

April 2026 Steeple Bell



Shortly after Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of Passover, the Gospel of John recounts Jesus' words in John 12:24 (NLT) "I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives." He is forecasting his looming death, but also forecasting the miracle of resurrection, his and ours. His heart was troubled at what was coming, but he knew it was worth it, saying "when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." (John 12:32)

With all of its flowers and leaves sprouting from the ground and from the trees above, Spring

offers powerful reminders of the miracle of Resurrection. The seed and bulb planted in the earth await the call of Spring to burst forth in all of God's glory. Jesus embodies the promise of God that those who place their faith and life in Jesus' hands receive the promise that death is only a momentary transition on our way to an imperishable, eternal life with God.

Lifted on the cross, lifted from the tomb, lifted up to Heaven, Jesus shows the way, his arms open wide, inviting us all into his embrace. May our hearts and lives be lifted high this Easter season, and may we be willing to embrace others in the same manner Jesus embraces us.

Blessings,
Pastor Jason



Thursday, April 2

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service – Sanctuary Nursery Provided

Friday, April 3

6:30 pm Good Friday Service – Family Life Center

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

7:00 am Service of Praise and Holy Communion

sunrise on the front lawn - bring your own chair

7:30-11 am Easter Breakfast – sausage, biscuits & gravy, juice and coffee

9:00 am Contemporary Easter Service, Family Life Center

10:00 am TWIGS Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 am Traditional Easter Service, Sanctuary

Mission Notes



Spring Into Action!

Thank you for all your help with the completion of The Fuller Center home. The prayers and support have been life changing.

Please check the bulletin and Steeple Bell for items we are donating to the Clothes Closet on a monthly rotation. Your gifts are always appreciated and a great way to serve our community.



Thank you for always sharing your gifts and talents with our community members. May God always be gracious and His blessings overflow to each of you.

*Charlotte Shepard
BUMC Mission Team Chair*



BUMC Emergency Relief Team

Hello BUMC! As we enjoy Lent and welcome daffodils with the warmer weather, we also prepare for stormy weather. BUMC is proud to announce the official establishment of its Early Response Team to address local, state, and national disasters. Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Jim Savage (Kentucky Conference) provided on-site training for over 12 of our members, officially training and certifying them for their calling of service.

In the U.S., UMCOR works with disaster response ministries and coordinators in annual conferences. Internationally, UMCOR resources Disaster Management Offices in Africa and the Philippines, and accompanies and equips other Methodist and faith-based partners.

UMCOR's primary channels of assistance are training, technical support, and both short and long-term grantmaking and programming. BUMC is excited to answer this calling.

We are proud to recognize our beloved brothers and sisters for their selflessness by committing

their talents and time to fulfill their divine calling. Ron Barger, Betty Barger, Rhonda Mucker, Lesley Wilson, Leona Cannady, Kevin Lindsay, Jeff Cannady, Jason Brock, Heather Wilson, Glen Wilson, Collin Higgs, Charlotte Shepherd, and Kevin Chesnut

Pray for blue skies but prepare for the storm!

Matthew 25:40 (NIV): "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

*Kevin A. Chesnut
BUMC ERT lead*





SWIFT Gatherings

(Sisters Worshipping
in Faith Together)

Winter Ladies' Study

Tuesday, April 14
6:30-7:30 p.m. Family Life Center
The theme is Walk the Walk

Our objectives are to deepen our spiritual walks, foster fellowship, and strengthen relationships among the women in our church. Light refreshments and childcare provided.



MAIL CALL

On Tuesday, April 21, Honor Flight Bluegrass is flying WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans to Washington, DC, to see their Memorials.

Just like back in the day when they were serving, **MAIL CALL** was a highlight, so Honor Flight Bluegrass wants them to experience it again. Please take a moment to share your gratitude with a letter or a simple thank you card to these honored Veterans.

All mail must be received no later than April 11. Address cards and letters to

Your Veteran's name OR Honored Veteran
806 Cannons Lane
Louisville KY 40207

Confirmation Sunday

April 12, 2026

One Service. Many Reasons to Celebrate!

There will be a single shared service on Confirmation Sunday, April 12, at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Please join us as we all share in celebrating what God is doing in the lives of our young people.

Food and Fellowship

Immediately following the confirmation worship service, the Congregational Life team is hosting a friend chicken and fixings dinner in the Family Life Center. All are welcome!

Make a Joyful Noise!

Introducing the Joyful Noise Handbell Choir to our congregation!



We are a fun loving group of men and women who desire to make a joyful noise unto our Lord and to our fellow worshippers. We currently have openings for anyone who wants to learn! Please join us Wednesday, April 8, at 5:00 p.m. in room 202.

Meade County Food Pantry Rotating Donation Schedule

In their January meeting, members of the Meade County Ministerial Association decided to reinstate the Rotating Donation Schedule for the Meade County Food Pantry.

BUMC is asked to donate canned meats during the month of April.

THE TRIBE Youth Ministry of Brandenburg United Methodist Church

What a beautiful month April is trending to be! Between the weather warming up, everything blooming, and the grass turning green... God's beauty can be seen vividly all around us, even in the midst of a few rainy days! In our church, our nine 6th-grade students have completed their confirmation classes, Easter celebrations are right upon us, and the miracle of the resurrection and the gift of salvation will be on full display on Sunday, April 12, as our confirmation students become members of our church and are baptized. So many blessings to be thankful for!

In March, our youth group went to Silver Heights Retreat Center in New Albany, Indiana, for our spring

retreat where we focused on living our life for Christ in all ways. While it poured down rain all weekend, we still made the best of it and had the most fun. Thank you to those church members who prepared food, volunteered to drive students to and from the retreat, and gave up their weekend to chaperone with me. I am forever grateful for your love and dedication to our youth group members.

Looking ahead... Senior Sunday will be May 10. Piper Vowels, Jackson Bahr, and Danika Brown are on my list of seniors this year. If you have a senior who is not listed but wants to participate in senior Sunday, please contact the church office or me prior to April 10 so I can include them in Senior Sunday preparations.

As always, thank you for loving our youth. We could not do what we do without your love and support.

*In Christ,
Kelly Wilson*





"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."
 - John 15:5

Melissa Vowels

Spring is a season of growth, new life, and renewed hope—and our Children’s Ministry is experiencing all of that and more this month. As the world around us blossoms, we continue to see God’s love blooming in the hearts of our kids as they learn, worship, and grow in their faith.

We are especially grateful for our Confirmation class. What a gift it has been to walk alongside these young students as they explore Scripture, and learn what it means to make their faith their own.

As they prepare for Confirmation Sunday, please keep each student in your prayers. Pray that their relationship with Christ continues to deepen, that they feel surrounded by the love of this church, and that they always

know they have a community supporting them in their journey of faith.

What’s Happening in Children’s Ministry:

Wednesday nights - Halftime meal, music and a lesson.

Sunday’s - Children’s Church at 9:00 and 11:00 am.

Sunday School at 10:00 am.

Spring Break - March 27 - April 3 - no Halftime activities on April 1

Palm Sunday: March 29 - Children will carry palm branches during both services

Easter Sunday: April 5

Easter Egg hunt at 10:00 am

Traditional Service – Libby Scheible and Lily Trotter will serve as acolytes

Confirmation Sunday: April 12

Thank you for continuing to pour love, encouragement, and prayer into our children. Together, we are planting seeds that will grow for a lifetime.

*In Christ’s Love,
 Melissa*

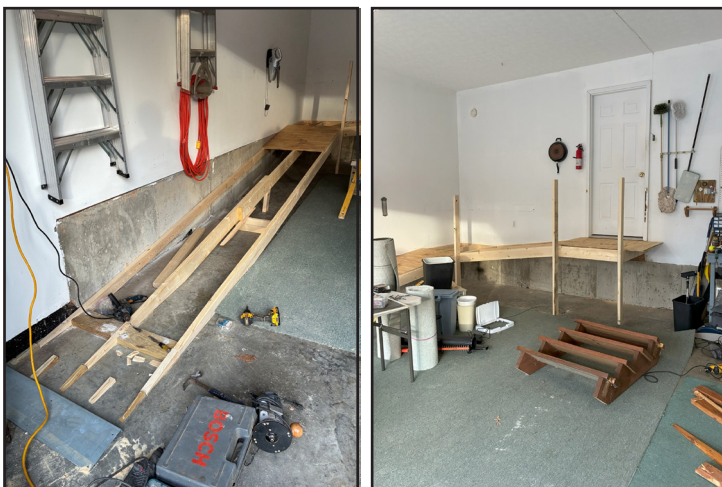


Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the food, visits, beautiful cards, and notes of encouragement while I was sick and in the hospital.

Thank you, also, to the team of men who built a ramp in my garage, so I won’t have to take the steps.

Linda Dodson



A team led by Jeff Cannady built a ramp in Linda Dodson’s garage. Linda is pictured above with (L to R) Adam Papp, Max Fair, Jeremy Fair, and Jeff Cannady. Not pictured: Billy Adams and Ben Wilson. Pictured at left: the work in progress.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Mary Plemmons and I would like to thank everyone for their participation in the Operation Christmas Child auction last week. From baking to wrapping to organizing and bidding, it took a village to make it the success it was! We raised \$4,075 to help buy items for the shoeboxes and give the children a chance to hear about God. Since we did so well we will not need to have a fall bake sale.

Mary Lou Lotz
Samaritan's Purse Project Leader



Let the shopping begin for Christmas Shoeboxes! Mary Plemmons (pictured) and Mary Lou Lotz shopped at area Dollar Tree stores, taking advantage of \$1.25 items for 50 cents each. They cleaned out the Irvington store and headed to Hardinsburg for even more, shopping for all the best bargains.



Under the Son Spotlight

I hope for everyone a wonderful spring break and a blessed Easter!
We are finishing up our school year at Under the Son with just five weeks left.
This month will be filled with all things spring and a sprinkle of summer!
Toddlers will focus on the color Purple.
Three-year-olds will finish their number unit with numbers 17, 18, 19 and 20.
Pre-K will finish out the alphabet, learning their last two diagonal letters Y and Z.

During our Bible story time the students will learn about the nine fruits of the Spirit and how we can use them each day.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23

Blessings,
Heather Dumont
Under the Son Director



APRIL CALENDAR

Regular Weekly Events:

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service of Praise and Communion

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

10:00 a.m. TWIGS Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday School/Small Groups

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Sunday, April 12 - Confirmation Sunday

10:30 a.m. Shared Service in Sanctuary

12:00 p.m. Confirmation Sunday Celebration Meal
Hosted by Congregational Life Team
All are welcome!

Sunday, April 19, 26

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups - all ages

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Monday, April 6, 13, 20, 27

6:00 p.m. Scouts

Tuesday, April 7, 14, 21, 28

10:30 a.m. Sisters in Christ (Room 201)

Wednesday, April 8, 15, 22, 29

7:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ

5:45 p.m. Halftime Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. Classes and Groups - all ages

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 9, 23

10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ

Saturday, April 4, 11, 18, 25

7:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ

Current Events:

Monday, March 30 - Friday, April 3

12:00 p.m. Holy Week Noon Services at First Baptist

Thursday, April 2

6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 3

6:30 p.m. Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 11

All Day FLC Reserved for Sunday Setup

Tuesday, April 14

6:30 p.m. SWIFT Ladies' Bible Study
Theme: "Walk the Walk"

Friday, April 17

All Day Kitchen Reserved - Special Olympics

12:30 p.m. Cafe Reserved

Sunday, April 19

12:15 p.m. Leadership Council meets

SERVING ON SUNDAY IN APRIL

Contemporary Service (9 a.m.)

Greeters:

Atrium: Mary Lou Lotz

FLC Entrance: T & Tatum Parker

Ushers: Chad Barley contacts ushers

Welcome Center: Mary Lou Lotz

Traditional Service (11 a.m.)

Greeters: Atrium: Mark Brown

Sanctuary Entrance: Donna Brown

Ushers: Ron Barger contacts ushers

Welcome Center: Barbara Thompson

Follow-up for First-Time Guests: Ilene Aebersold

Tellers: Joel Ramsey, TBD

Hospitality: Provide food/Staff cafe

April 5, 7:30-11:00 a.m.

Easter Morning breakfast

hosted by Congregational Life Team

April 12 - Robyn Proctor/Joan Wilson

April 19 - Joan Wilson

April 26 - Jane Slinger

Halftime Cooks

April 1 - Spring Break - No Halftime

April 8 - Kitchen Crew

April 15 - Sandy Horan

April 22 - Donna & Rachael Brown

April 29 - Deepak Jacobi

Communion Offering for April

UofL & UK Wesley Foundations

Our communion offering for April will go to support the University of Louisville Wesley Foundation (The Gathering) and the University of Kentucky Wesley Foundation (UKWF).

The Gathering welcomes students from three campuses in Louisville: University of Louisville, Bellarmine University and Jefferson Community & Technical College.

The UKWF is open students from the University of Kentucky, BCTC, and Transylvania.



THE STEEPLE BELL

Brandenburg United Methodist Church
215 Broadway
Brandenburg, KY 40108

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APRIL 2026 EDITION
PASTOR: Jason Brock

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.



(4) Betsy (Bruington) Montplaiser, (8) Bryan Honaker,
(9) Chris Stone, Sandra Stone, Thomas Wilson, (10) Joseph King,
(15) Matt Wilson (17) Charlie Saylor, (18) Melinda Stickle, (20) Brock
Wilson, (24) Taylor (Parker) Baird (26) Madilyn Ford, (27) Ron Barger,
Paula Harrop, (28) Avery Dix, (30) Luke Papp, Samantha Slinger

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