



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Jan. 2

Worship: Sunday, Jan. 4 @ 9:00 & 10:30 am

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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, Refuge and Sanctuary | Matthew 2:1-18

This postscript to the Christmas story is a painful reminder of the evil and hatred that humans are capable of. While we celebrate the survival of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph; we are also challenged to see the ways people still suffer this kind of persecution and violence today. May we all discover how we are called, as agents of the Prince of Peace, to work for a world where there is room for all.

Scripture | Matthew 2:1-5 (NIV)

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:”

‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’

Next Sunday — Teen Challenge

Teen Challenge will join us for worship, bringing powerful testimonies of God's healing and restoration. This Christ-centered recovery ministry walks with individuals overcoming addiction, offering hope, discipleship, and practical support. Their visit will deepen our understanding of God's transforming grace as they lead us in music, share stories of renewal, and encourage us in our own journeys of faith. We look forward to welcoming them and celebrating God's work in their lives.



Sunday Fellowship

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



Other Ministry Updates

- Jan 4** **9:00 am** Contemporary Worship
Service with Communion & First Gr.
FSS Blessing
10:00 am Sunday School &
Confirmation
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Traditional Worship
Service with Communion
- Jan 5** **6:00 pm** Praise & Coffee
- Jan 6** **1:00 pm** Guest Connection
4:15 pm Worship Design Team
7:00 pm Property Team
- Jan 7** **6:30 pm** Handbells
- Jan 11** **9:00 am** Worship with Teen
Challenge
10:00 am Sunday School &
Confirmation
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Game Day

First Grade Faith Stepping Stone

This Sunday, **January 4**, we will celebrate the First Grade Faith Stepping Stone, during our first worship service only. First graders will receive a prayer book and a special blessing. Following the service, during Sunday School, Taylor will visit the PK-1st grade classroom to teach a lesson on prayer.



Praise & Coffee

Join us for a community wide gathering for men and women to enjoy a time of fellowship, fun, coffee and God! Don't drink coffee? No problem – there are plenty of other options. Grab dinner before you come or have dinner while you're there. We'll be meeting every first Monday (**January 5**) of each month **at 6:00PM** in the side room at Perkins in Buffalo. Call Sheryl Lehman with questions at (763) 229-0340.

Christmas Offering Designation

Though most people brought their Christmas offering to Christmas Eve worship, you are welcome to still give. Special red envelopes are located in the chairs in the sanctuary, and may be placed in the offering plate. Gifts will go to the Buffalo Food Shelf.

Children

This Sunday we are back to normal Sunday School! The Preschool-1st grade class will be doing a lesson on Prayer after the 1st graders receive their prayer books in service. The 2nd – 6th graders will be doing a lesson on Becoming a Disciple. They will learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus through loving, following, and obeying Jesus.

Confirmation

This Sunday the Confirmation Students will be working through lesson 5. In lesson 5 they will learn about The Faith of Jesus. They will explore the history of the Israelites and prepare for learning more about the history of Christian and Methodist Faith.

Movie Night

Join us on **Friday, January 23rd at 6:30 PM** for a Family Movie Night you won't want to miss! We will be watching A Dog's Purpose, a heartwarming movie that is great for all age groups. Invite your family and friends everyone is welcome to enjoy a fun evening with your church family. Popcorn will be provided, so bring your pillows and blankets, get comfortable, and come enjoy a cozy and memorable movie night together.

Clocks

The Worship Design Team is looking for clocks to use in February and March. All sizes and styles are welcome. Clocks do not need to work but must have hour and minute hands (no LED clocks or clock radios). To lend or donate, please contact [Robin Anderson](#).



Thank You!

Thank you so much for your year end donation to Common Hope! Reflecting on our upcoming 40th anniversary, it's truly Faith Partners like you that fuel our commitments to over 2,000 families each year. Hope to see you in the new year! - Common Hope