



THE COMPASS

March 2026



**BRADDOCK
STREET**
United Methodist Church

HOLY WEEK 2026



PALM SUNDAY CANTATA
March 29 - 8:45 AM & 11:15 AM

**PALM SUNDAY
INTERDENOMINATIONAL PROCESSION**
March 29 - 10:15 AM - Loudoun St. Mall

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
April 2 - 7:00 PM - Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
Christ Episcopal Church 12 noon

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
April 5 - Mount Hebron Cemetary

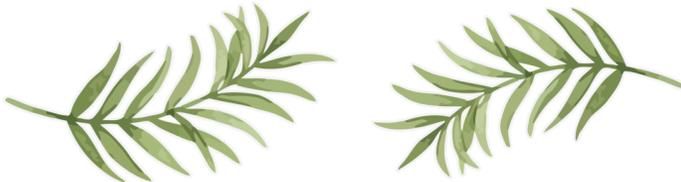
EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES
April 5 - 8:45 AM, 10:00 AM & 11:15 AM

PALM SUNDAY CANTATA

March 29 - 8:45 or 11:15



Join us for our Palm Sunday Cantata at the 8:45 AM or 11:15 AM Traditional Worship Service. We will commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in a beautiful and moving musical service. Hosanna!



PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

March 29 - 10:15 AM



On Palm Sunday, there will be a joint worship service of all of the downtown churches at the Old Courthouse on the walking mall. It has been a long-standing tradition in Old Town Winchester. You are invited to join us as we form a procession to the service. Meet us in the circle in front of the sanctuary at 10:15 AM. See the Children's Ministry page for more details regarding Kids Ministry.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

April 2 - 7:00 PM

Our Maundy Service will be on Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 PM. We will have Holy Communion, and remember the last night that Jesus spent with the disciples.

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

April 3 - 12:00 Noon
Christ Episcopal Church



COMMUNITY EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

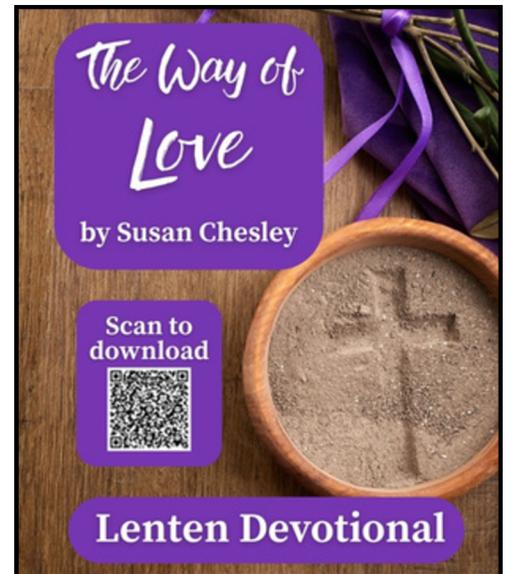
April 5 - approximately 7:00 AM at Mt. Hebron Cemetary

EASTER OFFERING



The Easter offering is a special offering in addition to our normal tithes and offerings and are carefully chosen by our Missions Committee. This year's recipients will be our Community Relief Fund and Partnerships of Hope - Haiti. Special Easter envelopes are located in the back of the pews or can be made online. Please choose Easter Offering online, or put Easter Offering in the memo line of your check. Thank you for supporting these wonderful missions!

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL



Susan Chesley has created a wonderful Lenten Devotional, *The Way of Love*. Copies are available in the Gathering Space, the church office or scan the QR Code above for a digital copy.

LAY LEADER REFLECTION

Leo Tolstoy was once asked how we are to go on when we live in a world of extreme poverty and suffering, knowing that it is futile to think we can make much of a difference by ourselves. His answer was that you take care of what is in your path. You stop and help the one who has stumbled in front of you. And after you



Susan Chesley

have put him on his feet, you move on and do the same, again and again. This truth is illustrated in the parable of the starfish. A man was jogging on the beach after a major storm. He was dismayed by the number of starfish that had been washed up on the beach. Looking at the mass of starfish dying he realized there was nothing he could do because of the numbers. As he continued jogging, he saw a young boy up ahead, bending down, picking up starfish and tossing them back into the safety of the sea. When he got up to the boy, he asked, "Why are you doing this? There must be thousands of starfish. You can't possibly expect to make any difference." As the boy threw another into the surf he said, "I made a difference to that one." Sometimes we may wonder what difference our tiny efforts can make in the face of so much trouble and weeping. But instead of throwing our hands up in defeat, let's try to take care of what is right in front of us. Let's remember Tolstoy, let's remember the starfish, and let's remember Christ. Friends, do what you can because through Christ what you do will be enough.

KIDS CHURCH - MARCH

Church will meet on our regular schedule March 1-22.

Sunday March 29 - Palm Sunday We will all gather with children and parents in the Sanctuary Circle to go to the downtown Palm Sunday Parade and Worship. All Parents note that you need to be with your child if walking downtown with us or you can stay in our 10:00 AM worship as a family. There will be no Kids Church in the classroom that day . We will guide all downtown but parents need to be with their child to attend.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Director of Children's Ministries
Patty Singhass



Kids Church Classrooms: (We combine as needed.)

Room 202 ages 3 – 5

Room 206 Kindergarten - 2nd grade

Room 201 3rd- 5th 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. We need about 2 helpers weekly.



Attention all 4th and 5th Graders!

We will have a one time Mountain Movers is just for you! It is a bridge between Kids Church and youth group for our 4th and 5th graders. Gathering for this School year. We will be having a gathering this year which will include dinner and an Ice Cream Social Time! The date is to be determined. Stay tuned for more information.

2026 VACATION BIBLE CAMP

JUNE 8 - JUNE 11

Mark your Calendar!

2026 Vacation Bible Camp

June 8 – June 11 9 AM – 12 PM

Sunday at the 10 AM service on June 14.



Help us by bringing these items in to the church office for VBC. Thanks in advance!



MARCH YOUTH CALENDAR:

March 1 Confirmation Breakfast/Rehearsal for Families and Mentors - 9:45 AM

March 1 BLAST Youth Rehearsal - 6:00 PM Dinner in room 214, then rehearsal in the Sanctuary

March 7 BLAST Youth Rehearsal - 12:30 PM in the Sanctuary

March 8 YOUTH SUNDAY WITH CONFIRMATION at all three services, then lunch together at Glory Days (no BLAST in evening)

March 15 BLAST 6:00 - 7:45 PM

March 22 BLAST 6:00 - 7:45 PM

March 29 BLAST 6:00 - 7:45 PM

YOUTH MISSIONS FUNDRAISER ENVELOPE WALL



Help the youth spend three days this summer serving ministries in Winchester and seven days in Washington DC! How? There will be 100 envelopes in the Gathering Place on our divider wall for three weeks, March 8 - 22. The envelopes are numbered 1 through 100. Take an envelope and place that number in dollars (or more) into the envelope and turn into either the offertory or the front office by March 22nd. For instance, if you take number 67 you'd place \$67 into the envelope and turn it back in. If you are paying in cash and wish your donation to be on your statement please also include your contact information in the envelope. If all 100 envelopes can be claimed by our congregation and returned we will raise \$5,050 for youth missions! It is awesome to allow children to even be included with the lower numbers and if you have the means it's also appreciated to take more than one envelope! Let's see if we can clear our wall and get ready to bless both our local city and national capital! Any questions see kristin@braddockstreetumc.org Thank you!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Director of Youth Ministry

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**Big
Loud
Awesome
Spirit
Thing**



CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL

Thank you for your support of Chocolate Festival! We raised \$5,000 for youth missions!



BUILDING BRIDGES AT BRADDOCK

Director of Latino Ministries
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The Building Bridges at Braddock Latin Ministry continues to remain strong and busy. Given the national circumstances, the deep trust our team developed with our English as a Second Language (ESL) students through the Holy Spirit serves as testimony for strong attendance each week. Weekly attendance averages twenty-five students, along with fifteen of their children.

Our next monthly Just Neighbors Immigration Clinic will be held on Saturday, March 21st, in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Braddock Street UMC will host this clinic. First UMC hosted on February 21st. Volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Margie Hernandez at margie@braddockstreetumc.org for details. The clinic assists immigrant families with the intake



process who are on the path to U.S. citizenship, as well as a time of fellowship between the volunteers. Refreshments are always served!

Margie Hernandez and her sister, Marisol Dominski, continue teaching English as a second language to four students at Emmanuel UMC. Marisol is planning community outreach activities with Emmanuel. She is also creating a handout in both Spanish and English describing the Building Bridges ministry and the classes offered.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Missions Chair
Dave Brewster
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Thank you for your support of Operation Remember and Giving Tree! Because of your generosity, 145 children's wish lists were filled through the Giving Tree supporting the Building Bridges, Bright Futures, and Department of Social Services and 200 nursing home resident's wish lists were filled through the Giving Tree supporting Operation Remember. To learn more about this ongoing effort, contact Betty Sue Unger at bettysue@operationremember.org.

Want to be a part of something bigger to help homeless children and facilitate self-sustainability in families and communities in a country within the 10 lowest human development index (2025 United Nations Human Development Report). A trip to Sierra Leone, West Africa is going October 18 – October 31, 2026. There will be an interest meeting May 3, 2026 and application deadline May 10, 2026. Contact Dave Brewster (dabrews@gmail.com) for more information!

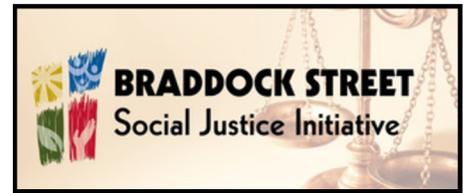
PLANTING POLLINATOR GARDENS

Saturday, March 14
10:00 AM Fellowship Hall

Thinking Spring? Native plants might be good additions to your landscaping! Adding native plants to your landscaping offers many benefits including supplying habitat for birds and butterflies, requiring less water and care, and resistance to pests.

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 presentation 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.



UWF SPRING FLING

Saturday, March 28
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



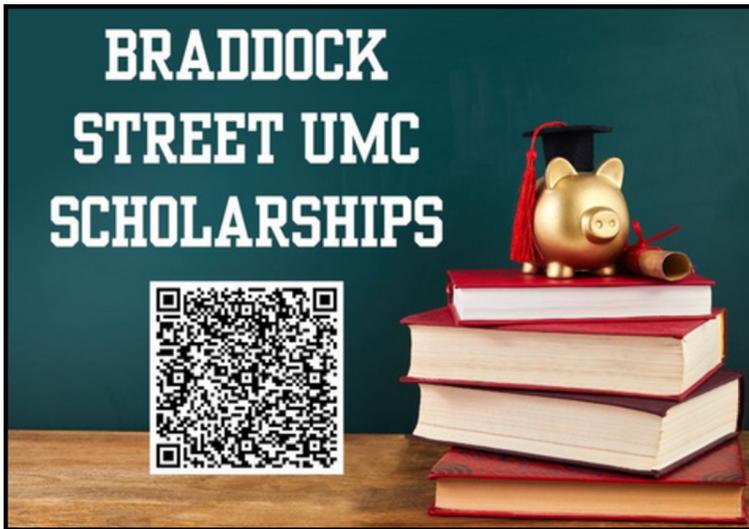
United
Women
in Faith

After the long and sometimes dismal weeks of cold, snow, and ice, the women of Braddock Street are ready for some lighthearted fun and fellowship. Basketball may have March Madness, but the United Women in Faith has the Spring Fling! Join your sisters and friends on Saturday, March 28 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM for brunch and a “white elephant” exchange



celebrating all things Spring. Got something you once cherished but would now love to pass on? Wrap it and bring it! See something (inexpensive) at a store that reminds you of the warm months ahead? Wrap it and bring it! There is no charge for this event but free will donations will go to the Laurel Center. Please RSVP by March 22. Got questions? Contact Susan Chesley at (563) 271-7915 or lchesley@gmail.com. And, as always, bring a friend (or more).





Braddock Street UMC has a scholarship fund that is available to BSUMC members as well as dependents of its employees. Scan the QR code image to download an application or pick up a copy in the church office during business hours. The deadline to return your completed application is June 22, 2026.



January Statistics:
 Average In-person Worship Attendance: 347
 Average Online Attendance: 107
 Monthly Budgeted Offering: \$90,055
 January Offering: \$89,214

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A full directory of 2026 Church Leadership is available on request.



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