



September 2026 Steeple Bell



Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

As I shared a few weeks ago, I and several other local pastors/leaders had the privilege of being a part of a Community Walk at the invitation of the Meade County School District. We arrived at Flaherty Primary/Elementary and were warmly greeted by students with a firm handshake and steady eye contact. We met with teachers, principals, board members, food service staff, and the head of transportation. We learned a lot and had a great tour of the school and the classrooms during small group instruction. We also brainstormed ways we might engage in supporting children and families in our community. I look forward to some dialogues here at BUMC and consider where God might be calling us in that regard.

Public education has its roots in Sunday School, with the Methodist movement being on the leading edge in the 18th century educating children who worked six days a week. This helped them learn to read the Bible, but also rounded out their education on the only free day they had. We are blessed with a great school system, blessed with great children and youth leaders, and blessed with many folks that as a career or volunteer have invested themselves in the children of this church and community. Let us include the 7,000

children and youth in our area in our daily prayers, that God would bless them, protect them, and lead them. Let us pray for what ways God is calling us to be an answer to the prayers or cries of children and families.

Pray daily, but each time you go by a school, pass by a bus, or see a child or youth, take an extra opportunity to pray and give a blessing for children, families, and all who care for them spiritually, educationally, and physically. Please take the opportunity to go on one of the upcoming Community Walks listed in the newsletter, and let us dream where God would have us put prayer into action.

*Blessings,
Pastor Jason*

Explore BUMC Second and Third Sundays beginning in September, 10:15 am

Join Pastor Jason for a two-part introduction to life and service at Brandenburg UMC and what it means to be a United Methodist. This is for newer guests or folks who've attended for a while who want to explore more about life at BUMC or perhaps are considering joining. If you miss one part, simply catch it the next month.



Plans are in the works for offering opportunities for our church family to serve members of our congregation and community. Stay tuned for more. You may also call or text Bill Adams at 270-668-8304.

***Fresh Start!***

Many are excited to start a fresh season of sports! Let's also be ready to start each day anew with Christ. Let's continue to cheer one another on so we can all run across the heavenly goal posts.

Thank you to each of you for participating in our day of volunteering at the Clothes Closet. Feel free to stop by during business hours to lend a hand whenever possible.

Thank you, also, for your generosity for the Meade County Food Pantry during the month of August.

We collected:

Soup - 86 cans
Misc. canned goods - 2
Dried beans - 1
Cereal - 2 boxes
Oatmeal- 1 case (52 packs)
Tuna-2
Personal care items kits- 11
Toothpaste- 1

During the month of September, BUMC is asked to donate cans of ravioli and spaghetti-o's for the Meade County Food Pantry.

*Blessings,
Charlotte Shepard, Mission Chair*

**Run the Race. Keep the Faith.
Go for the Gold!**

VBS Makeup Event Wednesday, September 9

Please join us for an Olympic-themed VBS makeup event during Halftime on Wednesday, September 9. Through games, music, crafts, Bible lessons, and fellowship, children will be encouraged to keep their eyes on Jesus, give their best effort, and grow stronger in their relationship with God.

Activities will begin immediately following the Halftime fellowship meal. No registration needed; bring yourself, and bring a friend!

Outreach Opportunity – Fire School Lunch

Meade Fire School will be held in early October, offering training to between 75 and 120 first responders from five counties.



Brandenburg United Methodist Church will mark its 10th year of showing hospitality to the fire school attendees by serving lunch on Saturday, October 10. Jane Slinger and Deepak Jacobi are leading this outreach effort.

Items and Volunteers Needed for the Luncheon:

14 Crock Pots of soup (please label with name/address)
20 loaves of sandwich bread plus ham, turkey, pimento cheese, and two jars peanut butter for sandwiches
2 volunteers to help make sandwiches that Saturday
10 plates of grab-and-go desserts (cookies brownies, etc.)
Servers and cleanup help

If you cannot assist with food preparation or serving but would like to assist in another way, tea, lemonade, cups, bowls, plates, spoons, napkins, and boxes of saltine crackers will need to be purchased for the lunch.

For more information or to volunteer, please text Jane at 270-945-8711 or e-mail merry.jane.slinger@gmail.com.



SWIFT (Sisters Worshipping in Faith Together)

Sisters Worshipping in Faith Together (SWIFT) will meet the second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Light snacks will be served. Nursery available. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

September 8 October 13 November 10

The Chancel Choir
will return to the
Traditional worship
services on
Sunday,
September 6



The Fuller Center will celebrate its second Foundations Of Hope Gala. The gala is our premier event designed to gather the community and share our mission. The Foundations Of Hope Gala will take place on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at the Farm Bureau Building in Brandenburg. Please consider joining us for an amazing evening. If you are unable to attend, we still have donation and sponsorship opportunities available.

Together we can build a stronger foundation for our community. Thank you for your support.

Charlotte Shepard
Fuller Center Board Secretary



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

AUCTION ITEMS DONATIONS NEEDED



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE





Hello, Tribe, and welcome to September!

We have officially kicked off our fall and are working through the book of Hebrews. We are taking a deep dive into who Jesus is in regards to our faith.

It has been a fun couple of weeks getting back into the groove of our regular Wednesday evenings. We have welcomed many new friends and faces as our youth have been challenged to bring a buddy and their Bible each Wednesday night. If you are a parent of a youth member, please encourage them to invite a friend and bring their Bible.

We have a busy fall planned and many opportunities for church members to get involved with our youth group. We are excited to be supporting our make up Vacation Bible school date on September 9, attending

our 11th annual fall mystery retreat the weekend of September 18-20, and enjoying our annual Roberts Family Farm youth and children's ministry night on September 30.

I am excited to announce that Megan Corley is joining me on Wednesday evenings to work with our youth group. I am so thankful she has graduated from college, accepted a new career position, moved back to Brandenburg, and wants to assist with our youth group! We are so very blessed to have her!

As we move closer to the fall and the holidays, I am looking for families who would like to host our Thanksgiving dinner and our Christmas party. If you have the space and ability to do that and are interested, please feel free to reach out to me.

As always, I am honored to serve the youth and families of our church.

*In Christ,
Kelly Wilson*



Under the Son Spotlight

Fall is in the air and our students have had a great start to our school year!

The students have had a few weeks to get to know each other, their teachers, and our morning routine. All are doing so well!

September will be full of all things apples.

Our toddler class will have lots of activities to learn the color red.

The 3-year-old class will start learning numbers, starting with 1-4.

Our Pre-K class will begin letter recognition and writing; starting with straight line letters L, F, E, H and T.

During our Bible story time all students will hear about Adam and Eve, learning about obedience.

The second half of the month, they will focus on the story of Joseph and forgiveness.

"If you love me, keep my commands" John 14:15

Thank you to all who have prayed over our program. It truly makes a difference in our days when our teachers and little ones have been lifted up with prayer and words of encouragement!

*Blessings,
Heather Dumont
Under the Son Director*



Under the Son Staff



"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

The TWIGS had a great evening during our "Seek God's Beauty" Scavenger Hunt! As our children explored the world around them, they discovered countless reminders of God's presence, love, and creativity in everyday life. From colorful flowers and leaves to unique rocks, towering trees, and the beauty of nature all around us, each discovery pointed us back to our amazing Creator.

More importantly, our children learned that God is not only revealed through His creation, but He is also with us every day. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God guides us, comforts us, and helps us grow in faith. What a blessing it was to watch our children open their eyes and hearts to the ways God is working in the world around them! When we slow down and pay attention, we can see His fingerprints everywhere.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." - Psalm 19:1

Get ready for a super charged Wednesday night as we **Go for the Gold!**

When: September 9 - 5:45 - 7:30

Where: BUMC

What: Obstacle courses, bouncy house, crafts, Bible lessons and fellowship, all while parents attend their Wednesday evening classes.

As we run the race and keep the faith, this evening will be a reminder that following Jesus is the greatest prize of all.

The children are encouraged to bring a friend!

Upcoming Events

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

Wednesday nights - Halftime meal (5:45 pm), music and a lesson (6:30 - 7:30 pm)

September 6 - Acolytes: Whitt Aebersold, Arland Wilson

September 9 - Super Charged Half-Time Event - Go For the Gold - 5:45 - 7:30 - join us for a meal, crafts, scavenger hunt, obstacle courses and fellowship.

*In His Service,
 Melissa*





Grief Group

Sundays, 6-7:30 pm
September 13-
October 25

Val Goins will once again facilitate a seven-week grief group beginning Sunday, September 13, concluding October 25.

Using The Grief Recovery Handbook as their guide, the group will provide a safe, supportive space for people who are grieving to process their loss, learn about the grief process, and take some intentional steps toward healing. Participants are asked to commit to the entire seven-week series if possible.

The first two weeks will be open to all, then the group will be closed to provide a confidential environment in which to work through the steps in the Grief Recovery Handbook. The group will be open to the community, so you may share this information with friends or family members.

The registration form for this group may be found at <https://brandenburg.breezechms.com/form/c01466> or by using the QR code at right.



Congratulations to Dawn Scholl, Clara Barton Honor Award Recipient

Each year, the American Red Cross honors individuals whose dedication and service embody the heart of the American Red Cross Mission. This year, in a surprise ceremony, our own Dawn Scholl received the Clara Barton Honor Award for Meritorious Leadership from the South Central Kentucky's chapter.

This award is the highest recognition celebrating a volunteer whose sustained leadership and collaborative spirit have helped shape and strengthen the powerful capability to serve local communities and assist those in need. The award is presented individuals who have made significant impact by contributing to operations, programs, and services while serving as selfless leaders exemplifying the true spirit of volunteerism.

Take an Inside Look at Meade County Schools

Meade County Schools is opening its doors and inviting community members to join them for a Community Walk inside our schools. This is an opportunity to experience a typical school day, see learning in action, and connect with the incredible work happening in our classrooms.

Payneville Elementary –

Tuesday, September 22 | 8:30–10:00 AM

Stuart Pepper Middle School –

Tuesday, October 20 8:30–10:00 AM

There's no cost to attend, but space is limited because it takes place during the school day. All participants will complete our school visitor process, including a background check, to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

If you're interested in taking one of these Community Walks, please use the QR code at right or link below to sign up: <https://forms.gle/13zxVVXR2FHxUzJk8>



Congratulations to Joy Trotter, Miss Pickle Award Recipient

Some stories come full circle in the most beautiful ways. Long before Joy Trotter became the beloved Children's Librarian at the Meade County Public Library, she was a child sitting in the library, growing up with Miss Pickle (Wanda Brown) as her children's librarian.

Miss Pickle left a lasting impression on Joy, instilling in her the love of the library. Years later, Joy chose a path that would allow her to create that same sense of wonder and connection for generations of children in our community.

The Meade County Public Library presented to Joy Trotter the Miss Pickle Outstanding Children's Service Award, an award created to celebrate the legacy of the very librarian who helped make the library such a special place during Joy's own childhood.

Visit meadereads.org/news to see a video of Joy sharing her love of the library and the children she interacts with as the children's librarian.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Regular Weekly Events:

Sunday, September 6, 13, 20, 27

- 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, September 14, 21, 28

- 6:30 p.m. Scouts

Wednesday, September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

- 7:00 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 10, 24

- 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ

Saturday, September 5, 12, 19, 26

- 7:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ

Current Events:

Monday, September 7 - Labor Day

- Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8

- 6:30 p.m. SWIFT Ladies' Bible Study Event

Friday, September 18 - Sunday, September 20

- TRIBE Fall Mystery Retreat

Sunday, September 20

- 12:15 p.m. Leadership Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 30

- 5:30 p.m. Family Night at Roberts' Family Farm

There have been inquiries of late regarding the need for rides to appointments. Rumor has that years ago we had a list of folks who would be able to provide rides as needed to members of our church family. If you would like to be placed on a list to provide a ride or if you would benefit from this ministry, please call the church office at 270-422-2810 or e-mail info@bburgumc.org.

Sunday School Teachers Needed



Children's Ministries director Melissa Vowels is seeking a Sunday School teacher (or teachers) for the TWIGS. All help is welcome – either once a month or more frequently.

Please contact Ms. Melissa at 502-296-7338 if you would like to assist with this ministry.

SERVING ON SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

Contemporary Service (9 a.m.)

Greeters: Atrium: Garrett Deaton
 FLC Entrance: Taylor Deaton
 Ushers: Chad Barley contacts ushers
 Communion Servers: Pastor Jason, Mary Lou Lotz, TBD
 Welcome Center: Lesley Wilson

Traditional Service (11 a.m.)

Greeters: Atrium: Tom McQuary
 Sanctuary Entrance: Mary Beth McQuary
 Ushers: Ron Barger contacts ushers
 Communion Servers: Pastor Jason, Betts Price
 Tellers: Peggy Darnall, Mary Lee Ernst
 Welcome Center: Betts Price
 Follow-up for First-Time Guests: Judy Stone

Hospitality: Provide food/Staff cafe

September 6 - Karen Ilario/Joan Wilson
 September 13 - Joy Adams
 September 20 - Need Volunteers
 September 27 - Jane Slinger

Halftime Cooks

September 2 - Jessie Trotter/Jackie Bruington
 September 9 - Sandy Horan
 September 16 - Rhonda Mucker/Charlotte Shepard
 September 23 - Cooks Needed
 September 30 - Karen Ilario

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>