

So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Oct. 21

This Sunday, October 23 @ 9:00 am

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This Sunday - Certain things just fit together by

Curtis Rieck

Just like a puzzle piece fits in a certain place, so God is calling out your name to a certain need. It's based upon a place in the world, that because of the arrangement of who you are, and the kind of need it is, the you and the need fit together – like peas and carrots. Think about it for a moment. There is a place of need in the world that has your name on it. That's a fit just for you.



Scripture Reading

I, the LORD , have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. Isaiah 42:6-7

The Land Between



Finding God in Difficult Transitions

The Land Between: Finding God in Difficult Transitions

October 30-November 20, 2022

Some of us like change, but most of us struggle with it. After enduring generations of slavery in Egypt, the descendants of Jacob travelled through the desert (the land between) toward their new home in Canaan. They craved the food of their former home in Egypt and despised their present environment. They

were unable to go back and incapable of moving forward. Their reactions provide insight and guidance on how we can respond to God during our own seasons of difficult transition.

Next Sunday — Complaint

Who of us are strangers to complaint? It's a natural response to change because change makes us uncomfortable. Sometimes our complaint arises out of genuine pain and hardship, but sometimes we magnify our pain by our complaint. We make the choice to complain or to grow in our trust of God during life's difficult transitions.



Fellowship Time

After Worship

10:00

Complaint

"Whose idea was this?"



"Why did you bring us here?"

"Let's go back!"

Sunday Fellowship Check out the coffee, treats and great conversation after worship in the Fellowship Hall.



Other Ministry Updates

- Oct. 23** **9:00 am** Worship Service– Curtis Rieck Preaching, Handbells in Worship
10:00 am Sunday School Pre-School – 5th Grade
10:00 am 6-12th Youth Gathering
10:00 am Fellowship
- Oct. 24** **1:00 pm** Prayer Shawl
- Oct. 25** **7:00 pm** Finance Team Meeting
- Oct. 26** **6:00 pm** Youth 6-12 Game Night
6:30 pm Handbells
7:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
- Oct. 30** **9:00 am** Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School Pre-School – 5th Grade
10:00 am 6-12th Youth Gathering
10:00 am Fellowship
10:00 am Congregational Care

Sunday School News

Don't forget - We are partnering with BUMC Youth this week and next to contribute our Sunday School offerings towards the Sandwich Ministry! These offerings will help support our youth in purchasing supplies to make sandwiches on **November 2nd**.



Youth Ministry News

"Partner with BUMC Youth" to support our annual Sandwich Ministry Drive
November 2nd. If you would

like to make a monetary donation to help us purchase supplies in support of this ministry, there is a container marked on the table in the entry way of the church. Thank you for your support!

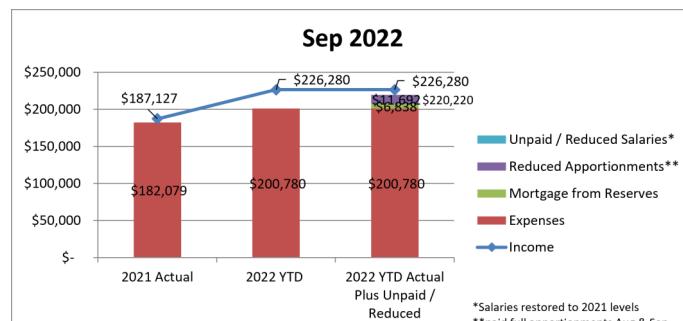
3rd Grade Faith Stepping Stone

Children and families, please mark your calendars for this next special step in your faith journey. Class will be Sunday, **November 6th** after service and the Blessing will be the following Sunday, **November 13th** during service. Formal letters should be coming to you soon!



Finance Update

Year-to-date giving continues to be ahead of expenses. Apportionments were paid in full for August and September. We are on track to pay full apportionments for the year and meet our mortgage obligation. Thank you for your faithful and generous giving.



Special Charge Conference

Last summer, church leadership discerned that our finances had stabilized to the point that we were able to reverse staff salary reductions enacted at the beginning of January. While this was done with the approval of Finance, SPR, and Leadership Teams and communicated to the church, a charge conference is still required by the Conference to formally approve the return of Pastor Bill's salary to 2021 levels for 2022. This is the required notice of the special charge conference, which will be limited to this single action item and which will consist of the present members of the Leadership Team at their regular meeting on Tuesday, **November 8, at 7pm**.

Have a Story to Tell?

Pastor Bill is looking for four people from our congregation who could share a very brief story (one each Sunday) about a time they endured a difficult change in their life and how God helped them through it. Stories will be shared **October 30-November 20**. The hope is that by sharing your story of God's presence and provision, you'll be an encouragement to others who may be struggling. Contact Pastor Bill to offer your story or for more information.