



# February 2026 Steeple Bell



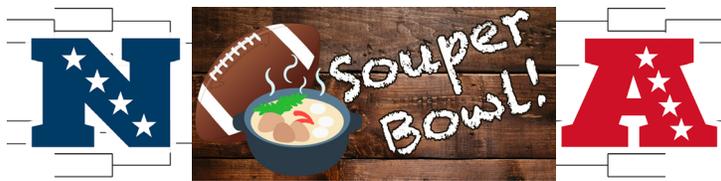
Fresh fallen snow, a beautiful if cold blank canvas, one you almost hate to mar with steps. But like a kid, you can't resist setting out, leaving a trail behind. In time kids, adults, pets, sleds, and eventually cars all make their marks, showing where they came from and where they went. Happy feet, sad feet, snow angels, snowmen, painful spills, spinning tires, all leave their mark.

The year is still fresh, though it's already a month gone. What steps will we take, what

adventures will we pursue, what marks will we leave that show from whence we came and to where we go?

Let us continue into this new year, seeking God's shining face, allowing grace to embrace and the Spirit to guide as we leave evidence, if only in some small way, that Jesus passed this way. Micah 6:8 "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

*Blessings,  
Pastor Jason*



## Souper Bowl Luncheon

hosted by the Congregational Life Team

**Sunday, February 8**

**10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Potato Soup & Chili,  
Cheese Sandwich and Dessert.

Eat In or Carry Out

Love Offering Accepted

Please donate a can of soup  
for the Meade County Food Pantry



## SWIFT Gatherings

*(Sisters Worshiping in Faith Together)*  
**Winter Ladies' Study**

**Tuesday, February 10**

6:30-7:30 p.m. Family Life Center

***The theme is LOVE***

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





Our communion offering for February is the “Have a Heart for Seniors” Love Offering to benefit Wesley Manor Retirement Home. In its 50-year history, Wesley Manor has never asked anyone to move away because his or her personal assets were exhausted.

To continue this critical charitable care legacy, Wesley Manor needs the help of Kentucky United Methodist churches and their members.

One hundred percent (100%) of the Have a Heart for Seniors Love Offering directly benefits Wesley Manor’s needy residents. Your generous support will enable Wesley Manor to continue providing a loving, Christian “home” to all of its residents, even if they can no longer pay for the full cost of their care.



*Dear Church Ladies,*

Thank you for the incredible food you prepared for our family after the funeral. It was a tremendous comfort during such a difficult time. Your kindness meant the world to us. We appreciate the delicious meal.

*With Love,  
The Family of Sue Hayes*



Happy Valentine’s Day from BUMC Mission Team!

Many feel February 14 is a day to celebrate those you care deeply about. This year, let’s make every day a day to celebrate love. There’s a lot going on in our communities, schools, churches, and even our homes.

One of the most wonderful ways to live out the scriptures is by spreading love, through service. Take time to check on your neighbors, elderly, friends, family, and even church members.

Let’s see your love shine this year as you put it into action.

“Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.”

1 John 3:18 (NLT)

*Charlotte Shepard  
BUMC Mission Team Co-Chair*



1 Corinthians 16:14

# News from SWIFT/BUMC Women



The women of BUMC enjoyed their time learning how to decorate Christmas Cookies with Robin Lancaster.



**The SWIFT/BUMC Women's Ministry is offering the following upcoming opportunities:**

Three separate book clubs (locations and times to be determined by group participants)

Women of the Bible Study (two locations and meeting dates to be determined)

A monthly Take-Home Meal Prep Group. Take some home for your family; leave some in the freezer at church for shut ins and the needy.

**Sign-up sheets are posted at church**



LOVE is in the air! And what better topic to stop and study in February!

Our Spring content focus is PAUSE. Learning to intentionally take pause and concentrate on specific scriptures, people, places, and things around us. Some of those we daily take for granted, but God did not intend for us to treat them that way. The blessing to love and be loved is one of those topics.

1 Corinthians 16:14 reminds us to “Let all that we do be done in love.” While we take time to study what Jesus says about love and how to love like He taught us to, this month we will also be showing it through our service. On February 4, our youth will meet at church for the Halftime meal as normal and then leave about 6:15 pm to head to the Clothes Closet to assist in processing, cleaning, organizing, and just serving our community through our love and time. Help the poor, feed the hungry, visit the shut ins, take care of the orphans...while we may not be able to do all of those things directly, we can serve some of the most vulnerable in our community by helping prepare the assistance that so many of them depend on. If you are a

youth parent, I encourage you to make sure your child is at youth on Feb 4 to serve in this work with us.

February 18 is ASH Wednesday—no greater time to reflect on how much Jesus loves us than to be reminded through the season of Lent.

Date to note—Feb 4: money and registration due for Spring Retreat.

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP OUR YOUTH?

Spring Retreat will be March 6&7 in New Albany, IN. I need help with meals! Can your small group/Sunday School class/Halftime Group, etc. sign up to provide either breakfast or dinner on March 7? We are looking for folks who want to come to the retreat center and prepare and serve the meal there or prepare ahead of time and join us in serving the meal to the youth and adult team. What a GREAT way to show love and serve our youth group! See Kelly if you are interested. I will also need drivers on Friday night March 6 to drive and drop us off and on Saturday evening March 7 to pick us up and bring us back to church. If you can help with this, please see Kelly or call 270-668-7256.

Thank you for all you do for our youth program. We LOVE you all!

*In Christ,  
Kelly Wilson*



**The Tribe kicked off their spring Halftime session January 14. Abby Owens was crowned the Cup Champion and won a gift card to Crumbl Cookies.**



*"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*

**Celebrating the start of a New Year**

January has been a month of fresh starts, new goals, and lots of excitement in the Children's Ministry program.

This year, we're focusing on:

- Learning Bible stories and verses in creative and fun ways
- Growing in kindness and friendship
- Serving others with joyful hearts

**February Focus: Love in Action**

*Bible Lessons*

- Learning how Jesus showed love to everyone
- Discovering ways we can share love at home, school, and church

• Memory verse of the month:  
**"Love one another as I have loved you." - John 15:12**

**February Activities**

- Feb 1 - Acolytes: Whitt Abersold and Lily Trotter
- Feb 8 - Confirmation classes begin - 10:00 - 11:00 in the Youth Worship area
- Feb 11 - 3rd Annual Love Thy Neighbor event
  - o The children are encouraged to bring a friend for a Bible lesson and evening of crafts/games

**Volunteer Spotlight - Cheri Lawrence**

Thank you, Cheri, for sharing your love of music and musical instruments with our children each week. Your love, patience, and enthusiasm help the kids feel God's love in a special way. Your smile always makes everyone feel welcome. We are so grateful for your faithful heart and talent!

**How You Can Partner with Us**

- Pray: Ask God to help our children grow in faith and wisdom.
- Serve: Volunteer to teach or assist in a class.

*In Christ's Love,  
 Melissa*



**More pictures  
 of the TWIGS  
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## Under the Son Spotlight

### Happy Valentine's Day!

"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

This month will be filled with Hearts, Helping and showing Love!

Toddlers will focus on the color Pink.

Three-year-olds will be introduced to numbers 11, 12 and 13.

Pre-K will start learning diagonal letters starting with K, A, N and M.

During our Bible story time the students will hear the story of the Good Samaritan. They will learn that God loves all of us and wants us to share His love by helping others.

Students will also hear the story of Jesus Feeding the 5,000. Through this story the students will learn that Jesus did miracles and that God will provide for our needs.

*Blessings,  
Heather Dumont  
Under the Son Director*



## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

**Regular Weekly Events:**

- Sunday, February 1, 8, 15, 22**  
 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, February 2, 9, 16, 23**  
 6:00 p.m. Scouts
- Tuesday, February 3, 10, 17, 24**  
 10:30 a.m. Sisters in Christ (BUMC Library)
- Tuesday, February 3, 17, 24**  
 6:00 p.m. FLC Reserved
- Wednesday, February 4, 11, 25**  
 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, February 12, 26**  
 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ
- Saturday, February 7, 14, 21, 28**  
 7:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ

**Current Events:**

- Saturday, February 7**  
 12:00 p.m. FLC Reserved - Pinewood Derby Workshop  
 12:00 p.m. Cafe Reserved - Baby Shower
- Thursday, February 5**  
 6:30 p.m. ManUp Meade County at St. John
- Tuesday, February 10**  
 6:30 p.m. SWIFT Ladies' Bible Study - "Love"
- Sunday, February 15**  
 12:15 p.m. Leadership Council
- Wednesday, February 18 - Ash Wednesday**  
 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service  
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, February 21**  
 11:00 a.m. FLC Reserved - Pinewood Derby  
 1:00 p.m. Cafe Reserved - Baby Shower

## SERVING ON SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY

**Contemporary Service (9 a.m.)**

- Greeters:  
 Atrium: Doug Aebersold, FLC Entrance: Ilene Aebersold
- Ushers: Chad Barley contacts ushers
- Communion Servers: Pastor Jason, Jeremy Fair, Jame Fair, Mary Lou Lotz
- Welcome Center: Jennifer Whyte
- Traditional Service (11 a.m.)**
- Greeters: Atrium: Rick Nelson
- Sanctuary Entrance: Karen Ilario
- Ushers: Ron Barger contacts ushers
- Communion Servers: Pastor Jason, Kevin Chesnut
- Tellers: Joy Trotter, Ron Barger
- Welcome Center: Jane Slinger
- Follow-up for First-Time Guests: Peggy Darnall

**Hospitality: Provide food/Staff cafe**

- February 1 - Scott & Amy Bogard
- February 8 - Dakota & Kaitlynn French
- February 15 - Bridgette & Libby Scheible
- February 22 - Jane Slinger

**Halftime Cooks**

- February 4 - Mary Beth McQuary (pizza, salad, dessert)
- February 11 - Sandy Horan & Mary Beth McQuary (best darn ham sandwiches)
- February 18 - Donna and Rachael Brown (ham, apples, green beans, dessert)
- February 25 - Parkers/Aebersolds (bean soup)

## From the Finance Team

Expenses and Income as of December 31, 2025	
Total expenses	\$437,440.81
Total received	\$456,968.41
Staff gifts:	\$2,575.00
2026 Budget	\$567,100.00
Regular Funds Available Balance	\$154,905.50
Designated Funds Available Balance	\$297,191.85
Building Funds Available Balance	\$19,560.46



**Thursday, February 5**  
**St. John the Apostle Catholic Church**  
**515 Broadway, Brandenburg**

# THE STEEPLE BELL

Brandenburg United Methodist Church  
215 Broadway  
Brandenburg, KY 40108

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**FEBRUARY 2026 EDITION**  
**PASTOR: Jason Brock**

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



(2) Jane Slinger, (4) Joyce Barley, (6) Jeff Carter, (8) Valerie Goins  
(9) Shelia Harper, (11) Mimi Wilson, (12) Roxanne Miles, (13) Marlee Fackler,  
(14) Glenn Dame, (15) Lindsey Frank, Jim Price, (16) Sheila Sager,  
(18) Megan Storms, (20) Scarlet Pierce, Mackenzie Wilson, (22) Kelly Wilson  
(23) Glen Wilson, (24) Tammy Cannady, (26) Brooks Nelson, (29) Mya Pollock

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