



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Dec. 23

This Sunday, December 25 @ 10:30 am

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Christmas Eve (5:00pm)— Waiting for Christmas with Jesus

From one perspective, it seemed like Christmas would never get here. From another perspective, the days leading up to Christmas really flew by quickly. On Christmas eve, we finish our waiting together, having remembered the events leading up to the birth of Jesus, and now allowing ourselves to be amazed that God loves us so much that he sent his son to live among us.



This Sunday Advent Calendar: Christmas Day (10:30am)— Sharing Christmas

An interactive story time for kids, Christmas devotional readings for adults, and plenty of Christmas carols for everyone to celebrate the birth of our Lord!

Scripture Reading

About that time Caesar Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Empire. This was the first census when Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone had to travel to his own ancestral hometown to be accounted for. So Joseph went from the Galilean town of Nazareth up to Bethlehem in Judah, David's town, for the census. As a descendant of David, he had to go there. He went with Mary, his fiancée, who was pregnant.

While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. She gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the hostel. There were shepherds camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watches over their sheep. Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger."

At once the angel was joined by a huge angelic choir singing God's praises: Glory to God in the heavenly heights, Peace to all men and women on earth who please him. Luke 2: 1-18

Next Sunday—Pastor Paula Timm Preaching

Help With the Christmas Dinner

Thank you to all who donated to the Christmas Day Dinner. Things are coming together well, but we did not have many people sign up to bring desserts and Jello-type salads. If you could bring some cookies, pies, cakes, pan desserts or salads for the dinner, it would be appreciated!! Please let Gail Hurley (612 559-9659) or Laurie Schroeder (763-843-6919) know if you would be able to help.



Other Ministry Updates

- Dec. 24** 4:45 pm Prelude Music
5:00 pm Candlelight Service
- Dec. 25** 10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Fellowship in the Lobby
12:30 pm Caroling
1:00 pm Christmas Day Dinner
- Jan. 1** 9:00 am Worship Service with
Communion, Paula Timm preaching
10:00 am Fellowship

2022 Christmas Offering

Our Christmas offering this year will be for Love INC Big Woods. Love INC is a ministry that networks local churches and community organizations together to assist people in need. You can make a gift to Love INC by using one of the special envelopes in the church lobby or sanctuary seat backs, by writing "Love INC" or "Christmas Offering" in the memo line of your check, or by using our secure online giving platform. You'll find a link on our website under "Giving."

Christmas Schedule

Our **5:00 pm Christmas Eve** Candlelight service will be both in person and online. You may want to come early to the Christmas Eve worship service to hear the beautiful prelude music pieces starting around **4:45 pm**. Please consider inviting a friend or neighbor who may be looking for a place to worship. As always, if you're not able to participate in person or via the live stream at **5:00**, you'll find the service posted on YouTube and Facebook shortly afterwards. On **Christmas Day**, we'll worship at a special time at **10:30am** with an interactive story time for kids, Christmas devotional readings for adults, and plenty of Christmas carols for everyone! At **1:00pm** we'll host our **annual Christmas Day Dinner** with caroling at 12:30 pm.

End of Year Giving Deadline

Please note, all 2022 contributions should be in by Friday, December 30. Thank you in advance.

Thank you! A special thank you to the Ristow Family for a generous donation of books and toys to be used in our Nursery! We are grateful and blessed!

2023 Promise Cards Still Welcome

It's not too late to turn in your promise of giving cards for 2023, both for financial estimate of giving and ministry commitments. We welcome them through the end of the year, but appreciate having them as soon as possible. Not only does it help the church in planning ministry, it also helps you find clarity and joy in your faith walk and spiritual growth.

Nursery

The Nursery will not be staffed during Christmas Eve Worship. We encourage you to attend as a family. As always there are activity bags for children to take into service. The Nursery will be open and staffed on Sunday for our Christmas Day worship.

Children and Youth Ministries

Please enjoy time with family and friends over break. Youth Group resumes Wednesday, January 4th and Sunday School classes on Sunday, January 8th.

Coffee and Worship

The two best things on Sunday morning are coffee and worship, and we welcome you to bring yours in to the sanctuary. However, in order to preserve our beautiful newly remodeled sanctuary we ask that you bring a covered coffee cup from home when bringing your cup into the sanctuary.



Hymnals and Bibles

Hymnals and Bibles With the new sanctuary renovations, hymnals, Bibles, and other songbooks are now located on a book shelf outside of the sanctuary. The words of the songs will still be projected on the screen, but if you prefer to read music, you can pick up a hymnal or songbook on your way in. Stop at the Welcome cart and one of the Guest Connections Team members will give you the appropriate books for the day. Please remember to return your hymnals, songbooks and Bibles to the bookshelf after the service.