



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Dec. 2

This Sunday, December 4 @ 9:00 am

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This Sunday Advent Calendar: Waiting for Christmas with Peace

Most of us would agree, under most circumstances, that peace is something worth hoping for. But are we serious enough about our hope for peace that we're willing to work to bring it about as peacemakers? As we wait for Christmas with peace, we begin with making peace with God, allowing God's peace to change us and the world around us.



Communion This Sunday

Our worship this Sunday will also include Holy Communion. In the United Methodist Church, all are welcome at the table, as we understand Communion to be the gift of Jesus Christ to anyone of any age who desires a closer relationship with Him. If you are worshipping at home, remember to gather your items representing the bread and the wine as we gather in spirit around Christ's table. If you don't have bread and grape juice, crackers and water are a great substitute.

Scripture Reading

Then Zachariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he came and set his people free. He set the power of salvation in the center of our lives, and in the very house of David his servant, Just as he promised long ago through the preaching of his holy prophets: Deliverance from our enemies and every hateful hand; Mercy to our fathers, as he remembers to do what he said he'd do, What he swore to our father Abraham— a clean rescue from the enemy camp, So we can worship him without a care in the world, made holy before him as long as we live. And you, my child, "Prophet of the Highest," will go ahead of the Master to prepare his ways, Present the offer of salvation to his people, the forgiveness of their sins. Through the heartfelt mercies of our God, God's Sunrise will break in upon us, Shining on those in the darkness, those sitting in the shadow of death, then showing us the way, one foot at a time, down the path of peace. Luke 1:67-79 The Message

Next Sunday – Advent Calendar: Waiting for Christmas with Joy



As we wait for Christmas to arrive, we wait with joy. We often confuse joy with happiness. There's nothing wrong with happiness, but it tends to come and go as our circumstances in life change. On the other hand, joy is something that persists in our life regardless of the ups and downs we experience. Joy endures because it comes from the one who was, is, and always will be.



Other Ministry Updates

- Dec. 4** 9:00 am Worship Service, Communion
10:00 am Sunday School Pre-School – 5th Grade
10:00 am 6-12th Youth Gathering
10:00 am Fellowship
10:00 am Church Conference
- Dec. 5** 9:00 am Commodity Distribution
- Dec. 6** 10:00 am Visitation - Carol Ryks
11:00 am Funeral—Carol Ryks
7:00 pm Property Team meeting
- Dec. 7** 3:00 pm Guest Connections Meeting
6:00 pm Meals & Missions
6:30 pm Handbell rehearsal
7:30 pm Praise Band rehearsal
- Dec. 11** 9:00 am Worship Service, Handbells
10:00 am Sunday School Pre-School – 5th Grade
10:00 am 6-12th Youth Gathering
10:00 am Fellowship

Annual Church Conference

This Sunday is our annual church conference after church to elect leaders, to vote on the 2023 church budget, including the pastor's compensation, and to review our membership rolls. Grab your coffee and a treat and we'll hold the meeting in our Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come, but votes are reserved for members.

Funeral Announcement

The funeral for Carol Ryks will be held on Tuesday, Dec 6 at 11:00 am preceded by the visitation at 10:00 am with a lunch served after.

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. Services offered have included emergency shelter, gas and rent assistance, a thrift store, and help connecting people with other ministries across the county. 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. 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, you'll find the service posted on YouTube and Facebook shortly afterwards. On **Christmas Day**, we'll worship at a special time (10:30am) with a creative retelling of the Christmas story and many of your favorite Christmas Carols. At 1:00pm we'll host our **annual Christmas Day Dinner**.

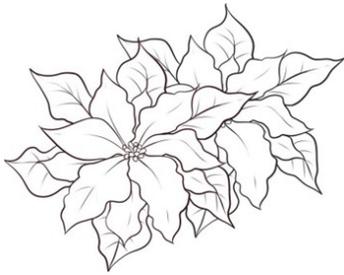
Meals & Mission

Don't forget our next Meals & Mission Night on **Wednesday, December 7th**. We will be starting at 6pm with a Baked potato bar followed by an all-ages mission activity from 6:30 - 7:30pm where we will be putting together fruit baskets to share with those in our community. The fruit baskets will be delivered that evening if you are interested in helping. We hope you can join us!

Sunday School Mission

In conjunction with the Buffalo Food Shelf, our Sunday School program will be hosting a Birthday Bag drive until 12/18. We are collecting items such as: cake mix, frosting, sprinkles, cupcake liners, candles, etc to fill bags for individuals/families. A portion of your child's Sunday School offerings will be designated towards this cause. We are looking forward to putting together these bags on 12/18 (or after) when we have our Happy Birthday Jesus celebration. Donations can be placed in the designated box in the entryway!

Do you enjoy building things with candy and frosting? Candy fans of all ages are invited to join us on **Sunday, December 11** after worship. We are looking forward to another year of making graham cracker nativities to celebrate the coming of baby Jesus.



Poinsettia Donors

Thank you for helping decorate our church this Christmas!

Dave & Robin Anderson in memory of parents & grandparents, in honor of children & grandchildren

Brian & Molly Aurentz

Doug & Sherri Clark in memory of our parents

Alison & Martyn Dibben in honor of our children & grandchildren

Neil Docherty in memory of June Docherty

Craige & Gloria Farwick in memory of Sally Froemming

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Peter & Barbara Sargent in memory of our parents

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Joe & Laurie Schroeder in memory of our mothers, Bev Schroeder & Kathleen Schafer

Dave & Susan Sorsoleil in honor of our grandchildren

Jill & Gerry Starr in honor of our family

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Gerry & Glenda Vidmar in honor of our parents

Jason & Rebecca Warner & family in memory of Cathy Kolenberg

Ken Weese in memory of Blossom Weese

Don & Jeanne Wermager in memory of our parents and family

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