



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Dec. 5

Worship: Sunday, Dec. 7 @ 9:00 & 10:30am

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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, In Your Heart | Mark 1:1-8

John the Baptist went ahead of Jesus to make way for him and his ministry. In our own season of Advent preparation for Jesus, may we find ways to make room for Jesus in our minds and hearts.

Scripture | Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way”—

“a voice of one calling in the wilderness,

‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’”

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Next 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.

Sunday Fellowship

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



Other Ministry Updates

- Dec 7** **9:00 am** Contemporary Worship Service with Communion
10:00 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
10:30 am Traditional Worship Service with Communion
- Dec 8** **12:00 pm** Advent Study
- Dec 9** **7:00 pm** Leadership Team Meeting
- Dec 10** **6:00 pm** Meals & Missions
6:30 pm Handbells
- Dec 11** **6:00 pm** Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
- Dec 13** **10:00 am** Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
- Dec 14** **9:00 am** Worship with Handbells and Christmas Pageant
10:00 am Fellowship and Cookie Celebration
10:30 am Game Day

Did you know?

Our Prayer Labyrinth will now be closed until spring, 2026.

Christmas Cookie Celebration

Join us on **December 14th** for our Traditional Christmas Pageant during worship. After the service, 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!



Traditional Christmas Pageant

Our Christmas Pageant is a simple, joyful retelling of the Nativity, filled with Scripture, traditional carols, and the wonder of our children as they step into the story. Rehearsals are **Sunday, Dec. 7 at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 11 at 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 13 at 10:00 a.m.** The pageant will take place during worship on Sunday, **Dec. 14 at 9:00 a.m.** Parents are invited to help with costumes, music, and guiding the kids. Please sign up in the entryway.

Children

This Sunday is our first rehearsal for the Traditional Christmas Pageant! We will be assigning roles, practicing songs, and preparing costumes. Also, reminder we have rehearsal on **December 11th at 6pm and December 13th at 10am!** The Pageant will be on **December 14th at 9am** during service! This is a great event you will not want your kid to miss! Invited your family and friends too!

Confirmation

This Sunday December 7th Confirmation Kids will be on Lesson #4. In this Lesson kids will learn about Belonging Together and being a part of a faith Community belonging to God. Reminder if you Child would like to do a reading during the Traditional Christmas Pageant Please reach out to [Taylor Ryan!](#)

Youth (9th-12th Grade)

If any youth is interested in helping with the Christmas Pageant on December 14th, there are many roles they can help with! Please reach out to [Taylor Ryan](#) if you are interested! Also don't forget there is Game Day December 14th after fellowship

Join Our Advent Study

Plan to come on **Mondays at noon, December 8, 15 and 22 at 12:00 pm** for a discussion of

Season's Greetings: Christmas Letters From Those Who Were There, by Ruth L. Boling.

Imagine receiving Christmas Letters from biblical characters who were there for the birth of Jesus. Mary, Joseph, the Innkeeper, a shepherd, King Herod, the Maji and others. How do they remember the story? How did it change them? How might their stories change us and our understanding of what Christmas means? The books are available in the entry way along with a sign-up sheet.





Poinsettia Donors

Thank you for helping decorate our church this Christmas!

Dave & Robin Anderson in honor of our grandchildren

Molly Aurentz

Scott & Jan Bjore

Alison & Martyn Dibben in memory of our family

Bruce & Vicki Dougherty in honor of our grandchildren

Ed & Katie Dubois in memory of loved ones

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Craige & Gloria Farwick in honor of our children & grandchildren and new great grandchild

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Erva Hance in memory of Vera Snyder

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Bonnie Kelly Jr. in memory of Jim & Jessica

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