on paying for them. Easter Lilies \$11, Begonias \$13, Cyclamen \$13, Mums \$13, Azaleas \$25, Hydrangea pink or blue \$25. Please place your order as soon as possible!



Coming Up in Ministry

- March 7 **9:00 am Online Worship Service** with Communion
- 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 9 **7:00 pm Leadership Meeting**
- March 10 **6:00 pm Confirmation Focus Night**
- March 10 **6:30 pm Senior High Youth**
- 6:30 pm Lenten Livestream Service**
- 7:00 pm Lent Zoom Discussion Group**
- March 14 **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