



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Nov. 26

Worship: Sunday, Nov. 30 @ 9:00 am

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New 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, When Pressure Is Closing In | Joshua 2:1-21, Matt 1:1-5

Rahab is a woman under pressure from many different sources. And yet, somehow, in making room for strangers in her home, she finds the sanctuary of God's protection and becomes a permanent part of Jesus' family tree.

Scripture | Joshua 2:2-21

But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from. At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, they left. I don't know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them." (But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.) So the men set out in pursuit of the spies on the road that leads to the fords of the Jordan, and as soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut.

Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof and said to them, "I know that the Lord has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.

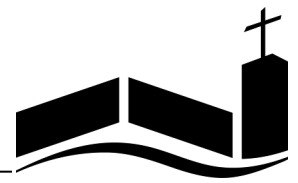
So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall. She said to them, "Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until they return, and then go on your way."

Next Sunday—Making Room, In Your Heart | Mark 1:1-8

John the Baptist went ahead of Jesus to make way for him and his ministry. In our own season of Advent preparation for Jesus, may we find ways to make room for Jesus in our minds and hearts.

Sunday Fellowship

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



Other Ministry Updates

- Nov 30** 9:00 am Worship Service with Hanging of the Greens
 10:30 am Congregational Care
 10:30 am Security Task Force Meeting
- Dec 2** 1:00 am Guest Connection Team
 4:15 pm Worship Design Team
 7:00 pm Property Team Meeting
- Dec 7** 9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service with Hanging of the Greens
 10:30 am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
 10:30 am Traditional Worship Service with Handing of the Greens

Did you know?

Together, we donated 252 pounds of food to the food shelf and contributed \$500 to Common Hope in Debbie's honor. We are grateful for everyone who helped make this possible.

Children

Reminder that this Sunday there is No Sunday School, but Sunday School kids will be asked to help with hanging of the Greens during service. They will help carry up the poinsettias into the sanctuary and then they will also be hanging there Christmas Letter to Jesus! Also mark your calendars the Christmas Pageant is **December 14th during 9am** service!

Confirmation

There will be no Confirmation this Sunday! Next Sunday **December 7th** Confirmation Kids will be on Lesson #4. In this Lesson kids will learn about Belonging Together and being a part of a faith Community belonging to God.

Youth (9th-12th Grade)

Reminder if you are interested in helping with the Hanging of the Greens or the Christmas Pageant please reach out to [Taylor Ryan](#) as there are still places for you to help!!

Poinsettia Order forms in Pews

There are just a few poinsettia's left if you still wish to order one. Although the form lists two color options, only one option is currently available, red. Flowers will remain through Christmas Eve. Order forms are at the Welcome Cart.

News! BUMC Will Host "Adopt a Family"

We are pleased that our church will be hosting the Buffalo Rotary's Adopt-a-Family Christmas program again this year. Gifts for families will be dropped off at the church on **Sunday, Dec. 7 from 1-3 pm**, then families will pick up their gifts on **Saturday, December 13**. We ask your gracious hospitality as we work with the Rotary to administer this program. Click [this](#) if you would like to sponsor a family.

Join Our Advent Study

Plan to come on **Mondays at noon, December 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 12:00 pm** for a discussion of Season's Greetings: Christmas Letters From Those Who Were There, by Ruth L. Boling.



Imagine receiving Christmas Letters from biblical characters who were there for the birth of Jesus. Mary, Joseph, the Innkeeper, a shepherd, King Herod, the Maji and others. How do they remember the story? How did it change them? How might their stories change us and our understanding of what Christmas means? The books are available in the entry way along with a sign-up sheet.

Traditional Christmas Pageant

Rooted in Scripture and filled with beloved Christmas hymns, this heartwarming retelling of the Nativity reminds us that Christmas truly belongs to the children—their joy, wonder, and faith light up the season. With simple, traditional costumes and familiar carols, kids will step into the story as shepherds, angels, wise men, and more.

We'll hold rehearsals on **Sunday, December 7th at 10:30 a.m., Thursday Dec 11 at 6:00 pm and Saturday, December 13th at 10:00 a.m.**, with the pageant taking place during the service on **Sunday, December 14th at 9:00 a.m.**

We'd love for parents to be part of this special event as volunteers—helping with costumes, music, and guiding the kids. Please sign up in the entryway to lend a hand and make this year's pageant a joyful celebration for our whole church family!