



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—August 27

This Sunday, August 29 @ 9:00 am

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Jonah and the Big Fish August 29-September 5

Jonah is one of the shortest books in the Bible, yet it's filled with action that can inform every would-be Christ follower. In this short study, we'll explore the futility of trying to flee from God, the mercy God offers us when we repent, God's scandalous forgiveness of notorious sinners, and why we struggle when God's justice doesn't seem fair.

This Sunday - You Can't Outrun God

It's a scene that's played out over and over in this life. God asks us to do something, and we either play dead or head off in the opposite direction. That didn't work for Jonah, and it won't work for us. Perhaps Jonah's prayer can help us avoid some rough days at sea and dark days in the belly of a fish! What might have happened to Jonah if he had prayed that prayer instead of running from God?



Sunday Scripture

The LORD gave this message to Jonah son of Amittai: "Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are." But Jonah got up and went in the opposite direction to get away from the LORD. He went down to the port of Joppa, where he found a ship leaving for Tarshish. He bought a ticket and went on board, hoping to escape from the LORD by sailing to Tarshish. But the LORD hurled a powerful wind over the sea, causing a violent storm that threatened to break the ship apart. 5 Fearing for their lives, the desperate sailors shouted to their gods for help and threw the cargo overboard to lighten the ship. But all this time Jonah was sound asleep down in the hold. So the captain went down after him. "How can you sleep at a time like this?" he shouted. "Get up and pray to your god! Maybe he will pay attention to us and spare our lives." Jonah 1:1-6 (NLT)

Next Sunday – Get Compassion, Give Compassion

Jonah was happy to receive God's mercy and a second chance for himself, but he couldn't stand the thought of God offering the same to the Ninevites. Is there someone in your life that you'd prefer to see suffer than rescued by the merciful hand of God? God gave Jonah a simple lesson. Did he learn it? Have we learned it?



Outdoor Fellowship This Sunday

You asked for it, you've got it! Your coffee and treats are back for our fellowship hour after worship. You'll find them, weather permitting, just outside the front doors of the church.





Other Ministry Updates

Coming Up in Ministry

- Aug 29** 9:00 am Worship Service In-person & online
10:00 am Outdoor Fellowship
- Aug 31** 7:00 pm Finance Meeting
- Sept 1** 6:00 pm Confirmation Orientation
- Sept 2** 1:00 pm Game Day
- Sept 5** 9:00 am Worship Service In-person & online with Holy Communion
10:00 am Outdoor Fellowship

Register for Sunday School

We are SO excited to be back together for Sunday School! In an effort to protect our kids (and to stay in person) the Leadership Team has decided we are going to encourage all kids to wear masks during Sunday School. As always, please reach out to me if you have concerns around this or would like to discuss further. Sunday School will be starting on **Sept 12** so the sooner you can register your child, the more help it will be in planning classes. You can click [here](#) to register or grab a hard copy form at church! Sunday School will be held each Sunday morning from **10:00 - 11:00am**. At this point, we are going to forgo music time, so the kids will go directly to Sunday School at 10:00.



Did I mention how HAPPY we are to be back together again? I encourage each one of you to think about a friend you could bring to Sunday School with you that may not know the joy that loving Jesus brings!

Thank You . . .

We received a thank you note from Wrapped in Love in Buffalo for the generous financial support and prayers. What a blessing it is to partner in such a great ministry.



Thank you for helping us reach our goal of giving 400 local students notebooks and pencils, partnering with Zion Lutheran's Blessing Closet and the Salvation Army.

Scripture Readers/Ushers/Coffee Servers

If you are considering reading scripture, ushering or serving coffee for Fellowship time, please call or email Michelle. She is currently putting together a schedule of awesome volunteers. It's fairly easy and instructions will be given.

Growing Disciples

As we look to our BUMC Fall Kickoff in September, the Adult Disciple Vision Team is putting together opportunities for you. Book Groups: Sign up sheets are posted on the entry bulletin board at church. Do you have a BUMC group you are already involved with that would like to participate in a book group together? There are two book choices: *Before We Were Yours* and *American Dirt*. Each group will meet one time to talk about the book they have read.

Study Group: Five Sundays after worship, **September 19-October 17**. We will be using Adam Hamilton's book, *The Walk*, which will be following the sermon series of Pastor Bill.

Study Resources: Have you been curious about starting a Bible/book self study or studies with a group? What resources are their for me to use? How do I get started? Do I have time to do this? Well ask no more. On September 26 the ADVT will have a table in the entry with available resources and people there to answer your questions. Please stop and take a look and grab the resource handout. It will offer you some great ideas.

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Worship Registration

