



Banner 2025



Moments of Faith & Fellowship!

ADULT VBS!





ATTN: Congregation...Ad Council...SPRC

2025 Church Conference (via Zoom)

Sunday, September 28th



The 2025 Church Conference will be held on Sunday, September 28th. SPRC will begin the conference at 1:00pm, with the Ad Council and Congregation joining in at 3:00pm.



THE CONFERENCE WILL BE VIA ZOOM ONLY.



The Quad Room will be available to those who wish to attend the conference via Zoom.

TO ALL COMMITTEE LEADERS:



Annual reports are due no later than September 8th. Please email them to the church office (in Word format): bbumc@bbumchurch.org. Thank you.



Annual BBUM Men's Barbecue!



Saturday, September 6th from 4:00pm—7:00pm

Meal includes:

Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Coleslaw, Beverage and Dessert

Tickets on sale now!!

\$15.00 ~ Adults

\$ 8.00 ~ Children (4-12)

Children under 4 ~ Free

Make checks payable to: Big Beaver United Methodist Men.

For more information, please contact Clayton Osburn: 248-879-6371



WE NEED YOU FOR COFFEE HOUR!

Please consider being part of a team for coffee hour on Sunday mornings. It's easy! You will be asked to host three to four times a year. Hosts will set up, serve and clean up. You can bring light treats such as cookies, coffee cake, bagels, veggies & dip, cheese & crackers, etc. THERE IS A TEAM WAITING FOR YOU! Please contact Mindy Sporer for more information: mindyl@wowway.com



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH ANNUAL INGATHERING PROJECT-2025

Big Beaver United Women in Faith have chosen for our annual ingathering project Holiday Bags for low income families who have children in the Detroit Public School Pre-Kindergarten program, Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP). The GSRP offers services to four-year-old children and their families with the goal of assisting the families in meeting their needs. Every child wants a Christmas gift. School social workers get the names of the five neediest families in each classroom. The goal of the social workers is to have a Holiday Bag for each of those five children. Over the years, they have managed to have a Holiday Box/Bag for only three of the five children. We met with three of the school social workers who encouraged us to participate in this program. They suggested putting the items in a bag, and the bag can be cloth or paper. **The items requested for each bag include size 4 or 5:**

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| One (1) cap and mitten set | One (1) pair of slacks (navy, black or khaki) |
| One (1) long sleeved shirt (white or light blue) | One (1) toy (age app. for a 4 year old) |
| One (1) pullover sweater/sweatshirt | One (1) pair of socks |
| One (1) set of underwear | One (1) skirt/skort (navy, black) |
| One (1) book | |

It is our goal that each bag will contain all the above, but they will accept any individual items as well.

We will begin collecting the bags in August through September. Starting on August 3, there will be a bin in the Narthex for collection of the bags or individual items. The bags will be distributed by the school social workers at Christmastime.

As always, thank you for your participation in this collection. If you have any questions, please see or call Nancy Cormier, 248-789-1288.



United
Women
in Faith

Love Boxes



It's that time of year again when we send our Love Boxes to our college students, filled with lots of goodies to let them know we are thinking about them. If you have someone in your family who is in college, please contact Becky Lorenz (blorenz@bbumchurch.org) before October 5th, with their name and current address.

We welcome donations of individually packaged treats, which can be placed in the box in the Narthex. Examples include pudding, mac and cheese, and granola bars. If you prefer, monetary donations are accepted. If you donate money, please place it in an envelope with Love Boxes written on the memo line. Checks can be made to BBUMC. Thanks so much for all your support!

Operation Christmas Child boxes are due Sunday, November 9th! Summer is a great time to pick up school supplies, clothes and fun outdoor toys. There are shoeboxes available in the Narthex. Happy Packing!



**Operation
Christmas Child**
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE



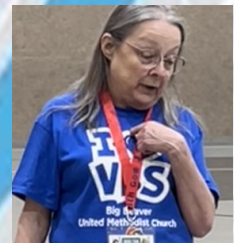
Many thanks to all who participated in VBS this year. Thank you to the parents and families for sharing your children with us. Thank you to the volunteers who gave selflessly of themselves. Thank you to the congregation for donating supplies. Without all of you, VBS would not be possible. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!
Becky



Vacation Bible School

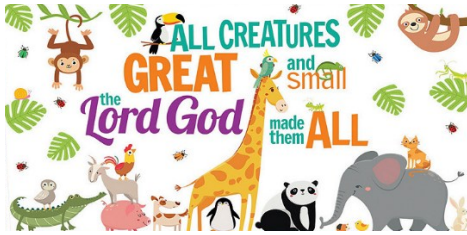


Thank you to all
of our VBS Volunteers!





There will be no Junior Worship on Sunday, August 31st due to the Labor Day holiday. The nursery and Grace Space will be available.



Children's Sunday School Kickoff

On Sunday, September 7th, the Sunday school children will kick off the new school year with a day of fun activities. All children and youth are welcome to attend. We will meet in Room # 7 & 8 at 10:00am after the children's message.

CONFIRMATION



Confirmation classes for 8th grade students will begin on September 14th following the worship service. Classes will be held approximately twice a month and run through March 2026. Confirmation Sunday will be held on April 12th. In addition to classes, there will be three Alternative Faith Experiences and a Missional Experience. If you have an 8th grader who is interested, please see Rev. Susie.



Calling all Trunks and Treaters!

Trunk or Treat will be held in the BBUMC parking lot on Saturday, October 18th at 11:00 am followed by lunch & spooky stories! Children and families are encouraged to dress up. To RSVP to host a trunk, contact Becky Lorenz at blorenz@bbumchurch.org or sign up on the One Stop sign up sheet.



BECOME A VOLUNTEER - MAKE A DIFFERENCE

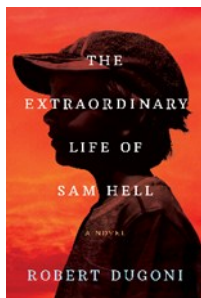


Reduce the Risk

The Reduce the Risk trainings for 2025-2026 will be held on Monday, September 29, Wednesday, January 28 and Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 pm in the Quad rooms. This training is for people who are interested in working with children and youth and have not been recertified in the past three years or haven't taken the training previously. Please contact Becky Lorenz at blorenz@bbumchurch.org or sign up on the One Stop sheet if interested.

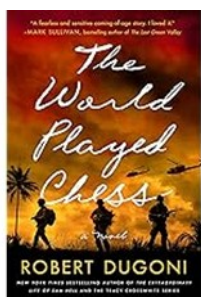


Becky's Book Spotlights: Robert Dugoni

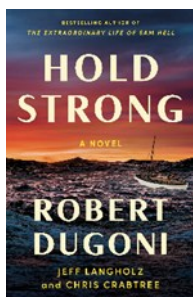


This month I am recommending three books by Robert Dugoni that I thoroughly enjoyed and wanted to share with you. These books appeal to both men and women.

"The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell" is a coming-of-age novel that follows Sam Hill, born with ocular albinism (red eyes), as he navigates childhood, adolescence, and adulthood, learning to embrace his unique identity and find his place in the world. The story explores themes of faith, friendship, forgiveness, and the power of love, as Sam grapples with bullying, societal expectations, and personal tragedy. He's supported by his mother, father, and two close friends, who help him overcome challenges and discover the true meaning of an extraordinary life.



"The World Played Chess" is a coming-of-age story that explores themes of innocence, PTSD, and the impact of war across generations. It follows 18-year-old Vincent Bianco in 1979, who works with a Vietnam veteran named William, and contrasts their experiences with that of a third character, a young man in 2015. The novel uses interwoven timelines and a journal kept by William during the war to examine the long-lasting effects of trauma and the search for identity.



"Hold Strong" is a novel based on true events and real people. It is told through alternating perspectives, showing the contrasting experiences of Sam as a POW and Sarah as a codebreaker. Sam's experiences in the Philippines, particularly his time as a prisoner of war showcasing the atrocities committed by the Japanese. Sarah's work as a codebreaker is also portrayed, including the moral dilemmas she faces when her work intersects with Sam's fate.

Looking for other books, you can search our database to find more books (choose from the adult, children's and youth tabs at the bottom of the page): <https://cloud.collectorz.com/bbumclibrary/books>

Becky Lorenz, Christian Ed. Director



BBUMC Daytime Book Club



The next book club meeting will be Thursday, September 11th at 11:00 am in the church library. We will be discussing "The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander Newfoundland" by Jim DeFede. Lori Monacelli will be leading the discussion.

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. 2025 – 2026 meeting dates and books are:

November 13: Trust by Herman Diaz

January 8: The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict

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



The United Methodist Men will be taking orders for Achatz Pie Company coupons during the month of October, November and December.

Order forms will be available soon!!!



World Communion Sunday

On October 5, 2025, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. As we break bread with our brothers and sisters around the globe, we can also contribute funds to this Special Sunday that will support international or national graduate and undergraduate students who are often overlooked.

Our gifts on this day empower tomorrow's leaders to make us a better present and future United Methodist Church. Leadership and ethnic scholarships and training programs for students, who are gifted and qualified, will benefit from your donations, so please give generously. — Thank you!



Bible Study: The Chosen – Season 4

This fall we will be watching the fourth season of “The Chosen”. The Chosen is a groundbreaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus Christ seen through the eyes of those who knew him. Set against the backdrop of Roman oppression in first-century Israel, the show shares an authentic and intimate look at Jesus’ revolutionary life and teachings.

We will begin the showings on **TUESDAY** evenings (day of the week change) in the Quad rooms beginning Sept. 23rd and will show a new episode each week through Nov. 11th (total of eight episodes).

You may choose how you would like to participate. You may bring your own dinner and watch the episode at the church from 6:00 – 7:00 pm, followed by a discussion of the episode from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Or you may watch the episode on your own at home and come for the discussion from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. The discussion is also available via zoom. (You may watch the show on various streaming platforms such as The Chosen app, Amazon Prime, Peacock as well as others.)

Book discussion guides are available for purchase for \$10.

Watch the season four trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wisX-CEjoxc>

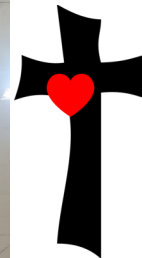
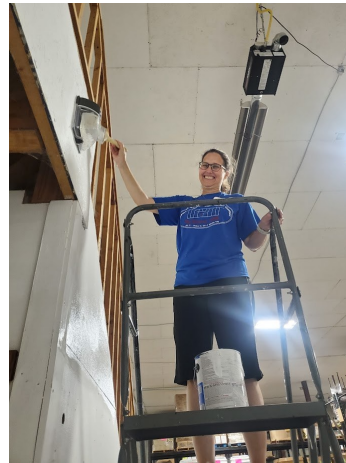


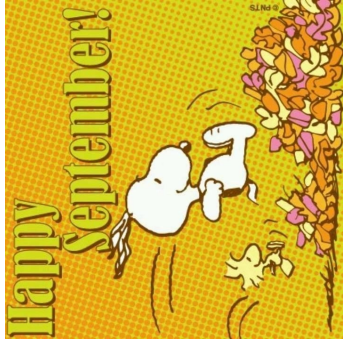
2025 Mission Trip











MISSION TRIP 2023





SEPTEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	1  Church Office Closed	2	3 12:00pm Sleeping Mat Ministry (Rm 13) 2:00pm AED/CPR Training (QR) 6:00pm Harmony Ringers (S) 7:00pm AED/CPR Training (QR) 7:00pm Pickleball (FC)	4 11:00am Outreach Mtg. 6:00pm UIC Choir (QR)	5 9:30am Golden Choralliers (CR) 9:30am Pickleball (FC) 7:30pm AA (FC)	6  4:00pm Men's BBQ
7 Birthday Celebrations (at coffee hour) Fall Kick Off 8:45am Adult S.S.-Friendship Cl. (QR) 9:00am Adult S.S.-Exp. God (L) 10:00am Worship 4:00pm Girl Scouts (QR) 8:00pm AA (FC)	8 6:00pm Sleeping Mat Ministry (Rm 13) 7:00pm Stewardship (QR) 7:00pm Susanna Circle (off-site)	9 10:00am AED/CPR Training (QR) 7:00pm Disciple Class (Z & QR)	10 Newsletter Deadline 10:00am Bible Study (L) 10:30am Troy Garden Club (FC &K) 6:00pm Harmony Ringers (S) 7:00pm Pickleball (FC)	11 11:00am Book Club (L) 6:00pm UIC Choir (QR)	12 9:30am Pickleball (FC) 7:30pm AA (FC)	13 10:00am Bernard Visitation 11:00am Bernard Memorial Service
14 8:45am Adult S.S.-Friendship Cl. (QR) 9:00am Adult S.S.-Exp. God (L) 10:00am Worship 8:00pm AA (FC)	15 6:00pm Sleeping Mat Ministry (Rm 13) 6:30pm SPRC Mtg. 7:30pm Ad-Council (Z&QR)	16 6:30pm Mission Comm. Mtg. (L) 7:00pm Disciple Class (Z & QR)	17 10:00am Bible Study (L) 12:00pm Sleeping Mat Ministry (Rm 13) 6:00pm Harmony Ringers (S) 7:00pm Pickleball (FC)	18 6:00pm UIC Choir (QR)	19 9:30am Pickleball (FC) 2:30pm Safety Comm. Mtg. (L) 7:30pm AA (FC)	20 9:00am UM District Golf Outing (off-site)
21 8:45am Adult S.S.-Friendship Cl. (QR) 9:00am Adult S.S.-Exp. God (L) 10:00am Worship 8:00pm AA (FC)	22 6:00pm Sleeping Mat Ministry (Rm 13)	23 11:00am UWF Mtg (L) 6:00pm The Chosen (QR)	24 10:00am Bible Study (L) 10:30am Samaritanas Group (QR) 6:00pm Harmony Ringers (S) 7:00pm Pickleball (FC)	25 6:00pm UIC Choir (QR)	26 9:30am Pickleball (FC) 7:30pm AA (FC)	27 
28 UWF Sunday 8:45am Adult S.S.-Friendship Cl. (QR) 9:00am Adult S.S.-Exp. God (L) 10:00am Worship 11:15am Confirmation Class (L) 1:00pm Conference via Zoom-SPRC Congregation 3:00pm Girl Scouts (FC & K) 8:00pm AA (FC)	29 6:30am Reduce the Risk (QR) 6:00pm Sleeping Mat Ministry (Rm 13)	30 6:00pm The Chosen (QR)				

ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 2 *David & Carole Miller*
 Sept. 16 *Greg & Dori Scott*
 Sept. 18 *Joe & Becky Lorenz*
 Sept. 21 *Barb & Gene LeGrand*
 Sept. 28 *Dennis & Barb Menlen*



BIRTHDAY'S

Sept. 2 Ron Chick, Steve Gordon
 Sept. 6 Dwayne Williams
 Sept. 9 Rich Verhelle
 Sept. 10 Dawn Stewart
 Sept. 11 Linda Burgess, Abigail Voss
 Sept. 12 Erin Voss
 Sept. 13 Ruth Roeder
 Sept. 17 Evelyn Wietecha
 Sept. 26 Jerry Whitefoot
 Sept. 27 Laurie Huber
 Sept. 28 Ron Dritlein



Thursday Morning Bible Study Has a New Day and Time!

Bible Study



Wednesday Morning Bible Study will begin on **Wednesday, September 10th at 10:00am** in the church library. (Note the new day and time)
 This Bible Study is open to men and women. Study topic will be decided by all who attend. Hope to see you there!
 In Christ's Service, Jeanine Sutton



Handbell Choir



Join one of our wonderful Music Groups at BBUMC! All are welcome!

Harmony (Hand Bell) Ringers meet Wednesdays from 6:00pm—6:50pm (starting September 3rd)
Chancel Choir meets Thursdays from 6:00pm—7:00pm (starting September 4th)
 See Carl Vanidour for more information.



Stewardship Corner

In October, we will begin our three-week **Generosity Campaign** titled **"Grace In Action"**.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness...' Genesis 1:26

During this year's campaign, we will reflect together on how God generously puts grace into action, and how we as children of God created in the image of God, can do the same.

We will kick off the fall campaign on October 12th, with a Sermon series based on this theme, concluding on Consecration Sunday, October 26th. This will be your opportunity to show your financial commitment to Big Beaver United Methodist Church for the coming year.

Be on the lookout for more information via letters, e-mails, and other social media building on this year's theme.

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Choir Director
Christian Ed. Director
Office Administrator
Youth Director
Nursery Care

Sunday Morning

Adult Sunday School

8:45 & 9:00am

Worship Service

10:00am

Sunday School (Children)

Following the children's
message



Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00am—1:00pm