



*So All May Know Joy*

## **BUMC Weekly Connection—Dec. 12**

**Worship: Sunday, Dec. 14 @ 9:00**

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### **Sermon Series — Sanctuary: Room for All**

“There is no room at the inn” is a phrase we hear each Christmas. We see it in our Christmas pageants, as kids dress up like Mary and Joseph. Providing sanctuary was not only part of the Christmas story but is part of our story as people of faith. This Advent, how do we create space in our lives, our churches, and our communities for Jesus, for those close to us, and for the stranger?



### **This Sunday - Making Room, for Tradition (Traditional Christmas Pageant)**

Join us for a joyful celebration of the wonder and awe of Christmas as seen through the eyes of children. Rooted in Scripture and filled with cherished hymns, this pageant invites our kids to step into the Nativity story as shepherds, angels, and wise men. They remind us of that Christmas truly belongs to the children — and through their eyes, we see anew how God came to earth, born in a humble manger.

### **Scripture** | Matthew 1:18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

### **Next Sunday— Making Room, In Relationships** | Luke 1:24-25

The story of Mary and Elizabeth shows us the importance of having relationships that can serve as sanctuaries for us—where we can bring our joys, fears, and full selves.

### **Sunday Fellowship**

Join us for coffee with a treat, and great conversation in the Fellowship Hall at **10:00 a.m.**



## Other Ministry Updates

- Dec 14** 9:00 am Worship with Handbells and Christmas Pageant  
10:00 am Fellowship and Cookie Celebration  
10:30 am Game Day
- Dec 15** 12:00 pm Advent Study
- Dec 16** 4:00 pm SPRC
- Dec 17** 6:30 pm Handbells
- Dec 21** 9:00 am Worship  
10:00 am Fellowship  
10:00 am Happy Birthday Jesus

### Traditional Christmas Pageant

This Sunday our Christmas Pageant will be a simple, joyful retelling of the Nativity, filled with Scripture, traditional carols, and the wonder of our children as they step into the story. Rehearsal is **Saturday, Dec. 13 at 10:00 a.m.**

### Christmas Cookie Celebration

After our Traditional Christmas Pageant this Sunday, **December 14th**, we'll celebrate our kids' hard work with a Christmas Cookie Celebration during Fellowship Time! If you'd like to bring cookies to share, please sign up in the entryway or let [Taylor Ryan](#) know. Thank you for helping make this a joyful celebration—invite your family and friends to experience the Christmas story through the eyes of our kids!

### Clocks

On behalf of the Worship Design Team, we are seeking a variety of clocks for use in February and March. All sizes and styles are welcome—large, medium, small, wall, alarm, modern, or vintage. They do not need to be functional, but they must have hour and minute hands (no LED clocks or clock radios). If you can lend or donate one, please contact [Robin Anderson](#).

### Happy Birthday to Jesus Party

Join us on **Sunday, December 21**, in the back fellowship hall for our Kids' Happy Birthday to Jesus Party. We will celebrate with birthday cake for Jesus and a fun ornament activity—one to keep and one to share.

### Children

Don't Forget, The Traditional Christmas Pageant is this **Sunday, December 14th at 9am**. Invite your family and friends to come watch as the Children reenact the Christmas Story! Then after, don't miss the Cookie Celebration in Fellowship!

### Confirmation

This **Sunday, December 14th** Confirmation Kids will be meeting with the Faith Partners for the 3rd time! Don't forget that next week Confirmation kids will be helping with the Happy Birthday to Jesus Party!

### Youth (9th-12th Grade)

This Sunday is Game Day Sunday come play games with other youth and eat Christmas Cookies from the Christmas Cookie Celebration during Fellowship!

### Fruit Plates

Thank you to everyone that helped make fruit baskets on Wednesday night! Also, thank you to the Vidmars, the Schrodgers and the Gravelys for their donation of the fruit! We made about 170 plates!!

Here's where we can use your help!! If you would like to help with delivery, please see Debbie and Andrea after worship on Sunday! They will be in the Fellowship Hall with a delivery plan! Thanks in advance for your help!



### Thank You!

*I wanted to take a minute to thank everyone for the AMAZING celebration for my retirement! Your kindness, the cards, the song written by Mike Knutson, the cake, and the generous donation to Common Hope was more than I ever could have imagined. I am so grateful for all of you and my heart is full. THANK YOU!!!*  
-Debbie Bishop

### Nursery

This Sunday, the nursery will be closed so that everyone can enjoy the Christmas Pageant.