

How to use the BUMCSM Calendar:

Each day has a 5-7 minute activity based around our month's theme. November's theme is the spiritual discipline of celebration. These are meant to help students learn to celebrate as they grow in maturity and independence.

NOVEMBER

CELEBRATION

This month we will be focusing on the spiritual discipline of celebration. Celebration is a way of engaging in actions that orient the spirit toward worship, praise, and thanksgiving..

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUEDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 JOIN US FOR IN PERSON WORSHIP	2 SIT OUTSIDE FOR A COUPLE MINS & FIND THE THINGS YOU LOVE ABOUT GOD'S CREATION	3 READ ZEPHANIAH 3:17	4 SAY 5 THINGS THAT BROUGHT YOU JOY TODAY	5 TAKE YOURSELF LESS SERIOUSLY- TELL A JOKE TO YOUR BFF	6 TAKE TIME TO LISTEN TO YOUR FAV SONG AND MEDITATE	7 BAKE A TREAT FOR SOMEONE YOU LOVE AND WANT TO CELEBRATE
8 WATCH LIVESTREAM WORSHIP & JOIN US FOR WORSHIP	9 TALK W/SOMEONE WHO IS ALWAYS CELEBRATING GOD	10 LISTEN TO BUMCSM 'S PODCAST ON CELEBRATION	11 GO ON A WALK AND ENJOY GOD'S CREATION	12 READ PSALM 139:14	13 REMEMBER TO RESPOND WITH JOY INSTEAD OF STRESS	14 TURN ON A SONG AND DANCE!!
15 WATCH LIVESTREAM WORSHIP & MEET W/SMALL GROUP	16 ASK A FREIND WHAT GIVES THEM JOY	17 READ ACTS 16	18 SEND A CARD TO SOMEONE WHO MEANS A LOT TO YOU	19 WRITE DOWN 5 THINGS YOU LOVE ABOUT LIFE	20 BAKE YOUR FAV TREAT FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON	21 CELEBRATE ONE OF YOUR FREINDS W/ A CARD OR A TREAT
22 WATCH LIVESTREAM WORSHIP & MEET W/SMALL GROUP	23 MAKE A HOLIDAY BUCKET LIST AND CHECK OFF AS MANY AS YOU CAN	24 TEXT YOUR SMALL GROUP LEADER WHY YOU ARE THANKFUL FOR THEM	25 HAVE A KARAOKE PARTY WITH FAM/FREINDS	26 SHARE YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY TRADITION	27 MAKE A COLLAGE THAT INSPIRES YOU	28 READ SAMUEL 6:21-22
29 JOIN US FOR CHOIR & THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	30 PREPARE FOR ADVENT BY LISETNING TO YOUR FAV CHRISTMAS SONG					

CELEBRATION

USE THESE DEVOTIONS TO HELP DIVE DEEPER INTO THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE OF CELEBRATION. THESE SHOULD TAKE YOU ABOUT 10 MINUTES IN LOOKING UP THE PASSAGES, READING THROUGH THEM, AND THE DEVOTION & THEN TRYING OUT THE DIFFERENT PRACTICES OF CELEBRATING.

TRY THIS ON NOVEMBER 1ST

BASICS OF CELEBRATION

WHAT IT IS:

Celebration is a way of engaging in actions that orient the spirit toward worship, praise, and thanksgiving. Delighting in all the attentions and never-changing presence of the Trinity fuels celebration. This is the desire to take joyful passionate pleasure in God and the radically glorious nature of God's people, Word, world, and purposes.

God celebrates. God invited delight, joy, and celebration. Whether solemn or exhilarating, formal or spontaneous, celebration can enlarge our capacity to enjoy and serve God. Celebrating God does not depend on perfect circumstances or happy feelings. Even in prison Paul and Silas found something to sing about. And Jeremiah, the weeping prophet found reason to delight and hope in God even in a lament. So no matter what you are doing, there is always a way to celebrate all that God has given.

READ & DISCUSS: Psalm 16

What is the Psalmist feeling in each one of these verses? How do you know?

TRY THIS ON NOVEMBER 8TH

CELEBRATING OTHERS

WHAT IT IS:

Celebrating others is one of the ways we can honor God. By loving and lifting each other up, we also lift up what God created and the people God loves.

Attend to the people who give you joy. Ask God how you might celebrate them in a way that encourages them. Have a friend's birthday coming up? Know that your mom loves it when she has donuts for breakfast? Do something that reminds the person of how precious he or she is to you and to God. To start, find someone you talk to everyday and then think of what they love.

TRY THIS: After starting a conversation with someone you talk with every day -ask them questions to help you celebrate them. Try these questions at the dinner table or on the way to school to learn more about your family!
How do you like to be encouraged? What is your favorite type of breakfast food? When do you feel the most productive? Who would you love to go on a road trip with? Where would you love to go on vacation?

TRY THIS ON NOVEMBER 22ND

CHURCH CALENDAR

WHAT IT IS:

Familiarize yourself with the church calendar (reminder that Advent starts next week!) Consider ways you can go all-out in your celebration of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Pentecost, Lent, Easter, and All-Saints Day this year. Plan a way to celebrating God alone or with friends. For example, did you know Christmas Day starts the 12 days of Christmas? Therefore, you can continue to celebrate for almost two weeks after the 25th! Leave those decorations up until January.

TRY THIS: Look up your birthday, start of school, New Year's Day - when, in the church calendar, do these days fall on? Map our year with the church calendar in mind, when do you take down your Christmas decorations? When do you stop celebrating Easter?

TRY THIS ON NOVEMBER 15TH

SPIRIT OF GLADNESS

WHAT IT IS:

Identify the place you most readily connect with God. Is it nature? Listening to Christian music? Participating in corporate worship? Solitude? Go to that place. What do you want to tell God about the joy you receive there? To celebrate God's grace to you, write a song of celebration, make a collage that represents your joy, write a poem of praise, play music and dance before the Lord, or memorize a verse of praise and repeat it all through the coming days. Remember this is a discipline, it will not be easy but it is worth all the attention. How can you live from a mentality of abundance rather than scarcity?

READ: Psalm 46 and then try and write your own song of praise. Could be a poem, a song, or a piece of art. Just like David in the Psalms-you can make praises and celebrate who God is. Get creative!

TRY THIS ON NOVEMBER 29TH

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

This year for Advent, our staff is going to be celebrating Advent with the help of Adam Hamilton's Incarnate. Christmas Season will be all about searching for Joy. Be on the lookout for our calendar through December with our Advent and Christmas season curriculum. Join us for Christmas tree lighting on the 6th of December. We can't wait to celebrate the birth of our risen savior, Jesus the Christ! (The first Sunday of Advent's lesson will be on the December calendar.