

So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Dec. 9

This Sunday, December 11 @ 9:00 am

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This 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.



Scripture Reading

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby in her womb leaped. She was filled with the Holy Spirit, and sang out exuberantly, You're so blessed among women, and the babe in your womb, also blessed! And why am I so blessed that the mother of my Lord visits me? The moment the sound of your greeting entered my ears, The babe in my womb skipped like a lamb for sheer joy. Blessed woman, who believed what God said, believed every word would come true! Luke 1:41-55 The Message



Next Sunday – Advent Calendar: Waiting for Christmas with Love

The kind of love that describes the real meaning of Christmas is different than so many other views of love expressed in our world. It's a love that is uniquely given by God and expressed by God's people, in which we see the miracle of the birth of Jesus with child-like wonder, give thanks to God, and treat others with love as if every day was Christmas.

Help With the Christmas Dinner

We have posted the Christmas Day Dinner sign-up sheets with many ways to support this wonderful community outreach ministry for our annual dinner!! Donate food, supplies or cash. (items needed by Dec. 23.) Help set up tables on Friday, December 23. Volunteer to work one or more of the shifts on Christmas Day. Thanks for volunteering!

Sunday Fellowship Check out the coffee, treats and great conversation after worship in the Fellowship Hall.



Other Ministry Updates

- Dec. 11** 9:00 am Worship Service, Handbells
10:00 am Fellowship
10:00 am Graham Cracker Nativity
- Dec. 13** 7:00 pm Leadership Team meeting
- Dec. 14** 6:00 pm Youth 6-12 Grow Night
6:30 pm Handbell rehearsal
7:30 pm Praise Band rehearsal
- Dec. 18** 9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School Pre-School – 5th Grade
10:00 am 6-12th Youth Gathering
10:00 am Fellowship
10:00 am Happy Birthday Jesus Party

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 at **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** with caroling at 12:30 pm.

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!

Graham Cracker Nativities

Candy fans of all ages are invited to join us **Sunday** after worship. We are looking forward to another year of making graham cracker nativities to celebrate the coming of baby Jesus.

Finance Team Update

We have wonderful news. At the end of Nov. we were in a position to pay all outstanding January through November apportionments in full. As we begin December our year-to-date giving has continued to exceed our expenses. Thank you for your faithful and generous giving.



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.