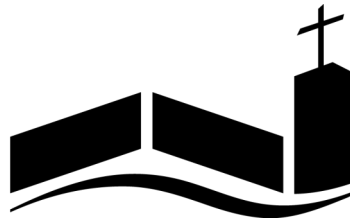


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So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—March 29

This Sunday, March 31 @ 9:00 & 10:30am Easter Sunday

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



New Sermon Series—A New Creation

Easter is all about celebrating the new life Jesus makes possible for us! We often think of this new life in terms that are only spiritual or individual, but Jesus' resurrection means new life for *all* of creation – yes, for us, but also for our communities and our environment. In a world grappling with environmental concerns, join us as we delve into scripture to understand how the renewed life Jesus offers shapes our responsibility to care for our environment and all its inhabitants.

This Sunday — Easter: Hope for All Creation | Mark 16:1-15 & Psalm 96:1-2, 11-13

In resurrecting, Jesus gives us hope for new life. This hope is life and joy for *all* creation!

Scripture Reading | Psalm 96:1-2, 11-13

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.
Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes,
he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

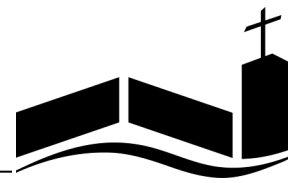


Next Week — God's Wide World | Psalm 104:5-24 & Job 12:7-10

As human beings, we tend to think the world revolves around us! As scripture opens our eyes to the fullness of God's creation, let us consider a shift in perspective. We are but one part of God's magnificent creation. What does creation tell us if we listen?



Sunday Fellowship Check out the coffee, treats and great conversation after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

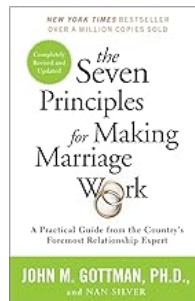


Other Ministry Updates

- March 31 9:00 am** Contemporary Easter Worship
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Traditional Easter Worship
- April 1 9:00 am** Commodity Distribution
- April 2 7:00 pm** Property Team Meeting
- April 3 3:00 pm** Guest Connection Meeting
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- April 4 1:00 pm** Game Day
- April 7 9:00 am** Contemporary Worship with Communion
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Traditional Worship with Communion

Seven Weeks Seven Principles

We are looking for 3 or 4 couples interested in strengthening their marriage in a 7-week small group experience. We'll be reading *Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work* by foremost relationship expert John M. Gottman. Group commitment would be approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes per week and then including time for reading the chapters and doing the homework, facilitated by Pastor Amy. If we get enough interest, we'd like to start the group 1st or 2nd week after Easter and try to be done by end of May. Please let the [Pastor Amy](#) know ASAP if you are interested.



Easter Sunday

To accommodate the extra people that Easter worship usually draws, we'll be offering two Easter Sunday worship services: a **contemporary** worship experience at **9:00 am** and a **traditional** worship service at **10:30 am**.

Nursery

The nursery will not be staffed on Easter Sunday so the staff can celebrate the holiday. Please feel free to use the nursery or use the activity bags provided in the entry way.

Special Easter Offering

2024 Easter Offering will be split 50/50, with half going to support of Terebinth Refuge a Christ-centered shelter and safe home that brings hope, healing services, and freedom to exploited and trafficked women. And the other half of our offering to go to support camp attendance for our kids. If you'd like to make a special Easter offering, please place your offering in one of the Easter Offering envelopes in the backs of the chairs or write "Easter Offering" on your check. If you're giving electronically, you can make a note to that effect in the comment line.



Be a part of the conversation!

Throughout April, there will be a hosted discussion table in the fellowship hall during coffee hour. This informal discussion will talk about topics from the message, additional scripture, life application ideas and wherever the conversation takes us. Grab your coffee and stop by, beginning **April 7**.

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 Michelle at the church office to volunteer.

Thank you!

A big "Thank you" from Emma Norton Services. "A heartfelt thank you for your recent gift of \$1,770.00. Your generosity has a direct impact on our programs, and supporting the over 300 individuals and children served annually".



Finance Team Report

Through February our year-to-date income minus expenses was at -\$3,297. Apportionments for the first 2 months of 2024 have been paid in full. Thank you for your faithful and generous giving.

E A S T E R F L O W E R S

Dave & Robin Anderson

in memory of parents and grandparents,
in honor of our children & grandchildren

Brian & Molly Aurentz
Peter & Julie Bedker

in honor of the Bedker granddaughters,
Clara Lane & Dorothy Mae

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in honor of Jessica Bjore
in memory of loved ones, in honor of our children
Peter, Edward, Danielle. Grandsons Edward & Emmett

Ruth Fischer
Dave & Sara Gaeth

in memory of son, Richard Fischer
in memory of our parents Del & Dorothy Gaeth,
John & Elise Haretter

The Gravley family
Neil & Marilyn Hammer

in memory of Mark Gravley & Jeanny Intrain

Erva Hance
Bob & Chris Highberg
Jan Jefferson

in memory of Ann Bursch
in memory of departed parents
in memory of my mother, Lora

Tim & Nancy Jenson
Ray & Helen Johnson
Esther Kiphuth
Vicki Kobbe

in memory of Dean & Jan Aeling, Al & Jean Jensen
in memory of our parents
in memory of Willis Kiphuth

Darren & Lydea Laudenschach
Traci Lay

in honor of Begonia & Telmo Aurentz
in memory of my grandparents

Dexter & Sheryl Lehman
Craig & Maggie Lilja

in memory of our parents
in memory of Conor Lilja

The Markley family

in memory of Iona Markley

Christy Merkl in memory of John Wilson, Kathy Richardson, Bill & Faith Richardson

Jean & Peter Metcalf

in memory of our parents

Lisa McConnon & Family

in memory of Robert McConnon

Dianne McLain

in memory of Lindy

Arlene Nelson

in honor of my family

Barb Odenthal

in memory of husband, Robert

Darla O'Flanagan in loving memory of our Parents, Grandparents, Lawrence & Ashley

Paul & Lori Olson

in honor of our family

Art Peterson

in memory of Judy Peterson

Sally Peterson

in memory of Dan Peterson

Marcia Plaschko

in honor of my family

Claudia & Ed Rudenberg

in memory of Pat & Fran Rudenberg, Arnie & Bea Wiita

Riti Sanderson

in memory of Bob "Sandy" Sanderson

Pete & Barbara Sargent

in memory of loved ones gone before

Laurie & Joe Schroeder

in memory of Bruce & Bev Schroeder, Kathleen Schafer

Jill & Gerry Starr

in honor of our family

Kellie Corrick-Strub

in memory of Delmar Corrick

Jane & Loren VanDorp

Rita Varner-Otness

in memory of all my Varner, Otness family

Glenda & Gerry Vidmar

in honor of our parents

Jason & Rebecca Warner family

in memory of Cathy Kohlenberg

Ken Weese

in memory of Roxie Weese

Paulette Graff Weese

in memory of Merle Graff

Don & Jeanne Wermager

in memory of our parents

Marcia Wilson

in honor of John Wilson

Thank you to all our donors who made the Easter Resurrection Garden happen! Flowers
may be taken home following worship on Sunday, April 7.