

August 2026 Steeple Bell

PASTOR'S PEN

A word from the heart

Last month I shared a highlight for me from the annual meeting of Kentucky Conference United Methodists in June, the celebration of 70 years of women's ordination. As a person drawn to how people are living out their faith in service, I was also inspired by the missional stories of individual congregations and of the shared mission we do together as churches across cities, towns, and the countryside. From our Conference camps shaping our youngest disciples, to 11 college campus ministries, to Wesley Manor and Wesley Village providing a broad continuum of care for our older disciples, to new churches being planted, and to homes being rebuilt after disasters in partnership with UMCOR, we are in mission together. Two missions we regularly support shared their rich histories and stories of their vital missions during the gathering.

United Methodist Mountain Mission in Jackson, KY has been serving in mission since 1943 – 83 years of serving their mountain neighbors through gently used sale stores, community programs, disaster relief, and employing 70 local people in its various locations. This mission is made possible by churches across the state. <https://www.methodistmountainmission.org>

Kentucky United Methodist Children's Homes is another shared mission that is approaching 155 years

of serving children, youth, and adults in vulnerable situations, 2,500 receiving services in the past year. "Bringing Hope to Children Since 1871," the Home provides residential and community services to help youth who have lived through abuse, neglect, abandonment, or family trauma. KYUMH.org

In addition to churches like ours supporting them through donated items or 5th Sunday offerings, they were among the dozens of shared missions, local missions, and other ministries who received over \$1 million dollars in grants in 2025.

I'll leave you with one last "in mission together" moment. After localized flooding June 27, we coordinated with the Kentucky Conference UMC and the Meade County EMA to assist a couple who had nearly two feet of water inundate their home in Muldraugh. Over three days, six persons from our church joined eight other UMCOR-trained disaster volunteers to clean and tear out ruined carpet, drywall, insulation, and cabinets. We were joined by Christ UMC (Louisville), Watkins UMC (Louisville), Harrodsburg UMC, and Glasgow UMC over the course of the week.

There are some things we can only do together, under God, trusting in Christ, and being led by the Holy Spirit! 1 John 3:18 "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

*Blessings,
Pastor Jason*



Disaster volunteers assist Muldraugh couple affected by flooding.



Mission Notes

**Back to Basics!**

Many families are preparing for the start of another school season, let's also prepare for a new season to serve. Stay mindful and alert of chances to make someone's day brighter. We have the privilege of showing others who Christ is and possibly impacting their decision to get to know Him.

The basics of Christ's teachings are a great way to kick off this back to school season. Let's stay teachable and consistent in serving.

We will have a volunteer work day on Saturday, August 15, from 10 a.m. to noon. We will gather for a time of food and fellowship afterward.

Thank you for your generosity for the Meade County Food Pantry during the month of July.

We collected:

Cereal - 40 boxes

Oatmeal- 17 boxes

Tuna-2

Personal care items kits- 11

Toothpaste- 10

Dog treats- 1

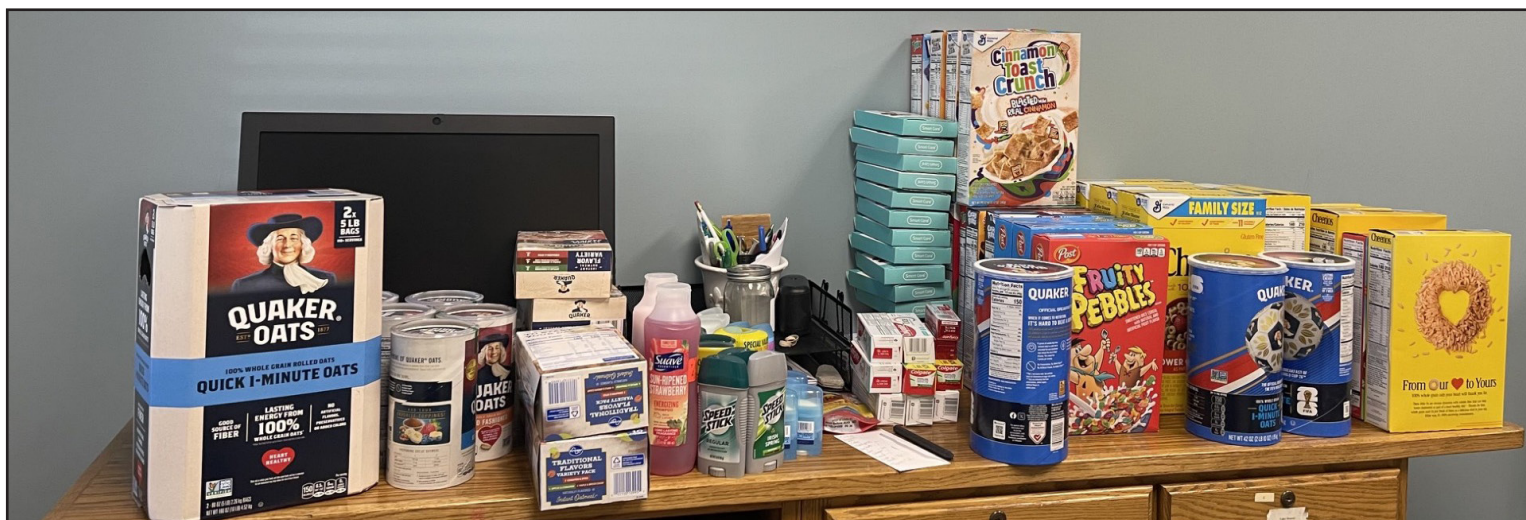
Deodorant- 20

Shampoo- 1

Conditioner-1

During the month of August, BUMC is asked to donate canned soups for the Meade County Food Pantry.

*Blessings,
Charlotte Shepard, Mission Chair*

**Under the Son Spotlight**

Happy Back to School!

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer!

Under the Son is ready for the start of a new school year! We will welcome the students back on Tuesday, August 18.

With the start of a new school year, we also have a few new staff members! I would like to welcome Briana Lindsey to our Pre-K room, Nikki Michaels to our Toddler room, Jordan Carter to our Baby room, and Shelby Thompson as our floating classroom aide. I am excited for the experience they will be adding to our program!

To start the year off, all classes will read "The Kissing Hand" and do some fun activities that go along with it. This will remind the students that even when they are at

school, Mommy, Daddy, and grandparents love them and will be waiting for them when they are finished.

During our Bible story time the students will learn about Creation with activities for each of the six days.

"Then on the seventh day God finished his work and rested. Blessing the seventh day and declaring the day holy." Gen 2:2-3

I hope each of your students have a wonderful, fun and blessed school year!

*Blessings,
Heather Dumont
Under the Son Director*

IT'S A GREAT TIME FOR HALFTIME

Fellowship Meal, 5:45 p.m.
Classes & Groups, all ages, 6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Halftime activities will resume Wednesday, August 12, with a meal at 5:45 p.m. with a luau theme/ dinner. After dinner, the children and youth will go to their areas, and the adults will have a chance to hear about group options and spend some time in fellowship.

Adult groups offered this fall include:

The Great Commission (Matthew 28)

facilitated by Bill Adams

The Gospel of Luke

facilitated by Pastor Jason

Women of the Bible

facilitated by Lesley Wilson

A study to be announced

facilitated by Courtney Dix

Sisters in Christ

facilitated by Joan Wilson & Robyn Proctor

Children and Youth:

The Tribe (BUMC Youth Ministry)

Kelly Wilson, Director

The TWIGS (BUMC Children's Ministry)

Melissa Vowels, Director

Pre-K Choir

led by Ilene Aebersold

Beginning August 19, meals will begin at 5:45 p.m. with classes and groups for all ages at 6:30 p.m.

The Halftime Meal Team, co-chaired by Jackie Bruington and Janet Dahmen, is in need of people willing to help prepare meals (church purchases the food). Signup sheets are posted in the cafe. Please stop by and choose a date that works for you.

For additional information about cooking Halftime meals, please contact Jackie at 270-668-3607 or Janet at 630-334-1592.



SWIFT

*(Sisters Worshipping
in Faith Together)*

Tuesday Evening Gatherings are back! The Sisters Worshipping in Faith Together will meet the second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Nursery provided along with a light snack. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

August 11 September 8
October 13 November 10

Come and 'Ring' with us!



The "Joyful Noise" Handbell choir will rehearse at 5:00 on Wednesday evenings in room 202. All are invited, regardless of any 'ringing' experience! The date of our first rehearsal in August will be posted

in an upcoming Sunday morning bulletin. Feel free to contact Cheri Lawrence with any questions.

Sunday School Teachers Needed



Children's Ministries director Melissa Vowels is seeking a Sunday School teacher (or teachers) for the TWIGS. All help is welcome – either once a month or more frequently.

Please contact Ms. Melissa at 502-296-7338 if you would like to assist with this ministry.



It's a Boy!

Congratulations to Hunter and Emma (Wilson) Jones, who welcomed their son, Mason Troy, on Sunday, July 26, 2026. He weighed 8 lbs, 8 ozs and was 20.5 inches long.

Mason's grandparents are Scott and Heather Wilson and Troy and LaNore Jones. His great-grandmothers are Joan Wilson and Cathy Gregory.



Happy Back to School Month!

I have no idea where the summer went, but here we are in back-to-school season.

Our Summer pop-ups have come to an end, and we are moving toward our regular Wednesday night schedule. In July, our Tribe spent time helping with the back-pack night at church, playing basketball, enjoying a pool

party (see the pictures on this page), and serving at the Forest Frank concert in Louisville.

As our summer comes to an end, it is exciting to be able to get back on schedule with our Wednesday nights together. This fall, we are going to work on fall-ing in love with Jesus as we grow as young people.

Save the dates:

Fall mystery retreat— September 18-20

Roberts Family Farm night – September 30

See you all soon!

*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

Summer has flown by, and we hope your family has enjoyed a season filled with fun, rest, and memorable moments together.

As we begin preparations to transition into a new school year, we celebrated with our Back-to-School Swim Party! This was a wonderful opportunity for children to connect, have fun, and enjoy one last splash before school begins.

As backpacks are packed and routines start to take shape, we encourage our children to begin the school year with confidence, kindness, and faith. The start of a new school year brings new teachers, new friends, and new opportunities to shine God's light. We invite parents to spend time praying with their children, asking

God to guide them, protect them, and help them grow both academically and spiritually.

Throughout the year, our Children's Ministry will continue partnering with families to help children build a strong foundation of faith and learn how to follow Jesus in their everyday lives.

We are looking forward to a fantastic school year!

*For His Glory,
 Melissa*

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." – Proverbs 3:5

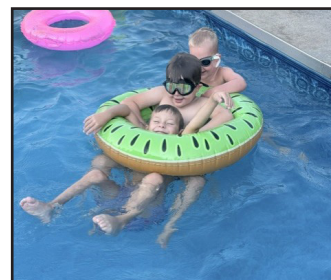
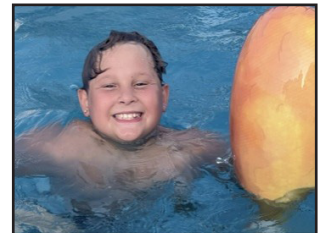
Dates to Note:

Sundays – Children's Church at 9:00 and 11:00 am.

Sunday School at 10:00 am.

August 2 – Acolytes: Lily Trotter & Hudson Greenwell

August 12 – Wednesday nights – Halftime meal (5:45 pm), music and a lesson (6:30 - 7:30 pm)



Civil War Ladies' Tea at Brandenburg UMC



On Saturday, July 11, Jane Slinger, with assistance from ladies of Brandenburg United Methodist Church and the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) hosted a Ladies' Tea for the ladies who were participating in the Civil War Days reenactment at the Brandenburg Riverfront.



Mrs. Slinger and Ladies,



We want to tell you how much we appreciated all your hard work for the Ladies' Tea. We had ladies tell us that they've never felt so welcomed before, that the food was delicious, the decorations were so thoughtful, etc. I wish you all could have heard all the compliments! The ladies who rushed back to the camp were so thankful for the food you all sent; it brought them to tears.

We sincerely cannot thank you all enough!

*The Meade County Civil War Heritage Association
(Peggy, Kay, Angela, Sarah, Beth, Brian, Andy, and Faith)*

AUGUST CALENDAR

Regular Weekly Events:

Sunday, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups - all ages
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Wednesday, August 5

- 7:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ

Wednesday, August 12

- 7:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ
- 5:45 p.m. Halftime Kickoff - It's a Luau!

Wednesday, August 19, 26

- 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, August 13, 27

- 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ

Saturday, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

- 7:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ

Current Events:

Tuesday, August 11

- 5:00 p.m. Under the Son Open House
- 6:30 p.m. SWIFT Ladies' Bible Study Event

Saturday, August 15

- 10:00 a.m. Volunteer Workday at Meade County Clothes Closet

Tuesday, August 18

- 8:00 a.m. Under the Son Opening Day



Bringing Hope to Children Since 1871

Communion Offering For August

Our Communion Offering for August (and our Fifth Sunday Offering) will go to the United Methodist Homes for Children and Youth. This offering is vital in supporting the ministry to abused, neglected and hurting children and youth. It enables us to help give hope to these children for a brighter future.

Please give generously and help our Methodist Homes offer these children a chance to live in God's grace and abundant love.

SERVING ON SUNDAY IN AUGUST

Contemporary Service (9 a.m.)

Greeters: Atrium: Steve Cannady
 FLC Entrance: Kasi Schoenbaechler
 Ushers: Chad Barley contacts ushers
 Communion Servers: Pastor Jason, Pat Carlson, John & Nancy Inman
 Welcome Center: Mimi Wilson
Traditional Service (11 a.m.)
 Greeters: Atrium: Chester Davisson
 Sanctuary Entrance: Simone Davisson
 Ushers: Ron Barger contacts ushers
 Communion Servers: Pastor Jason, Jamie Wilson
 Tellers: TBD
 Welcome Center: Betty Barger
 Follow-up for First-Time Guests: Judy Stone

Hospitality: Provide food/Staff cafe

August 2 - Donna Funk
 August 9 - Joy Adams
 August 16 - Kaitlynn & Dakota French
 August 23 - Volunteers Needed
 August 30 - Jane Slinger

Congregational Life Update

— Lesley Wilson, Team Chair

The Congregational Life Team has been busy, hosting an old-fashioned potluck lunch following our shared worship service on July 19. And now we're getting ready for a new school year and a new season at Brandenburg United Methodist Church!

Halftime Returns Wednesday, August 12
It's a Luau!

Join us for a time of food and fellowship!

Dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. On the menu: hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, corn salad, chips and ice cream. Following the meal, we'll have a preview of classes, groups and activities to be held during the fall session of Halftime. Children and Youth will go to their activities. Hope to see you there!