



*So All May Know Joy*

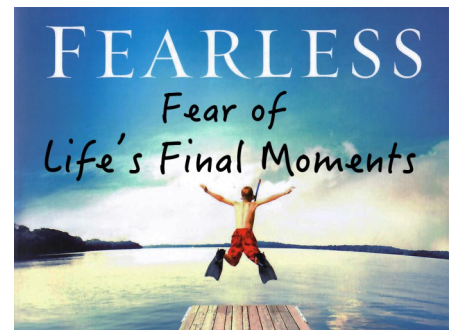
## **BUMC Weekly Connection—May 28**

**This Sunday, May 30 @ 9:00 am**

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

### **This Sunday - Fear of Life's Final Moments**

The process of birth, although it is usually filled with joy for parents, is also a traumatic experience for both mother and child. Is it any wonder then that our time of dying might also be a time of uncertainty and fear? Our hope comes from the fact that the inevitable death we face in this life is actually a rebirth into a new and more beautiful eternity.



### **Sunday Scripture**

"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going."

"No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!" John 14:1-7 (NLT)

### **Memorial Sunday**

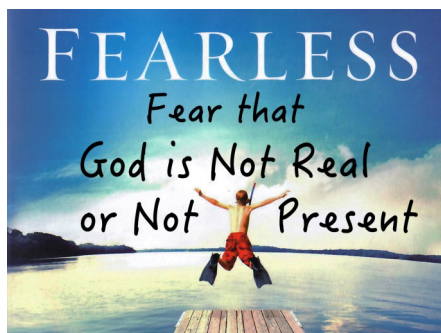
Sunday we will recognize all memorial gifts given to the church over the past year, and celebrate the ways those gifts support our ongoing ministries done in the name of Christ. Please recognize the following names and the gifts given for the ministry of the memorial fund: Merlin Swanson, Don & Lois Mahler, Kris Carlson, Laurence O'Flanagan, Roxie Weese, Eric Johnson, Bev Schroeder, Janice Erickson, Willis Mellin, & Joann Johnson.

### **Sunday Fellowship Time Resumes**

Maybe Please join us after worship this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, treats, and our first Fellowship time post COVID.

### **Next Sunday, June 6 — Fear That God is Not Real or Present**

The catch-22 of faith is that we're required to believe that which we can't prove. And yet, God has still graciously given us ample evidence of the divine in the order of creation and especially the life and resurrection of Jesus.





## Other Ministry Updates

### Regathering Plan Update

There are no longer physical distancing requirements at church and no need to make reservations for worship or other regular ministry events. Indoor fellowship with drinks and treats resumes this Sunday. Face coverings are no longer required at church, indoors or outdoors. However, it is the recommendation of the MN Department of Health that people who have not been vaccinated continue to wear a face covering.



are many ways you can help. You can purchase supplies from the following list), purchase an entire kit, donate money to purchase supplies, or make a \$50 donation to the church.

- 2 pairs of work gloves
- 24 1 gallon size resealable bags
- 2 permanent markers
- 1 roll of duct tape—prefer colored
- 2 dust masks—no surgical
- 24 trash bags—heavy duty—33-45 gallon size
- 24 clear/white trash bags—20-33 gallon size

### Celebrations of Life



Several more Celebrations of life have been planned for the summer. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

- June 9, Kathy Varner (11am, visitation at 10 and June 8, 5-8pm)
- July 18, Kris Carlson (Informal reception, 1-3pm)
- July 24, Ivan and Janice Erickson
- July 24, Willard Kreitlow (2pm at Bertram Park, contact Mariénne Kreitlow)
- August 7, Dana Sampson
- September 11, Carolyn McCandless (Ruth Vail's sister)

### Tornado Kit Collection and Packing Event

From June 1-20, you're invited to donate supplies and/or a monetary donation to make tornado kits for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC), a depot of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). See the supplementary flyer. You can either purchase the supplies listed below or make a \$50 donation per kit to the church or directly to MMDC (please don't purchase plastic totes, as they prefer to have use the same totes for all the kits). We will meet after church on June 27 to box up the supplies at 10:15am. There

### 2021 Walk For Hope is done but not over!

Thank you to all of the walkers that walked the "Extra Mile" for students and families in Guatemala on our church grounds last Sunday! It was a fun time! Thank you as well to those of you that have donated! If you are interested, you can still donate to our church page until June 13! We've already raised enough money to cover programming costs for one student for a year! How about as a church we try to double that and cover the costs for TWO students!!



Here's how you can still help and remember, EVERY donation counts!! Please click [HERE](#) to donate. Your donation provides opportunities for kids in Guatemala to go to school!

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### Game Day is Back

If you like to play a variety of board games, card games or dominos, join us in the Fellowship Hall June 3 and the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Bring a friend!

### Coming Up in Ministry

- May 30** 9:00 am **Worship Service** In-person or online, Memorial Sunday
- 10:00 am Fellowship Time
- May 31** 6:30 pm Book Group—*Fearless*
- June 1** 7:00 pm Property Team Meeting
- June 2** 6:30 pm Worship Design Team Meeting
- June 3** 1:00 pm Game Day
- June 6** 9:00 am **Worship Service** In-person or online
- 10:00 am Fellowship Time



## Other Ministry Updates

### Children's and Family Ministry Coordinator

The SPRC will begin a search for a new Children's Ministry Coordinator, with an emphasis on developing a strong return to in-person ministries for the fall. If you're interested in exploring the possibility of serving our families in this way, please contact Debbie Bishop, Ministry and Worship Coordinator. Debbie will also be the central point of contact for Children's ministries until the position is filled.

### Summer Reading in the Park June 23



Our Summer Reading in the Park program kicks off on **June 23** and continues **each**

**Wednesday from 9:30 - 10:30 am** through August 25. More details will be coming, but please spread the word about this great ministry in "The Park!!"

### Minnesota STORM!

The UMC Youth unite for One day of serving across Minnesota so save the Date for - July 17, 2021! Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to spend a day safely serving Jesus by serving others at various sites across Minnesota. We'll begin the day with devotions and Major Group time, spend the day serving with your church, do lunch, devos, and end the day with Chapel in the church parking lot. All projects will be outdoors, social distancing may be required, and large group gatherings will be held outdoors.

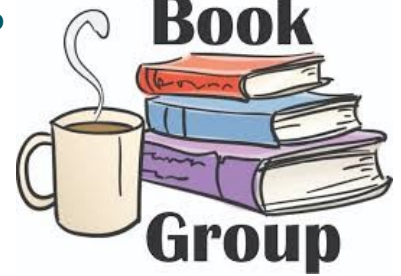


### Blankets for Beds

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.

### BUMC Book Group

We are reading the book *Fearless - Imagine Your Life Without Fear* by Max Lucado as our first book.



One group will be meeting by Zoom on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:15 p.m. The remaining meeting date is May 31. The Zoom group host is Sheryl Lehman. Please use this Zoom link [Click Here!](#) Meeting ID: 895 0658 4238 Passcode: 873897

**NOTE:** Since May 30th is Memorial weekend, the Sunday Fearless book group will be meeting for its final time on **Monday, June 14, 6:00 p.m.** at the church

### Summer Camp 2021 is Currently Happening!

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 normally cover another \$100 off for fifth graders.



Because camps were closed last year due to COVID, this year we're offering that \$100 scholarship for both fifth and sixth graders! Exciting! Check out the current offerings, COVID-19 Safety protocols and learn more information online! Visit the site if you are interested as registration is OPEN. [CampMN](#)

### Email for Prayer Requests

We have a separate email address specifically for prayer concerns/requests. Debbie, our Ministry & Worship Coordinator will directly receive your emails and put your prayer requests on the Prayer Circle. The email address is [Prayerrequests@buffaloumc.com](mailto:Prayerrequests@buffaloumc.com)