



October 2025 Steeple Bell



Go Therefore

The last Sunday of September, our worship Scripture from Luke 15 challenged us as individuals and as a community of faith to prioritize our God-given call to search, find, and walk with persons who are wandering apart from Christ, or know Christ but have yet to find a loving, nurturing community of faith.

Within a 20-minute drive there are as many as 14,000 people who rarely – if ever – attend worship or are connected in a local church, many never having had any significant connection with a church. As we learned, even among those with no church history, there is an openness to be a guest at worship if asked by a friend or family member, but many never receive an invitation.

As we go forward, we will be learning more about how we can better invite or connect with wanderers in our community, which might look different than we think and can be a lot less scary than we suppose. For now, we can start with embracing this as a part of our Calling as Disciples of Jesus and begin to pray

for this passion to grow in our hearts, our members, and our ministries. We celebrate the fact our children and youth ministries are already living into this calling with a culture of invitation and hospitality, with some young people bringing friend after friend after friend on Wednesday nights.

Matthew 28:19-20 “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

*Blessings,
Pastor Jason*

Charge Conference

Our charge conference will be held on Sunday, October 12, at 4 p.m. at Hodgenville United Methodist Church. The conference is open to all. Any church member is a voting member.

Main Street and Myka Tuesdays in October, 5-6:30 pm

On the Patio at Main Street Creamery/
Riverview Cafe (weather permitting)

Grab a scoop, cone, or sandwich and join Myka (and Pastor Jason) for an informal time getting to know them.





Happy Fall, Y'all!

This is one of my most favorite times of the year! Cool crisp mornings, beautiful sunsets, football, and lots of yummy foods! It's amazing to me still how God's beauty is so significant with every season change. We are blessed to get to see them all in Kentucky – something I often take for granted.

October is a month that always seems so busy, and this one is no different. I could use some help and support with our Tribe from anyone available to assist. October 18-19 is our 10th Annual Fall Mystery Retreat,

and I need drivers! We will leave BUMC on Saturday morning at 9 am and we will need to be picked up on Sunday morning at 10:45 am. If you are available to transport some of our youth, please contact me at 270-668-7256 with your name, which day you can help, and the number of seatbelts you have available.

We could also use some baked goods and snacks to take with us for the weekend. If you can assist with that, you can leave them on the kitchen island with YOUTH on them no later than 8:45 am that Saturday morning. I promise they will all be consumed!

We are blessed by the support of our church family and we do not take your dedication to our youth program for granted. Thank you for all you do to help train up this generation. They are a good one!

*In Christ,
Kelly*



The TWIGS and the TRIBE will go to Roberts Family farm on Wednesday, October 15, at 5:30 p.m. (rescheduled from September 24)



*Tailgate
Party*



Melissa Vowels

"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

Our Children's Ministry continues to be an energetic and joyful part of our church family. Each week, we are blessed to witness the pure love and enthusiasm our children bring to learning about God. With hearts wide open, they dive into Bible readings and prayer, growing in their faith and understanding of His word.

We're especially grateful for Mrs. Cheri, whose faithful presence each Wednesday fills our time together with music, laughter, and learning. Her dedication and spirit are a true blessing, helping our children connect with God through song and praise.

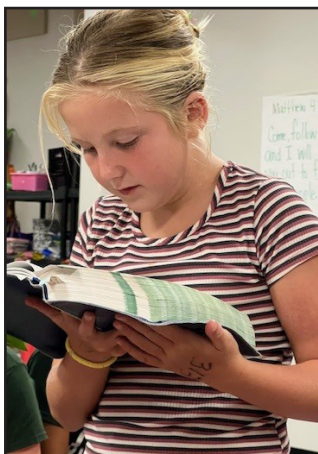
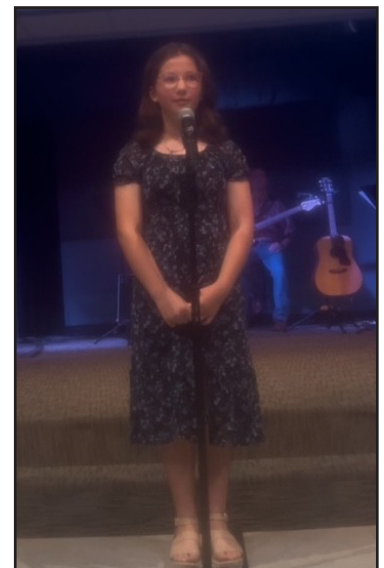
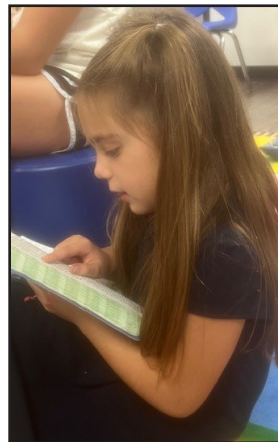
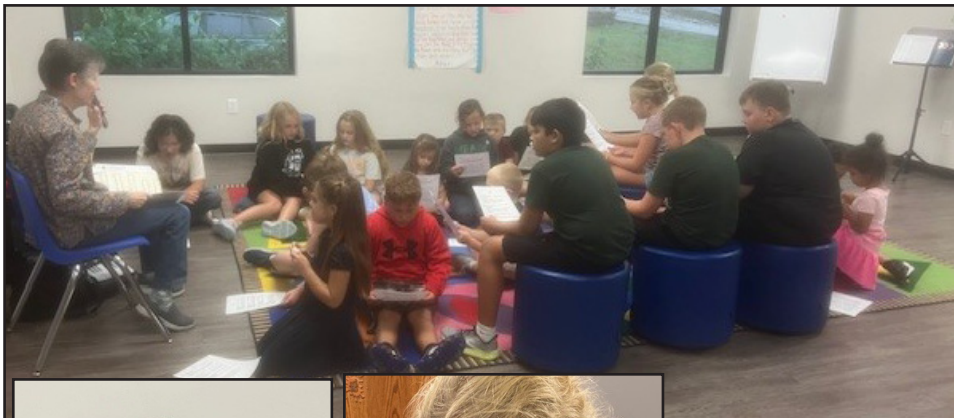
We are so proud of these young disciples and grateful for the opportunity to nurture their spiritual journey. Their energy, kindness, and love for the Lord inspires us all.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, October 15 - Roberts Family Farm

Wednesday, October 29 - Halloween craft night

Saturday, November 15 - Friendsgiving



Outreach Opportunity – Providing Lunch for Fire School

Brandenburg United Methodist Church has the opportunity to once again to show hospitality to the first responders attending Meade County Fire School on Saturday, October 11.



Volunteers to assist with assembling sandwiches, fixing tea & lemonade and hosting the lunch are needed, along with folks to prepare soup, sandwiches or desserts (cookies, brownies, lemon bars, etc).

Jane Slinger is the point of contact for this outreach. Please text her at 270-945-8711 or e-mail merry.jane.slinger@gmail.com for additional information or to volunteer. There is a signup sheet on the welcome center at church. The kitchen at BUMC is the dropoff spot for fire school lunch

Safety Committee Forming

Bill Adams, chair of the Leadership Council, has committed to form a safety committee for Brandenburg United Methodist Church, focusing on the following goals:

1. Evaluate all facilities to ensure we are up to code regarding safety, security, and accessibility
2. Keep medical equipment updated at ready for use
3. Discuss safety at all physical gatherings on the premises

If you would be interested in serving on this committee and/or focusing on one of the goals listed above, please contact Bill Adams at 270-668-8304.

BUMC Service Team

This small group of people is committed to identifying 15 small projects that we can do in the community this fall. If you are interested in this group, please text Jeff Cannady at 270-980-8640. If you would like to serve on the team, your text should contain your name and TEAM. If you have a project that needs doing, your text should contain your name and TASK.



Wednesday, October 22
5:45 p.m.

Please bring your favorite chili, cornbread and/or dessert to share. Church will provide hot dogs, crackers & shredded cheese.

Family Trivia Night immediately after chili cookoff.
Start forming your team now!

New Groups @BUMC

Young Adult Connections – Glen and Lesley Wilson will facilitate a Connections group for young adults beginning Sunday, October 5, at 10 a.m. in Room 203.

Wednesday Evening Classes begin October 15:
The Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith facilitated by T Parker. This study is a visual introduction to the core beliefs of the Christian faith. As you enter this study, let God's grace shape and change you. This is what it means to be a disciple.

Who are You Following? by Sadie Robertson Huff. This study explores the topic of influence and who each of us allows to influence our daily lives. She draws from her experience as a social media influencer and biblical truths about finding identity and validation in Jesus. This study for college-age and recent high school grads will be facilitated by Courtney Dix and will be both in person and via Zoom for those who are away at school.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Regular Weekly Events:

Sunday, October 5, 12, 19, 26

- 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, October 13, 20, 27

6:00 p.m. Scouts

Tuesday, October 7, 14, 21, 28

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

Wednesday, October 1, 15, 29

- 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

Wednesday, October 22

- 6:30 a.m. Brothers in Christ
- 5:45 p.m. Chili Cookoff
- 6:30 p.m. Family Trivia Night - Form Your Teams!
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 9, 23

- 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ

Saturday, October 4, 11, 18, 25

- 7:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ

Current Events:

Wednesday, October 8

- Fall Break - No Halftime Activities

Sunday, October 12

- 4:00 p.m. Charge Conference at Hodgenville
United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 19

- 12:15 p.m. Leadership Council

Thursday, October 23

- 5:30 p.m. Kitchen Reserved

Friday, October 24

- All Day FLC and Kitchen Reserved
Special Olympics Fundraiser

Friday, October 31

- 5:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat - FLC

Looking Ahead:

Saturday, November 15: Fanning the Flame Hayride at the home of Scott & Heather Wilson

Sunday, November 23: Congregational Life Team takes over the Gathering for Sunday morning hospitality

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

SERVING ON SUNDAY IN OCTOBER

Contemporary Service (9 a.m.)

Greeters:

Atrium: Robin Harper, FLC Entrance: Pam Noe
Ushers: Chad Barley contacts ushers
Communion Servers: Pastor Jason, Donna Funk, Kasi Schoenbaechler, Steve Cannady
Welcome Center: Bonnie Wardrip

Traditional Service (11 a.m.)

Greeters: Atrium: Rick Nelson
Sanctuary Entrance: Joan Wilson
Ushers: Ron Barger contacts ushers
Communion Servers: Pastor Jason, Deepak Jacobi
Tellers: Robyn Proctor, Melinda Stickle
Welcome Center: Mary Beth McQuary
Follow-up for First-Time Guests: Judy Stone

Hospitality: Provide food/Staff cafe

October 5 - Sandra Stone

October 12 - Bill Adams/Eric and Daphne King,
Bill Adams

October 19- Donna Funk/Joy Trotter

October 26 - Jane Slinger

Halftime Cooks

October 1 - Charlotte Shepard & Rhonda Mucker

October 8 - Fall Break - No Halftime Meal

October 15 - Sandy Horan

October 22 - Chili Cookoff

October 29 - Mark & Donna Brown & Betty Barger

Communion Servers Needed

We need four Communion Servers each month – three for 9 am service and one for 11 am service. If you would like to assist Pastor Jason with communion, please contact Sandy or Sandra at the church office (270) 422-2810.



To the Men & Women of BUMC,

Thank you for your kind expression of sympathy made to MC Athletics in memory of Jeff. There are just not enough words to fully express our heart-felt thanks for being his church family and for the prayers, love, and support extended to our family during his passing.

*With Sincere Gratitude,
The Family of Jeff "Frog" Greer*



**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 31
IN FLC**

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
(prior to home football game)

Donate bags of individually wrapped candy
for distribution (donation box in atrium)

Space is limited.
Signups begin October 5





Under the Son Spotlight

Happy Fall from Under the Son Child Care!

We are very excited to be back in session with our students. They have all adjusted very well to the start of a new school year. This month they will learn all about Fall and pumpkins!

Toddlers will focus on the color Orange.
3-year-olds will review numbers 1-4 and start 5-7.

Pre-K will finish learning straight line letters T and I. They will also start learning circular letters with U and C.

Our Bible story focus will be on Jonah and Daniel. Learning about obeying God. Having courage. Praying and trusting God when they might be afraid.

We are very thankful for your love, prayers and support of our program.

*Blessings,
Heather Dumont
Under the Son Director*

Items needed that would help support our program:

Snacks: goldfish, graham crackers, animal crackers, fruit snacks. Gerber baby puffs. Cheerios- Fruity blend or Veggie blends. (Snacks should be in regular larger sized boxes, not individually wrapped portions)

Coffee filters – flat bottom basket style, used for snacks and crafts

Seasonal themed stickers – pumpkins, fall leaves, turkey/thanksgiving, christmas themed, stars, snowflakes, hearts, etc. (our toddler class love to craft with stickers!)

The Congregational Life Team led by Lesley Wilson will host a Fall Coffee Bar for parents, grandparents and staff of our Under the Son program on Thursday, October 23, from 7:50 - 9:00 a.m.



We are preparing for a service of remembrance on
All Saints Sunday, November 2.

If you have lost a loved one in the past year and would like to have that individual remembered on this special day, please contact the church office with information and a photo of your loved one. Please also indicate the person(s) who will be representing your loved one in each worship service as all saints will be remembered during both services.

Members of BUMC are automatically included in the All Saints Sunday Service of Remembrance. All others are included upon request. Following is the list we have compiled since last All Saints Sunday.

Cynthia Swanson
Bill Heise (Mary Beth McQuary's brother)
Joyce Butts (Jessie Trotter's childhood friend)
Louis Darnall (Peggy Darnall's husband)
Tom Moore
Sherry Leeds
Danny Ernst
Sandy Pence (Mike Harreld's sister)
Christine Ramsey
Dennis Keeling
Jeff Greer
Patrick Burns
Ron Pile

Photographs are due by Sunday, October 26, in order for them to be included in the PowerPoint presentation.

An original may be brought in, or an electronic version may be e-mailed to communications@bburgumc.org.

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.



Our communion offering for October is World Communion Sunday. Holy Communion joins us in Christian unity. This sacrament invites us to focus on the holiness of communion with God and one another. On World Communion Sunday, United Methodists, in conjunction with other denominations and believers worldwide, participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. This universal and inclusive connection is the foundation of the special offering for World Communion Sunday.



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.

THE STEEPLE BELL

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



1) Ralph Packard, (2) Brian King, Brett Wilson, (4) Ben Banks, Adelaide Bruington, Courtney Dix, (5) Eli M. Dix, (6) Zeke Alexander, (7) Bill Adams, Mike Whitaker, (9) Cale Wilson, (10) Zach Bogard, Slade Sipes (11) Curt Barley, Madeline Goins, James Haynes, (12) Leah (Cannady) Hester, Jinx Furlough, Reighlynn Dix, (13) Angela Whitaker, (14) Nancy Inman, (16) Emma Goins, (18) Judy Applegate, Mike Harreld, Adrian Jacobi, Jerry Nelson, (19) Pat Cates, Caroline (Wilson) Roberts, (21) Megan Sager, (26) Macy Alexander, Keane Barger, Becky Crump, (27) Matthew McQuary, (28) Harlow Vowels, (29) Alex Furnival, Matt Spencer, (31) Jody Goins, Grace Proctor

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