

So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Oct. 1

This Sunday, October 3 @ 9:00 am

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This Sunday - Serve (Here I Am, Lord, Send Me)

World Communion Sunday

The world puts down servants as low-class people, but serving God by serving others is a core practice of our Christian walk. God wants our whole hearts and our undivided attention, but that's all in vain unless we yield ourselves to God's Spirit and let God form in us the heart of a servant. People serving others in the name of Jesus is an essential way that God brings the fruit of justice and loving kindness into the world.



Sunday Scripture

“So fear the LORD and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD alone. But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD.” The people replied, “We would never abandon the LORD and serve other gods. For the LORD our God is the one who rescued us and our ancestors from slavery in the land of Egypt. He performed mighty miracles before our very eyes. As we traveled through the wilderness among our enemies, he preserved us. It was the LORD who drove out the Amorites and the other nations living here in the land. So we, too, will serve the LORD, for he alone is our God.” Then Joshua warned the people, “You are not able to serve the LORD, for he is a holy and jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. If you abandon the LORD and serve other gods, he will turn against you and destroy you, even though he has been so good to you.”

But the people answered Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” Joshua 24:14-24 NLT



Next Sunday – Give (Where Your Treasure Is)

What we do with our money tells us something about the condition of our heart. King Solomon described our impulse to serve ourselves by seeking to acquire things and money as “chasing the wind,” always running but never getting there. Jesus tells us that the key to a healthy and happy heart is to serve God by seeking the things of God's Kingdom.

Outdoor Fellowship This Sunday

This week, weather permitting again, coffee, lemonade, water and treats will be just inside the front doors of the church. Please take what you'd like and head **outdoors** to chat. We hope to see you there!





Other Ministry Updates

Coming Up in Ministry

- Oct 3** 9:00 am Worship Service In-person & online with Communion
10:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Outdoor Fellowship
10:00 am Book Group—The Walk
4:00-7:00 pm Visitation for Kris Uter
- Oct 4** 10:00 am Visitation for Kris Uter
11:00 am Funeral for Kris Uter
- Oct 5** 7:00 pm Property Team Meeting
- Oct 6** 6:00 pm Confirmation Focus Night
6:30 pm Senior High Youth
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- Oct 7** 1:00 pm Game Day
- Oct 10** 9:00 am Worship Service In-person & online with Handbells
10:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Outdoor Fellowship
10:00 am Book Group—The Walk
10:00 am New Member Info gathering

Communion This Sunday

Our worship this Sunday will also include Holy Communion. In The United Methodist Church, all are welcome at the table, as we understand Communion to be the gift of Jesus Christ to anyone of any age who desires a closer relationship with Him. If you are worshipping at home remember to gather your items representing the bread and the wine as we gather in spirit around Christ's table. If you don't have bread and grape juice, crackers and water are a great substitute.

Fall Stewardship Resources

By now you should have received your fall stewardship letter in the mail, including some resources to help you to grow in your worship and prayer, Bible study, service, giving, and sharing of the Good News. All of these resources are available on our website as well. Go to the home page and look for the logo with the man walking on the tightrope ("The Walk"). We encourage everyone to complete a 2022 Plan for Serving and a Promise to Give, both of which can be completed electronically at the same site, without the need to print or mail anything.

Fall Cleanup Day

The Property Team is looking for volunteers to help clean up our church on Saturday, **October 16**. Please save this date on your calendar! There are several tasks and we could use your help. Stay tuned for specific tasks and a sign up.

Newcomer Q&A, Joining BUMC

If you're new to our church, please save the date for **October 10**, when Pastor Bill will be available to meet with you after church to get to know you, answer your questions, and talk about what it means to join our church. The next opportunity for joining will be on the following **Sunday, October 17**.



Resources/Studies

As Pastor Bill continues his sermon series of Adam Hamilton's book, *The Walk, Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*, a corresponding discussion group continues to meet each Sunday, now **Oct 3-Oct 17 at 10:00 a.m.** in the back of the fellowship hall. We will be digging deeper into the topics of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith, using the author's book and DVD. Even if you haven't yet been able to join the group, we welcome you when you can attend. Books are available at church for your purchase. The cost is \$9.50. You do not need to purchase the book to be a part of the discussion group.

The Adult Disciple Vision Team has a table set up in the entry with many available handouts for you to take and use in your individual or group studies. Please stop, take a look, and grab the resource handouts that catch your eye. There are a large variety of study ideas to use as you deepen your relationship with Christ on a daily basis.

Secure Giving



Worship Registration

