



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—May 16 **Sunday, May 18 @ 9:00**

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

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 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.

Scripture Reading | John 21:15-22

In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!” “Yes, Lord,” he answered.

The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.”

“Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”

But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Next Sunday— Rising From Grief Into Unshakable Joy | John 11:17-37

Mary and Martha mourn deeply the death of their brother Lazarus, even expressing disappointment in Jesus for not coming sooner and healing Lazarus. They had sent word of his illness early on and Jesus had only been two miles away. Jesus comes late, expresses compassion and empathy, himself grieving at Lazarus' death, and then transforms their grief into unshakable joy!



Other Ministry Updates

- May 18** 9:00 am Blended Worship Service
10:00am All Church Pancake Party
- May 20** 4:00 pm SPRC Meeting
- May 21** 6:00 pm Confirmation Picnic
- May 25** 9:00 am Blended Worship Service – Memorial Gift Sunday

Did You Know?



Did you know that Memorial Day was originally called "Decoration Day" and was established in 1868 to honor the fallen soldiers of the Civil

War. Communities decorated the graves of those who died in service with flowers and flags.

Sunday School Celebration

Please join us for an end of the year celebration Pancake Party this **Sunday** 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**.

Thank you!



The Prayer Ministry Team would like to thank all that participated in the National Day of Prayer Vigil. We are grateful that our sanctuary is a place conducive to

reflection and prayer. It is our hope we will continue to be a praying church with many more special opportunities to grow in prayer together.

Finance Team Report – April Results

The Finance Team is pleased to report that through April our year-to-date income minus expenses is a positive \$4,776. Apportionments for the first 4 months of 2025 have been paid in full in support the missions of the Minnesota Annual Conference. Thank you for your faithful and generous giving.

INCOME / EXPENSE COPARISON

	YTD INCOME	2025		NET YTD
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Jan	\$27,058	\$27,058	\$27,271	(\$213)
Feb	\$56,031	\$28,973	\$24,826	\$3,934
March	\$82,288	\$26,257	\$26,028	\$4,163
April	\$106,570	\$24,282	\$23,669	\$4,776

Summer Reading in the Park starts in June

Our Summer Reading in the Park program will kick off on **June 18** and continue each **Wednesday from 9:30 – 10:30 am through August 20**. If you are willing to be a “guest reader” please let [Gloria Farwick](#) know ASAP, then we’ll plan activities around the theme of your book! People like you make it happen! Please help spread the word about this great ministry beginning again in “The Park”!!

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](#).

Blankets for Beds

Donate new or gently used blankets/linens by dropping off or if you need them picked up, call Dianne McLain 763-682-2260. The need is still great.





Other Ministry Updates

The Survey Results Are In!

Thank you to everyone that took a moment to fill out the brief survey given to you these past two Sundays. We had an amazing response – 119 in total!! For those of you that are interested, here are the results!

Overall Results

Time Preference

9:00 – 93 votes

10:30 – 16 votes

Other times: 7 votes

Music Preference

Contemporary – 48 votes

Blended – 50 votes

Traditional – 19 votes

Most Important Factor (Music vs Time)

Time – 67% Music – 33%

Respondents that chose Music as the most important factor – what type of music do they want?

Contemporary – 68%

Traditional – 14%

Blended – 18%

Respondents that chose Time as the most important factor – what type of music do they want?

Contemporary – 24%

Traditional – 23%

Blended – 53%

Of the respondents that preferred a 9:00 time Time or Music is most important?

Time – 66%

Music – 34%

Type of Music preferred

Contemporary – 45%

Traditional – 9%

Blended – 46%

Of the respondents that preferred a 10:30 time Time or Music is most important?

Time – 64%

Music – 36%

Type of Music preferred

Contemporary – 13%

Traditional – 60%

Blended – 27%

Summer Movie Night

Date: June 11- August 6

Time: 6:30 PM

Join us for unforgettable summer movie nights at BUMC! We are excited to be playing The Chosen Season 3. Whether you are a long-time fan or new to the series, these evenings promise to be a wonderful experience for all. Come when you can. Invite friends and neighbors. All are invited.

What's Included?

- Episodes of The Chosen Season 3
- Delicious popcorn will be available for all attendees
- A warm and welcoming community atmosphere

Why Attend?

This is a fantastic opportunity to gather with friends, family, and fellow community members to enjoy a poignant and inspiring series. The Chosen offers a fresh perspective on the life of Jesus and his followers, making it a thought-provoking and entertaining watch.

There will be no movie on July 2 but will resume on July 9.

For more information, please contact [Sheryl Lehman](#) or one of the Discipleship team members.

Don't miss out on this special event! We look forward to seeing you there to share in this inspiring journey together.

