



THE COMPASS

May 2026



**BRADDOCK
STREET**
United Methodist Church

One Worship - Service Worship

Thank you everyone for your participation!

On April 19, we had a wonderful Sunday of not only worshipping together as a congregation, but also by serving others as a form of worship as well! The combination of the traditional and contemporary music was magnificent. We have so many talented members of the choir and the Praise Band. A special thank you to our Minister of Music, George Amos for pulling it all together so beautifully!

The UWF organized another day of assembling Kits for Conference. The congregation stepped up to assemble over 1,000 hygiene kits that will be used by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to address the needs of communities across the nation that have experienced natural disasters. Many hands worked hours to assemble kits that will provide the basics to those struggling with nothing. Thanks to all who participated this year. You truly are the hands of Christ offering comfort and relief, far and wide. A special thank you to Nina Frederick and Bob Brock who ordered and inventoried all the supplies needed for the kits.

The rest of the congregation split up into a few more service projects. Some painted sun catchers for the residents at Evergreen Health & Rehabilitation Center. We had a group of congregation members who helped refresh the community garden at ARE (AIDS Relief Effort). There was also a group of helpers at Wheels For Wellness' annual fundraiser, *Tablescapes*. Everyone's cheerful desire to help others in our community is so appreciated!

We certainly answered the question "How can we help?" in a few different ways. There are so many other ways to serve here at Braddock Street. We have many members who are already serve with Building Bridges, Monday Night Dinner, and the Backpack Ministry, just to name a few. If you haven't picked up a Service Project T-shirt yet, there are still more available in the Gathering Space, in children's sizes, too! A free will offering is appreciated, but not necessary.



MAY SCHEDULE:

Kids Church will meet on our regular schedule (10:13 AM – 11:00 AM) each Sunday in May.

Sunday, May 10 (Mothers Day):

Children's Choir will sing at the 8:45 AM Worship Service. Kids Church will still meet at the 10:00 AM hour.

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.



2026 VACATION BIBLE CAMP

JUNE 8 – 11, 2026

9 AM - NOON

KIDS' REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

SCAN CODE OR REGISTER AT THE VBC TABLE IN THE GATHERING SPACE



May is Go Time! We now have all station leaders in place but need more helpers. Crew adult leaders and youth helpers are needed. Please sign up now at the VBC Table in the Gathering Space.

Kid's registration is now open. Register your child in person at the VBC table, scan QR code above, or go to braddockstreetumc.org/vacation-bible-camp.

We are inviting everyone to help in some of our all-build days. Mark your calendar for Saturdays May 9, May 16, & May 23. We will also need help during set-up week, on Wednesday, June 3 from 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Text Patty to let us know if you can jump in with us. (540) 336-3904. Sign up to be on the design team and we will keep you posted.

At Rainforest Falls, the daily Bible Point is carefully integrated into each station's activities to reinforce Bible learning. Each activity is an important part of kid's overall learning experience, just like the pieces of a puzzle.

We appreciate your help in making Vacation Bible Camp a great success!



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Happy end of year and Happy Graduation to our graduates!

High School Graduates

Aidan Bell - James Wood
Jackson Carr - Millbrook
Elizabeth Collins - Millbrook
Audrey DeArment - Handley
Amanda Dickson - Woodgrove
Grey Masters - James Wood
Tommy Miles - Sherando
Rowan McCullough - Millbrook
Joshua Newcome - Handley
Braedon Symons - Sherando
Aiden Wagner - Clarke County
Aubrey Wagner - Clarke County

College Graduates

Robert Avant - University of Virginia
Jax Bell - University of Virginia
Jacob Burton - George Mason University
Ryan Coffelt - Shenandoah University (Masters Degree,
Doctorate in summer of 2026)
Benjamin Dickson - The Ohio State University
Shayla Fitzsimmons - Stanford University
Paige Linton - University of Virginia
Julia Paige Nerangis - Virginia Tech University
Avery Sigler - University of Virginia (Masters Degree)
Hannah Wagner - Ithaca College

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

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UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

We have 2 upcoming Adult Mission Trips to be in prayer for. We will be joining Floris UMC to rebuild homes in Western North Carolina from May 31 - June 5. This is an ongoing mission which will take years to complete.

Are you interested in joining our mission trip to Sierra Leone? The timeline to jump in on the next trip is pretty quick, but there will be more trips in the future. If you are interested in going to Sierra Leone from October 18-31, 2026, the application deadline is May 10. Please contact Dave Brewster at dabrews@gmail.com before May 3.

SIERRA LEONE MISSION TRIP

October 18 – 31, 2026

INTEREST MEETING: MAY 3

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 10



SCAN CODE
FOR MORE
INFORMATION



Easter Offering

Thank you for your generosity!



\$5,700
donation



\$3,000
donation

LAY LEADER REFLECTION

Susan Chesley

This year Pentecost falls during the merry month of May, a month that symbolizes rejuvenation, potential, and new beginnings. On May 24, we will hear the ancient scripture calling us to welcome the renewing power of the Holy Spirit into our hearts and believe passionately in God's great promise of love for all people, embracing the saving message of freedom, joy, and new life offered through Christ as the touchstone in our lives. Our temple may not tremble, and flames will not rest of the tops of our heads but the fiery invitation to let the Holy Spirit lead our words and actions is as true today as it was in Jerusalem 2000 years ago. As Jesus said again and again, "Be not afraid!" for God is always present, protecting and strengthening us whatever our feet take us. Make a commitment this Pentecost season to challenge yourself to venture into dark and uncertain places where the frightened dwell and offer compassion, food, presence, and comfort to those who hunger for love, attention, and release. May we continue to let the red of fiery and passionate faith lead us and may we walk humbly in white light of God's eternal blessings.

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

May 10 at 8:45 AM Worship Service

"Easter Celebration" A musical celebration of the Easter story

The children's choir tells the amazing story of salvation and forgiveness with songs and simple narrations. You don't want to miss the story of the love and sacrifice of our Savior King.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

Things are moving along nicely with our Capital Improvements! Financially, we have received \$257,273 of the \$720,000 that was pledged. We are so appreciative of the generosity of our members in their support of our Capital Improvements. As you know, the boiler replacement is already finished.

We just had all of the door keypads replaced and the gate is working again. **Please note that now you need to press # after your code for the doors AND the gate.** Please contact the office if your code is not working. There may be an occasional hiccup due to the new system. The next step will be installing the handicap accessible doors.

The lights in the sanctuary are scheduled to be replaced this summer. We will be having worship services in the Fellowship Hall when they are being installed. Stay tuned for more details!

SJI CLIMATE TEAM TIP OF THE MONTH

SAVE GAS, SAVE MONEY – With gas prices hitting several year highs, there are simple things you can do to save gas. Keep your car tuned up and in good shape, remove unnecessary items (including exterior racks when not in use), ensure your tires are properly inflated, drive smoothly and sensibly, plan your trips to avoid frequent small trips, and avoid excessive idling. Use tools available, such as cruise control and automatic stop/start features. And carpool when you can – it's more fun and will save gas!



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We appreciate your help!

BRADDOCK STREET UMC SCHOLARSHIPS



Applications
available by
download or in the
church office.



Deadline: June 22

March Statistics:

Average In-person Worship Attendance: 386

Average Online Attendance: 117

Monthly Budgeted Offering: \$90,055

March Offering: \$115,421

STAFF DIRECTORY

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



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