

So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Jan. 13

This Sunday, January 15 @ 9:00 am

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This Sunday – The Insider and the Outcast

Why is the world as messed up as it is? John answers this question by contrasting two encounters of Jesus with two very different people: An outsider (the Samaritan woman at the well) and an insider (Nicodemus the Pharisee). These accounts teach us that the problem is sin, which is looking to anyone or anything other than Jesus for salvation.



Scripture Reading

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.

The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"

Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water."

"But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket," she said, "and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?"

Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

"Please, sir," the woman said, "give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water." "Go and get your husband," Jesus told her. "I don't have a husband," the woman replied. Jesus said, "You're right! You don't have a husband— for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!"

"Sir," the woman said, "you must be a prophet. John 4:7-19 NLT



Next Sunday – The Grieving Sisters

What, or who, can put the world back the way it was intended to be? Once again, the Gospel writers point to Jesus. The interactions Jesus has with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus demonstrate his humanity, his deity, and the solution to the problem of death.

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





Other Ministry Updates

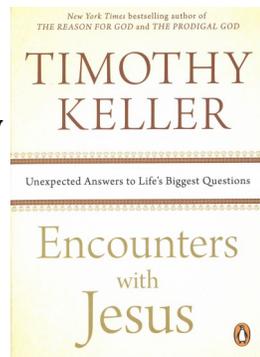
- Jan. 15** 9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School & Education
10:00 am Fellowship
- Jan. 17** 7:00 pm SPRC meeting
- Jan. 18** 6:00 pm Youth Group Game Night
6:30 pm Handbell rehearsal
7:30 pm Praise band rehearsal
- Jan. 22** 9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School & Education
10:00 am Fellowship
10:00 am Congregational Care Team

Encounters with Jesus Book Available

The book Pastor Bill will be referring to in his January/February worship series is available in the church lobby for \$15.

If you'd like to read ahead, following are the chapters and Scripture readings by Sunday:

- January 15:** Chapter 2: The Insider and the Outcast
- January 22:** Chapter 3: The Grieving Sisters
- January 29:** Chapter 4: The Wedding Party
- February 5:** Chapter 5: The First Christian
- February 12:** Chapter 6: The Great Enemy
- February 19:** Chapter 7: The Two Advocates



Meals & Missions

Meals & Missions will be meeting on **Wednesday, Feb 1st**. Everyone is invited to join us for dinner and making Valentine bags for our homebound friends. More details to come!



Chili Cook-Off & Winter Games

Correction: The date of the Chili Cook-off is **February 5th** instead of the 1st as printed last week.

Start perfecting your chili recipe now so you can enter it in the Chili Cook-Off on **Sunday, February 5!** This fun event will again include games for all ages.

Meals on Wheels in February

Don't forget that February is our month to provide drivers for Meals on Wheels delivery in Buffalo! Sign up will be online later this month.



Prayer Reminder from the Adult Discipleship Vision Team

When you feel a need to pray, and you're not sure where to start; When you feel called to pray, and you can't find the words; When you want to pray, because you know God cares; When you know a conversation with God is needed; Try this, prayers based on scripture. A safe place to pray.

<https://sites.google.com/view/safelacetoprayer/home>



Blankets for Beds

Donate new or gently used blankets/linens by calling the church office for drop off or if you need them picked

up, call Dianne McLain 763-682-2260.

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.

Secure Giving



Worship Registration

