

# BUMC Weekly Connection—Oct 27 This Sunday, Oct 29 @ 9:00 am

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# This Sunday — She Said Yes

Curtis Rieck will be sharing how the Bible talks a lot about the Kingdom of God and it talks about it in a lot of different ways. It talks about it as a pearl. In another that it's like a treasure. And in the scripture we're going to use on this Sunday, Jesus describes it as a feast.

You see, before you were born God created a feast for you, a perfect blend of everything you could ever want, everything you would ever need. He

didn't create you and then say "Hey, hope you do something good with your life." He planned for your life to be a feast! Luke 14: 15-23 (NLT)

# **Scripture Reading**

Hearing this, a man sitting at the table with Jesus exclaimed, "What a blessing it will be to attend a banquet in the Kingdom of God!"

Jesus replied with this story: "A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, 'Come, the banquet is ready.' But they all began making excuses. One said, 'I have just bought a field and must inspect it. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'

"The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was furious and said, 'Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' After the servant had done this, he reported, 'There is still room for more.' So his master said, 'Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.

# Telling Your Story | New Sermon Series

There are stories you never forget. There are others that you want to forget. There are stories that are undeniably life- changing. All of them play a significant role in our lives. So, let's look deeper into them. God still



speaks. God is not silent. God has not forgotten the story He started with you. For those of us who are feeling a little alone, if we just practice looking up, we might notice that God was already here.

# Next Sunday – The Greatest Story

From Netflix to social media, stories fill our imagination and time. The problem is we often compare our stories with others and feel unimportant. The good news is you are connected to the greatest story ever told. Acts 17:22-34



# **Other Ministry Updates**

Oct 29 9:00 am Worship Service —Curtis

Rieck

10:00 am Fellowship

10:00 am Education Hour

10:00 am Congregational Care Team

10:15 am Adult Book Study

**Nov 1 3:00 pm** Guest Connection Team

**6:00 pm** Confirmation Focus Night

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Nov 2 1:00 pm Game Day

**Nov 5 9:00 am** Worship Service — Handbells,

Communion, All Saints Sunday

10:00 am Fellowship

10:00 am Education Hour

10:00 am 3rd Grade FSS class

**10:15 am** Adult Book Study

#### Third Grade Faith Stepping Stone

Mark your calendars please! On **Sunday Nov 5**, our Third graders will participate in a special Faith Stepping Stone Bible class during their normal 10:00 Sunday School time. Then on **November 12**, during worship, they will receive a congregational blessing! Please let Andrea know whether you and your child will be in attendance by **Thursday**, **November 2nd**.

#### **BUMC 2024 Promise of Giving**

In these days of division, it's more important than ever that we grow in our connectedness with God and others. Your Promise of Giving is one way that you can amplify the goodness of God. Please turn in your Promise of Giving cards as soon as possible – return cards or submit online on our website. This is essential for budgeting for 2024.

# Bishop's Pastoral Letter on Violence in Israel and Palestine

In light of the eruption of war in Israel and the Gaza Strip over the past week, Bishop Lanette Plambeck wrote a pastoral letter urging the Dakotas and Minnesota United Methodists to learn about what is happening, pray for all involved, and reaffirm their commitment to nonviolent responses and the inclusion of all voices in seeking peace. The full letter is <a href="linked-here">linked-here</a>.

#### Please Pray for the Israel-Hamas War

Our world has been traumatized by the violence and war in and around the Gaza Strip. When times like this erupt in our world, it can be hard to know what we can do. We might feel helpless and in shock. One action we can take is to pray for everyone involved. Three suggestions are listed below to guide your prayers. Also, continue to be gentle with yourself. It is good to remain aware of what is happening in this war and yet at the same time I would also encourage you watch/read/talk about this crisis only as much as you can process.

Please pray for the following concerns:

- hostages will receive the medical attention and be returned quickly to their families
- medical personnel and supplies as well as food and water can reach those in need
- that this war will not spread and for efforts to rebuild peace not be abandoned

#### **New Music!**

The Praise Team has been working on more new music!! You are invited to click on the links to these songs to familiarize yourself with them. We may not play them



exactly as the videos, but it will get you singing along!! We will be singing Hymn of Heaven on November 5<sup>th</sup>, which is All Saints Sunday.

Hymn of Heaven Trust in God

#### **Blankets for Beds**

The weather is turning colder and there is ALWAYS a need for new or gently used blankets for the Food Shelf. Whenever you have some, please drop them in the Blanket Bin outside of the Church office or contact Dianne McLain at 763-682-2260 and she will pick them up. Other than pillows, any and all bedding is needed and appreciated very much.

**Secure Giving** 

**Worship Registration** 



