



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—April 26 **This Sunday, April 28 @ 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.



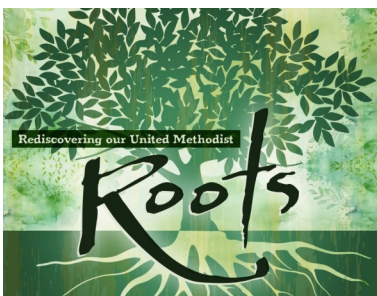
This Sunday — Facing Creation's Brokenness | Romans 8:19-25

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.

Scripture Reading | Romans 8:19-25

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

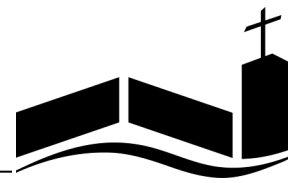
We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.



New Sermon Series— Roots

Roots give us the stability and nourishment we need to grow and break new ground. As we seek to grow in our faith as individuals and as the church, looking back at the deep roots of the Methodist movement can help us look forward to our future. More than mere traditions or rituals, our Methodist roots are evidence of God's Spirit moving through our history, the same Spirit who is breathing life into us today.

Next Week — Grace | Ephesians 2:4-10 Grace is a gift from God given freely to all people, and because of this gift we are saved. This grace is the spark that makes the Methodist fire burn, the starting point and an essential root of our theology.



Other Ministry Updates

- April 28** 9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Fellowship
10:00 am Be Part of the Conversation
- April 30** 6:30 pm Finance Team Meeting
- May 1** 3:00 pm Guest Connection Meeting
6:00 pm Confirmation Focus Night
7:00 pm Handbell Concert @ Parkview
- May 2** 1:00 pm Game Day
6:30 pm S.I.N.G. @ Bertram Park
- May 5** 9:00 am Contemporary Worship
Service with Communion & Handbells
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Traditional Worship Service
with Communion, Mark Ochu &
Handbells

Mark Ochu on May 5

Concert pianist/organist Mark Ochu, will be playing the organ for us next Sunday at the **10:30 service**. 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.

New Spirituality in Nature Group (S.I.N.G) is starting!

S.I.N.G. is a gathering of people who want to explore our connection to God in Nature. Our hope is to gather a diverse group of all ages, committed to consistently exploring and deepening our spirituality together in nature. All stories and faith traditions are welcomed, including no-faith.

At each gathering, there will be a variety of activities, including meeting new people with common interests, exploring nature in both group and solo time, as well as a time of sharing (if interested). Meetings will be held on select **Thursdays at 6:30 pm** of each month starting **May - Oct.** at Bertram Regional Park (9910 Briarwood Ave NE, Monticello) at the amphitheater. Participants will need the ability to both walk up to 3/4 of a mile and climb steps to reach the amphitheater.

If you enjoy meeting new people and love to be in nature, this may be the perfect opportunity for you! Join once or as many times that work for your schedule. We hope to see you there!

- May 2** - Gathering
May 16 - Spirituality of Water
June 6 - Summer Solstice 1
June 20 - Summer Solstice 2
July 11 - Connection and Compassion 1
July 25 - Connection and Compassion 2
August 1 - Giving Thanks 1
August 15 - Giving Thanks 2
September 5 - Coming Home 1
September 19 - Coming Home 2
October 3 - Autumn: Harvest
October 17 - Autumn: Harvest

Meals and Missions

We have moved the date to **Wednesday, May 8th**. We will be enjoying a meal of spaghetti 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 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](mailto:Julie.Bedker@church.org) or call 612-280-2274 or sign-up on the bulletin board if you can help out.

Fry Bread

Pastor Amy is looking for someone who can make a Native American fry bread for an Early Word. Please let her know if you can help out.

Be Aware of Car Theft

Recently in Wright County there has been a string of car break-ins at several local churches on Sunday mornings. Please do not leave valuables in your car.