



The Four Friends

The story of the Paralyzed Man from Mark 2:1-12 recounts the amazing faith and determination of Four Friends to get the Paralytic into Jesus' presence. While the crowd ignored the man's need and blocked the way, the Four "went the extra mile" to make a hole in the roof to lower him before Jesus where his sins were forgiven and his infirmity healed. We must remain vigilant such that we do not forget the need of others outside the door who are in need of hearing the Word of God, of being seen, of being healed, and of being loved.

It does not take long being around Brandenburg UMC to see faithful servant-hearts in action who

would certainly be counted among the Faithful Four. It is a blessing to know how in ways seen and unseen our "Faithful Friends" are responding to need with prayer, food, flowers, visits, cards, calls, invitations, and donations in response to grief and loss, sickness, economic trial, spiritual need, and more. As some of us joined together in the recent listening sessions, we began to see ways God might be calling us to go deeper in our love of God, connection with each other, and service with others. While we've only begun to dig into what everyone shared, many different individuals and groups within the church had already begun taking steps to make us even stronger in making sure no one is left out or left uncared for, outside or inside our doors. Thank you, Faithful Friends at Brandenburg UMC!

*Blessings,
Pastor Jason*



Photo by Ron Barger

A team gathered recently to complete a project at the church playground. The project included repairs to the wooden playground structure, power washing the equipment, removal of a hardscape block wall, and adding new mulch. Many thanks to Pastor Jason Brock, Jeff Cannady, Chester Davisson, Jeremy Fair, Jackson Fair, Max Fair, Deepak Jacobi, Warren Slinger, and Glen Wilson for their work on this project. Pictured, left to right: Jackson Fair, Max Fair, Jeremy Fair, Pastor Jason Brock, Deepak Jacobi, Chester Davisson. Foreground: Myka Brock. Not Pictured: Jeff Cannady, Warren Slinger, Glen Wilson.



Have you witnessed the pure glory of our recent cooler temperatures? I heard the meteorologist refer to this as our False Fall. That got me thinking about other areas of life that can often be deceiving, but yet we love! The world throws us a ton of things that are sometimes too good to be true, but we fall right in and get excited about them. Don't get me wrong – I am LOVING this False Fall, cooler temps, whatever else you want to call them, but they have also given me a great reminder to stay steadfast to what I know and not let things distract me away from the purpose God has for me. Enjoy the moments, but live for eternity, and don't let distractions steal your purpose, even when the grass sometimes looks greener on the other side of the fence! And don't put away your shorts and flip flops just yet because I have a feeling much warmer temps will return before we actually get to the Fall season.

Speaking of Fall, we kicked off this semester learning about Exchanges in the Bible, ultimately finishing with the exchange Jesus made for us – death to life, sin to forgiveness. We are digging into what our lives and actions need to reflect if we believe in the exchanges Christ made for us.

On our first Wednesday back together, we threw in a little fun as we jumped back in getting to know each other (see the included pictures).

If you have a student in grades 7-12, encourage them to join us on Wednesday nights in the youth room upstairs! We'd love to have them!

Looking ahead:

September 24 – Roberts' Family Farm Youth and Children's Ministry night, 5:30-7:30 pm

October 8 – no youth – Fall Break

October 18-19 – Fall Mystery Retreat

If you ever have questions or would like to plug into our youth ministry, please feel free to reach out to me at (270) 668-7256.

*In Christ,
Kelly*





"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

In August, the TWIGS kicked off a 5-week series on Heroes of the Bible, for Wednesday night Halftime services. This series focuses on the faithfulness of God and the qualities of Christ's heroes.

For mission work, we are assembling goody bags for new students. We know a new school, new teachers and making new friends can be challenging and sometimes intimidating. Our bags will include a note of encouragement and an invitation welcoming them to try out BUMC.

In September, we will bring back acolytes, monthly, during the 11:00 service. As we prepare for this honor, we are learning how to symbolically carry the "Light of Christ" into and out of the sanctuary and remind the congregation to take HIS light into the world.

We look forward to a family outing on Wednesday, September 24, to Roberts' Family Farm (more details to come).

In addition, I am so thankful for all those who help our children's ministry grow and thrive. A special thanks to:

- Heather Papp
- Johnna Pollock
- Memory Jones
- Cheri Lawrence
- Sandra Stone
- Jamie Wilson
- Morgan Turner Smallwood
- Jame Fair



Mission Team News

Volunteer Day at Clothes Closet

On Saturday, September 6, from 9am to noon, the mission team and volunteers will spend a few hours organizing, sorting, and cleaning at the Meade County Clothes Closet/Food Pantry.

The Clothes Closet is a community organization that serves many families and depends on volunteers to keep their products shelved and sorted. Please consider giving your time to help. Tasks include sorting and shelving books, sorting and shelving shoes, hanging clothes, organizing holiday costumes, and cleaning. When we finish our work day, we'll enjoy a meal at a local restaurant.

Please arrive at the by 9am at the Clothes Closet. If you are interested in volunteering for our morning of service, contact Charlotte Shepard so we can choose your work area.

Thank you for all you do to advance the Kingdom of God!



Dear BUMC Family,

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during my surgery and recovery. Many thanks to Robyn Proctor for making the arrangements for the food delivery and for the ladies who fixed and delivered the delicious meals.

*God Bless,
Simone Davisson*

COMMUNION OFFERING for SEPTEMBER

Carol Pebley, Translation Specialist

Our communion offering for September will go to support Carol Pebley, a field linguist and translation specialist.

From Carol:

It's a joy to help Bible translation teams make sure the Scriptures are accurate, clear, natural, and acceptable.

I am so thankful for all of your concern for me, your help, your many prayers, and your support in the work to bring the Scriptures to those who have never had it before. I couldn't do this without an incredible team of prayer and financial partners – people like you!

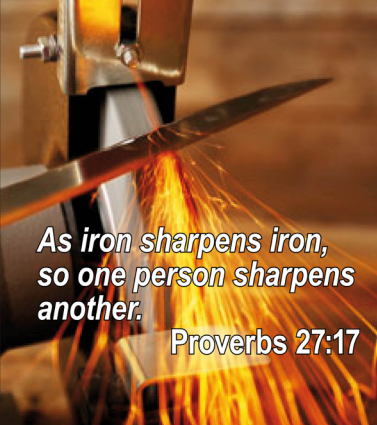
E-mail: carol_pebley@sil.org

Online link to partner with Carol in praying or giving:
<https://www.wycliffe.org/partner/EFCF8F>

September Event
Thursday, September 4
Brandenburg UMC

Food & Fellowship 6:30 pm
worship to follow







Java with Jason

Sundays in September

10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Room 203

This is another opportunity to get acquainted, ask questions about faith or the United Methodist Church, discuss membership, etc.

Grab a beverage/snack and join Pastor Jason!

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Regular Weekly Events:

Sunday, September 7, 14, 21, 28

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups - all ages
- 10:15 a.m. Java with Pastor Jason, Room 203
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Tuesday, September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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

Wednesday, September 3, 10, 17, 24

- 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, September 11, 25

- 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ

Saturday, September 6, 13, 20, 27

- 7:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ

Current Events:

Thursday, September 4

- 6:30 p.m. ManUp Meade County hosted by BUMC

Friday, September 12

- 6 p.m. Football Tailgating

Saturday, September 13, 20

- 9:00 a.m. SWIFT Initial Meetings
(Sisters Worshiping in Faith Together)

Thursday, September 18

- 5:00 p.m. FLC Reserved - Special Olympics setup

Friday, September 19

- All Day FLC Reserved - Special Olympics

Sunday, September 21

- 12:15 p.m. Leadership Council

Wednesday, September 24

- 5:45 p.m. TWIGS and TRIBE - Family Night at Roberts' Family Farm

SERVING ON SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

Contemporary Service (9 a.m.)

Greeters:

Atrium: Amy Bogard, FLC Entrance: Jennifer Whyte
Ushers: Chad Barley contacts ushers
Communion Servers: Pastor Jason, TBD
Welcome Center: Lesley Wilson

Traditional Service (11 a.m.)

Greeters:

Atrium: Tom McQuary
Sanctuary Entrance: MaryBeth McQuary
Ushers: Ron Barger contacts ushers
Communion Servers: Pastor Jason, TBD
Tellers: Ron Barger, Joy Trotter
Welcome Center: Betts Price
Follow-up for First-Time Guests: Judy Stone

Hospitality: Provide food/Staff cafe

September 7 - Sandra Stone

September 14 - Joy Adams/Eric and Daphne King, Joy Trotter

September 21 - Joan Wilson & Karen Ilario/Joy Adams

September 28 - Jane Slinger

Calling all SWIFTies!

Sisters Worshiping In Faith Together

Saturday, September 13 and 20 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

We are seeking women of all ages to help grow the BUMC Women's Ministry, establish new programs and facilitate events and small group gatherings to meet the needs of the women of our church. The first two Saturday sessions will be in small group settings to get the ball rolling. The hour will include snacks, coffee/tea, a short devotion, and time of fellowship.

New Six-Week Bible Study: UNIQUELY JOHN

Join us for a 6-week dive into the Gospel of John and discover what makes the fourth gospel stand out among the others. Led by Val Goins in the Believers Sunday School Class, this study will explore the unique miracles, "I Am" statements, and powerful themes of John's gospel that point us to Jesus as the Son of God.

- **When:** Sundays at 10:00 AM, beginning September 7
- **Where:** Believers Sunday School Class
- **Visitors** are warmly welcome!



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



(4) Melissa Vowels, (6) Julia Jones, Darren Sipes, (7) Barbara Thompson, (8) T. Parker, (10) Lenny Banks, (11) Claire (Cannady) Furnival, Robert Lawrence, (13) Nathan Wilson, Melissa Ward, (14) Jackie Bruington, Linda Dodson, Abby Nelson, Jean Walls, (15) Kaitlyn Beach, (17) Madison Beach, (18) Leona Cannady, Sandy Horan, Linnea Boyer, (19) Michael Bruington, Janet Carden, Mary Slinger, (21) Emerald (Holley) Dupuis, Brenden Ward, (24) Mary Lee Ernst, (25) Jackson Pollock, (28) Alec Stone, (30) Martin Horan, Kathleen Packard

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