



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—May 23 **Sunday, May 25 @ 9:00**

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Sermon Series— Rising Strong

“...just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life,” (Romans 6:4b). The Bible is full of stories of redemption, change, and hope. Through four of those stories, we will discover how faith in a Risen Jesus can transform our lives for the better here and now. No matter how big or how small we fall, God outstretches God's hand, ready to raise us up.



This Sunday — Rising From Grief Into Unshakable Joy | John 11:17-37

Mary and Martha mourn deeply the death of their brother Lazarus, even expressing disappointment in Jesus for not coming sooner and healing Lazarus. They had sent word of his illness early on and Jesus had only been two miles away. Jesus comes late, expresses compassion and empathy, himself grieving at Lazarus' death, and then transforms their grief into unshakable joy!

Scripture Reading | John 11:17-37

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

“Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. “The Teacher is here,” she said, “and is asking for you.” When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

Next Sunday — Rising from Quarreling (The Church) | Acts 15:1-21

As communities work through inevitable conflicts, prioritizing grace can lead us to become stronger and healthier in our relationships with God and one another.



Other Ministry Updates

May 25 9:00 am Blended Worship Service – Memorial Gift Sunday

May 27 6:30 pm Finance Team Meeting

June 1 9:00 am Blended Worship Service with Communion



Did You Know?

Did you know that the Bible, a collection of 66 books, was written over a period of about 1,500 years by more than 40 authors, in three languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek), and on three continents (Asia, Africa, and Europe). It's the world's best-selling book.

Memorial Gift Sunday

Sunday we will recognize all memorial gifts given to the church over the past year, and celebrate the ways those gifts support our ongoing ministries done in the name of Christ.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

We will bless our graduating seniors during worship on **Sunday, June 8**. Seniors, please turn in your pictures and/or announcements to the office by **May 30**.



Summer Reading in the Park starts in June

Our Summer Reading in the Park program will kick off on **June 18** and continue each **Wednesday from 9:30 – 10:30 am through August 20**. If you are willing to be a “guest reader” please let [Gloria Farwick](#) know ASAP, then we'll plan activities around the theme of your book! People like you make it happen! Please help spread the word about this great ministry beginning again in “The Park”!!

Summer Movie Nights

Wednesdays | June 11 – 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.

What to Expect:

- Weekly showings of *The Chosen: Season 3*
- Free delicious popcorn for all attendees
- A welcoming and friendly community atmosphere

Why You Should Come:

Gather with friends, family, and neighbors for an uplifting viewing experience that brings the story of Jesus and his followers to life in a powerful and relatable way. These evenings are the perfect opportunity to connect, reflect, and enjoy meaningful conversation.

Note: There will be no movie night on July 2, but we'll resume on July 9.

All are welcome—come as you are and bring a friend! For more information, please contact [Sheryl Lehman](#). We can't wait to see you there and share this powerful journey together!

UMC Summer Camp

There is still time to register for camp: Northern Pines, Koronis Ministries, or Kowakan Adventures. Camp listings and registration information are on the [Camp Minnesota website](#).



Blankets for Beds

Donate new or gently used blankets/linens by dropping off or if you need them picked up, call

Dianne McLain 763-682-2260.

Coffee and Worship

The two best things on Sunday morning are coffee and worship, and we welcome you to bring yours in to the sanctuary. However, in order to preserve our beautiful sanctuary we ask that you bring a covered coffee cup from home when bringing your cup into the sanctuary.

Secure Giving



Worship Registration

