



Braddock Street United Methodist Church
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THE COMPASS

September 2021

September Sermons

Sept. 5
Superheroes of the Bible
Deborah & Wonder Woman
Judges 4:1-10

Sept. 12
Superheroes of the Bible
Paul & Ironman
Acts 9:1-9,17-19

Sept. 19
Superheroes of the Bible
Mary Magdalene &
Black Widow
Luke 8:1-3 &
Matthew 28:1-10

Sept. 26
Superheroes of the Bible
The Disciples & The Ex-Men
Mark 3:13-19



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Great News, Not-so-Great News from Trustees and Finance

First the great news: all of **our debt is now paid off!** Thanks to all of us who contributed to our capital campaign, "Generations: Faith for the Future," which began last year! On August 16, our Trustees paid off the last remaining principal on our church's line of credit. That line of credit was originally established at over \$600,000 in 2013. Not only have we now paid that off, but we also did nearly \$1 million in renovations and repairs since then as well. Remaining contributions will be used to offset ongoing maintenance costs. For example, you may have noticed that the lights along Wolfe Street were recently replaced. If continued contributions come in over and above maintenance costs, the Trustees will transfer more funds into the building maintenance portion of our church's endowment, which is currently valued at \$550,000, and contributes about \$9,000 towards maintenance costs each year.

Now for the not-so-great news: our budget, which is the lifeblood of our church's ministry, has gotten behind this year. We're paying our bills, of course. In previous years, we have set money aside to build up some cash reserves for times like these. But as of this writing, estimates are that **by the end of August, we will have spent about \$60,000 more than we have given so far in 2021.** We have decreased our budget in the last couple of years, and are currently already spending less than we had planned as the pandemic has continued. One of the big reasons for getting behind is the loss of our loose-plate offerings for the first half of the year. Thank you to those who made pledges toward our budget for this year: most of us are up to date. But during the time we were worshipping online only, we missed most of those offerings which people make when they attend worship in-person. And much like when we miss a Sunday due to snow, we most likely will not make up for that loss. We hope each of us will do what we can to help us catch up in covering our everyday expenses.





Small Groups



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ADULTS Promotion Sunday!

This is a great time to join a small group if you are not already in one. Small groups for adults are listed below. If you have any questions about adult small groups, please contact Ahnna Lise Stevens-Jennings.

Reveal 8:45 AM - room 138 contact:

Damon D'Arment—damonnancy@comcast.net

Plus One 10:00 AM - room 133 contact:

Jack Martin—rvjtm@aol.com

Koinonia 10:00 AM - room 138 contact:

Anne Brewster—brewsterannes@gmail.com

Seekers 10:00 AM - room 137 contact:

Jackie Clippinger—mclippinger105@comcast.net

Oglesby 10:00 AM - room 214 contact:

Diane Graham—d_graham40@comcast.net

Jubilee 10:00 AM - room 135 contact:

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Small Groups Meeting Sunday:

- 8:45 AM—Reveal (138)
- 10 AM—Plus One (132/133)
- 10 AM—Oglesby (214)
- 10 AM—Seekers (137)
- 10 AM—Koinonia (138)
- 10 AM—Jubilee (135)

Hebrews 10:24-25— And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.



Children's Ministry



Director of Children's Ministries
Patty Singhass



BSUMC Kids Fall Events 2021

Sunday, September 12 - Fall 2021 Promotions Sunday 8:45–9:30 AM. All children ages 3 - 5th grade and all parents please attend. The children will meet in the Fellowship Hall. All parents will have a Parent Time prayer meeting in the Church Chapel. (Please attend for important info.) (Front downstairs in the Chapel)

Sunday, September 12—Kids small groups at 10 AM in room 204, Serve the World lessons (kids and youth).

Note: all children ages 3 and up and all adults are required to wear masks in the children's area. Thank you.

Sunday, September 19 - Begin regular Kids Small Groups - 8:45-9:30 AM - This is our Celebrate Wonder Bible teaching lesson time with our regular group leaders returning.

Room 209, Ages 3 - 5—Mellissa Barker, Jen McCullough
Room 211, K - 2nd grade—Shelley Lewis, Rhonda Rice
Room 205, 3rd - 5th grade—Jeanette Wenzinger



10:00-10:45 AM - Room 204, all kids who will attend 10:00 AM small group, **Serve The World Group** - Children and youth will participate in mission teaching and Hands On Mission project to serve our Church and community. For all ages 3 through 12th grade students.



Mountain Movers - This is our young youth group for grades 4th-5th. We meet four-five times a year on Fridays from 6:00-8:00 PM. Parents, please sign up to receive your door code. We will meet and have dinner, a lesson with humor and fun learning about Methodists this year. I will always include a hands on mission project and serving opportunity, plus fun new games and activities. Students will receive a workbook; we meet this school year: August 27, October 15, December 17, February 25, and April 22.

Sign up for BSUMC Children's Choir on Promotion Sunday for all K- 5th graders. Rehearsals are on Sunday nights from 6:00-7:30 PM. Or email George Amos if you would like to join in: george@braddockstreetumc.org.

Mark your Calendars:

November 21- Children's Sabbath - All children will participate at the 10:00 AM worship hour. Watch for more details.

2022 Vacation Bible Kids Camp at BSUMC - Coming next summer- Knights of the North Castle! (Dates will be announced by December 2021.)

The Blessing Place Nursery opens on September 12 in room 119 at 8:45 AM. The 10 AM nursery will continue in room 119.





Director of Youth Ministries
Kristin Beall

Youth Ministry



CALENDAR:

Sept. 12—KICK OFF at 6-8 PM—Ratlief's-346 Green Spring Dr. - Dinner, pool, 6ft soccer ball, human rock'em-sock'em robots! Bring a lawn chair and a towel to swim! PARENTS ARE ALSO WELCOME for dinner and parent meeting on the 'parent patio'!



Sept. 15—Chick-fil-A starts back! Senior highs meet at Chick-fil-A at Rutherford Crossing 6:30 AM-7 AM for chicken and devotion!

Sept. 19—BLAST meets in room 214 at 6 PM for dinner and BLAST until 7:45 PM; come start your year off getting to know each other and the Lord better and having fun!



Sept. 19—Confirmation Salt and Light Start

Sept. 22—SEE YOU AT THE POLE
6:30 AM Chick-fil-A Rutherford crossing ALL YOUTH!



We will pray at our flagpoles at 7 AM! Go to www.syatp.org, for more information.

Sept. 26—BLAST 6-7:45 PM

Sept. 29—Senior High Chick-fil-A Devotion time is 6:30 AM.



Big Loud Awesome Spirit Thing





Minister of Music
George Amos

Music Ministry



Organist
Bill Baber

*Do you enjoy singing? Do you play any instruments? Do you like handbells?
Looking for new ways to serve? We have opportunities starting in the fall.*

Sanctuary Choir – rehearses Wednesdays at 7:30 PM and ministers at the 11:15 AM Sunday traditional worship service (age 15 up)

Praise Band – rehearses Thursdays at 6:15 PM and ministers at the 10:00 AM Sunday contemporary worship service (age based upon knowledge of playing)

New Voices – rehearses at 7 PM on Wednesdays before the 1st and 2nd Sundays each month and ministers at the 8:45 AM traditional worship service on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of each month (age 15 up)

Joyful Ringers – handbell choir rehearse Wednesdays at 6:15pm and ministers once a month at the 11:15 AM traditional worship service (age 15 up)

Bel Canto – rehearses Sundays at 5:00 PM and ministers the 3rd Sunday each month at the 8:45 AM traditional worship service

Children’s Choir – rehearses Sundays at 6:00 PM and ministers the 4th Sunday of each month, alternating between all three worship services

If you’re interested in exploring using your musical gifts to serve the congregation, please contact our Minister of Music, George Amos, George@braddockstreetumc.org



**BRADDOCK
STREET**

*United Methodist Church
& Music Ministries*



United Methodist Women



UMW President
Susan Chesley



The Purpose of United Methodist Women: United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Each year the United Methodist Women of Braddock Street hold several fundraisers to provide resources to eight mission projects. Last year we weren't able to hold any fundraisers. And this year we may have only two. Please consider purchasing a Braddock Street UMC tote and help us provide the funds needed to support these Braddock Street United Methodist Women projects:

Backpack Program, Braddock Street UMC
Fremont Street Nursery, Winchester
Charterhouse School, Edinburg
Agape Christian Children's Community Center, Horntown
Henry Fork Service Center, Rocky Mount
Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church, Alexandria
Red Bird Missionary Conference, Beverly, Kentucky
Wesley Community Service Center, Inc., Portsmouth
Totes are available for \$10/each and are available for purchase in the church office and in the Gathering Space on Sundays. Thanks to all for your support!



Thank you for all your support UMW members for providing monthly support to The Laurel Center.

2021 PECAN & CHOCOLATE BAR ORDERS

Braddock Street's United Methodist Women (UMW) is taking orders for South Georgia Pecans & Divine Chocolate Bars at this time. Proceeds from these fundraisers are used to provide monetary donations to 8 missions our UMW Unit supports - 2 of which are local.

Pecan Mammoth Halves and Large Pecan Pieces will arrive pre-packaged in pound bags that are resealable. The price remains at \$13 per one bag or \$12 per bag when you order 2+ bags.

Orders are also being taken for 5 varieties of **Divine Chocolate Bars at \$5 each.**

Choose from:

- Milk Chocolate with Toffee & Sea Salt
- 70% Dark Chocolate
- Dark Chocolate with Toffee & Sea Salt
- Dark Chocolate with Ginger & Orange
- Dark Chocolate with Almonds



A Sunday date and time in November will be determined so you can drive down the alley way by the church office to pick up your pecan and/or chocolate bar order.

TO PLACE YOUR ORDER for pecans and/or chocolate bars, contact Megan Pugh at 540-533-8120 or mpugh08@gmail.com OR place your order at the sign up in the gathering space outside the Sanctuary.

PREPAY FOR YOUR ORDER by check made out to BSUMC UMW. (You may combine payment in one check if ordering both pecans and chocolate bars.) Drop off your check to the church office.



Missions



Mission Chair
Jill Barker



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"I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he hath made know, or why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own. But I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able, to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day." I Know Whom I Have Believed, UMH #714.

Thank you for supporting my ministry through the Advance. Thank you for sharing your gifts to support missionaries across the United States and around the world. May God continue to bless you and your congregation as you share God's love and the good news of Jesus Christ with those around you. Lisa Nichols Church and Community Worker, Deaconess

UMCOR - United Methodist Committee On Relief

We pray for the people of Louisiana and surrounding states as Category 4 Hurricane Ida made landfall on the 16th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. UMCOR is monitoring the extreme winds and storm surge Ida could bring. In coordination with conference disaster response coordinators, UMCOR will assess the storm's impact and respond to immediate needs.

SUPPORT U.S. DISASTER RESPONSE: <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670>



It was such a pleasure to meet and give a tour to Pastor Ahnna Lise Stevens-Jennings, from Braddock Street United Methodist Church! We are so grateful for the support the church has given to the daycare for over a decade.



BACKPACK MINISTRY - A new school year has begun. We will now begin to collect food once again for children at Redbud Run Elementary School. It is usually October before we get a count as to how many children we will be providing weekend food to.

The list of food items we will be collecting are:

- Canned pasta, such as Beef-a-Roni, Spaghetti O's
- Mac and Cheese, individual servings
- Fruit, cans or individual servings
- Vegetables, cans or individual servings
- Cereal, boxes of oatmeal with individual packages
- Peanut butter crackers
- Cereal bars

Blessings in a
Backpack
Feeding The Future Of America



Thank you for your contributions!

Food can be dropped off in the Mission Room 134, or at the donation box outside the Gathering Space.



Miscellaneous

KEEP ON YOUR FEET - FALLS PREVENTION WEEK!

September 22 is the first day of fall and September 19-25 is falls prevention week! So let's talk about falls... Have you fallen in the last year? Do you use a cane or walker? Do you sometimes feel unsteady moving about or touch walls/furniture when walking? Do you worry about falling? Can you get up from a chair without pushing with your hands? Do you take medications that could affect your balance? Do you sometimes need to rush to the bathroom?



Saying yes to any of the above are some of the indicators that increase likelihood of falling with primary risk factors of muscle weakness, impaired mobility, and balance deficits. Unfortunately, falls in older adults are the leading cause of injury, hospitalization and fatalities in the US.

But there's good news! I have recently become certified to teach an evidence-based fall prevention program called Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL)! It's focus is to increase strength, balance and fitness for adults 65 and older, and the classes are held 2-3x/week for 12 weeks. Participants have objective measures taken at the beginning and conclusion of each session to measure improvements and the exercises can be performed either seated or standing.

As a long time member of BSUMC and a physical therapist for over 26 years, I feel a great desire to do what I can to keep our community safe from injury. I would love the opportunity to teach the program to our members who would like to participate. If you are interested, please contact me for more information (brewsterannes@gmail.com). In the meantime, stay tuned for upcoming class options.

Some home safety tips: Remove scatter rugs or any cords across walkways, use grab bars in the shower/bath, regularly review medications with your doctor, participate in balance/fitness exercise.
Anne S. Brewster, MPT



Diabetic Retinopathy Screening 2021—September 23, 2021

8-9 AM Winchester Medical Center Conference Center 1888 Amherst St., Winchester

Appointment required—call 540-536-5130. Please arrive by 7:45 AM

Diabetes Management, Low Vision Services and area ophthalmologists team up to offer this FREE screening for people with diabetes who have not had a recent dilated retinal examination.

You will need a ride home after having your eyes dilated.

Charge Conference October 5, 7 PM Online.

Leaders please turn in your reports/forms 3 weeks prior to this date. Thank you.

