



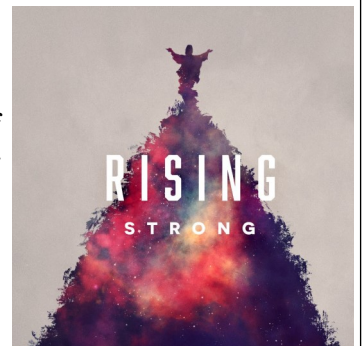
So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—May 9 **Sunday, May 11 @ 9:00**

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

New Sermon Series— Rising Strong

"...just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life," (Romans 6:4b). The Bible is full of stories of redemption, change, and hope. Through four of those stories, we will discover how faith in a Risen Jesus can transform our lives for the better here and now. No matter how big or how small we fall, God outstretches God's hand, ready to raise us up.



This Sunday — Rising from Denial (Peter) | John 21:15-19

The love and forgiveness of God is what enables us to rise above our mistakes and become more faithful disciples.

Scripture Reading | John 21:15-19

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

Next Sunday— Rising from Hatred (Saul/Paul) | Acts 9:1-22

In a divided world, hatred can bubble up even in the hearts of those who seek to do good. The risen Christ moves us from a place of judgement to a place of connection, so that we can work together for the sake of God's kingdom.

Sunday Fellowship

Check out the coffee, treats and great conversation after worship in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am.



Other Ministry Updates

- May 11** 9:00 am Blended Worship Service
 10:00 am Fellowship
 10:00 am Education Hour—last day
 10:30 am Fast Track/Game Day
- May 13** 7:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting
- May 14** 6:00 pm Confirmation
 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- May 18** 9:00 am Blended Worship Service
 10:00am All Church Pancake Party



Did You Know?

Charles Wesley wrote over 6,000 hymns in his lifetime. Many of his hymns are translated into other languages and form the foundation for the Methodist hymnal.

Mothers Day Tribute

We are thankful for all the positive mother figures in our lives, whether by blood or by bond, whether living with us still or in heaven, whether perfectly flawed or seemingly perfect. Thank God for women who love generously and sacrificially.

Sunday School Celebration

Please join us for an end of the year celebration Pancake Party on **Sunday, May 18th** during Fellowship!

Confirmation Picnic

Please save the date for our end of the year picnic on Wednesday, **May 21st @ 6pm!** Students, families, Faith Partners and Confirmation staff are all invited. Stay tuned!

Memorial Gift Sunday

On Sunday, May 25 we will recognize all memorial gifts given to the church over the past year, and celebrate the ways those gifts support our ongoing ministries done in the name of Christ.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

We will bless our graduating seniors during worship on **Sunday, June 8**. Seniors, please turn in your pictures and/or announcements to the office by **May 30**.



UMC Summer Camp

Check out the upcoming camp sessions and pick your favorite camp location: Northern Pines, Koronis Ministries, or Kowakan Adventures. Camp listings and registration information are on the [Camp Minnesota website](#).

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 [Julie Bedker](#) to volunteer. Thank you!



Altar Design

Have you noticed that with each New Sermon Series, our altar display changes? There is much teamwork, creativity and thoughtful planning that goes into each design for each series. Sometimes it's "simple" and sometimes it's "elaborate".

Discussions on purpose, focal points and even colors are involved in creating a meaningful display. It all starts with the "Anchor Image" from the series resource and the corresponding scriptures for our Worship Design Team to get started.

The "Rising Strong" sermon series design for May shows the empty tomb with colors above to remind us that we are Easter people, living strong after the resurrection and rising to the occasion, whatever that may be.

Secure Giving

Worship Registration

