

# THE COMPASS

February 2026



**BRADDOCK  
STREET**  
*United Methodist Church*



**LENT/EASTER DATES TO REMEMBER**


**February 18 - Ash Wednesday**  
**March 29 - Palm Sunday**  
**April 2 - Maundy Thursday**  
**April 5 - Easter Sunday**

**Lenten  
Devotional**

*The Way of  
Love*

by Susan Chesley

Available February 15 in the Gathering Space



## COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR February 28, 2026

Come Walk With Us on February 28th!



Braddock Street UMC is honored to once again serve as the host site for Coldest Night of the Year, an international walk that raises awareness and funds for homelessness and supports the mission of WATTS.

For the past four years, our church has welcomed this meaningful community event. Last year, over 800 people joined us to spend an afternoon walking in the shoes of someone experiencing homelessness.

The walk offers two route options through Winchester: **2K Walk:** A loop through the downtown area. **5K Walk:** A route extending to the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley and back through downtown. All routes begin and end at Braddock Street UMC and conclude with a soup kitchen in our Fellowship Hall. Billy Sous and Clem's Kitchen will be generously providing the soups.

We are also in need of volunteers, especially those familiar with Braddock Street, to help guide participants through the Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary, and Wolfe Street areas. If you would like to walk or volunteer, please register at:

[www.cnoy.com/locations/winchester](http://www.cnoy.com/locations/winchester). For questions, contact Robyn Miller at (540) 514 - 7218. We hope you will join us as we walk together in support of our neighbors experiencing homelessness, especially those we welcomed and sheltered here at Braddock Street from January 3 - 10.



## KIDS CHURCH - FEBRUARY

There will be a regular schedule all of February.

**Kids Church Classrooms:** (We combine as needed.)

**Room 202** ages 3 – 5

**Room 206** Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

**Room 201** 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Room 219** *The Blessing Place Nursery*

12 weeks to 3 years old

Parents, please sign up to help at the Kids Connect table by Room 201. Each week we need about 2 helpers.



## 2026 VACATION BIBLE CAMP JUNE 8 - JUNE 11

Parents and Leaders,

Mark your Calendar for the 2026 Vacation Bible Camp!

**Monday, June 8 through Thursday, June 11 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Sunday at the 10:00 AM service on June 14.**

Rainforest Falls - Exploring the Nature of God. Watch for more details to come.



*Save  
THE  
Date*

## UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH SMALL GROUPS (CIRCLES)

Calling all women! Have you found a small group to share and explore your faith and servanthood at Braddock Street? The United Women in Faith offers three dynamic circles that meet for that very purpose. If you aren't a part of the UWF ministry, you are invited to visit our circles and find a place that embraces and supports your faith through study, service, and fellowship.



United  
Women  
in Faith

- Deborah Ruth Circle meets on the first and third Wednesdays at 11:30 in Room 137. Members lead the Backpack Ministry program. Contact: Susan Chesley
- Mary-Martha Circle meets every 3rd Monday at 10:00 AM in Room 103 and for pop up lunch during the summer months. Contact: Sue Boltz
- Susanna Circle meets every 2nd Thursday at 10:00 AM in Room 137 and will occasionally meet during the summer for lunch. The members take care of The Prayer Shawl Ministry for Braddock Street. Contact: Susan Creasy or Susan Morris

That's a lot of "Susan's" ready to welcome you into circle life and service ministry!

For more information on the ministry of the United Women in Faith at Braddock Street, please contact Susan Chesley at [lschesley@gmail.com](mailto:lschesley@gmail.com) or 563-271-7915.



## FEBRUARY YOUTH CALENDAR:

- 1** BLAST Youth Group 6 -7:45 PM (room 214)
- 4** Sr. High Youth Devotions 6:30 AM (Pleasant Valley Chick Fil A)
- 5** Set up for Chocolate Festival 7 - 8 PM (tables/decor/etc)
- 6** Set up for Chocolate Festival 4 - 6 PM (package food and set out auction items)
- 7** Chocolate Festival 11 AM - 2 PM
- 8** NO BLAST (Chocolate Festival weekend and Super Bowl)
- 11** Sr. High Youth Devotions 6:30 AM (Pleasant Valley Chick Fil A)
- 13** Evans Home Chili Dinner Youth can sit together RSVP by 2/8
- 15** BLAST Youth Group 6 -7:45 PM (room 214)
- 18** Sr. High Youth Devotions 6:30 AM (Pleasant Valley Chick Fil A)
- 22** BLAST Youth Group 6 -7:45 PM (room 214)
- 25** Sr. High Youth Devotions 6:30 AM (Pleasant Valley Chick Fil A)
- 27-28** CONFIRMATION RETREAT 5 PM Friday - 6 PM Saturday

### March 1:

- 9:45 AM CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL and breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
- Lunch with Counselors
- 6-7:45 PM Youth Sunday Rehearsal at BLAST



## YOUTH MINISTRY

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**Big  
Loud  
Awesome  
Spirit  
Thing**



## DON'T MISS THE CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL ON FEBRUARY 7TH!

### 2026 Chocolate Festival



**Saturday, February 7, 2026**  
**11 AM - 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall**



**Scan code to donate baked goods  
and/or silent auction items**

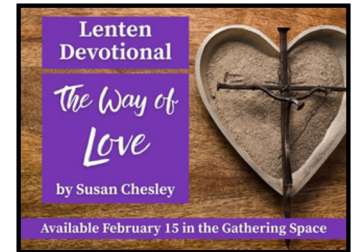


## LAY LEADER REFLECTION

Lent is a forty-day journey dedicated to an intense, renewed focus on discipleship to Jesus. We turn toward the cross. We consider what it means to take up our cross. We contemplate what it meant for Christ to take up his. We are called to repentance. We are encouraged to focus on servanthood. We learn to long for resurrection. On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ and the renewal of our own personal faith. The practice of reading daily devotions during Lent stems from an emphasis on deepening one's faith journey through study, reflection, and prayer. On Sunday, February 15, a devotional, *The Way of Love*, will be available to carry us through the Lenten days of reflection and sacrifice. In these pages you will find stories, insights, hopes, and dreams. Read the words, rest in the scripture, pray the prayers, and allow yourself to walk a little further down the path of love that God has set before you. May the blessings you discover during Lent bring you the peace that passes all understanding.



Lay Leader  
Susan Chesley



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## PROGRAM ON PLANTING POLLINATOR GARDENS SATURDAY, MARCH 14 AT 10:00 AM

On Saturday, March 14 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall, the Social Justice Initiative and the Winchester area Interfaith Stewards of the Earth (WISE) will co-host a program on planting pollinator gardens. Cathy Philips from Winchester Bee City USA Initiative will present information on the importance of pollinators for the survival of



the planet and steps individuals and churches can take to support the health and growth of pollinators. Light refreshments will be served. Watch for more information on the ministry of social justice in the Gathering Space outside the Sanctuary. Our church and the Social Justice Initiative are committed to shining a light on the those places and people most in need of attention and understanding.

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## SJI CLIMATE POD TIP OF THE MONTH

Start this year with a resolution to reduce your use of plastic. Swap plastic bags for reusable ones, use a refillable water bottle, and say no to disposable cutlery. Simple changes like these can make a big impact. Recycling is easy, but how you recycle might depend on where you live. For recycling guidelines, scan the QR code or visit [winchesterva.gov/Services-Payments/Utilities/Waste-Recycling](http://winchesterva.gov/Services-Payments/Utilities/Waste-Recycling)



Did you know?

- Materials can be recycled multiple times. Depending on the type of plastic, a plastic bottle can be recycled up to 10 times!
- Recycling (and avoiding use of single use containers) saves space in our landfills.
- Recycling saves energy! Producing a new plastic bottle from recycled materials saves up to 75% of the energy that it takes to create one from raw resources.





## NATIONAL BLOOD SHORTAGE FROGGY'S CLOSET FOOTWEAR DRIVE

The US has a severe emergency blood shortage, with hospital demand outpacing supply, according to the American Red Cross,



which called on people to donate blood. Inclement weather has led to the cancellation of more than 400 blood drives, and a severe flu season is also limiting donations. Low blood supply can affect the ability to treat patients in need, including trauma patients, chemotherapy patients with underlying blood disorders, patients with sickle cell disease and others, said Courtney Lawrence, the Red Cross' divisional chief medical officer.

What is Froggy's Closet?

Founded in 2009, Families Reaching Out Group (F.R.O.G.), Froggy's Closet, a Winchester, Virginia based non-profit is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of foster children and children who have been victims of abuse, neglect or are at-risk.

Every February, Froggy's Closet conducts their largest Shoe Donation Drive with the hopes to collect enough shoes to fill their requests throughout the year. We will be accepting NEW children's shoes in a collection bin outside the church office all February. Thank you!



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