



THE COMPASS

October 2026



LET THERE BE LIGHT!

Thank you Braddock Street! You've helped us accomplish a big project with the lighting upgrade in the sanctuary. It looks amazing.

A huge thank you to all of our Trustees who managed the project and for every one of you who gives generously to help make it happen. Remember, our church is a light in this community!

-Pastor Jason

LAY LEADER REFLECTION

October is widely observed as Stewardship Month by many Christian churches and marked as a dedicated time for prayerful reflecting, financial planning, and committing time, talent, and resources to the ministry of Christ through the mission of the church. While Braddock Street began our stewardship campaign in September, there is always time to challenge ourselves beyond what we believe possible and recognize how our actions can grow, reflect, and nurture the presence of Christ in the lives of all. During this season of generous possibilities, I am reminded of Father Gregory Boyle, a Jesuit priest living out his faith in one of the most dangerous and hopeless areas of Los Angeles. Father Boyle started Homeboy Industries in 1988 to assist at risk and formerly gang-involved youth to become positive, contributing members of society through job placement, training, mentoring, and education. Homeboy Industries is now a global presence of reconciliation and grace in places broken by violence and poverty. I had the pleasure of hearing Father Boyle interviewed once and he was asked "Aren't you ever afraid that you're being taken advantage of?" His response struck me like a brick. He simply said, "I give my advantage away freely; it is never taken from me." Father Boyle's life was built on radical tenderness. He joyfully gave of himself so others could find peace, comfort, and purpose. As you consider what it is that you have to give, recognize your own advantages and believe yourself into being the Spirit of Generosity so that all are welcome at Christ's eternal table.



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 - 1st grade: Room 206
2nd - 5th grade: Room 201

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

October 4 Kids' Church Regular Schedule - Communion Lesson

October 11 Children's Sabbath Sunday - All kids remain in 10:00 AM worship. Children's Choir will sing. All 3rd Graders will receive a Bible from the Church. Presentation at the Children's Moment.

October 18 Kids' Church Regular Schedule

October 25 Kids' Church Regular schedule - Pumpkin Day Celebration



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Director of Children's Ministries
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THE BLESSING PLACE NURSERY

The Blessing Place Nursery is open every Sunday from 9:45 AM - 12:15 PM. We have an adult leader who is assisted by our "BSUMC Babysitter's Club". If you have a teenager who might be interested in working in our Sunday Nursery, please contact Patty Singhass.



MOUNTAIN MOVERS

Mountain Movers is our tweens young youth group for all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. It allows them to all get a feel of what BLAST Youth Group is like. We have a monthly Sunday meeting. See the schedule for specific dates. Contact Patty Singhass for more information.

Mountain Movers Schedule

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM in room 201

October 25

November 15

December 11



Faith can move mountains.
Matthew 17:20

YOUTH MINISTRY

Director of Youth Ministries

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October Youth Schedule

Sundays 9:30 - 10:00 AM Youth Small Group Bible Study in room 204. Bring your Bible or one can be provided for you! Open to all youth 6th - 12th grade.

Sundays 5:00 - 6:00 PM Bel Canto (Youth Handbells) in handbell room in Sanctuary Building

Sundays 6:00 - 7:45 PM BLAST youth group in room 214

YOUTH YARD SALE

Support Youth Missions with our Yard Sale by donating items and/or shopping! Yard Sale items can be brought to chapel.

Please NO: TVs, electronics, computers, books, or clothes.

If pick up is needed, contact Kristin.

ALL Youth will meet in the chapel at 6:30AM until 11:30 AM to participate in the Yard Sale Fundraiser! This blesses our church to clear their extra goodness. It helps our community receive great items at a bargain price. And it makes us some money for missions!



October 17

7 AM - 11 AM

YOUTH YARD SALE

Donations can be brought to the Chapel beginning October 5th.



SEE YOU AT THE POLE

Thank you to our youth (and the parents driving them!) who participated in this years National Day of Student Prayer - See You at the Pole. Prayer matters and you are warriors!

DC MISSION TRIP

Our youth partnered with Teens Opposing Poverty to do an outreach in DC to our homeless on August 29. Nine of our youth took 75 toiletry kits, 76 pairs of underwear, 100 pairs of socks and 108 icee pops and had a meaningful time handing these out. Unfortunately, there were many more people waiting for aid than we had anticipated, so that was eye-opening. Though there were some difficult moments, we were all touched by how many appreciated and spoke with us about their lives and needs. It was also awesome reconnecting with our good friend, William from TOPS. Thank you to Raj and Jill for leading and our youth for doing something new and a bit challenging in the name of Jesus!

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Missions Chair

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Please be in prayer for our October mission trips.

Western North Carolina
October 11 – 16



Sierra Leone
October 18 – 31



Rise
AGAINST HUNGER

SAVE THE DATE!
NOVEMBER 22



Come be a part and learn how Rise Against Hunger is impacting our world in the name of Jesus. This is one way we at Braddock Street are "serving the world in mission". Join us Sunday, November 22, starting at 10:00 AM in our Fellowship Hall to sort, scoop, seal and package 20,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger. There is something for everyone of all abilities to do, from sit down labeling, scooping small ingredients, to toting some heavy packages that need to be moved around.



We encourage you to register as a volunteer and sign a waiver as soon as possible. This saves time and helps us plan the event. Scan the QR code to register.



THE GIVING TREE IS COMING!

The 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 fill wish lists for children in our community through Bright Futures, BBB (Building Bridges at Braddock Street) and foster children through Social Services.

The Giving Tree will 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 8th.



Gift tags will be available after each service through November. The tree outside the church office will return beginning the 8th as well. 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 29th. We will have helpers available Sunday mornings for gift drop offs. You may also drop them off outside the church office during the week.

The Giving Tree wrapping party will be Friday, December 11th from 6 - 8 PM. This is multi-generation friendly, so bring the whole family. It will be a fun time. (PLEASE bring scissors and tape.)

We will be collecting wrapping paper during November. New or partially used rolls are welcome. You may bring them to the office any week day or Sunday mornings.



We are excited for the Christmas season. This mission makes such a difference in many lives. Children and the elderly both benefit from this mission. Deya, Kerry Mueller, and Betty Sue are incredibly excited for this season to begin and are grateful for your help.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Betty Sue Unger
Bettrysue@operationremember.org or 540-323-0683.

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 PM - 7:30 PM. 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



UWF FALL FUNDRAISERS



The UWF Pecan Fundraiser deadline is October 11. We will once again be offering hearty soups and delicious sweets at our Fall Soup and Bake Sale on Sunday, October 11. We will be selling before and after all services and money raised goes toward supporting our 10 local and regional missions. For a full list, go to braddockstreetumc.org/ministries/united-women-in-faith.



DEMENTIA SENSITIVITY WORKSHOP

Saturday, November 14th

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Lunch is included

Cost: \$25/person



Jayne Seymour, from DementiaMatters, will facilitate a workshop intended to guide and empower caregivers and those interested in increasing their awareness, knowledge, skills, techniques and strategies to understand and/or care for someone living with dementia. DementiaMatters is unique in that it brings a hands-on training program, along with a virtual dementia tour which replicates what a person with Dementia feels, hears, senses, and deals with everyday. Through participating in this training, Braddock Street will be designated as a dementia-friendly church. Please contact Susan Chesley lschesley@gmail.com or (563) 271-7915, for more information.



BRADDOCK ST. UMC Social Justice Initiative EARTH CARE TEAM



REDUCE YOUR USE OF PLASTIC! Saying “no” to plastic bags and water bottles is one of the easiest things you can do to help the environment. Plastic is burdening landfills and is a danger to aquatic life.

- Use recyclable tote bags at the grocery store. If you forget your reusable bags, ask for paper bags.
- Use reusable metal water bottles when you travel
- Bring a tote bag to the farmer’s market
- Use paper or reusable straws
- If you have plastic bags, try to reuse them or recycle them at your local food store.

Another tip from your BSUMC Social Justice Initiative Earth Care Team



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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