



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—July 18

Sunday, July 20 @ 9:00

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Series — Overcoming Obstacles to Peace

Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God,” (Matthew 5:9). But in a world divided by conflict, violence, and war, there is so much that gets in the way. This series delves into some of the common obstacles to peacemaking – complacency, resentment, and violence – leading us first to receive Christ’s peace in our own spirits and then get to the hard work of making peace in the world.

This Sunday — From Death to Life | Micah 4:1-5

When we turn to God, the Holy Spirit helps us transform instruments that bring death into ones that bring life. When we have the complete peace of God, we no longer desire to take from others by force but are finally content with what we have.

Scripture Reading | Micah 4:1-5

In the last days, the mountain of the Lord’s temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and peoples will stream to it.

Many nations will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.” The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

Everyone will sit under their own vine and under their own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the Lord Almighty has spoken.

All the nations may walk in the name of their gods, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.

Next Sunday — The Kingdom of God: And Let it Begin with Us | Ephesians 2:14-16

Christ proclaims peace, brings peace and is our peace. Yet, our society is steeped in violence and our own spirits may be riddled with hostility. How do we claim the power and the promise of the cross to tear down the walls that have been constructed –and the walls that we have built? This is our task. The work of peacemaking begins here, with us.

Sunday Fellowship

Join us for coffee, treats, and great conversation in the Fellowship Hall after worship at 10:00 a.m.



Other Ministry Updates

- July 20** 9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Fellowship Hour
- July 23** 9:30 am Reading in the Park
5:00 pm Youth Kayaking at Beebe Lake
6:30 pm Movie Night "The Chosen"
- July 27** 9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Fellowship Hour

Did You Know?

Did you know that Stained glass windows were once used to teach Bible stories to people who couldn't read.



Youth Kayaking & S'mores

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to a kayaking trip at Beebe Lake on **Wednesday, July 23 at 5 pm**. After kayaking, we'll head to the McNelis/Kiphuth home in Hanover for s'mores and more fun!

Summer Reading

Our Summer Reading in the Park program happens again **this**



Wednesday and will continue each **Wednesday from 9:30 - 10:30 am through August 20**.



Summer Movie Nights
Wednesdays | through
August 6 | 6:30 pm

Join us this summer for an inspiring and memorable series of Movie Nights at BUMC, featuring *The Chosen: Season 3*! Whether you're a long-time fan or discovering the series for the first time, these evenings offer something special for everyone. Please contact [Sheryl Lehman](#) for more information.

Meals on Wheels in August

Don't forget that August is our month to provide drivers for Meals on Wheels delivery in Buffalo! Click [HERE](#) to sign up online, sign up on the bulletin board in the entry way or call Michelle in the office. Please sign up before **July 22nd**.



Funeral Announcements

We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of the following beloved members of our congregation:
Dave Gaeth -A Service will be held on **Saturday, July 26, at 10:30 AM**, with visitation beginning at **9:30 AM**.

Neil Hammer- A Service will take place on Saturday, **August 2, at 12:00 PM** with visitation beginning at **11:00 am**.

Please keep both families in your prayers during this time of sorrow and remembrance. If you would like to watch the service online live or later on click [Here](#).

Project Pencils

The BUMC Outreach Task Force is excited to partner with Project Pencils to support students at our neighborhood school, Northwinds Elementary. We'll be helping three selected students by providing the exact school supplies they need. Each item will be listed on a tag and displayed on a clothesline in the church entry starting **July 16**. You're welcome to take one or more tags and purchase the specified items (please match brand, size, and color exactly). Return all items to the Project Pencils bin at church by **Sunday, August 3**. If you are unable to do the physical shopping, please consider donating by writing a check to BUMC, noting Project Pencils or give cash. Learn more at projectpencils.com. Questions? Contact Rita Varner Otness.

Celebrating Andrea!

Plan to be in worship on **Sunday, July 27th** as we celebrate Andrea Gravley, and the remarkable ways she has provided faith opportunities and shared God's love with the children and families of BUMC. Andrea will be stepping away from her staff position at the end of this month. We will pray a blessing over her during the service and invite everyone to express their thanks to her during Fellowship time!



Other Ministry Updates

Staff Transition Plans

While we haven't had applications for our two open staff positions yet, the GOOD NEWS is we are putting plans in place to address those ministry areas!

We're grateful that Andrea Gravley has developed excellent, detailed information for programs in the Children's ministries. An Interim Children's Ministry Team has been formed. They'll be able to use the information Andrea generated to move forward with confidence. They have already brought together volunteers for the Sunday School programs and the Nursery.

When Debbie Bishop retires from her position, she will take off several of the "hats" she has worn. She has graciously agreed to continue with specific tasks involving Sunday worship for a while longer. Debbie and Laurie Schroeder will continue coordinating our gifted musicians and leading the Praise Team. We will be looking for volunteers to "wear" some of those "hats" that Debbie will be taking off!

Please CONTINUE to pray for talented and able applicants for our two positions. Please BEGIN praying for the volunteers taking on new roles. And please ask God to show YOU ways you can help in these transitions!

Attention 7th-12th Graders (and Awesome Parents)!

We want YOU to be part of the Super BUMC Youth Service Project! This is a fantastic opportunity for students (grades 7-12) and their cool parents to team up and help our senior church members and friends with small home or yard projects.

First Service Day: **Saturday, August 9 @8:30 am**
We'll "divide and conquer" based on the needs of each project, and every team will be provided with the tools they need to get the job done. We already have two projects lined up and are excited to get started! Meet at the church. Let your kids experience the joy of giving and the impact of helping others—it's meaningful, fun, and deeply rewarding. Ready to join us? Contact George Christ at 612-916-0792 or [email](#)

with the participants from your family. Let's make a difference—together!

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. The need is still great.

Picture Directories

If you need an updated BUMC phone and address directory, pick up a copy on the wall in the entryway or by clicking [Here](#).

Hymnals and Bibles

Hymnals, Bibles, and other songbooks are 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.

BUMC Prayer Labyrinth is Open

Find the labyrinth on the grounds behind the church on the north side. Resources to help guide your experience are available in the box. You are welcome anytime!

Sunday Worship Livestreamed

Please remember that online worship is livestreamed on You Tube & Facebook. You will find links to the livestreams on our website and below, or simply subscribe to our You Tube channel.

[YouTube Live](#)

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Our Little Free Library

Visit our Little Free Library by the playground when you get a chance! Take a book or two, and when you get a chance, leave some books!

