



BIG BEAVER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

UNITED IN CHRIST CHOIR
PRESENTS:




**THE
CHRISTMAS
LIGHT**
BY: BENJAMIN HARLAN

**DECEMBER 21ST, 2025
10:00 AM**

FEATURING SPECIAL GUESTS
INSTRUMENTALISTS FROM
TROY HIGH SCHOOL
AND
BIG BEAVER UMC

DIRECTED BY: CARL VANIDOUR
ACCOMPANIST: SUZANNE BIANCHI



"From a heart that's two sizes too small to a love that embraces all—this is the story of grace at Christmas."

This Advent season, join us as we rediscover the heart of Christmas through a familiar story told in a new light — *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*. Beneath the green fur and grumpy frown lies a powerful reminder of the transforming grace of God!

Each week, we'll explore how grace softens cold hearts, opens our eyes to true joy, transforms our lives from the inside out, and restores us to community. Through Scripture and story, we'll see how the same grace that changed the Grinch changes us too.

Come and celebrate the greatest gift of all — the gift of God's amazing grace in Jesus Christ, beginning on November 30.



**MOVIE
NIGHT**

**THE
GRINCH**



Thurs. December 4th, 2025

AT 7:00 PM

Family Center @ Big Beaver UMC

Popcorn, Treats, Beverages
Provided



Staff Gift

It has been a long-held tradition for our church family to give towards a Love Offering for our staff at Christmas. This offering demonstrates our appreciation for the fine work our staff does in leading and facilitating the many ministries of our church. Special offering envelopes are available in the Narthex. You can also mail your contribution to the church before Dec. 21st. Checks should have 2025 Staff Gift on the memo line.

Thank you in advance for your generous support of our staff.

SPRC Committee



SIGN UP TO BE A BELL RINGER!

Men! Women! Kids! All are welcome!

BBUMC will be ringing bells for Salvation Army on **Saturday, December 6th** at two area Kroger locations: **18 Mile & Dequindre and 16 Mile and John R.**

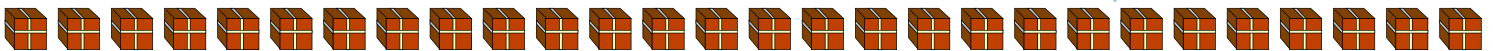
There will be two hour shifts available during the hours of 10:00am to 8:00pm.

For more information, please contact Jim Cormier: 248-789-4444 or jacormier@wideopenwest.com



Please consider volunteering for this vital ministry. Sign up in the Narthex today!

THANK YOU!!



It's time to get our "tea on" and share an afternoon of fun and fellowship. The UM Women's Christmas Tea will be held on Saturday, December 6th from 2:00-4:00pm. Tickets now on sale! (\$5) Invite your friends and family! **Bring your favorite tea cup, and a new pair of mittens for our mitten tree.**





"Love Grows - Just Ask the Grinch" Potluck

This year we will be celebrating Advent with a potluck lunch on Sunday, December 7th following the service. Unlike the Grinch, we are hoping to put smiles on children's faces Christmas morning.

We are asking for everyone to bring an unwrapped gift for the Cass Christmas Store.

Sign up in the Narthex or on the One Stop. See Becky for more information.



First of all, a great big thank you to all who have turned in their pledge cards for 2026. You have helped make the Stewardship campaign, "Grace in Action" a success. However, we have not heard from everyone - it is not too late to respond with your pledges. Your pledges fund our annual budget covering staff salaries, utilities, maintenance of the church and parsonage, and all expenses associated with running BBUMC and providing our services to the community. Over the next month, we will be setting our budget for the new year, so it is important to understand how much general funds donations are expected to cover our proposed budget.

The month of October was financially a bright spot for us. Our general fund receipts were \$29,937 compared to expenses of \$26,216, resulting in a monthly surplus of \$3,721. Through the first 10 months of the year, we now have a surplus of approximately \$18,000. In comparison, last year at this same time, we had a surplus of about \$10,000. Assuming this continues to year end, we will transfer funds to our Capital Improvement to cover some upcoming building expenses.

Cookie Walk



ANNUAL UWF COOKIE WALK IS COMING!!

The annual UWF Cookie Walk is Sunday, December 14th after the service. You may choose from a variety of delicious, home baked cookies which are sold by the pound. We'll provide the containers and you choose your own cookies! Proceeds from the Cookie Walk go to Missions.

Thank you in advance to all of our wonderful bakers who support this mission each year and to everyone who purchases these delicious cookies!

If you are interested in baking cookies for the cookie walk, please contact Becky Thomas at 248-224-3713.

Christmas Jazz Concert—Featuring Troy Jazz Collective



Wednesday, December 17th @ 7:00pm
At Big Beaver UMC Sanctuary



Refreshments will be served in the Family Center
following the concert.

Sponsored by the Outreach Committee

Admission: Free

(Free-Will donations are appreciated to defray the cost of the music purchased)



CASS CHRISTMAS BIN...



Gifts are needed for children associated with Cass Social Programs, and we could use your help! Please consider helping by donating (unwrapped) new clothing and new toys for children (Infants to age 17).



Items needed most are: Pants (sweatpants or leggings) any size, teenager gifts, (make-up, older craft kits, basketballs, etc.), dark skinned Barbies or Babydolls.

Deadline to Drop Off Gifts (in the Narthex): Sunday, December 7th. Please contact Becky Thomas for more information. Thank you for your generous support!



Have you made a New Year's resolution to read more? We can help you with that! Expand your pallet and try some new titles.

We have a wide range of books to choose from. Many new titles have been added recently and are on display outside the library. Need some suggestions, ask Becky. Browse our titles at: <https://cloud.collectorz.com/bbumclibrary/books>. Check it out!

BBUMC Daytime Book Club

The next book club meeting will be Thursday, January 8th at 11:00 am in the church library. We will be discussing "The Only Woman in the Room" by Marie Benedict.

Please consider joining us for great discussion and fellowship. If you would like to join the book club, please let Becky know and you will be put on the email list. 2026 meeting dates and books are:

March 12: TPL Book Kit: Title TBD

May 14: *Beach Music* by Pat Conroy

September 10: *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

November 12: TPL Book Kit: Title TBD



Save the Date!



Come and enjoy an afternoon of bowling on Saturday, January 17 from 1:00-3:00pm at Five Star Lanes on Metropolitan Parkway just west of Dequindre Rd. Cost will be \$10 per adult, children are free. Pizza and pop and bowling shoes are included. Spots are limited to 30 bowlers. Look for a signup sheet in the Narthex mid-December.

ANNIVERSARIES

Carl & Nancee Shelton

December 24

Chuck & Ellen Glueck

December 30

BBUMW PASTY UPDATE

For those who may be wondering, the Pasty Project for BBUMW has not been forgotten, but simply delayed.

Due to schedules, we have delayed the pasty making day to Saturday, March 7, 2026!

HAVE NO FEAR - Pasties will be here!

Order forms will be available in the new year!

Thank you -Laurie Huber



Instruments for Joy Band



Mark your calendars for these special

2026 Sunday Giving dates:

January 18th: Human Relations Day

March 15th: UMCOR Sunday

April 19th: Native American Ministries Sunday

May 31st: Peace with Justice Sunday

October 4th: World Communion Sunday

November 29th: United Methodist Student Day

A majority of these special offerings help us to meet our criteria for Engage MI status.

If you have any questions, please speak with the Mission's Committee.

BIRTHDAY'S

Dec. 1

Hillary Vanidour

Dec. 2

Jim Davis, Kelly Kerry

Dec. 4

Bruce Fayerweather

Dec. 7

Melodie Conley, Richard Cummings

Dec. 13

Joy Malone

Dec. 16

Maddie Lorenz

Dec. 17

David Miller

Dec. 24

Larry Keisling

Dec. 28

Brooklyn Kerry

Dec. 29

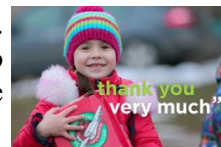
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Christmas Cantata Anyone interested in singing in the upcoming Cantata (*Sunday, Dec. 21st*) are welcome to join us at Choir Rehearsals on Thursdays from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. See Carl Vanidour for more information.

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

There will be no Children's Sunday school on Sunday, December 28th due to the holidays. Grace Space and the Nursery will be available.

Thank you to everyone who filled boxes for Operation Christmas Child. As a congregation, we sent 24 boxes to children around the world. It's never too early to start on your 2026 box. Clearance sales are a wonderful time to pick up items. If you need a box, please see Becky.

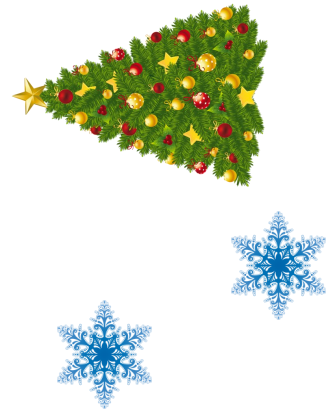


























Thank you all for your generosity! I so appreciate all of the goodies you guys sent to me! The note from the kids was very sweet. I hope the school year has been going well for them. I look forward to seeing you all when I return to Michigan over Christmas!!
Sincerely, Lauren Lynch



Soup Cook Off!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  2nd Sunday of Advent 7:45am Men's Breakfast (Luckich's) 8:45am Adult S.S.-Friendship Cl. (QR) 9:00am Adult S.S.-Exp. God (L) 10:00am Worship 11:15am Advent Celebration 8:00pm AA (FC)	6:00pm Sleeping Mat Ministry (Rm 13) 7:00pm Education (L) 	2 7:00pm Disciple Class (Z & QR)	3 9:00am Sewing Chicks (YR) 12:00pm Sleeping Mat Ministry (Rm 10) 6:00pm Harmony Ringers (S) 7:00pm Pickleball (FC)	4 6:00pm UIC Choir (QR) 7:00pm Movie Night (FC) 	5 9:15am Golden Choralliers (Choir Rm) 9:30am Pickleball (FC) 7:30pm AA (FC)	6 Salvation Army Bell Ringing (off-site) 2:00pm Christmas Tea (FC, YR &K)
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14 3rd Sunday of Advent 8:45am Adult S.S.-Friendship Cl. (QR) 9:00am Adult S.S.-Exp. God (L) 10:00am Worship 11:15am Cookie Walk 2:00pm Jazz Band Reh. (S) 8:00pm AA (FC) 	5:00pm Jazz Band Reh. (S) 6:00pm Sleeping Mat Ministry (Rm 13) 6:30pm SPRC Mtg. 	16 6:30pm Mission Comm. Mtg. (L) 7:00pm Disciple Class (Z & QR) 	17 9:00am Sewing Chicks (YR) 12:00pm Sleeping Mat Ministry (Rm 10) 6:00pm Harmony Ringers (S) 7:00pm Christmas Jazz Concert (S/FC/QR)	18 6:00pm UIC Choir (QR) 	19 9:30am Pickleball (FC) 2:30pm Safety Comm. Mtg. (L) 7:30pm AA (FC)	20 
21 4th Sunday of Advent 8:45am Adult S.S.-Friendship Cl. (QR) 9:00am Adult S.S.-Exp. God (L) 10:00am Worship-Cantata 8:00pm AA (FC) 	9:00-12:00 Holiday Office Hours 6:00pm Sleeping Mat Ministry (Rm 13)	23 7:00pm Disciple Class (Z & QR)  Church Office Closed	24 7:00pm Christmas Eve Worship Service  Church Office Closed	25  Church Office Closed	26 9:30am Pickleball (FC) 7:30pm AA (FC)	27 
28 8:45am Adult S.S.-Friendship Cl. (QR) 9:00am Adult S.S.-Exp. God (L) 10:00am Worship 8:00pm AA (FC)	9:00-12:00 Holiday Office Hours 6:00pm Sleeping Mat Ministry (Rm 13) 	30 7:00pm Disciple Class (Z & QR)  Church Office Closed	31  Church Office Closed			 

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O Come,
Let Us Adore Him

Upcoming Events here at BBUMC:

- ❄️ **Hanging of the Greens – November 29, 9:00am**
- ❄️ **Bell Ringing for The Salvation Army- December 6**
- ❄️ **Women's Christmas Tea – December 6, 2:00pm**
- ❄️ **Advent Potluck – December 7, following worship**
- ❄️ **Cookie Walk- December 14, following worship**
- ❄️ **Christmas Jazz Concert – December 17, 7:00pm**
- ❄️ **Christmas Cantata – December 21, 10:00am**
- ❄️ **Christmas Eve Service – December 24, 7:00pm**

Check the newsletter, calendar, and bulletin for more details.



Rev. Susie Hierholzer
Suzanne Bianchi
Carl Vanidour
Becky Lorenz
Cindy Gavin
Jackie VanDaal
Ingrid Hayes



Pastor
Organist & Collaborative Pianist
Choir Director
Christian Ed Director
Office Administrator
Youth Director
Nursery Care



Sunday Morning

Adult Sunday School
Worship Service
Sunday School (Children)

8:45 and 9:00am
10:00am
Following the children's message

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00-1:00