



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Nov. 19

This Sunday, November 21 @ 9:00 am

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This Sunday - The New Creation

The Bible concludes with some beautiful images of the restoration of creation and the healing of our broken relationship with God. This hopeful vision promises not only the return of Jesus, but the complete establishment of God's Kingdom on earth. Can we still find hope in word-pictures that are so foreign to our modern ears?



Sunday Scripture

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true." And he also said, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children. Revelation 21:1-7(NLT)

Advent Series - He Will Be Called

Join us November 28- December 24 when we will talk about how we often begin to understand people by their names and titles. This Advent season, we'll get to know Jesus better by reflecting on some of His names associated with the Christmas story. The Prophet Isaiah will be our guide, as we take a closer look at his prophetic description of Jesus: "And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Those names remain just as important for us today, as we proclaim our faith that God is with us, Immanuel.

Next Sunday — Wonderful Counselor

The prophet Isaiah named Jesus as "Wonderful Counselor." To be wonderful is to be extraordinary, surpassingly great. To be a counselor is to have the wisdom to order plans for our future that succeed. Jesus the Wonderful Counselor is an extraordinarily wise King who orders our steps with his example, his teaching, and his Holy Spirit.





Other Ministry Updates

Coming Up in Ministry

- Nov 21** 9:00 am Worship Service
 10:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Fellowship
 10:00 am Budget Q&A with Pastor Bill
 10:00 am Decorate the Sanctuary
 5:30 pm Handbells rehearse at Zion
- Nov 22** 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl
- Nov 23** 7:00 pm SPRC Meeting
- Nov 24** 7:30 pm Community Thanksgiving
 Festival of Praise @ Zion
- Nov 28** 9:00 am Worship Service with
 Hanging of the Greens
 10:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Fellowship

Mentimeter Quizzes

You're encouraged to bring your smartphone or tablet with you to worship for the Revealing Revelation worship series because we'll be taking interactive Mentimeter quizzes about the Book of Revelation and competing for points! Scan the QR Code above to go to the quiz directly, or point your browser to www.menti.com and enter the code that we'll provide each Sunday morning. Wait for Pastor Bill to start the quiz. Your choices will be displayed on your device and tabulated with all other participants in real time on the sanctuary screen. You'll receive more points for a faster correct answer. The quizzes will only be available during worship, so don't miss out!



Fun Facts about Revelation

John received his revelation while on the Island of: **A) Patmos, in the Aegean Sea**
 B) San Marino, in the Adriatic Sea
 C) The Balearic Islands, in the Mediterranean Sea
 D) Not an island, but rather Tunisia



There's speculation that Patmos was used by the Romans as: A) A leper colony **B) A Penal colony**
 C) A spa for officers D) A military garrison

True or false: Revelation is the only book in the Bible to use the word we translate as "Alleluia" or "Hallelujah."

True. "Alleluia" or "Hallelujah" is an expression of praise to God that occurs four times and only in Revelation, all in chapter 19.

The most frequently occurring word in Revelation is:

A) Lamb B) King C) Throne **D) Angel**
 "Angel" appears 74 times in Revelation, more than the rest of the New Testament combined. The next most commonly occurring word is "throne" (used 45 times).

2022 Budget Q&A

We'll be hosting a budget Q&A session in the back fellowship hall this Sunday after church. The 2022 budget being proposed



looks like no other in recent memory. Please take this chance to preview the budget, ask questions, and offer recommendations prior to the Church Conference on **Sunday, December 5**. The Zoom link for the Church Conference is [Here](#). Meeting ID: 853 4925 9401 Passcode: 311169



Calling all volunteers!

We are looking for decorating volunteers on **Sunday** after worship to help decorate the Fellowship Hall. No experience needed- just a willingness to bring some Christmas cheer to our church! Let's meet in the Fellowship Hall, grab a cup of coffee and proceed to deck the halls!

Secure Giving



Worship Registration





Other Ministry Updates

Last Call for Poinsettia Orders

Help adorn our sanctuary for Christmas by donating a poinsettia. Place your order in the offering plate today using the forms in the pews. Flowers remain through Christmas Eve. Quantities and colors are limited this year.

Annual Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

On **Wednesday, November 24**, please join us at 7pm for our annual Community Festival of Praise and Thanksgiving, featuring community handbell and vocal choirs made up of people from area churches, with local pastors sharing prayers and Scripture readings. This year, you're welcome to join us in person at Zion Lutheran Church or join us online at Zion's livestream link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/600102021340331> The event will also be co-hosted on our church Facebook page.

Radical 2022 Budget Cuts Planned

The proposed 2022 budget reflects a reduction of \$116,000 relative to 2021 to offset diminished projected giving (as well as some ministry areas that were over-budgeted last year). The largest budget cuts are reflected in these areas:

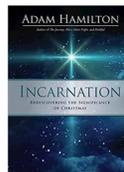
- \$40k Multiple staff positions becoming unpaid staff
- \$17k Staff Salary Reductions (10%)
- \$22k/\$40k Apportionments withholding (paying 46%)
- \$9k Use of Mortgage Reserves

There are two ways that we might still avoid making such radical cuts:

- If you haven't submitted your 2022 Promise of Giving, please do so today
- If many of us increased our giving, together we could make a big difference

Thursday Noon Advent Study

We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Thursdays in December from 12pm to 1pm** to discuss *Incarnation - Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, by Adam Hamilton. Each session will include a short video and discussion of a section of the book. There is a sign-up on the church



bulletin board. Books are available for \$10.00. Bring your lunch if you like! Please plan to wear a mask when not eating.

- December 2: Presidents and Kings
- December 9: The Savior and Our Need for Saving
- December 16: Emmanuel in the Midst of a Pandemic
- December 23: The Light of the World

Wrapped in Love

Thanks to Kris Carlson, the non-profit, Wrapped in Love in downtown Buffalo is dear to the heart of BUMC. Because of that we are teaming up with them for a Christmas project. Wrapped in Love is an organization that works with families who have foster children. The children will be scheduled to come to the Wrapped in Love store and choose Christmas gifts for all their family members. We want them to be able to wrap their gifts before leaving so we are asking you, from now until **November 24**, to please bring gifts bags and tissue paper and put them in the marked cart in the main entry. Please no small bags, just medium and large sizes, and no rolls of wrapping paper. Thanks for helping make these children's Christmas special.



Gingerbread Bash

There is so much joy surrounding this season so we're hosting an event called "Gingerbread Bash!"



This is a fun experience designed for everyone! We'll build gingerbread nativities, play games, sing songs, hear the Christmas story from the Bible, and discover that sometimes the best gift comes in the most ordinary box. It's a truly sweet way for you to celebrate the birth of Jesus! We'll be hosting this event on **December 12** during the Sunday School hour.

Hanging of the Greens Next Sunday

We'll have our Hanging of the Greens service next Sunday led by senior high youth. This is always a blessing and joy as we decorate the sanctuary.