

JULY 2018

Brandenburg United Methodist Church

Building Bridges . . . Creating Connections

Connect with Jesus

Connect in Community

Connect to Your Purpose and Mission in Life

The Chancel Choir

of Chester United Methodist Church

in concert at Brandenburg United Methodist Church



**Directed by our own
Joshua Wortham!**

**Saturday, July 14
7:00 p.m.**

Looking ahead:

Sunday, August 12:

Invite Your One (details on page 3)

Wednesday, August 15:

Halftime Kickoff with special guest Phil Stacey (stay tuned for more details)

SERVING OUR CHURCH IN JULY**Contemporary Service (9 a.m.)**

Ushers: Ben Wilson, Robin Harper,
Vicki & Eric Hodge, Scott & Amy Bogard

Communion: Jeff & Denise Carter,
Maggie Wilson, Judy Stone

8:40 a.m. Greeters:

FLC Entrance – Debby Qualls
Atrium – Lee Klockow

Welcome Center: Bob Qualls

9:40 a.m. Greeter: Pat Cates

Traditional Service (11 a.m.)

Tellers: Sheila Smith, Terry Nelson

Ushers: Mike Smith – Lead Usher, Sheila Smith
Terry Nelson, Kelly Nelson, Jane Slinger

Communion: Jeff & Denise Carter,
Sandra Stone, Joan Wilson

10:40 a.m. Greeters:

Narthex – Jane Slinger
Parish Hall – Robyn Proctor
Atrium – Sheila Smith

10:40 a.m. Welcome Center: Robyn Proctor

Children's Moment (both services):

July 1 Jon Miller
July 8 Maggie Wilson
July 15 Bill Adams
July 22 John Jones
July 29 Johnna Pollock

Children's Church: 9 a.m.

July 1
July 8 Elizabeth Miller
July 15 Joy Trotter
July 22
July 29 Melissa Vowels

11 a.m.

Johnna Pollock
Jeremy Witt
Chris Wilson
Trenya Bova

JULY EVANGELISM AND CONGREGATIONAL CARE**Evangelism Volunteers for first time guests**

Heather Papp & Kelly Nelson

Assisted Living & Rehab Visitation

Sandy Horan & Kay Thomas

Shut-in Food Preparation**Delivery**

July 5 - Lesley Wilson Lesley Wilson
July 12 - Sue Mitcham Martha & Ron Pile
July 19 - B & G Powell B. & G. Powell
July 26 - J. Wilson/R. Proctor J. Wilson/R. Proctor

Monthly servers are listed in the bulletin the last Sunday of the month and the monthly Steeple Bell.

If you are unable to serve on the day you are scheduled, please make arrangements to switch days with another member.

**Wedding bells – again – for Don & Sharon**

Don and Sharon Martin will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows, and they invite their church family to join them on this special day. The ceremony will take place on Saturday, July 7, at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary at Brandenburg United Methodist Church. A reception with cake and punch will follow in the Family Life Center. No gifts, please. Your presence is your present.



Use your own online banking system or this QR Code to remain consistent with your giving and help Brandenburg UMC avoid the summer giving slump.

For full instructions on how to give electronically, please visit our website: <http://www.brandenburgumc.com/giveserve> or you may call the church office at 270-422-2810 and speak with treasurer Heather Wilson.

Looking ahead:

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, August 15**, when we'll have our kickoff for the Fall 2018 Halftime Session. **Phil Stacey, Christian recording artist and Season 6 American Idol finalist**, will be our special guest that evening. Phil's performances are marked by soulful and passionate performances combined with powerful testimonies that demonstrate the faithfulness of God. You won't want to miss it!



Sunday, August 12

Brandenburg United Methodist Church encourages all members and friends to “Invite Your One” on Sunday, August 12. As we prepare for back-to-school, the resumption of Wednesday evening activities and our continuing journey through The Story with the New Testament, we want to take the opportunity to open our doors to friends and neighbors who aren’t currently attending church.

Invite Your One is a one-day event designed to increase church attendance and encourage a Great Commission mindset among our members, not just on August 12, but every day. As we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, let us begin by being invitational and welcoming to those in our current circles.

Personal invitations are key and are most effective with existing relationships, but they are declining. Very often, we are hesitant to invite someone, but Invite Your One provides a specific reason to extend that invitation.

Most members have 20 or more direct acquaintances who are not in church. If you’re hesitant about inviting just one of those acquaintances, here’s something to think about:

- Four out of ten unchurched persons will say “yes.”
- Another four out of ten may say “yes”
- Only two out of ten will say “no.”
- Only one out of twenty will say “no” in a negative way.

Please begin now to pray about who will be your “One.” Who does not currently attend church? Who does not have a church home? Who does not have a personal relationship with Jesus? Who will you invite to church on August 12?

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK



Congratulations! We made it through our study of the Old Testament! It can seem like a long and demanding journey to truly flesh out the spiritual truths amongst all foreign soundings names, places, and strange cultural differences for us modern readers. But remember, the Old Testament forms the foundation for all that is to come in the New Testament and all that we learned in the OT will enrich our understanding of Jesus the Messiah and the spiritual truths in the NT.

During a summer hiatus from The Story, we will find ourselves in a new sermon series about the “Call of God.” Studying 1 Peter 2:9 we will look at God’s call to holiness, to ministry, and to action.

But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God’s instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you.

– 1 Peter 2:9 (MSG)

We will explore the nature of God’s call as it pertains to all believers and the call of God on our individual lives.

While enjoying your summer, please continue to support your church family in all the ways you can, even if you find summer full of interruptions and travel. Perhaps our membership vows can serve as a good reminder to us all of the importance of staying connected to Christ and His Church. “I will be loyal to Jesus Christ and the Brandenburg United Methodist Church with my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service, and my witness.” May it be so, even in the summer!

Jeff Carter

JULY CALENDAR

Regular Weekly Events:

Sunday, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Monday, July 2, 16

9:30 a.m. Sisters in Christ, members' homes
Contact Pat Carlson, 270-422-5700

Monday, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ (BUMC Library)

4:00 p.m. Weight Loss Group, Rooms 204/206

Wednesday, July 11, 18

6:00 p.m. Wacky Wednesday

Thursday, July 5, 12, 19, 26

5:30 p.m. Love in Action Meal

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Friday, July 6, 13, 20, 27

10:00 a.m. Young Mothers' Group, Dianna's Park

Saturday, July 7, 14, 21, 28

7:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ (FLC)

Current Events:

Saturday, July 7

9:00 a.m. FLC Reserved

3:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Monday, 9 July

6:00 p.m. Vision Meeting

Tuesday, July 10

4 p.m. Mission Team Meeting

Saturday, July 14

7:00 p.m. Chester UMC Chancel Choir
in Concert at Brandenburg UMC

Sunday, July 15

7:00 p.m. Leadership Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 18

5:30 p.m. Hospitality Meeting

Tuesday, July 24

1:30 p.m. United Methodist Women

JULY COMMUNION OFFERING

Bed Net Ministry

Reid & Lola Buchanan

Our Communion Offering for July will go to supporting the Rev. Reid and Lola Buchanan of the Mission Society. Through their Bed Net Ministry, a part of the holistic approach of Community Health Evangelism (CHE), the Buchanans work to eradicate malaria by furnishing insecticide-treated bed nets and educating about their use.

Bed nets work by creating a protective barrier against deadly malaria carrying mosquitoes that bite at night. A family of four can sleep under an insecticide-treated bed net, safe from malaria, for four to five years. The benefits of bed nets extend even further than protecting those sleeping underneath them. The insecticide woven into each net makes entire communities safer – killing and repelling mosquitoes so they can't go on to bite others who may not be protected by a net.

Although \$3 for a bed net may not sound like much, the cost makes them out of reach for most people at risk of malaria, many of whom survive on less than \$1 a day. Nets are a simple, life-saving solution, but your help is needed to provide them to those in need.

As always, communion offerings may be made any time during the month, not just on Communion Sunday. To contribute to the Bed Net Ministry, simply specify "Bed Nets" on your memo line or envelope.



Alms Fund Update

Since the beginning of 2018, Brandenburg United Methodist Church, through its Alms Fund, has provided \$2,700 in financial assistance with utility bills, housing needs, and traveler's aid to 16 families and individuals, including "Mrs. D."

Mrs. D has had pneumonia five times in the past six months, and she is on oxygen. Upon her release from the hospital a few days ago, Mrs. D came home to find a shut-off notice from the electric company in her mailbox. Her dependence on oxygen, coupled with the intense heat we've recently been experiencing, make electricity a medical necessity for her. Because of your generosity in giving to the Alms Fund, we were able to assist Mrs. D in keeping her electricity on, thereby ensuring she would be able to breathe. Thank you, church family!



Polar Blast

Our one-day VBS was a success with 19 BUMC kids, 5 from other churches, and 7 with no listed church family. Many thanks to our adult, youth and junior youth volunteers and helpers: Joe & Carrie Gupton, Jeramiah Witt, Johnna Pollock, Joy Trotter, Ilene Aebersold, Lee Adams, Megan Lytle-Case, Pat Case, Trenya Bova, Heather Wilson, Leslie Ford, Kelly Nelson, Charlotte Shepard, Summer Brown, Grace Welch, Sarah Welch, Emma Goins, Anna Wilson, Lilly Stiff, Lauren Witt, and Natalie Nelson.

In keeping with the polar theme, penguin candy jars were made in crafts for shut-ins and those in nursing homes. If anyone knows someone they'd like to give a penguin candy jar to, please see Jessie Trotter.

Wacky Wednesdays!

July 11 July 18 August 1

Wacky Wednesdays have been averaging about 20 kids with approximately half of those from the surrounding community. The children are loving the new bounce house. The grill is working very well and will be available for all church events. And those fake snowballs left over from

Summer with The Seekers

The Seekers Sunday School class is starting a study of the Book of James this summer. It is a great time to join the discussion and meet some new friends. Our class is located on the second floor, first room on the right after you come up the stairs. Or, if you take the elevator, turn right and walk to the end of the hall. It is the last room on the left.

Everyone is welcome!

If you have any questions, or you wish to contact the class leader, please give Tom McQuary a call at 270-536-3330.

Polar Blast have been a big hit! Wacky Wednesdays are for children of toddler age (at least 1 year old) up to children entering 6th-grade, and we ask that parents stay to participate in the activities.

In the event of inclement weather (which we've already experienced), Wacky Wednesdays move into the Family Life Center. Wacky Wednesdays are open to the community, so please feel free to invite anyone you think would enjoy attending.

Please see the electronic version of the July Steeple Bell for pictures from VBS & Wacky Wednesday!

Sundays @BUMC

Parents, please remember Sunday School for the kids continues through the summer, led by Jeramiah Witt and Jackie Bruington. On the agenda each Sunday: a lesson, game, snack and fun learning.

Under the Son

Under the Son Parents' Day Out Program is now accepting registration for the 2018-2019 school year. For more information, please contact Lynne Trotter at 502-889-0226 or e-mail undertheson@bburgumc.org.



Dear Church Family,

Thanks for the prayers, support and beautiful sendoff. Thank you for allowing me space to grow into becoming a pastor, from letting me preach to trusting me with your lives. My success in ministry is due to learning and growing at BUMC.

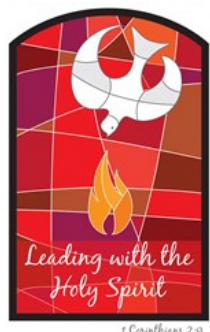
Val & Family

P.S. Thanks to Pastor Jeff, Johnna Pollack and Jessie Trotter for making the transition easier knowing I'm leaving our kids in a great place.



Looking for a blessing? Volunteer with Love in Action! This ministry is feeding 50-60 people each week and is in need of more volunteers. No special skills required – just a loving heart and desire to serve God.

For more information about Love In Action or to volunteer, please contact Sheila Smith at 270-422-1049 or Debby Qualls at 270-422-2382.



SEEING THE POSSIBILITIES Leading with the Holy Spirit

Lay Delegate Report – Sandra Stone

“Do United Methodists believe in the Holy Spirit?” That question was recently asked of me by a person relatively new to the denomination. I told her absolutely yes and thought of her often during an Annual Conference filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit. It began with the Monday morning opening worship service and Bishop Leonard Fairley’s sermon, “Looking Through the Eyes of the Spirit.” Inviting the Holy Spirit to that gathering and stating he is not in despair, Bishop Fairley addressed the issue of human sexuality and invited clergy and lay delegates to believe, as he does, in the promise of Jesus Christ. “I choose to look through the eyes of the Holy Spirit,” he said.

The Rev. Julie Love served on the UMC’s 32-member Commission on a Way Forward, which spent more than a year crafting various options for delegates to the special February 2019 General Conference regarding the church’s LGBTQ policies. She delivered a detailed update on the commission’s work.

The Council of Bishops has recommended the One Church Plan be adopted by the General Conference, but she stressed that all three plans will be submitted. The Kentucky delegates and alternates will join the rest of the UMC delegates in St. Louis for the February 23-26 conference. At the conclusion of Rev. Love’s report, Bishop Fairley reminded attendees that nothing in the Book of Discipline has changed and that only the delegates at General Conference can change it.

A petition by two Northern Kentucky District churches called for the Annual Conference delegates to instruct the Kentucky delegation to vote for the Traditionalist Plan which would keep the current wording on LGBTQ policy in the Book of Discipline. The petition was withdrawn just before the Wednesday afternoon session.

Laity Session

Jordan Knipp (daughter of the Rev. Willard and Julie Knipp) addressed the laity session. She spoke with passion and eloquence about an issue which could very well split our church: the divide between the older and younger generations. Jordan encouraged United Methodists on both sides of that gap to work together. Those who remember Jordan as a little girl growing up at Brandenburg UMC will be delighted to know she has

grown into a poised and lovely young woman. Jordan also spearheaded a project to provide goody bags for the preachers’ kids (PK’s) whose parents are taking their first appointment or moving to new churches. The bags were blessed during the closing session.

Annual Conference Items of Note:

- Our own Charlotte Shepard was a member of the choir which sang during the ordination service.
- Seven people were ordained as elders; six were commissioned on the elder track; and one was commissioned on the deacon track.
- Approximately 730 people took part in about a dozen projects and three workshops during Church Beyond: An Afternoon of Service.
- The Conference Mission offering was \$102,747.
- Delegates approved a motion that would require the Board of Pensions to refund a portion of deductibles paid by members on the KAC’s insurance plan.
- The Annual Conference budget was approved.

A Moment of Personal Privilege:

Much of what happens at conference – spirit-filled music, inspiring worship, uplifting and challenging messages – does not translate well into the report of a lay delegate. It’s a “geographical experience” – you had to be there. However, I must share one experience and pray it translates. During the closing song of the last session, a woman I did not know reached across the aisle to take my hand. At the song’s conclusion, she embraced and blessed me (and I her). That two-minute interaction was – for me – the distillation of who we are as *United* Methodists. We are not strangers; we are not enemies; we are not in this alone. Rather, we are children of God, brothers and sisters in Christ, disciples clothed in the power of the Holy Spirit. Blest be the tie that binds. . .



The Meade County chapter of Habitat for Humanity is getting close to choosing a family and setting a construction start date on the home which will be built in large part using funds contributed during our Christmas Miracle Offering – A Home for the Holidays. Inserted in this newsletter is a volunteer signup sheet. If you are interested in being involved in this project, please complete the form, specifying skills and areas of interest, and return it to the church office.



BUMC Tribe

Youth Ministry at
Brandenburg United Methodist Church



Kelly Holley

The TRIBE is gathering throughout the summer to spend some time together and spend time helping others. Our June trip was to Feeding America in Elizabethtown. Feeding America services 42 coun-

ties in the Heartland of Kentucky and provides food for elderly, shut-ins, weekend backpack program for kids who don't have enough to eat, orphanages, etc. We spent the day packaging food boxes to send to grandparents who are raising their grand-kids. It was a fun way to spend time together as a group while helping our community as well. We ended the day with ice cream at Baskin Robbins! Thank you to each of you who volunteered your day to help others!

*In Christ,
Kelly*



Blood Drive Coordinator Needed

Nancy Inman has served as the blood drive coordinator at Brandenburg UMC for the last 10 years, and she would like to take a well-deserved break from this duty. If you would be interested in stepping into this position, please contact the church office at 270-422-2810 or e-mail info@bburgumc.org.



Blood Drive



Dear Church Family,

I appreciate your prayers for me. I still don't know the results, but please keep the prayers going. It's been a long, on-going battle with the outcome of my fall on 9-11-16.

I have missed my church family so much, but thank God for the T.V. church until I can get back to my U.M.C.

*Respectfully,
Sue Hayes*

THE STEEPLE BELL

Brandenburg United Methodist Church
215 Broadway
Brandenburg, KY 40108

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PASTOR: Jeff Carter

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00 A.M.
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.



(1) Tamela Cole, Ryan Webb, Zeb Wilson (2) Carl Austin, Elizabeth Miller, Doddi Nordyke (3) William Denton, Vicky Harps, Mary Ann Plemmons (5) Azro Janes, Karen Keene (6) Martha Claycomb, Jarrett Joyner, Ryan Joyner, Cynthia Swanson, Tate Wilson (7) Stephen White (8) Dale Godby (9) Linda Basham, Michele Dix (10) Kristen Carter, Morriah Grubbs (11) Erica Cook, Donny Weible Sr., Christine Wilson, John Wilson

(12) Jordan Haynes, Julian Miller, Beverly Morrison (13) Karen Blake, Lucas Frank, (14) Emerald Gladson (15) Clay Barley, Juan Carlos Carrillo Garza, Lindsey Engle Frey, Mitchell Tupman (16) Katrina Hager, Martha Lambert, Susan Plemmons, Betty Shilling (17) Claudia Carrillo Garza (18) Mary Greer, Karlea King, B.J. Murray (19) Natsha Smiley, Lee Wardrip, Steven Wilson (20) Jenna Gallimore, Virginia Mitchell, Andrea Pepler, Pat Scott, Katie Wilson (21) Megan Jean King, Michael Robinson (22) Opal Early, Aimee Fackler, Tabitha Parrish (23) Catherine Banks, Tom Moore (24) Edward Stull (25) Doug Aebersold, J.L. Cannady (26) Zachary Michael Alexander, Alicia Flowers, Samantha Slinger (27) Kathryn Eschbacker Timberlake, Mary Beth McQuary (28) Jacob Redman, Bo Wilson (30) Kenneth Bruington, Rob Pack, Betts Price, Joel Ramsey, Scott Wilson (31) Sue Hayes, Kimberly Barksdale Wooldridge

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Brandenburg United Methodist Church Volunteer Survey

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Please carefully read and complete the following section. Your individual preferences will aid us in developing a strong volunteer force for the construction of the Habitat Home our church is building. All volunteers are welcome, regardless of skill level.

Please circle one of the following:

- Skill Level #1 Highly skilled, professional, able to lay out materials and work; oversee others
Skill Level #2 Skilled worker, can take responsibility for own activities and tools
Skill Level #3 Specific interest in an area, although no real skills

Please check the area(s) in which you are interested and specify skill level for construction tasks.

Construction

- _____ Finish Carpentry
- _____ Pouring Concrete
- _____ Finishing Concrete
- _____ Laying Block
- _____ Plumbing
- _____ Heating/Air Conditioning
- _____ Framing
- _____ Roofing
- _____ Hanging Drywall
- _____ Finishing Drywall
- _____ Vinyl Siding
- _____ Painting
- _____ Laying Carpet
- _____ Laying Linoleum
- _____ Hanging Light Fixtures/Ceiling Fans

Non-Construction

- _____ Provide lunch/food for Habitat workers
- _____ Pick up/deliver supplies
- _____ Clean up
- _____ General labor
- _____ Landscaping
- _____ Purchasing
- _____ Coordinate BUMC Volunteers

Wacky Wednesdays – three more to go!

July 11

July 18

August 1



Wacky Wednesdays are free and open to the children of our community from toddler age (at least 1 year old) up to children entering 6th-grade. Parents are asked to stay participate in the activities.

When the weather's nice, events are held outside; bad weather moves them into the Family Life Center.

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