

THE COMPASS

September 2026



LIGHTING PROJECT UPDATE



Now that the lighting project has begun, we wanted to give you an update on how it is going. We feel that it is progressing well. We are thrilled with our contractors, Trumbo Electric. They are working hard 10 hours every Monday through Thursday. We know that it is exciting and tempting to sneak a peek and see how things are going, but we want to remind everyone that this is an active construction site. For your own safety, please do not go past the divider in between the Gathering Space and the Sanctuary. Once the lighting project is done, we will also be cleaning the carpets and pews.

We appreciate everyone's patience and support as we complete these much needed improvements. We will keep you posted on the progress as things are completed.

LAY LEADER REFLECTION

Many people think of January as the month of opportunities for new beginnings and change. I have always loved September for the same reason. In September the kids would go back to school with new backpacks, pencils, notebooks and a renewed chance "do better this year." My kids are grown with children of their own, but I still love September. It is a month of new beginnings, especially at church. The UWF Circles will meet again each month, Building Bridges will get back to welcoming our immigrant neighbors every Wednesday, Sunday education classes will open new books and support the faith of those who gather, new opportunities for service will emerge in September, and everyone will be greeted back after vacations and summer hiatuses. As we move from the heat and chaos of summer into the stillness of autumn, find places to rediscover your gifts and fan the flames of God's purpose in your life. Use what is offered at Braddock Street to strength your voice for peace, energize your devotion to the needs of others, and rejoice knowing that whatever you do, whatever you give, will be enough.



Lay Leader
Susan Chesley

SUNDAY MORNING KIDS' CHURCH

Each Sunday, kids start in the 10:00 AM worship service. Immediately following the Children's Moment, they walk to their classrooms with their teachers. Parents pick up their children from their classrooms.

3 yr - 2nd grade: Room 206

3rd - 5th grade: Room 201

Parents sign up to be helpers and leaders each week at the kid's connection table by Room 201.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Director of Children's Ministries
Patty Singhass

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2026 MOUNTAIN MOVERS KICK OFF

Sunday September 26

4:00 – 5:30 PM (Room 201)

Calling all 3rd, 4th & 5th Graders! Mountain Movers is our tweens young youth group. It allows them to all get a feel of what BLAST Youth Group is like. They will meet some of our youth and work with our Youth Director, Kristin Beall. Here's what we will go over on Sunday, September 26th.

- There will be a lesson and devotion.
- Activities, games, and snacks
- Parents will register their Mountain Mover.
- We'll take a survey to determine which are the best days and times to meet for your family.



Leaders: Patty Singhass, Kristin Beall, and youth helpers. Any needs or concerns contact Patty 540-336-3904.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Director of Youth Ministries

Kristin Beall

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We had a great summer! Our regular Blast Meetings are back up and running and we'd love to see you! Our regular weekly meetings are Sundays from 6:00 PM - 7:45 PM upstairs in Room 214. We have dinner and rotate between worship, Bible, service projects and of course lots of games and fun! Email Kristin to get on the information loop!

UWF FALL FUNDRAISER

The UWF Pecan Fundraiser begins September 6 and continues to October 11. Orders can be placed in the Fellowship Hall Gathering Space. There are three varieties: Mammoth Pecan Halves, Southern Praline Pecans, and Milk Chocolate Pecan Halves. The cost is \$16 per bag, or \$15 per bag if you buy 2 or more. UWF fundraisers are for the various missions that we support. For a full list, go to braddockstreetumc.org/ministries/united-women-in-faith.

Contact Megan Pugh at (540) 533-8120 or mpugh08@gmail.com by October 11.

\$16 PER BAG
\$15 PER BAG IF BUYING 2 OR MORE.



Mammoth Pecan Halves
16oz. resealable bag



Southern Praline Pecans
10oz. bag



Milk Chocolate Pecan Halves
10oz. bag

PEACE, LOVE, AND MAYHEM!

Saturday, November 7th
6:00 - 7:30 PM

The United Women in Faith will host a 1960s Murder Mystery Party on Saturday, November 7, 6:00-7:30. Intrigue and trickery will be afoot in the halls of Braddock Street! Are you up for the challenge? The event will be inspired by the 1960s so feel free to come dressed in your beads and floppy hats and enjoy appetizers that fit the decade. There is no admission charge for this fellowship event but free will offerings are always appreciated. Contact Anne Brewster or Susan Chesley for more information.



United
Women
in Faith



DIVORCE CARE SUPPORT GROUP

Are you going through divorce, separation or relationship issues? Divorce Care is starting! DivorceCare's life-changing support groups welcome people and guide them on the path of recovery after separation or divorce. Over 1 million people have found comfort and hope through this 13 week, video-based series. Join us Mondays from 6:30 - 8:30 PM in room 211 (upstairs next to the Oglesby room). The group begins on October 5th and lasts 13 weeks. Each Monday we will gather for dinner, a video and group discussion. Contact Kristin at kristin@braddockstreetumc.org. For more information or to register, visit www.divorcecare.org.



MISSIONS COMMITTEE

NORTH CAROLINA MISSION TRIP

Missions Chair
Dave Brewster
dabrews@gmail.com

October 11 – 16, 2026

In the area of Ashe County, NC, over 150 homes were destroyed and over 700 homes were damaged from Hurricane Helene in September, 2024. The Western North Carolina United Methodist recovery effort is expected to last 5-6 years with dedicated help by volunteers from around the US. If you would consider volunteering for this ongoing mission, return trips to North Carolina are being coordinated by Floris UMC with a planned trip on October 11 – 16.

No construction experience is needed, just bring an open heart and willing hands. The cost of the trip is \$250, half of which will be paid by Braddock Street. Are you on the fence about joining us on this trip? Join us! We'd love to have more helpers. Contact Mark Pugh at mpugh4738@gmail.com or Chuck Drake at cebdrake@comcast.net.

CONTAINER PROJECT EXTENDED



**HELPING
CHILDREN
WORLDWIDE**

Helping Children Worldwide is sending a shipping container to Sierra Leone and is asking for our help. The container project has been postponed. Braddock St. is committing to sending small flashlights, AA/AAA batteries, small first aid boxes, sturdy work gloves, and examination

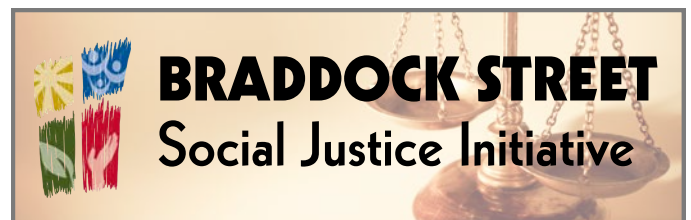


gloves. Scan the QR code to see our Amazon wish list. The items will be shipped directly to Helping Children Worldwide headquarters in Fairfax, VA. If you would like to see the full list of items needed, please contact Dave Brewster at dabrews@gmail.com. A team is returning to Sierra Leone to learn more about how the CRC is reuniting homeless children with their families and operations at Mercy Hospital including progress of a mobile vaccination manufacturing laboratory.

SJI FREEDGE UPDATE

Beginning on Friday, August 28th, volunteers from Braddock Street began bringing food to the Freedge at Montague Church. Each week, at 8:00 AM on Fridays and

Tuesdays, our volunteers will pick up food from the Shenandoah University Food Recovery Network and deliver it to Montague Church where Montague UWF members will package bulk food into smaller containers. This is a wonderful opportunity for Braddock Street to partner with Montague Church and other churches and organizations in the area to stock the local Freedges with food for neighbors in need. While our involvement in this ministry was initially sparked by a member of the Social Justice Initiative, SJI is seeking to involve the entire congregation. Please contact Susan Chesley, lschesley@gmail.com, if you would like to be a part of this new opportunity to serve others in our neighborhood.



BRADDOCK ST. MUSIC MINISTRY

Minister of Music: George Amos
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Now is the perfect time to join the Music Ministries!

We are happy to welcome new volunteers to join each and every ensemble at Braddock Street
This is a perfect and exciting way to serve your church and join a small group get to know everyone through music

ADULTS

Sanctuary Choir - This Adult Choir usually sings for 11:15 AM worship service weekly. We perform two Cantatas each year for Advent and Palm Sunday for both the 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM services. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday at 7:30 PM in the Choir Room.

New Voices - The New Voices Choir sings on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month at the 8:45 AM Worship service. Rehearsals are held on the Wednesday prior to the 1st and 2nd Sundays of the month at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Members will have the opportunity to join the Sanctuary Choir in two Cantatas per year.

Handbell Choir - Joyful Ringers is a group of adult handbell players. Rehearsals are held weekly on Wednesdays from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Handbell room. Music reading is important but not mandatory.

Praise Band - Singers and instrumentalists provide contemporary music for the 10:00 AM worship service. Rehearsals are held weekly every Thursday at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

Orchestra - INSTRUMENTALISTS, ALL INSTRUMENTS

Anyone from Middle school to Adults, all levels of experience.
Performance 3rd or 4th Sunday in December at 11:15 AM service.

YOUTH

Bel Canto - Handbell Choir is for Youth in Grades 6 through 12. Rehearsals are weekly on Sunday evenings from 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM in the Hand Bell room.

CHILDREN

Children's Choir - The Children's Choir is for Children from Kindergarten to 5th grade. Rehearsals are held on Sundays from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Choir Room. We meet in the Gathering Space in the Sanctuary Building.

Starting Dates for Music Ministries:

Sanctuary Choir and New Voices - Wednesday, September 2

Handbell Choir - Wednesday, September 16

Praise Band - Thursday, September 3

Bel Canto - Sunday, September 13

Children's Choir - Sunday, September 13



ACCOMPANIMENT CONGREGATION TRAINING

EQUIPPING CONGREGATIONS
WITH TOOLS, AND PRACTICAL ADVOCACY AND
CARE STRATEGIES TO ACCOMPANY IMMIGRANT
COMMUNITIES WITH COMPASSION, COURAGE,
AND FAITHFULNESS.



TO REGISTER CONTACT :
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DATE:
OCTOBER 10, 2026



TIME:
10AM – 3PM



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115 WOLFE STREET,
WINCHESTER



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**COVERS LUNCH
AND REFRESHMENTS**

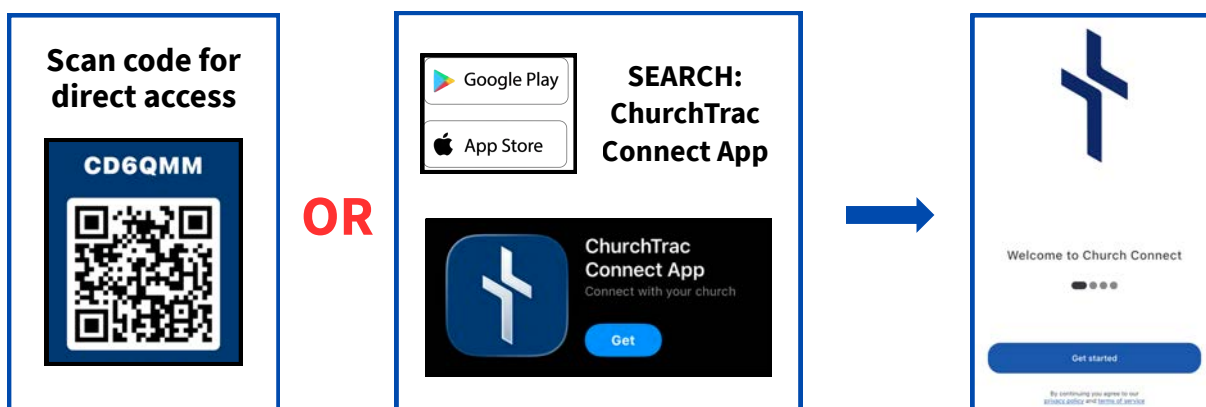


**IMMIGRATION
RESPONSE
TEAM OF THE VIRGINIA
CONFERENCE**



USE OUR NEW CHURCHTRAC CONNECT APP!

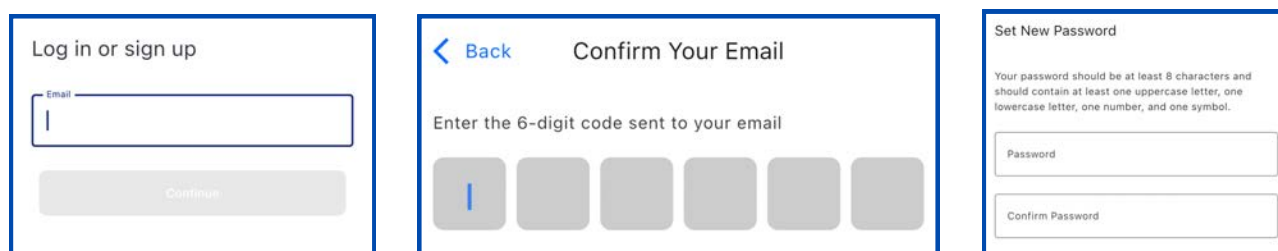
1. Download app



2. Install and select Braddock St. UMC



3. Sign up for an account



Now you are ready to Check-in for Worship service, send a prayer request, set up a one time or recurring donation, see the church calendar, watch a previous sermon clip, and so much more!

Contact Rachel BeDell for assistance at rachel@braddockstreetumc.org.



E₁ English as a
S₁ Second
L₁ Language

**ESL Teachers needed for
Building Bridges**

**No Spanish
needed**

WEDNESDAYS 5:45 - 7:30 PM - BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 16

Contact Margie@braddockstreetumc.org

Backpack Ministry

PROVIDING WEEKEND FOOD FOR CHILDREN

- **DONATIONS NEEDED:**
- **MAC & CHEESE (INDIVIDUAL)**
- **FRUIT CUPS (INDIVIDUAL)**
- **CEREAL BARS**
- **VEGETABLES (CANNED)**
- **PASTA (INDIVIDUAL OR CANNED)**
- **CHEESE & PB CRACKERS**



Scan this QR Code to purchase items on our Amazon Wish List. Donations will be delivered to the church office.



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