

THE COMPASS

October 2025



**BRADDOCK
STREET**
United Methodist Church

ONE WORSHIP SUNDAY/CHURCH POTLUCK

On Sunday, October 5, we will worship together as one! Join us at 11:00 AM for a service with the entire congregation. There will be no Kids' Church, but the nursery will be open from 10:30 AM – 12:15 PM.

There will be a fun potluck lunch afterward in the Fellowship Hall. We will be providing meatballs, desserts and drinks. Please bring a side dish to share. You will be able to drop off your dishes in the kitchen before the service. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



GENERAL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN WARM WELCOME CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We invite you to take up the challenge of giving generously to God's good work at Braddock Street! Pray first, then carefully discern what your giving commitment will be for 2026. Soon you will be receiving a letter and a 2026 Estimate of Giving card in the mail. We ask that you would please return it during worship on Commitment Sunday, October 26. There will also be a digital Estimate of Giving card at www.braddockstreetumc.org/give.



Right now, people are searching for a church home. Braddock Street is growing again. We have an opportunity to welcome new people and to offer everyone a "Warm Welcome". We are making improvements to our systems of heat, light, and accessibility. We are upgrading outdated boilers to provide more reliable and efficient heat. Improved sanctuary lighting will enhance our worship experience. And better accessibility means inclusion, as well as safety. With your help, we can raise \$750,000 over the next 3 years to offer a Warm Welcome to everyone.

KIDS CHURCH

During our regular Kids Church schedule, all children 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 - 2nd grade

Room 201 3rd - 5th grade

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Director of Children's Ministries
Patty Singhass



The nursery is open to all ages from 12 weeks to 3 years and is located in Room 219.

OCTOBER SCHEDULE

October 5 One Worship Service at 11:00 AM. There will be a Children's moment and Communion, but no Kids' Church. The nursery will be open 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM. Please stay for the Church Potluck lunch.

October 12 - 26 Regular Kids' Church schedule

YOUTH MINISTRY

Director of Youth Ministry

Kristin Beall

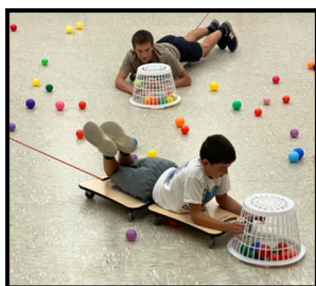
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We are happy to give a warm welcome to our new Youth Director. Kristin Beall has served in youth and family ministry for 32 years. Serving in both United Methodist and Presbyterian churches in both Virginia and Texas, she is passionate about a life long call wherever the Lord leads. Her husband David Allen is also happy to be supporting her in his home state. They have three grown children also in Virginia and Texas. When not working you can find Kristin reading, spending time with family or enjoying nature with David.

The youth have been busy in September! BLAST kicked off with a pool party and a great dinner at the Ratlief's. We played Hungry Hungry Hippos in the Fellowship Hall and prepared 200 toiletry kits for CCAP clients. We also spent some time discussing Ecclesiastes 3 (a time for everything), See You At The Pole, and Matthew 5:1-12 (The Beatitudes). It's been great spending time together on Sunday nights, and we are excited to have Kristin join us October 1!

Prayer partners will be starting up shortly! If you are an adult and are willing to pray for one of our youth, please email Kristin at kristin@braddockstreetumc.org.



BUILDING BRIDGES AT BRADDOCK

Director of Latino Ministries

Margie Hernandez

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Braddock Street has had a growing and fruitful ministry with our Latino neighbors which we now believe calls for a Staff Position. With Margie officially on staff here, it builds credibility with the Latino community and gives our district and conference a model for this leadership. We are applying for grants for this ministry and appreciate your support and prayers. This position will allow Building Bridges to broaden ministry services offered by our church to the Latino community. Laurie Gaulke and Mike Kasper were appointed co-chair of the Building Bridges at Braddock Latin Ministry. A big thanks goes to our team of dedicated volunteers who deeply care and work hard to support our ministry.

We are excited to report our English as a Second Language classes (ESL) started with a record forty-three adults and thirty-two children registered. Classes began on September 10 with twenty-five adults and fifteen children of the parents attending. Classes continue each Wednesday evening from 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM.

We held our Just Neighbors Latin Festival Fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall on September 20. All proceeds benefited Just Neighbors for assisting them to continue to provide free legal services to low-income immigrants who are on a path to U.S. citizenship. Nearly \$10,000 dollars was raised!

On September 6th, in collaboration with First United Methodist Church, we began to hold our Just Neighbors Immigration Clinics monthly. The clinic will continue each month, other than December, and alternate between participating local UMC's. These UMC congregations include Braddock Street, First, Emmanuel, Montague, Brucetown, and John Mann.



Just Neighbors
Hope Through Immigration Legal Services





United Women in Faith

"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."
- Matthew 25:35-40

Women's Spiritual Life Retreat

Tikkun Olam:

Repairing the World through Story, Art and Humor

Saturday, October 18

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Cost: \$20

(Light breakfast and boxed lunch included.)
(Scholarships available.)



Contact Susan Chesley at: lschesley@gmail.com

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 the UWF to attend. Bring your friends! All are welcome!

PECANS, CHOCOLATE



The Schermer Pecan fundraiser continues through Sunday, October 12th, at the table in the Narthex. The pecans usually arrive in early November.

The Divine Chocolate bar orders will be taken October 12th through November 9th in the Narthex and arrive in time for Christmas.

SOUP AND BAKE SALE



UWF CONCERT FUNDRAISER

On Sunday, November 9, 3 - 5pm, Steve Jennings and Bill Baber will be in concert in the Sanctuary and refreshments will follow in the Gathering Space. The theme is "A Grateful Celebration" to prepare for the upcoming holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Let's start the holidays with a song in our heart and celebrate our bountiful blessings. Light refreshments will be available following the music. A free will offering will be collected to support United Women in Faith projects.



THE GIVING TREE

Gift Tag Pick Up

Beginning Sunday, November 9
Gifts are due back by November 30

Gift Wrapping Party

Friday, December 12
6:00 PM - Fellowship Hall

THE GIVING TREE/OPERATION REMEMBER

The annual Giving Tree is coming in November. It is an amazing mission opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for those who need a helping hand this holiday season. We will continue to get wish lists for children in our community through Bright Futures, BBB (Building Bridges at Braddock Street) and Social Services. The Giving Tree will also continue to assist Operation Remember by filling wish lists for nursing home and assisted living facility residents.



The Giving Tree will be set up during Sunday Morning worship services beginning November 9. Gift tags will be available after each service through November. There will also be a tree outside the church office. Wish lists can be sent via text or email if you can't make it to the church.

We ask that all gifts be returned on or before November 30. We will have helpers available Sunday mornings for gift drop offs. You may also drop them off at the church office during the week.

We will have our wrapping party on Friday, December 12 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. This is multi-generation friendly, so bring the whole family. It will be a fun time! (PLEASE bring scissors and tape)

We are excited for the Christmas season. This mission makes such a difference in many lives. We are incredibly grateful for your help. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Contact Betty Sue Unger at bettsue@operationremember.org or (540) 323-0683 for questions.



WATTS FUNDRAISER

WATTS is thrilled to launch a brand-new fall fundraiser: our first annual “Cheesin’ for a Reason” Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup Extravaganza! Join us on Saturday, November 8 from

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM in Old Town Winchester. Enter the walking mall at Rouss Ave. Entry times are 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM. This fun community event celebrates one of our guests’ favorite meals while raising vital funds and awareness for WATTS’ mission. As the area’s only low-barrier, thermal shelter, WATTS provides temporary overnight shelter from November through March and works year-round to help our guests access the resources they need to break the cycle of homelessness and build safe, stable futures.

What to Expect:

- A delicious tasting tour along the Loudoun Street Mall with participating restaurants and food trucks serving up grilled cheese and tomato soup samples.
- Shopping opportunities in local stores along the route.
- Live music all day long.
- Family fun with kids’ activities, vendors, and more.

It’s a day full of ooey-goey goodness, community spirit, and impact.

Scan the QR code to get your tickets today.



SUICIDE PREVENTION WALK

Out of the Darkness Community Walks

BRADDOCK STREET UMC SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE


Join the SJI Health Pod in walking to support the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

October 11, 2025
Sherando High School
Stephens City, VA



Donate or join our team by scanning the QR Code

Or contact Team Captain Emily Turner (yurcake@gmail.com)



WINCHESTER-AREA INTERFAITH STEWARDS OF THE EARTH (WISE)

The newly formed Winchester-area Interfaith Stewards of the Earth (WISE), is hosting a public presentation on the development of larger data centers in Frederick County with information on environmental concerns, including the centers substantial energy consumption, high water usage, significant carbon emissions from power generation and backup generators, and contributions to e-waste.

The presentation will be given by Julie Bolthouse from the Piedmont Environmental Council, on Thursday, October 16, 2025 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Northern Shenandoah Valley, 6380 Valley Pike, Stephens City, VA

SIERRA LEONE MISSION TRIP UPDATE



July 4, 2025 marked the 25th anniversary of the organization now known as the Child Reintegration Centre in Sierra Leone. A team from the US was present to help celebrate which included Dave Brewster and his daughter, Alaina. What began as an orphanage with 40 children has evolved into an organization that now has 170 social workers and 24 client organizations trained, providing

leadership in 1 national coalition and 3 international think-tanks for care reform advocacy. Services include child protection, educational supports, essential care, and case management wrap around care for families, serving 1700 children annually.

This is one of the 500 families that have gone through the reunification program. The younger son lived at the CRC from age four until age eleven and is now at age seventeen is attending high school and wants to become a lawyer. His older brother is in university, also studying to become a lawyer. The CRC continues to provide support – school supplies, a modest stipend, and ongoing case management, but what they have really given this family is a chance to stay together and move forward.



The Dakuwa family with the July team.



Mbalu Sumara and her daughter

With the help of a microloan and receiving financial training Mbalu Sumara started her own business selling soap, charcoal, and palm oil. This has transformed her ability to care for her daughter. “Now we have enough. I can buy her shoes, I can feed her.” This is one example of how a few hundred dollars changed everything. Not just economically, but emotionally. She carried herself with dignity. She was no longer desperate. She was empowered.

We also visited Kenie Bojon who received another microfinance loan and runs a palm oil business in a crowded market area. She employs three other women, has five children, and told us, This program helped me find God.” Through business training, life skills, and discipleship, she has found peace – and a new identity.



Kenie Bojon standing by her store.



Mercy mobile medical outreach at Fenghun.

Mercy Hospital has served 13,000 patients regardless of their ability to pay. Over 8,000 mothers and babies are served annually in outreach services to villages.

The surgical suite at Mercy has a new addition! While we were there, Healey International donated a new anesthesia machine complete with battery back up for when the power goes off! This is in addition to a new X-ray machine that had recently been delivered and is in the process of being set up and staff trained to operate the unit.

Another exciting thing happening at Mercy is the construction for the home of a mobile vaccine manufacturing laboratory! This mobile lab will be taken to wherever a malaria outbreak takes place, thereby saving time and money while saving even more lives.



Staff at Mercy receiving new anesthesia machine from Healey International

Braddock Street is changing lives because of you! In the words of Olivia Fonnies, the CRC Director, “We are not just reintegrating children. We are rebuilding lives.”



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