

# THE COMPASS

June 2026



**BRADDOCK  
STREET**  
*United Methodist Church*

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## FELLOWSHIP WORSHIP

The lighting project in the sanctuary will soon be underway. We don't know the exact Sundays dates yet, but on some of our summer Sundays we'll be enjoying worship in the fellowship hall. We will call it Fellowship Worship. We will keep our regular worship times, but each of our services will be held in the fellowship hall while the sanctuary will be closed for the Lighting Upgrade. Stay tuned for more details.



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## LAY LEADER REFLECTION

I often hear people explain why they do not belong to a church. They say that they do not need a church to feel close to God. That God is in their presence more when they are hiking on Sunday morning than sitting in the pews of a sanctuary. That may be so, but I believe that it is in a church community that we often find the courage to hear God's persistent knocking on our conscience and find together the strength and power to open the door, a strength and power that we do not feel when we stand alone.



Lay Leader  
Susan Chesley

Take a moment and think of all the ways that together we hear the cries of people who want justice. Would we listen as faithfully if we were alone? Would we each individually, by ourselves, go into soup kitchen and serve and comfort the hungry? Some of us would. But many, maybe most, of us do what we have the power to do because we are not alone. The church itself gives us our strength. As a church, we are blessed by God's persistence to create in us a blessing to others.

Maybe God's persistent pestering presence in this church community is a sign of hope, not only for the widows and orphan of this world, but for us. Maybe there is hope that we will respond to the shame we feel in the face of injustice and allow it to break apart our resistance and press us to open doors to those who knock persistently; maybe there is hope that we will hear their cries and use our voices and our power to help bring relief and reconciliation and justice in this world. Maybe there is hope for us. I believe there is. More importantly, I believe that Creation believes there is.

In Revelation, Jesus says, "Behold! I stand at the door and knock." Maybe today we'll open the door. And what a great day that would be...for everyone!

## JUNE/JULY SCHEDULE:

No Kids Church in June or July -  
Summer Break  
June 14: VBC Worship event



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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## 2026 VACATION BIBLE CAMP

JUNE 8 – 11, 2026  
9 AM – NOON



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!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Director of Youth Ministries  
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## YOUTH MISSION WEEK

The youth will be staying at our church June 1 – 3 and serving in our own community in missions! We will help CCAP, Our Health, Evergreen Community, VBC as well as having fun games and ice skating. Times for worship and growing in faith will also be amazing. Please pray for the students, leaders and our work. Thank you!

## NORTH CAROLINA MISSION TRIP

Please be in prayer for Mark Pugh and Chuck Walters as they join Floris UMC to rebuild homes in Western North Carolina from May 31 - June 5.

**PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR OUR MISSION TEAMS**

<b>Adult Mission Trip</b> <b>May 31 – June 5</b> <b>Western North Carolina</b>	<b>Youth Missions Week</b> <b>June 1 – June 3</b> <b>Winchester</b>
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## MONTAGUE UMC FREEDGE

The Freedge, a combination of the words “free” and “fridge” is an outdoor refrigerator filled with donated food for those who are struggling financially to feed themselves and their families. The Freedge is open and stocked 24/7 by volunteers from community organizations addressing the needs of our residents. There are several Freedges located through Winchester and Frederick county, with one Freedge located at Montague UMC, very close to Braddock Street. The food donations are from CCAP, Highland Food Pantry, Shenandoah University, Blue Ridge Hospice, Frederick County Schools, and the Laurel Ridge shelter. Dave Goodwin, Social Justice Initiative member, has been in conversation with Montague Pastor Tom Stelzl about their Freedge program and how Braddock Street might be able to help keep the freedge stocked and running. Several Social Justice Initiative team leaders will be exploring with BSUMC church staff the best way to support this vital assistance program. Watch for more details and consider answering the call to help once we know how best to serve.



## SJI CLIMATE TEAM TIP OF THE MONTH

COMPOSTING REAPS BENEFITS! Did you know that composting food waste can help reduce the greenhouse gas methane? Methane traps more heat than carbon dioxide and is a significant contributor to climate change. Composting also helps to reduce waste going into landfills and can be used to condition your garden soil. So many benefits to reap by composting your food scraps such as vegetable and fruit peels, coffee grounds and more! This can be a fun project for the family. To learn about composting at home, visit the Environmental Protection Agency Composting At Home | US EPA.



# BUILDING BRIDGES AT BRADDOCK

Director of Latino Ministries  
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English as a Second Language (ESL) classes ended on May 13 with a grand celebration with students and staff. Seventy guests were in attendance! ESL will begin in the fall school year on September 16. Nevertheless, opportunities exist during the summer for both students and the children of students. Literacy Volunteers will continue to offer ESL classes during the summer, and a number of our students plan to continue their studies.

Many of our children will also participate in Braddock VBC. Some of our older students are excited to volunteer for VBC this year. Additionally, we will continue working on our grant funded "Moving Mural" with our children. We will have a summer arts program for our kids at Shenandoah University from June 22 – 24. Abi Gomez, an arts professor, will be leading the program at SU and various churches will be helping with transportation and serving lunch for our kids and volunteers. We are actively seeking drivers and volunteers.

We participated in the annual Latin Festival at Apple Blossom, connected with new families and community organizations interested in partnering with us.

Our collaboration continues with Emmanuel UMC, First UMC, John Mann and Montague UMC as we hold monthly Just Neighbors clinics. We are also planning to add Kernstown UMC and Bethany UMC in Purcellville. Our Next clinic is June 27 at Braddock UMC, with First UMC hosting.

We are truly blessed with our crew of dedicated veteran volunteers who in community as a family continued to strengthen each other this year. A most special thanks goes to each and every one of them!

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## MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a new Bible Study on Monday nights at 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM in room 132 beginning June 15. This class will be led by Margie Hernandez and Pastor Ahnna Lise. Please sign up and pick up a book in the Gathering Space or the church office as soon as possible. The first 2 chapters need to be read before the first class. Join us each week at 6:00 PM for Monday Night Dinner each week before class.

Christ On the Psych Ward  
by David Finnegan-Hosey

A promotional graphic with a dark brown background. On the left is a book cover for 'Christ On The Psych Ward' by David Finnegan-Hosey, featuring a butterfly illustration. On the right, the text reads: 'Christ On The Psych Ward Bible Study', 'Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 PM', 'Room 132', and 'June 15 - July 13'. Below this, it says 'Join us at 6:00 PM for Monday Night Dinner each week before class!' and 'Contact: margie@braddockstreetumc.org'.

# VIRGINIA UMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 17 – 20, 2026  
James Madison University  
Harrisonburg, VA



The theme of the 244th session of the Virginia Annual Conference is *A Conference in Three Movements*. This theme emerges from the belief that there are three principal movements of the Holy Spirit taking place in the present era of the church:

The **theological movement** from prevenient grace to sanctification. This is the movement of the Holy Spirit in the human heart.

The **historical movement** of Methodism captured in our past, lived in our present, and pointed toward our future. This is the movement of the Holy Spirit in the church.

The **missional movement** from gathered spaces into all the world. This is the movement of the Holy Spirit in community.

These movements build upon each other, intertwining together to demonstrate what has been, what is, and what will be as God continues to move amongst God's people.

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## HAPPY RETIREMENT DOUG!

Please celebrate Doug Clowser who has helped us for about five years and is now retiring as our church custodian. He is such a wonderful man, everyone loves him! He typically comes in late at night, often working 7 days/week and rarely ever taking time off. He is also present to take care of restoring the church's appearance after the many extra events that happen here at Braddock Street. His words of encouragement are a blessing to those of us who get to see him on a daily basis. He will be greatly missed.

"I've served as pastor of 5 different UMC's over 30 years. I've never met a Custodian as spiritual and as friendly as Doug. He literally prays for our church as he works overnight. And he's a very hard-working, and loving man of faith." - Pastor Jason



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## UWF SUNDAY - JULY 12

UWF Sunday is on July 12. We are looking for some women to join the UWF Choir so that we can have plenty of time to practice before then. Please contact Susan Chesley (lchesley@gmail.com), Megan Pugh (mpugh08@gmail.com) or Anne Brewster (brewsterannes@gmail.com) if you are interested.

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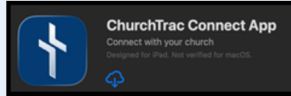


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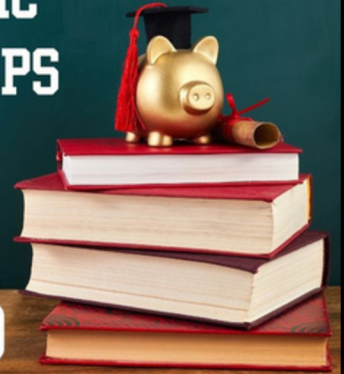


*We appreciate your help!*

## BRADDOCK STREET UMC SCHOLARSHIPS



Applications  
available by  
download or in the  
church office.



**Deadline: June 22**

### April Statistics:

Average In-person Worship Attendance: 386

Average Online Attendance: 117

Monthly Budgeted Offering: \$90,055

April Offering: \$62,130

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