



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—April 19 **This Sunday, April 21 @ 9:00**

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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 — A Special Responsibility | Genesis 1:28-31, Genesis 9:8-17

Though we are but one part of a vast creation, humanity has been given a special responsibility by God. As those created in the image of God, we are called to care for the earth that, in turns, sustains us.

Scripture Reading | Genesis 9:8-17

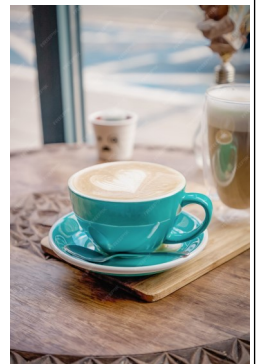
Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

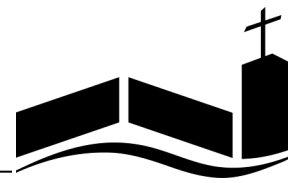
And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.” So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

Next Week — Facing Creation's Brokenness | Romans 8:19-25

Humanity's sin and brokenness has had devastating effects on the world for which we are called to care. As earth's stewards, living into our resurrection hope involves reckoning with our failures and working for the freedom of *all* creation – human and nonhuman alike.

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





Other Ministry Updates

- April 21** 9:00 am Worship
 10:00 am Fellowship
 10:00 am Be Part of the Conversation
- April 22** 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Meeting
- April 24** 6:00 pm Confirmation Focus Night
 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- April 27** 8:00 am Church Audit
- April 28** 9:00 am Worship
 10:00 am Fellowship
 10:00 am Be Part of the Conversation

Be 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 each week.

Spirituality in Nature Group (S.I.N.G)

S.I.N.G. is a gathering of people who want to explore our connection to God/the Divine in nature. All gatherings will be at Bertram Chain of Lakes Regional Park. Experiences will include individual and group activities, poetry readings and personal stories that will deepen our bonds to the earth, God and with each other; within Bertram Chain of Lakes Regional Park. Contact Pastor Amy for more information at 612-226-8905. Dates:

- May 2 at 6:30pm – Gathering
- May 16 at 6:30pm – Spirituality of Water
- June 6 at 6:30pm – Summer Solstice 1
- June 20 at 6:30pm – Summer Solstice 2
- July 11 at 6:30pm – TBD

Prayer Shawl

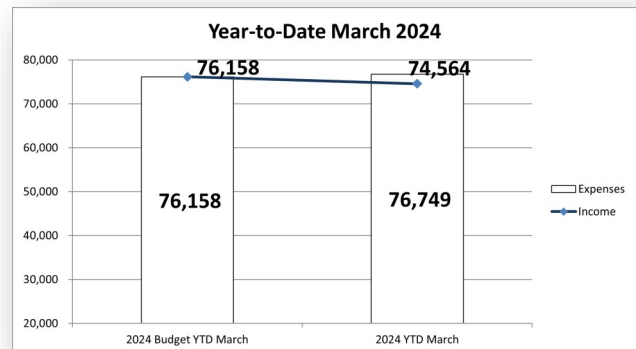
Prayer Shawl gathering is on **Monday, April 22 at 1:00** in the church fellowship hall. If you like to knit, crochet and/or VISIT, please join us! Any questions, please contact Dianne McLain.

Register for Camp

Summer is just around the corner! Experience Christ, creation, and community at Northern Pines, Koronis Ministries, or KoWaKan Adventures. Register before April 30 and receive a \$25 camp store credit. Click [Here](#)

Finance Team Report

At the end of March, (1 quarter 2024) our year-to-date income minus expense was (2,185). Apportionments were paid through March. The 2024 Easter Offering received was \$2,611. Half of the funds will go to support Terebinth Refuge. The other half will go to support camp attendance for our kids. Thank you for your faithful and generous giving.



Meals and Missions

We have moved the date to **Wednesday, May 8th**. We will be enjoying a meal at **6:00 pm** per usual, and then enjoy some time together prepping and cutting plastic shopping bags to make sleeping mats for the homeless. We will be collecting bags starting this Sunday through May 8 so bring your plastic bags and drop them in the bin! One mat takes about 500 bags to make so we're looking for a lot!

Help! Lawn Mowing Volunteers Sought

The Property Team is gearing up to make the summer lawn-mowing schedule. If you can help out **even once** this summer, please let us know. Please email [Julie Bedker](#) or call 612-280-2274 or sign-up on the bulletin board if you can help out.

Mark Ochu on May 5

Concert pianist/organist Mark Ochu, will be playing the organ for us at the **10:30 service on May 5**. This is a treat so bring a friend.

Handbell Concert at Parkview

You are welcome to join the Parkview residents as the BUMC Handbells will perform a concert on **May 1 at 7:00 pm** in the chapel.