



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Nov 17

This Sunday, Nov 19 @ 9:00 am

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Telling Your Story | 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.



This Sunday — God, where were You?

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Scripture Reading

Sarai, Abram's wife, hadn't yet produced a child. She had an Egyptian maid named Hagar. Sarai said to Abram, "God has not seen fit to let me have a child. Sleep with my maid. Maybe I can get a family from her." Abram agreed to do what Sarai said.

So Sarai, Abram's wife, took her Egyptian maid Hagar and gave her to her husband Abram as a wife....He slept with Hagar and she got pregnant. When Hagar learned she was pregnant, she looked down on her mistress. Sarai told Abram, "It's all your fault that I'm suffering this abuse. I put my maid in bed with you and the minute she knows she's pregnant, she treats me like I'm nothing.

May God decide which of us is right." "You decide," said Abram. "Your maid is your business." Sarai was abusive to Hagar and Hagar ran away.

An angel of God found her beside a spring in the desert; it was the spring on the road to Shur. He said, "Hagar, maid of Sarai, what are you doing here?" She said, "I'm running away from Sarai my mistress." The angel of God said, "Go back to your mistress. Put up with her abuse." He continued, "I'm going to give you a big family, children past counting. From this pregnancy, you'll get a son: Name him Ishmael (which means God hears); for God heard you, God answered you. Genesis 16:1-14a

Next Sunday— News Worth Sharing; A Life Worth Living

Each of us is significant, and our stories matter. There is someone who needs to hear your story and feel welcome into the story of God. John 9:1-12

Sunday Fellowship Check out the coffee, treats and head on into the Church Conference being held in the Fellowship Hall.



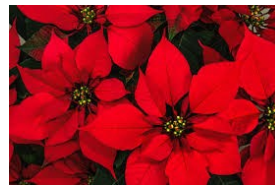


Other Ministry Updates

- Nov 19** 9:00 am Worship Service
 10:00 am Fellowship
 10:00 am Education Hour
 10:00 am Church Conference
 10:15 am Adult Book Study
- Nov 21** 12:00 pm Dynamite Prayer Lunch
 7:00 pm SPR Team Meeting
- Nov 22** 7:30 pm Thanksgiving Service @ Zion
- Nov 26** 9:00 am Worship Service
 10:00 am Fellowship

Poinsettia Order Forms

Help adorn our sanctuary for Christmas by donating a poinsettia. Place your order in the offering plate by **November 26** using the forms in the chairs. Flowers remain through Christmas Eve.



Thanksgiving Service



The 49th Annual Community Festival of Praise and Thanksgiving hosted by Buffalo faith communities is scheduled for Wednesday, **November 22 at 7:30pm** in the Zion sanctuary in Buffalo.

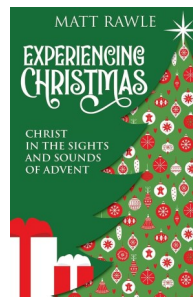
Advent Discipleship Opportunities

Advent is a time of preparing our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child. Options to enrich our preparation are listed next.

Thursday noon group study

Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 & 21

Things look, smell and taste differently during Advent and Christmas. These differences are a sign that God is about to do something radical and different. Join us for *Experiencing Christmas: Christ in the Sights and Sounds of Advent* by Matt Rawle, on Thursdays at noon. We'll start each session with a short video then follow with discussion. Feel free to bring your lunch! Sign up on the bulletin board or call the office to preorder the book \$10.



Individual Online Study led by the Bishop



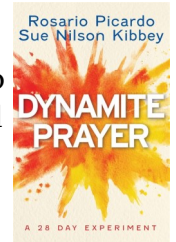
Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, & 19

Bishop Lanette Plambeck is leading a 4-session Advent study via Zoom on Tuesday evenings, of the book "*Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation*", by Will Willimon. Books can be ordered from Amazon or Cokesbury. Registration for the class can be done on the [MN conference website](#).

Previewing Dynamite Prayer Initiative Lunch

Nov 14, 21, 28 & Dec 5

Bring your brown bag lunch for a casual **Tuesday noon** study as Bishop Lanette Plambeck invites you to read "Dynamite Prayer," a 28-day devotional guidebook by Rev. Dr. Rosario Picardo and Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey. The book will help you incorporate a surrendered prayer practice into your daily life following Christ, and help you cultivate your capacity to discern, to notice, to respond to God's guidance, and to live by the power of the Holy Spirit. You can order your book from [Amazon](#). Pastor Amy will be hosting this preview.



Annual Church Conference

We'll be holding our annual church conference after church today to elect leaders, to vote on the 2024 church budget, including the pastor's compensation, and to review our membership rolls. Grab your coffee and a treat and we'll hold the meeting in our Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come, but votes are reserved for members.

Sunday School

We will not have Sunday School next Sunday, November 26 due to the holiday weekend!

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.