BUMC Weekly CONNECTION

October 7, 2026

Sunday Service

Look What the Lord Has Done!
Cindy Gregorson
October 11, 2026
9am Service

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 126:1–6
Psalm 78:1–7
Joshua 4:1–7

Joy in the Journey
WITH PASTOR AMY

I have to admit, I'm getting more and more excited as we get closer to this Sunday, October 11! We are now just a few days away from what promises to be a very special day as we celebrate 140 years of ministry as a church and 40 years in this building. What an incredible milestone! I'm looking forward to celebrating not only where we have been, but also where God is leading us in the years ahead.

One of the things I've been doing as we prepare for this special Sunday is reaching out to all of the pastors who have served our congregation over the years and inviting them to participate. It has been a rich and meaningful experience to talk with them on the phone.
Just recently, I had the opportunity to speak with Pastor John Philippi, who is now 92 and has moved into assisted living in New York. I was so glad to learn that he is adjusting well to his new surroundings. He sounded good on the phone and, as he put it, he still feels like he's "sharp!"
Pastor John will not be able to attend our anniversary celebration this Sunday, but he plans to send a short note of encouragement to share with us. That will be especially meaningful because Pastor Philippi holds a unique place in our history. He was the pastor serving our congregation when we moved into this location 40 years ago.

Let that sink in for a moment. The building in which we worship this Sunday is part of a story that Pastor John helped make possible. And now, four decades later, we have the privilege of gathering here to celebrate 140 years of God's faithfulness through the generations and hear from another one of our past pastors – Rev. Cindy Gregorson!
That is what makes this Sunday so special. We aren't simply celebrating a date on a calendar or a building. We are celebrating people, memories, ministries, sacrifices, answered prayers, and—above all—the faithfulness of God.

This Sunday is almost here! I hope you will make plans to be part of this very special celebration. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us as we remember our past with gratitude, celebrate our present with joy, and look toward the future with hope. *What a gift it will be to celebrate 140 years of faithfulness—and 40 years in our home—together!*

Other Ministry News

Oct 11	9:00 am	Sunday Service
	10:00 am	140/40 Celebration
Oct 13	7:00 pm	Leadership Mtg
Oct 14	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal

Important News

- **Group picture in front of the church immediately following service**
- **Everyone wear your BUMC attire!**
- **4 food trucks will have food available for purchase.**
- **Complimentry coffee and water available**

Ride to Church Needed

We are still looking for rides for **Norm Varner**, who lives at Havenwood in Buffalo. His contact information and a volunteer sign-up sheet are posted on the bulletin board across from the office, next to the Homebound Members list. If you're able to help, please contact **Robin Anderson** or add your name to the sign-up sheet. Thank you for considering this simple way to share care and fellowship!

Prayer Ministry: Our Church in God's Hands

Prayer Ministry

· **Pray for generous and faithful giving.** Pray that God would cultivate generous hearts and that each of us would prayerfully consider how God is calling us to give. Pray we can close the approximate gap of $16,500 in our giving in this fourth quarter.

· **Pray for willing hearts to serve.** A few from Finance Team and Staff Parish Relations Committee will reach their term limits this year. Pray that God would raise up new leaders willing to step forward, share their gifts, and serve our church family.

· **Pray for greater impact in our community.** Pray that many would participate in our Meals and Missions event Wednesday, October 21 at 6pm. May we catch a vision to reach beyond our church walls, see the needs around us, and especially respond with meals in support of Neighbors Feeding Neighbors.

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Children and Youth Ministry

Confirmation & Sunday School News

Celebrating Together in God's Love!

This week there will be **no regular Sunday School or Confirmation classes** as we come together for our 140/40 Celebration! Instead of heading to classrooms, we invite our children, youth, and families to celebrate together—enjoying games, food from the food trucks, fellowship, and all the fun of being together as a church family.

Our Sunday School children will also be sharing their joy during the worship service by singing together, led by Clair Phillips. Clair has joyfully volunteered her time to bring music and movement to our Sunday School children, helping them experience the joy of praising God in a way that is active, fun, and full of life. We are grateful to Clair and excited to have our children be part of this special worship celebration!

Psalm 126 reminds us, "*The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.*" What a wonderful message for a day of celebration! And Psalm 78 reminds us to share the stories of God's love and faithfulness with the next generation so that they, too, may place their trust in God.

That is part of what Sunday School and Confirmation are all about. Faith grows not only in our classrooms, but also when generations come together—singing, sharing stories, laughing, eating, playing, and experiencing the joy of being part of God's family.

We hope all of our Sunday School and Confirmation families will join us as we celebrate together in God's love!

~ Sue D.

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Discipleship Hub

Welcome to our Discipleship Hub! This page is designed as an easy-access resource for our discipleship teams, bringing together the information you need in one place. We're grateful for your faithful service and look forward to supporting you as we grow in faith and fellowship.

A Message from the Adult Discipleship Team

Bring Your Questions: What Is the Bible?

The Adult Discipleship Team invites you to join our fall Bible study, "What Is the Bible?," part of Exploring the Bible: The Dickinson Series. Whether you've read Scripture for years or are just beginning to explore it, this study offers a welcoming place to learn, ask questions, and grow together.

How well do you know the Bible's stories? Have you ever wondered how the Bible is organized, how its books were chosen, or why people understand certain passages differently? Perhaps you've had questions you weren't sure how—or where—to ask. This is an opportunity to bring those questions into thoughtful conversation with others.

Designed to introduce basic biblical literacy, What Is the Bible? assumes no prior Bible knowledge and is not written from the perspective of any one Christian tradition. Together, we'll explore the foundations of Scripture and consider the different ways people approach and understand the Bible.

Our hope is to build confidence, encourage curiosity, and deepen our connection with Scripture and one another. You don't need to arrive with answers or expertise.

Come with an open mind and bring your questions, as we learn and grow in faith together.

Monday evenings from 6:45-8pm starting Oct 19th!
Books available in the entry for $10

~The Adult Discipleship Team

Welcome Helpers

Gloria Farwick/ Guest Connections

Oct 11 - Norm & Gloria
Oct 18 - Alison D. & Gayle R.

Coffee Servers

Marcia Plaschko/ Office Admin

Oct 11 - 140/40 Celebration
Oct. 18 - Alison D. & Art P.

Scripture Readers

Amy Austin /Worship Coordinator

Oct. 11 - Jerry F.
Oct. 18 - Gloria F.

Communion Servers

Amy Austin/ Worship Coordinator

November

Barb Sande, Gayle R., Jane and Loren V., Mike K.

Safety Response Team

Oct. 11 - Gayle H.
Oct. 18 - Bruce D.

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