



May 2026 Steeple Bell



May, quite a month, one filled with an endless string of special days and transitions. Right out of the “gate” Derby Day hits along with lots more metaphorical racing behind. Spring surges ahead, quickly leading into summer. School ends and with it come graduations and plans lining up in the coming months: summer camps, baseball, vacations, travel, camping, boating, and more. Mother’s Day, Memorial Day, and Pentecost fall in May, along with late spring and early summer weddings. Gardening, mowing, and other outdoor projects pile on to make for a jam-packed May and summer.

Along with all of these special happenings are our ongoing responsibilities of work, daily tasks, and periodic unexpected challenges or crises. As we approach this packed time and transition to summer, let us consider how we can carry spiritual momentum over from Easter into summer. Many things will compete for our time and attention, so

Holy Week Love Offering

During the Holy Week services hosted by the Meade County Ministerial Association, a love offering was received for Brandenburg Outreach and Ciara’s House. The offering totaled \$2,500 and was divided equally between these two organizations dedicated to helping women in our community.

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 shampoo & conditioner during the month of May.

before we head to the starting gate or get too far down the track, let us carefully pray and plan how we will maintain a focus on God and our growth as his disciples.

Away from town? Attend services online or at a local church near you. Missing Wednesday Halftime as it pauses for the summer? Maintain a Wednesday (or other dedicated day) for spiritual focus, studying or praying alone or meet with a few others for coffee, a walk by the river, or gatherings at home. Your regular worship time too early or too late because of your summer activities? Take the opportunity to connect at a different time, experiencing God in a different setting and maybe connect with new people or familiar people you don’t see often. Whether our schedule is busy or life is just being hard all on its own in the coming months, let’s take Psalm 46 to heart, particularly focusing on the phrase from verse 10: “Be still and know that I am God.”

*Blessings,
Pastor Jason*

**GRADUATION
Sunday**

Please join us as we wish our graduates well during both services on Sunday, May 10.

Members of the Class of 2026 are:

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| Jackson Bahr | Danika Brown |
| Nate Johnson | Piper Vowels |

Please consider writing them a card or note to leave in their baskets on senior Sunday.

Mission Notes



Beautiful Blooms!

Thank you for your continued support of our local food pantries. I love watching the floral blooms this season brings, and more importantly, I've enjoyed witnessing the spiritual blooming of our congregation.

I want to encourage you to continue pouring out into one another in service and kindness. May this

month of celebrations include opportunities to represent Christ.

Date to Note: There will be a Volunteer Work Day at the Meade County Clothes Closet and Food Pantry on Saturday, May 30, from 10 a.m. to noon. We'll gather for lunch together afterward.

*Blessings,
Charlotte Shepard
BUMC Mission Team Chair*

Thank you for your contributions to the Meade County Food Pantry based on the Ministerial Association's Rotating Donations Schedule. The generosity shown by our Brandenburg UMC family is amazing!

February: Bottled Juice

Gallons of Bottled Juice 40

Two tubs of nonperishable food items also given

March: One-Pound Bags of Dried Beans

Dried Beans 86

Cans of Tomato juice 12

March: Canned Meats

Tuna 39

Vienna sausages 10

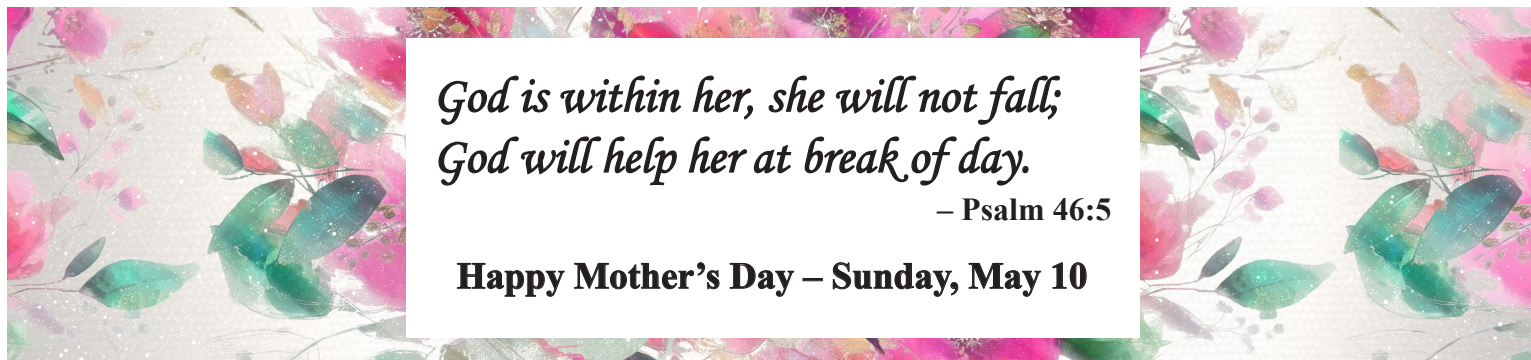
Chicken 15

Spam 19

Corned beef 1

Salmon 5

Ham 1



Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your generous candy donations for our Easter Egg Hunt. Your willingness to give so abundantly reflects the love, care, and community that makes our church such a special place. The excitement on the children's faces was a direct result of your kindness and support. We are also grateful to the youth group, Kelly Wilson, and the moms who gave their time to stuff and hide the eggs. Thank you for partnering to make this event a success.

*With love,
Melissa*



Fifth Sunday Offering

Sunday, May 31, will be a Fifth Sunday. Our special offering on this day 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.

Wednesday Night Halftime Update

Blessings to our amazing BUMC family and to all who have made a huge contribution to our Wednesday night fellowship meal this past year. This ministry would not be possible without the loving support of our cooks, servers, and cleanup volunteers! Thank you! I am honored to be part of this ministry.

As we look to a short break, I wish you all a safe and blessed summer and a joyful return in the fall. I am excited to see what God has in store for us all when our

children, youth, praise team, choir and study group return on Wednesday nights. In the meantime, enjoy some photos from spring 2026 Halftime.

“... May grace and peace be yours in fullest measure.”

– 1 Peter 1:2

*Jackie Bruington
Halftime Team Chair*





**A
Great Time
for
Halftime!**





May already?

It is hard to believe that this school year is about to wrap up. What a beautiful time of the year this is, but also such an emotional and challenging time as well. It is hard to say goodbye to our groups of seniors year after year. They make their mark on our youth group in what seems to be such a short period of time. Just when they settle in and truly find themselves and their leadership potential, it is time for them to move on.

We have just wrapped up our 3rd Annual Tribal Wars over the past three weeks. What an exciting time it has been on Wednesday evenings just having fun and enjoying one another before the school year comes to an end.

Our regular Wednesday night meetings have now concluded for youth. Wednesday, May 6, will be our



"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

April has been a beautiful month of joy, growth, and celebration for our Children's Church Ministry, and we are so grateful for all that God is doing among our kids!

We are still celebrating the nine children who were confirmed. What a powerful and meaningful step in their faith journey. It was a blessing to witness their commitment and to celebrate alongside their families and our church family. Please continue to keep Adrian, Caleb, Case, Jackson, Luke, Max, Michael, Ripken, and Twyla in your prayers as they grow in their walk with Christ.

Our Easter Egg Hunt was filled with laughter, excitement, and plenty of candy filled eggs thanks to the generosity of our church. The children had a great time hunting eggs and celebrating the joy of Easter together. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a

practice for Senior Sunday, which will take place on Sunday, May 10. Come join us as we celebrate our four seniors who are graduating:

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| Jackson Bahr | Danika Brown |
| Nate Johnson | Piper Vowels |

We will miss them so incredibly much. Please consider writing them a card or note to leave in their basket on senior Sunday.

Looking ahead... This summer's church camp will be June 22 - 26 in Martinsville, Indiana. Please be in prayer for this group going to camp! We need a male chaperone to join us on this trip, or we will not be able to attend. If you are able to serve in this capacity, please call or text me at 270-668-7256 or email joshandkelly.wilson@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support of another year. It is my honor to serve our youth and our church.

*In Christ,
Kelly Wilson*

success—your time and generosity made the day unforgettable for our kids.

A heartfelt thank-you to Mrs. Cheri, who led the children in one of my favorite songs, "O Come to the Altar." Watching the kids worship together through the song was truly moving. These moments remind us how powerful it is to invite children into the worship service and help them experience and share God's love.

Thank you to our volunteers, families, and congregation for your prayers and support. We are so excited to see how God continues to work in the lives of our children.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday nights - Halftime meal, music and a lesson - through May 6

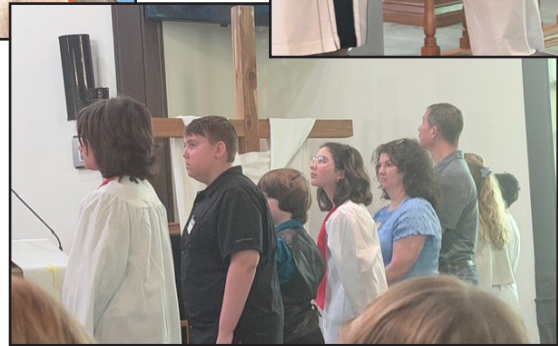
Sundays - Children's Church at 9:00 and 11:00 am.
Sunday School at 10:00 am.

Pool Party - Wednesday, June 24

*For His Glory,
Melissa*

See pages 5 & 6 for pictures from Confirmation Sunday and other TWIGS activities.

Confirmation Sunday



Easter Sunday Acolytes



Under the Son Spotlight

Spring has sprung and Summer is on its way!
We are in the final week of our school year.

It has been such a blessing to watch our students grow physically and academically and forming friendships I hope will carry into summer and the next school year.

This past year has been a year of learning and growing right along with the students as I moved from teacher to director. It has been fun!

I would like to thank each of you at BUMC for your continued support, encouragement and prayers for our program. The church as a whole has also played a vital part of our program. Thank you!

And a huge shout out to and thank you to my team! The year would not have been a success without them! They have poured love into our students and planted seeds.

Proverbs 11:25 "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

May they receive a much deserved and restful summer break. We will see you all in August!

*Blessings,
Heather Dumont
Under the Son Director*



MAKE PLANS TO
JOIN US FOR

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MAY 21ST
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BRANDENBURG

6:30 PM - LIGHT DINNER
7:00 PM - WORSHIP AND SERVICE





PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

LIBERTY TREE DEDICATION

MEADE CO COURTHOUSE
LAWN

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2:00 pm EST
Sat, May 16, 2026

Remembering Our Patriots





The public is invited!

Sponsored by the Ambrose Meador Chapter, NSDAR; Ky Historical Society; Ky Division of Forestry; and Meade Co Fiscal Court

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Cafe Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to prepare food and staff the cafe on Sunday mornings. The list below shows dates already covered and dates needing coverage. If you would like to help with this ministry or if you need to adjust your scheduled dates, please call or text Jane Slinger at 270-945-8711.

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| May 3, 2026 | Megan Sonner / Ilene Aebersold |
| May 10, 2026 | Joy Adams |
| May 17, 2026 | Volunteers Needed |
| May 24, 2026 | Volunteers Needed |
| May 31, 2026 | Jane Slinger |
| June 7, 2026 | Joan Wilson / Jackie Bruington |
| July 5, 2026 | Volunteers Needed |
| July 12, 2026 | Kaitlynn & Dakota French |
| July 19, 2026 | Volunteers Needed |
| July 26, 2026 | Jane Slinger |
| Aug 2, 2026 | Donna Funk |
| Aug 9, 2026 | Joy Adams |
| Aug 16, 2026 | Kaitlynn & Dakota French |
| Aug 23, 2026 | Volunteers Needed |
| Aug 31 2026 | Jane Slinger |



MAY CALENDAR

Regular Weekly Events:

Sunday, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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, May 4, 11

6:00 p.m. Scouts

Tuesday, May 5, 12, 19, 26

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

Wednesday, May 6

7:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ

5:00 p.m. Bell Ringers Practice

5:45 p.m. Halftime Cookout

6:30 p.m. Senior Sunday Practice

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 13, 20

7:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ

5:00 p.m. Bell Ringers Practice

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 27

7:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 14, 28

10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ

Saturday, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

7:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ

Current Events:

Friday, May 1

12:30 p.m. Cafe Reserved

Monday, May 4

6:30 p.m. FLC Reserved - Under the Son Graduation

Sunday, May 17

12:15 p.m. Leadership Council meets

Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost Sunday

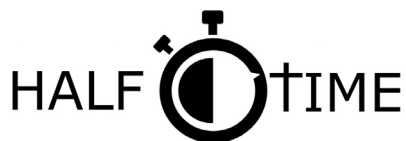
Wear Red Today

Friday, May 29

4:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

Saturday, May 30

All Day Sanctuary Reserved



END-OF-SEASON COOKOUT

Please join us on Wednesday, May 6, at 5:45 p.m. for our end-of-season cookout on the front lawn of BUMC. We'll have the bouncy house set up for the kids and the opportunity to share in a good meal and fellowship.

SERVING ON SUNDAY IN MAY

Contemporary Service (9 a.m.)

Greeters: Atrium: Megan Sonner

FLC Entrance: Mary Ann Plemmons

Ushers: Chad Barley contacts ushers

Communion Servers: Pastor Jason, Megan Sonner,

Doug & Ilene Aebersold

Welcome Center: Mary Ann Plemmons

Traditional Service (11 a.m.)

Greeters: Atrium: Jackie Bruington

Sanctuary Entrance: Sandy Horan

Ushers: Ron Barger contacts ushers

Communion Servers: Pastor Jason, Robyn Proctor

Tellers: Betts Price, Robyn Proctor

Welcome Center: Karen Ilario

Follow-up for First-Time Guests: Ilene Aebersold

Hospitality: Provide food/Staff cafe

May 3 - Megan Sonner/Ilene Aebersold

May 10 - Joy Adams

May 17 - Volunteers Needed

May 24 - Volunteers Needed

May 31 - Jane Slinger

Halftime Cooks

May 6 - Cookout - last Halftime meal of spring session

Communion Offering for May Annual Conference Offering for Aldersgate Camp

This year's Annual Conference Mission Offering will support the rebuilding of the lodge at Aldersgate Camp, which was lost to a devastating fire last fall. For generations, Aldersgate has been a place where lives are shaped in faith, where young people hear God's call, and where community is built through shared experiences.

The lodge serves as the heart of camp life. It is where campers gather for meals, worship, learning, and fellowship. Rebuilding this space is essential to restoring the rhythm of daily life at camp and strengthening its ability to form disciples across the Kentucky Conference.

Your gift will help restore not just a building, but a place where relationships are formed, leaders are developed, and faith takes root.

Our May Communion Offering will go toward this mission offering. Please give generously and be part of what God is rebuilding at Aldersgate

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MAY 2026 EDITION
PASTOR: Jason Brock

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



(1) Chester Davisson, Robyn Proctor, (2) Levi Hamilton, (3) Anna Wilson, (4) Tim Carden, (5) Amy Bogard, Keara Witt, Lauren Witt, (6) Jeff Cannady, Steve Cannady, (7) Jessica Pike, (8) Piper Vowels, (9) Chad Barley, Charlotte Shepard, (10) Jonah Papp, (11) Curtis Kulkofsky, (12) Bethany Spencer, (15) Mary Lou Lotz, Jake Miller, (16) Dawsynn Beasley, Jason Brock, (17) Lynn Thompson, (18) Madison Reynolds, (19) Grant King, (20) Denise Corley, Dave Harper, (21) Cole Corley, Megan Corley, (26) Jimmy Melton, (30) Del Harris

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