



# The Compass

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December 2020

## December Sermons

Dec. 6

Incarnation:  
The Savior and Our  
Need for Saving  
Matthew 1:18-24

Dec. 13

Incarnation:  
Emmanuel in the  
Midst of a Pandemic  
Isaiah 7:10-17

Dec. 20

Incarnation:  
The Light of the World  
John 1:1-15

Dec. 23

Christmas Eve  
Luke 2:1-20

Dec. 27



## Christmas Eve:

Christmas Eve December 24: We will be offering several ways to celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas Eve.

1. Outdoor Worship: The Singhass Farm, 2800 Cedar Creek Grade, from 2–4 PM. Park your car, put on your mask, and spend time at several worship spaces: a prayer station for reflection, a fire pit for gathering as a community, a music area for singing carols, and holy communion, details may change. If it is raining/bad weather event will be cancelled.

2. Worship from home via Facebook Live: 7 PM Contemporary and 8 PM Traditional. Put on your Christmas Eve pajamas (or not), pour some hot chocolate, and celebrate Jesus' birth by your Christmas tree at home.

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# Small Groups



**Associate Pastor**  
Ahnna Lise Stevens-Jennings

I'm going to say something scary, so brace yourselves. We need to talk about evangelism. Ok, I said it. Everyone ok? Did we all make it?



All joking aside, we really do have to talk about evangelism. I know that word can bring up images of street corner preachers with megaphones on soapboxes, but stay with me. I want to help us all take the fear out of that word. Let me do that by offering a different picture of evangelism.

Imagine you are in a group or a club that is made up of some church friends and some folks who are not so much into the whole church thing. You meet to do or enjoy something that you all love. Maybe it is a book club, a gardening group, a crafting circle, a collection of people who love to serve in the community, a group of folks who love to watch baseball together, or if you are like me, a board game get together. You spend a lot of time getting to know everyone in the group. You meet regularly and you text, call, message, and share funny pictures when you aren't together. It is also a group that shares grief together. When someone is sick, down on their luck, or loses a loved one, this group is there for them. You know you can depend on them too. Deep relationships and friendships have been made here. Everyone is so excited about being together that when you meet someone else with the same interest that you all share, you are so excited to invite them to join your group.

One day, one of the folks in the group that is in the "no church, thank you" contingent strikes up a conversation with you about your faith and you have the chance to share about why it is important to you. Or, maybe they are going through a tough time, and you feel a nudge to ask them if they would like to pray with you. Or, it could be that after getting to know you, seeing the way that you live your life and the way that you care for everyone around you, this person asks you what the source of your love for the world is, and now you have the chance to say "it comes from my faith."

Evangelism is not very effective when there is no relationship built between you and folks that you want to share your faith with. The relationships that you build need to be natural ones that do not have any agenda to them other than your want to love fellow members of creation. When we build community that is supportive, safe, and authentic, we will feel the movement of the Holy Spirit and know when we can have faith conversations that come from the heart. Our job is not to bring God to people; there is nowhere on earth where God is not already present. Our job is to point out where we see God working in our lives and in the lives of others who may not be inclined to notice, and to always do so with love.




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# Children's Ministry



Director of Children's Ministries  
Patty Singhass

## December 2020 BSUMC Kids December Plans!

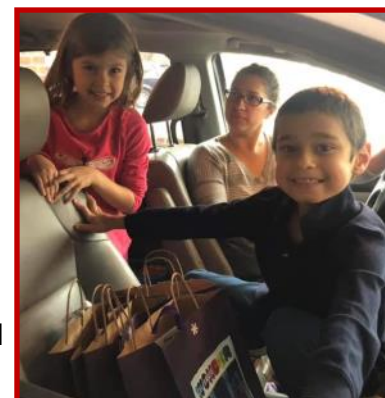


For this month all children's groups for BSUMC will meet on Zoom each Sunday at 9:00 AM. We will continue to have one in-person group each month for K-5th grade. See details below.

Sunday, December 6, 9:00 AM all children's groups-ages 3 - 5th grade Zoom online.

### Celebrate Wonder Winter Curriculum begins! Week 2 of Advent

To join an in-person group in the Fellowship Hall, RSVP to patty@braddockstreetumc.org by December 10. K - 5th grade, in-person class.



Sunday, December 13 - Christmas Sweater Day! Everyone wear your favorite Christmas sweater and join us at 9:00 AM Zoom online, groups ages 3 - 5 and K - 5th together.

10:00 AM - In-Person! Fellowship Hall, Kids K - 5th grade - RSVP required. Please wear your masks and distancing for this group is required. Leaders: Jeannette Wenzinger, Rhonda Rice and Patty Singhass. Celebrate Wonder Christmas Group.

Sunday, December 20 - Christmas Pajamas Day! Everyone wear your PJs! Join us at 9:00 AM Zoom online - All groups. **Merry Christmas!**



Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve 6 PM - All families join us for worship online!

Sunday, December 27 - NO Kids group today, no online Zooms. Leaders Christmas break.

Sunday, January 3, 2021 All Groups meet online Zoom at 9:00 AM!





Director of Youth Ministries  
Kristin Beall

# Youth Ministry



Attention: All youth activities will adjust to current rules and health conditions as they develop.  
PLEASE make sure Kristin has your email to send any updates, contact [kristin@braddockstreetumc.org](mailto:kristin@braddockstreetumc.org).

## December Youth Calendar:

- 2—Senior high devotion - meet at Tropical Smoothie on Pleasant Valley Rd., 8 AM—8:45 AM  
(We will meet on 9 and 16, but NOT on Dec. 23 nor 30.)
- 6—Dodge Ball in the Fellowship Hall 2 PM—3:30 PM (wear mask and bring a health form)
- 13—Car drive through and pick up WATTS placemats for service project 11 AM—1 PM and get an Advent Study
- 13—Advent Study begins - *Anxious for Nothing*—2 PM, Room 214 (wear mask and bring health form)
- 20—"Christmas Cheer Visits" and Socks and Sweets exchange from 2 PM - 4 PM (Wear a mask and bring a health form—family units traveling are also encouraged to come!)

Evening Zoom Blast: Devotion and online games: 6:30 PM—7:30 PM, Dec. 6 and 13. (No Blast on Dec. 20 and 27)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/890007772?pwd=ZEd3SG9qTHJneGNMNGxsckMwbXh2dz09>  
Meeting ID: 890 007 772  
Passcode: 888369



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# Missions

The Giving Tree has been very busy the last few weeks. Many tags have been taken and gifts are starting to come in. Although we have had to do things differently this year, our congregation has really stepped up to make Christmas wishes come true! You have brought smiles to the faces of so many children from our Backpack Ministry and social services. You have helped Operation Remember to make sure our local nursing home residents know they are loved and remembered. Braddock Street church does an amazing job of reaching out to others and the Giving Tree is a shining example.



Thank you so much for your support of this ministry! Merry Christmas!

**Remember, all gifts are due by this weekend!**

## Wrapping Party!

December 4 and 11 from 6 PM–8 PM  
in the fellowship hall

We need 20 volunteers each night.  
Please wear your mask and be aware of distancing  
in the fellowship hall.

Contact the office at 540-667-3366 to RSVP—only  
20 guest are allowed in the fellowship hall.



**BACKPACK MINISTRY** - Our first food delivery to Redbud Run Elementary School was on November 4. We provided weekend food to 55 students. Since then, our number has increased to 59. As we continue to serve these students twice a month, our shelves are constantly in need of restocking.

Thanks to the very generous donations from our congregation, we are able to do that. Although we appreciate all the donations, we have been asked to provide only the following healthy choices:

- Canned vegetables, 14.5 oz. or single serve
- Canned Beef-a-Roni, Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, 14.5 oz. or single serve
- Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers
- Canned fruit, 14.5 oz. or single serve
- Cereal bars

A cart is provided outside the church office to drop off your donations.



# Missions Continued



## WATTS & Braddock Street—January 9-16, 2021

Braddock Street hosts WATTS next month. To keep all churches healthy, WATTS has been allowed to lease the Fellowship Hall at the old First United Methodist Church for the entire 20 weeks. This new location will bring many changes to how we normally host WATTS during our week, January 9-16. For 12 years, Braddock Street has been able to provide refuge from the winter cold for up to 35 homeless guests. In 2021, we will be providing hot meals, hot showers (in a shower trailer at FUMC), and most importantly, fellowship to 35 guests. Meals will have to be made off-site, and we will need 6-10 volunteers a night to do a variety of duties. Of course, volunteers will have to have a health check and wear a mask.

If you would like to support WATTS week financially, please make your check payable to BSUMC and put WATTS in the memo line. These donations will be used to purchase food and supplies as well as thermal underwear for our guests. While we are at First UMC, WATTS will be renting a shower trailer, and guests will be allowed to shower at least three days a week. We will need donations of underwear and white undershirts. We will also need items like Kleenex, disposable razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Please limit your donations to travel size items only. We also need a donation of Lysol sanitizing spray. Items can be left in the Mission room (room 134).

If you are interested in volunteering, please use the following link, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054DA5AA29A3FF2-watts2> or sign up on Braddock Street's website. If you need additional information, please contact Robyn Miller at 540-550-0272 or [bardymiller1993@gmail.com](mailto:bardymiller1993@gmail.com).

### Mission Service Worship:

On **Dec.13**, please drive through the covered parking area from 11 AM - 1 PM to pick up a packet of papers and markers that you/your family can turn into placemats to be used by our homeless guests during WATTS.

You may return them to the office anytime before Jan. 6. What do you write/draw? Anything colorful and encouraging! A favorite picture, a scripture, a message of love and hope. Note they will be used in January so holiday themes are fine but know it will be after that. This is a great project for any age or ability.

Year after year we see folks come in cold and hungry and circle the tables admiring the placemats looking at where they will sit - and some have even taken the placemats with them. It is a simple way to show someone they are loved.

You may drop off these items to support WATTS on Dec. 13, or at the church office Mon.-Fri. 9-5 PM.

#### Items Needed:

Toothbrushes	Toothpaste (travel size)
Razors	Gold Bond Powder (travel size)
Combs	Brushes
Kleenex (travel size)	White tube socks
Underwear	Undershirts
Slim Jim's	Fun size candy

Divine Chocolate Bar pickup is scheduled for this Sunday, December 6, outside the church office from 11 AM - 1 PM.

