

November 2025 Steeple Bell



Privilege of Generosity

In 2 Corinthians 8:1-15, the Apostle Paul writes the church in Corinth (Greece) encouraging them to continue with their efforts to support the church in Jerusalem as they faced a famine. He uses the example of a small neighboring church in Macedonia to inspire the Corinthians, relating that this church of limited means “begged him again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift,” begging for the privilege to be generous. As we enter the season of giving, let’s be in prayer for what ways we might be inspired to be generous for the day to day cost of our ministry together, for the everyday needs of our neighbors, and for the local and global needs that arise all too often.

November 9 and 16 we will focus on the privilege of generosity related to our day to day ministry, exploring the membership vows we make when joining our lives with life and ministry at Brandenburg UMC: Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness. We will have the opportunity to reflect and commit on how we will be generous to God and Neighbor in these ways in 2026.

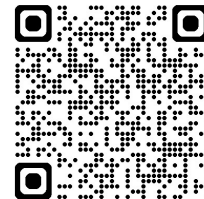
For now, we face the crush of ongoing needs for our neighbors in the cost of housing, food, and healthcare. Added to that are some 1,000 Meade County families unlikely to see SNAP supplement their grocery budget in November, along with federal workers and military families not receiving paychecks.

Please consider ways you might assist family members or neighbors directly, or by support of lo-

cal food ministries like the Clothes Closet. We are exploring some longer-term ways we can engage in hunger response as a church, but in the short term we will be thankful for those who can be generous in supporting Feed and Support Meade Families and the Turkey Drop.

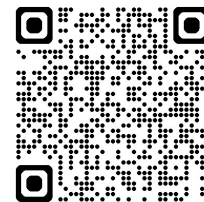
Feed and Support Meade Families (Feed Meade) – donations and food collections: 1) Fill the shelves of community partners providing feeding ministries; 2) Assemble some emergency food boxes to be available here at church; 3) Expand our ability to respond to families seeking assistance from our Alms Ministry (utilities, rent, urgent needs, etc.).

You may use this QR Code to make donations to Feed Meade through our online giving platform.



Turkey Drop – donations and food collections that will offer struggling families the dignity of cooking and sharing a complete Thanksgiving meal with those closest to them.

You may use this QR Code to make donations to Turkey Drop through our online giving platform.



Thank you for the ways in which your generosity enriches the lives of our church and community members and gives witness to Christ, the Author of Love!

*Blessings,
Pastor Jason*



In observance of Veterans Day, all Veterans are invited to attend services on Sunday, November 9.

From 1000-1100 hours, there will be a reception in the Gathering Area for Veterans and family members.

At 1030 hours, a group photo will be taken of all Veterans in attendance. We welcome our local Scouts serving on Sunday.

Illuminated Evenings at Shaker Village**Saturdays, December 6, 13 & 20, 4-8 p.m.**

During the holiday season, Shaker Village will bustle with light-hearted moments that remind us of long-ago winter days filled with wonder and laughter. Make time to delight in life's simple gifts with family and friends, as lively music, merriment and candlelight illuminate the Village.

If you would be interested in participating in a group outing to Shaker Village on a Saturday in December, please call the church office at 270-422-2810, or email communications@bburgumc.org.

More information about Illuminated Evenings at Shaker Village may be found at <https://shakervillageky.org/events/illuminated-evenings-2025/>



To our Friends at BUMC,

Thank you for your donation to Ciara's House and helping these ladies reintegrate into society with dignity.

We appreciate your being so kind to let Ron have his celebration of life where he spent so many years with his friends. I just couldn't imagine it being any place else.

Also, a big thank you for the bereavement dinner. It was so helpful for family and friends. You girls still got it!

*With Love,
The Ron Pile Family*

BUMC Family,

Thank you to everyone for all the calls, texts, food, visits, cards, encouragement, and especially your prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. I appreciate each and every one of you so very much.

Mary Lee Ernst

Dear BUMC Family,

We are grateful for all the love and support you gave and continue to give us because of my mother's passing. God has blessed us with faithful and loving friends. Also, we covet your continued prayers for my father.

*Love,
Bill and Joy Adams*



We would like to thank everyone who took the time to make something for our bake sale. And a big Thank You to everyone who purchased goodies and plants and made monetary donations. We raised approximately \$1,600 which will help cover processing fees for the more than 150 boxes we are packing. A recap of 2025

Operation Christmas Child, including all other boxes packed by members and online boxes, will be included (along with pictures) in the December Steeple Bell.

*With Many Thanks,
Mary Lou Lotz & Mary Plemmons*

THE TRIBE

Youth Ministry of Brandenburg United Methodist Church

October brought a lot of CHANGE! The weather, the colors, the season! In addition, the theme for our 10th Annual Fall Retreat was Jesus Changes Everything, and we studied Luke 15 and the parable of The Lost Son. What a great time to get away and retreat to focus on our relationships with Jesus and each other! We had so much fun at Camp Loucon!

November brings us a season of gratitude and we'll focus on that leading up to Thanksgiving. It's a great time to stop and reflect as a group about who we are

because of who has poured into us. Thank you to each of you who supported our youth ministry and our kids. Special thanks to Adam Papp, Jason Stiff, Anna Wilson, Brodee Fowler, Melissa Vowels, Donna Brown, and Melissa Stiff for chaperoning and driving to fall retreat and also to Mrs. Inman for sending us to retreat with her famous chocolate chip cookies.

I am looking for a host for our Tribe Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 19. If you have a place available, please reach out.

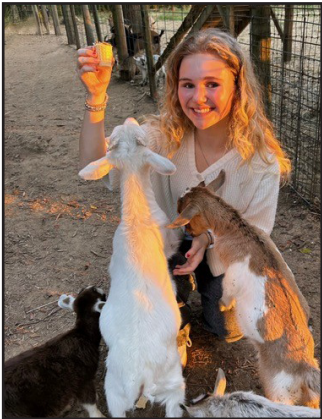
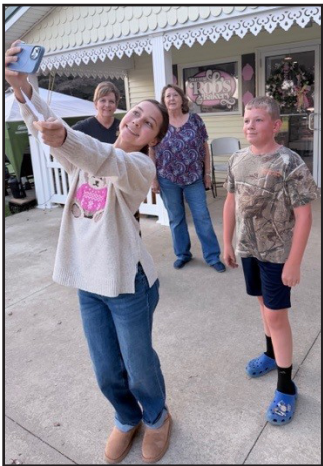
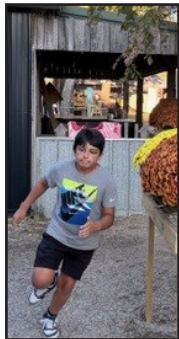
As always, I couldn't do what I do with our youth without your love, prayers, and support. So thank you for entrusting me with your most precious gifts from God.

*In Christ,
Kelly*





TWIGS and TRIBE Fall Outing





"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

Dear Church, what a blessing it is to walk alongside your children as they grow in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ. Here's what God is doing in our ministry this season:

Celebrating God's Faithfulness

Last month, the TWIGS dove into a 4-week lesson on Joseph and his coat of many colors. They learned about forgiveness, faithfulness, and trusting God's plan. We were able to use that knowledge, not just in our day-to-day lives but to answer the first question on BUMC's Trivia Night! We also joined the Youth at Roberts Family Farm. We saw big hearts and friendships forming as the two groups paired up for a scavenger hunt, feed goats, picked pumpkins and shared a meal together.

Lastly, it is an honor to bring back acolytes for the traditional service. Lily Trotter and Michael Jones were the brave souls who volunteered to serve in this way. "Jesus said: 'I am the light of the world'" (John 8:12 NRSV). The presence of the light reminds us of Jesus coming into our world and into our lives. The light is carried into the worship service as a symbol of Jesus coming into the presence of the worshiping congregation. The acolytes light two candles as a reminder of the dual nature of Jesus, both human and divine. At the end of the service, the light is carried out into the world as a sign that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere, and that Christ goes with his people into the world.



November Focus: God's Bountiful Blessings

- Acolytes: Adrian Jacobi and Whitt Abersold
- Friendsgiving: Nov 15 - 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Ministry on Wednesday evenings after the Half-time meal

Volunteer Spotlight

Thank you, Johnna Pollock! Your creativity and love for Jesus shine through in each of your Sunday School lessons. Thank you for being a vessel of His grace!

How You Can Partner with Us

- Pray for our children to grow in faith and wisdom.
- Volunteer to teach or assist in a class.

Thank you for being part of this ministry. Together we are raising a generation that loves Jesus and lives for His glory!

*In Christ's Love,
 Melissa*



Chili, Pumpkins, and Trivia!

On Wednesday, October 22, we held our annual chili cook-off and rounded out the evening with pumpkin carving and painting and a family trivia challenge. Thanks to everyone who participated.



**Chili cook-off winner
Scott Wilson**



**Pumpkin carvers
Heather Papp
Reighlynn Dix**



**Winning trivia team
Bill & Joy Adams, Amy & Scott Bogard**



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Regular Weekly Events:

Sunday, November 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

Monday, November 3, 10, 17, 24

6:00 p.m. Scouts

Tuesday, November 4, 11, 18, 25

10:30 a.m. Sisters in Christ (BUMC Library)

Wednesday, November 5, 12, 19

6:30 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, November 13

10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ

Saturday, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

7:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ

Current Events:

Sunday, November 9

10:00 a.m. Veterans Reception in Gathering

10:30 a.m. Photo of all Veterans in attendance

Thursday, November 13

6:15 p.m. ManUp Meade County

Fairgrounds Home & Garden Building

Fellowship at 6:15, service at 7

Saturday, November 15

11:30 a.m. TWIGS Friendsgiving

5:00 p.m. Fanning the Flame Bonfire and Hayride
at the home of Scott & Heather Wilson

Sunday, November 16

12:15 p.m. Leadership Council

Sunday, November 23

9:00 a.m. Congregational Life Team takes over the
Gathering/Sunday morning hospitality

4:00 p.m. Decorating for Advent

Wednesday, November 19

5:30 p.m. Tribe Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 26

Church Office Closed

No Halftime

Thursday, November 27 - Thanksgiving Day

Church Office Closed

Looking Ahead:

Thursday, December 4: ManUp Meade County and
Women of Worth - Shared gathering at St. John

Sunday, December 7: Shared Worship Service at 10:30
a.m. in the sanctuary, followed by a Soupfest luncheon
in the Family Life Center

Saturday, December 13: Cookie Decorating Class led
by Robin Lancaster (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; cost is \$45 per
person). Stay tuned for more information and signups.

SERVING ON SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER

Contemporary Service (9 a.m.)

Greeters:

Atrium: David Miles, FLC Entrance: Roxanne Miles

Greeters for Nov. 2: Jackson Bahr, Lucinda Ayres, Liam
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Ushers: Chad Barley contacts ushers

Ushers for Nov. 2: Joseph King, Patrick Kulkofsky,
Levi Stiff & Jonah Papp

Communion Servers: Pastor Jason, Lucinda Ayres,
Jackson Bahr, Joseph King

Welcome Center: Nancy Inman

Traditional Service (11 a.m.)

Greeters: Atrium: Mary Lee Ernst

Greeters for Nov. 2: Madelyn Ford, Abby Owens,
Thomas Saylor

Sanctuary Entrance: Jennifer Whyte

Ushers: Ron Barger contacts ushers

Ushers for Nov. 2: Maddie Goins, Sam Goins,
Jackson Bahr, Patrick Kulkofsky

Communion Servers: Pastor Jason, Thomas Saylor

Tellers: Peggy Darnall, MaryLee Ernst

Welcome Center: Tom McQuary

Follow-up for First-Time Guests: Judy Stone

Hospitality: Provide food/Staff cafe

November 2 - Sandra Stone

November 9 - Robyn Proctor, Eric and Daphne King

November 16 - Joy Adams

November 23 - Congregational Life Team

November 30 - Jane Slinger

Halftime Cooks

November 5 - Deepak Jacobi

November 12 - Heather Wilson, Lesley Wilson, Daphne King

November 19 - Melinda Stickle

November 26 - No Halftime (Thanksgiving)





Under the Son Spotlight

Happy Thanksgiving!

On behalf of my staff and parents, I would like to give thanks to all who had a part in hosting the Fall Coffee Bar for us. It was wonderful to see parents fellowshiping together. And we all enjoyed the tasty treats!

This month at UTS we will have a focus on Thanksgiving and what it means to give thanks.

Toddlers will focus on the color Brown.

Three-year-olds will continue working on numbers 4 through 6.

Pre-k will continue learning circular letters adding O, Q and G.

Our Bible story focus this month will be the 10 Lepers and teaching the children the importance of not only asking God for help but also saying Thank You.

I would like to wish each of you Blessed Thanksgiving! And always, thank you for your love, prayers and support of our program.

*Blessings,
Heather Dumont
Under the Son Director*



Thanksgiving Food Drive

BUMC is holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive to fill baskets the Meade County Clothes Closet and Food Pantry will distribute to families in need.

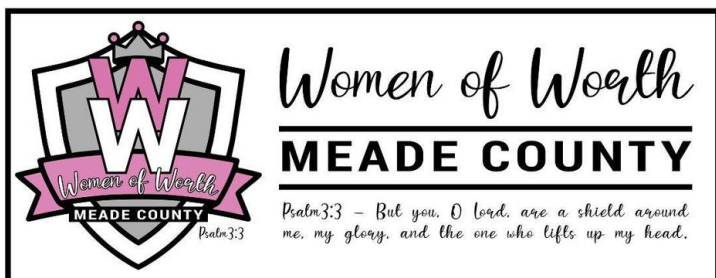
Please consider donating the following items: gravy packets, instant mashed potatoes, mac n cheese, canned veggies (corn, beans etc.) boxed stuffing/potatoes, brownie mix, cranberry sauce, canned yams, pie crust mix, pie filling, hearty soups, muffin/corn bread mixes, foil pan for turkey.

We'll also be accepting \$20 donations to purchase turkeys for baskets. Please bring all donations to the church no later than Wednesday, November 19.

For more information, please contact Charlotte Shepard at 270-925-6608.



Thursday, December 4 ManUp Meade County
and Women of Worth
Shared Gathering at St. John



It's a Takeover!

On Sunday, November 23, the Congregational Life Team will take over the Gathering/Sunday morning hospitality. Please stop by to enjoy a drink, a snack and a time of fellowship



On Sunday, November 23, beginning at 4 p.m., we will be decorating the church for the Advent season. Many hands make light work, so please join us. Then stick around for some pizza and fellowship after decorating.

Shared Worship Service and Soupfest Lunch

On Sunday, December 7, we will have a shared service in the sanctuary beginning at 10:30 a.m. Immediately following, we will share our Soupfest lunch in the Family Life Center.



THE STEEPLE BELL

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NOVEMBER 2025 EDITION
PASTOR: Jason Brock

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



(9) Lynn Beach (10) Scarlet Aiesi (11) Kelli Kennedy (12) Doug Stone
(14) Lesley Ford, Logan Steines, (15) Nate Banks (18) Scott Bogard, Russell
East (20) Billy Drake, Jodi Witt (21) Nate Johnson, Emma Ward (22) Todd Saylor
(23) Bryan Claycomb (25) Carson Stone (26) Terry Nelson (27) Betty Powell
(29) Ed Cates, Lee Klockow

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