# THE COMPASS

September 2025



### THIS MONTH'S SERMON SERIES



Jesus is the most influential person in human history. How does that impact the life of our church? What if we were to take Jesus' teachings and practice them in ways that made for a greater influence in our community? What other disciple-making activities would influence the life of our church now?

-Pastor Jason

### LATIN FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER

September 20, 2025: 4:30 - 7:00 PM Fellowship Hall

Building Bridges at Braddock is very excited to host the second annual fundraiser for Just Neighbors on September 20 from 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall! Just Neighbors is a non-profit organization that provides free humanitarian immigration legal services to low-income immigrant families working towards U.S. citizenship. The event will have:

- Food from Antojitos Mexicanos
- Entertainment from Folklore es Vida, a group of women who like to promote and show the different cultures of Latin American countries through dance.
- El Charro Robles, Mexican singer
- Cake auction
- Silent auction
- and more!



Tickets are \$25.00, children under 12 are free. Volunteers get free admission! Help is needed to set up the night before, during the event, and cleaning up afterwards. Use the QR codes below to volunteer or to buy tickets.







#### **BUILDING BRIDGES AT BRADDOCK**

Wednesdays - 6:00 - 7:30pm Beginning September 10

Building Bridges at Braddock (Construyendo Puentes) starts back up on Wednesday, September 10th and runs throughout the school year, ending in May. Want to join in on the fun? We have the following positions open:

**Kid's Time Volunteers** - Help kids from preschool age to 8th grade with math, science, and reading. Enjoy crafts, exercise and fun projects together. Babysit children from 1 - 3 years old while parents take English classes. We need high school and adult volunteers.

**ESL teachers** - You do NOT need to speak Spanish, but you do need to have a heart for our students and excitement to teach! We have the curriculum and we offer you the opportunity to be in community with our Latino Ministry.



We ask teachers to arrive 15 minutes early to be prepared and ready to greet your students.
Contact Margie Hernandez at margie@braddockstreetumc.org

#### BRADDOCK ST. MUSIC MINISTRY

This is the opportune time to jump in if you are interested in joining the Music Ministry. We have different adult, teen, and children groups for singing, handbells and playing instruments. We also have an orchestra that performs the Sunday before Christmas Eve. Sign up in the Gathering Space or contact our Minister of Music, George Amos if you are interested in using your musical gifts to serve the congregation at <a href="mailto:george@braddockstreetumc.org">george@braddockstreetumc.org</a>.

#### **PRACTICE SCHEDULE:**

Sundays: 5 PM Bel Canto, 6 PM Children's Choir

Wednesdays (practices begin September 3): 6 PM Joyful Ringers, 7 PM New Voices, 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

Thursdays: 5:30 PM Praise Band

### SANCTUARY & NEW VOICES CHOIRS (ADULTS & YOUTH)



CHILDREN'S CHOIR
AGES 5 - 5TH GRADE



PRAISE BAND



BEL CANTO 6TH - 12TH GRADE



JOYFUL RINGERS



BSUMC ORCHESTRA



# KIDS CHURCH SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE:

<u>September 7 – 21</u> Regular Kids Church schedule <u>September 28</u> Children's Sabbath Celebration



Join us on September 28 at the 10:00 AM service for our Children's Sabbath Celebration. There will be a Bible Presentation for all third graders during our children's moment. (Please contact Patty if you have a third grader and haven't heard from her yet.) Children will also be participating in other parts of worship.

The children Choir will sing at this service for their Fall performance. There is still room for you in Children's Choir. Contact George if your child (ages K-5<sup>th</sup> grade) can join in.

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Director of Children's Ministries

Patty Singhass





We will be Studying Moses this month. Each month we change to another series of BIG Faith as we journey through the Bible.

During our regular Kids Church schedule, all kids start in the 10:00 AM worship service. After the children's message, we travel to Kids Church with the leaders. Parents pick up at the classrooms.

**Room 202** ages 3-5

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

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

Parent helpers are needed weekly. Please sign up to help at the Kids Connect table by Room 201.

The nursery is open to all ages 12 weeks - 3 years.

### PROMOTION SUNDAY FUN!

We kicked off the new school year on Promotion Sunday, August 17. There was lots of fun to be had as we gathered to begin another year of growing closer to God in Kids Church at Braddock St. UMC! As a mission project, the kids made centerpieces for Monday Night Dinner.













#### **LADIES' TEA**

Saturday, September 27 12:00 Noon Multipurpose Room



The UWF will sponsor a ladies (and daughters) tea on Saturday, September 27 at noon in the multi-purpose room. Assorted sandwiches, sweets and teas will be served. All attendees are urged to wear their prettiest hat. Prizes will be awarded for the best hats in various categories.

Make reservations by emailing Susan Creasy at <a href="rick.creasy@gmail.com">rick.creasy@gmail.com</a> by September 21. The cost of the tea is \$15. Please place this amount in the UWF drawer in the office at the time of your reservation.

Proceeds will be gifted to the Laurel Center. If you would be willing to sponsor a table or to help in the kitchen that morning, notify Susan. A short program on the history and justice of tea will be presented.

### YOUNG WOMEN'S RETREAT

September 19 - 20 Camp Overlook in Keezletown, VA



The Retreat Leader will be Rev. Paige Swaim-Presley who serves at Blacksburg UMC and the theme is "Walking Together, Connecting in Faith." Young women 18 - 40 years old are invited to attend. You do not need to be a member of Braddock Street UMC to attend. The Registration Form and scholarship information are available by contacting Megan Pugh, President of Braddock Street's UWF, at <a href="mailto:mpugh08@gmail.com">mpugh08@gmail.com</a>.

### **PECAN & CHOCOLATE SALE**



The UWF will begin taking orders for Pecans on September 14 in the Narthex.

Divine Chocolate bars orders begin on October 5 in the Narthex.



#### **WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT**

Saturday, October 18 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Braddock St. UMC

Cost: \$20 (Scholarships available.)

Light breakfast and boxed lunch included.

I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was homeless and you gave me a room, I was shivering and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to visit me.



Tikkun Olam is a Hebrew phrase that means "healing or repairing the world" suggesting humanity's shared responsibility to heal, repair, and transform the broken and suffering pieces of Creation. Join other women as we explore our call to recognize the brokenness in the world and in ourselves and become instruments in God's desire to mend and smooth the jagged edges through understanding, compassion, empathy, and social action. We will use two art activities in which the torn and broken are reimagined to create beauty out of flaws and imperfection. You do not have to be a member of Braddock Street or a Methodist women to attend. Bring your friends! All are welcome!

For more information, contact Susan Chesley at <a href="mailto:lschesley@gmail.com">lschesley@gmail.com</a>.

#### **SCAM & FRAUD PREVENTION WORKSHOP**

Tuesday, September 23 6:30 PM – 7:000 PM Fellowship Hall

Learn how to protect yourself! Blue Ridge Insurance Agents will be presenting a free Scam and Fraud Prevention Workshop on September 23 from 6:30 – 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. You'll walk away with:

- Tips to spot red flags
- Tools to safeguard personal information
- Free Resources, support contacts and more!





#### **Vital Signs:**

YTD Average In-person Worship: 367 YTD Average Online Worship: 96 YTD Giving: \$13,206 ahead of budget

Monthly Budgeted Offering: \$85,128

January Offering: \$84,329 February Offering: \$92,977 March Offering: \$107,640 April Offering: \$77,847 May Offering: \$81,356 June Offering: \$84,134 July Offering: \$80,816

# Sign up for our weekly emails:



Use this QR Code or email info@braddockstreetumc.org



# Set up online giving:



Use this QR Code or email rachel@braddockstreetumc.org

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