



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Sept 22

This Sunday, Sept 24 @ 9:00 am

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Come to the Table | Sermon Series

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus shared meals with his people. In a world where there is an increase of hate and dissention, as followers of Jesus, God calls us to make space for all of God's children at the table. This series will help us most fully see God as we are mindful about seeing one another.

This Sunday – Enemies @ the Table | Psalm 23

When you feel that people or situations are against you, God is still in control and can provide a blessing.



Scripture Reading

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23 (NIV)



Next Sunday– All In | Sermon Series

When we face important decisions and opportunities in our lives, we often weigh the pros and cons. We often find reasons to avoid making changes and to keep doing things the same old way. But there comes a time when we must decide... are we going to play it safe or go all in? John 3:16 tells us that God loved us so much that he gave his only Son for us, "so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may

have eternal life." God's love for us is "all in"! In turn, when we put all our trust in God, our lives can be freed for unimaginable wonder. This series will explore what it means to be "all in" for God with all we have and all we are.

Oct 1: The Risk Scripture: John 3:16; Luke 5:1-11 When we say yes to following Jesus, it means we say yes to the risks.

Oct 8: Common Good Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4-13 God activates gifts in everyone for the common good.

Oct 15: No Strings Attached Scripture: Acts 2:43-47 The gifts given by the Spirit are not to be used only in the local church community, but also to bless the wider community.

Oct 22: Commit Scripture: Ephesians 4:22-24, John 3:16 On this "Commitment Sunday," we can play it safe or go all in.



Other Ministry Updates

- Sept 24** 9:00 am Worship Service—FSS Start of Sunday School, Handbells in Worship
10:00 am Fellowship
10:00 am Education Hour
- Sept 25** 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl
- Sept 26** 7:00 pm Finance Team Meeting
- Sept 27** 6:00 pm Confirmation Focus Night
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- Oct 1** 9:00 am Worship Service— with Communion
10:00 am Fellowship
10:00 am Education Hour

Faith Stepping Stones

This Sunday, we will celebrate the start of Sunday School for new enrolling students. Please join us in blessing and welcoming these children and their families.

Fresh Expressions

We are pleased to report our FRESH EXPRESSIONS Informational Meeting (held last Sunday) was a strong and encouraging beginning to this new initiative!



Fresh Expressions are groups open to the Buffalo and surrounding areas that are based on a similar hobby or passion. Our goal is to reach new people with God's love through fun and community. (Ex. Kayaking group, walking club, Dinner group)

If you would like to pray for Fresh Expressions please allow the following scripture passage to guide and inspire your prayers, from Matthew 9:37-38, Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Your prayers will help us build our team, clarify our vision and ministry focus, making sure all have fun, as well as help new people to learn about God. Pray for lives to be transformed as we share Jesus in our activities and conversations. Pray, also, for our church to be ready to help new believers of all ages grow in their relationship with God.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please let Pastor Amy know.

Book Study



On **October 15th (date change)** we are going to begin a six week book read and discussion on Sunday mornings at **10:15**. You will have time to get your coffee and treat then head to the Conference Room. The book is appropriately titled "Made for Friendship" by Drew Hunter. Come when you can as we explore the God given gift of friendship. The past couple of years has shown us the need for connection, and how loneliness can affect us mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. As disciples of Jesus, we need to intentionally reach out to be a blessing to others.

Fall Work Day at the Church

Fall Work Day is **October 7 from 9am-4 pm**. The property team seeks your help in keeping our church building and property well maintained. Any help would be appreciated! Please contact Collin Gravley for more information.



Volunteers Needed!

On **October 14th** we are hosting the Community Breakfast at the Community Center and are looking for 15 volunteers!! There are lots of different ways to help – and each shift is relatively short. Please consider signing up on the bulletin board today!

Prayer Partners Party

We have our prayer partners matched up with Sunday School students for the year! The Prayer Partner Party is **Sunday, October 6** to meet and get to know each other. We'll gather in the back fellowship hall at **10:00 am** for fun.

Secure Giving



Worship Registration

