



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—March 7 **This Sunday, March 9 @ 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 – Getting Free and Staying Free | Exodus 15:22-27

Like the Israelites who were freed from Egypt only to find themselves without drinkable water, we too can find ourselves freed from one trouble only to be met with another. God invites us to shift perspective and find our freedom in relationship with God.

Scripture Reading | Exodus 15:22-27

Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?" Then Moses cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink. There the Lord issued a ruling and instruction for them and put them to the test. He said, "If you listen carefully to the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you."

Next Sunday— It's Not the Destination, It's the Journey | Deuteronomy 32:1-10, 44-52

We can work for weeks, months, even years to arrive at a certain point in life, our own "Promised Land." But sometimes that Promised Land is not what we envisioned. Sometimes we don't even make it there. And even when we do, the Promised Land is not the end of the journey. How can we let God reshape our vision of both the destination and the journey so that we can find beauty and meaning in all of it?

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.



Other Ministry Updates

- March 9 9:00 am** Worship Service with Handbells and Baptism
10:00 am Fellowship
10:00 am Education Hour
10:15 am Book Study 40 Days
10:30 am Fast Track & Game Day
- March 11 7:00 pm** Leadership Team Meeting
- March 12 6:00 pm** Lenten Meal
6:30 pm Children's Lenten Series
6:35 pm Lenten Series
7:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- March 16 9:00 am** Worship Service
10:00 am Fellowship
10:00 am Education Hour



Did You Know?

Did you know that Charles Wesley, John's brother, was an English clergyman, poet, and hymn writer. He wrote over 6,500 hymns during his lifetime. Many of his hymns are still sung in churches around the world.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Series

Starting on **Wednesday, March 12**, 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 and prayers. Some copies will be available to purchase for \$11 or you can order from Amazon.

While the adults are in the sanctuary, Children's Ministry will host a Lenten Series for kids ages 5 -12. Andrea Gravely is busy planning some awesome activities to help our kids experience the road to the cross as well.



March is Minnesota Food Share Month

The 44th March campaign for 2025 runs from March 1–April 6. Minnesota FoodShare March

Campaign, the largest grassroots food and fund drive in the state, brings together organizations, businesses, faith communities, and individuals to help stock and support the capacity of nearly 300 food shelves. 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! Money can be given through the church by designating "Food Share" in your check memo or note on your cash. You can also donate online at [Buffalofoodshelf.com](https://buffalofoodshelf.com).

Daylight Saving Time This Saturday!

Remember to set your clocks ahead for Daylight Saving Time on Saturday, March 8! Spring ahead, or you'll miss worship!

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.

Help Make Our Easter Garden Happen

Our beautiful, Easter Resurrection Garden on



April 20 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 27**. Order forms are in the pews and are due by **March 16**.

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Worship Registration

