

THE COMPASS

November 2025



**BRADDOCK
STREET**
United Methodist Church

Advent Celebration

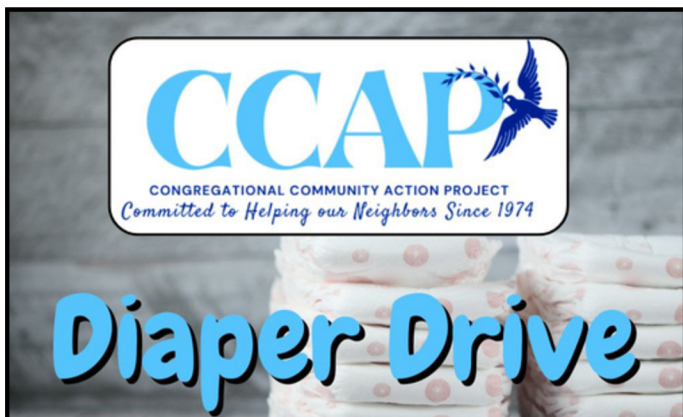
Sunday, November 30
6:00 - 7:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

- Soup and bread meal
- Dessert and Wassail
- Vintage ornament craft activity
- Christmas Carolers
- Blessing of the Greens

ADVENT CELEBRATION

The congregation is invited to attend an Advent Celebration on Sunday, November 30, the first Sunday of Advent, from 6:00 -7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Our Advent theme and sermon series this year is “The Redemption of Scrooge” by Matt Rawle. Come enjoy a vintage, traditional, English-style Charles Dickens

Christmas celebration! We will enjoy the sounds of carolers and fellowship together over soup, bread, dessert, and traditional Wassail. We will create a vintage Christmas tree ornament to take home, enjoy a devotion, and Blessing of the Greens. Children’s Choir members will be brought over after their rehearsal to enjoy the festivities with their families. There may even be a viewing of “Mickey’s Christmas Carol” to close out the evening. The evening will include fun for the entire family! Hope to see you there!



ADVENT MISSION FOCUS

Our Advent mission focus this year is a Diaper Drive to benefit CCAP, which we will be launching at the Advent Celebration. Please bring any package of diapers, preferably size 4 and 5, to build our Christmas tree of diapers. Diapers can be brought to the Gathering Space all throughout Advent. The deadline is December 21.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC

November 30 is the first Sunday in Advent and will be here before you know it. Rehearsals have already begun for the Christmas Cantata which will be on Sunday, December 14. Feel free to join us! Contact George Amos with any questions.

The Braddock Street Orchestra will begin rehearsals on November 30. Anyone who plays an instrument is invited to join us! Rehearsals are Sunday 11/30, 12/7, and 12/14 at 4:00 PM. You can pick up music in the choir room anytime before the first rehearsal.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Minister of Music
George Amos
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Music Ministry Dates to Remember

December 14 8:45 & 11:15 AM: Christmas Cantata at the Traditional Worship Services

December 21 8:45 AM: Children's Musical and Bel Canto playing

December 21 11:15 AM: Braddock Street Orchestra playing at Traditional Worship Service

December 24 5:00 PM: Contemporary Christmas Eve with Candlelight Communion
(Prelude by the Praise Band at 4:45 PM)

December 24 8:00 PM: Traditional Christmas Eve with Candlelight Communion
(Prelude by members of the Music Ministries at 7:45 PM)

LAY LEADER REFLECTION

The days are getting shorter as we move toward Advent and learn to see clearly through the darkening hours. This is also a sacred time to embrace the dawning of every new day as a symbol of God's light breaking through our weary darkness and God's great mercy overcoming our troubles. We can use each morning as a reminder of new life, new possibilities, new beginnings. The breath in our lungs, the pulse of our hearts, the sun that shines upon us, or the rain that falls to nourish the soil all reflect back God's great "Yes!" to life and an invitation to all creation to begin anew.

All we need are eyes to see and ears to listen to God's hopeful promise of new life. Take a moment before starting your days to breathe deeply and give thanks for all the grace and mercy you will be able to give to others. Find the wisdom, courage, and strength God has already placed in your heart to see yourself in every person you meet and extend true kindness and respect to all. As Advent approaches, may we prepare ourselves in anticipation and hope for the birth of Christ. Let's sweep the path before us and welcome stranger and friend as Christ has always welcomed us.



Lay Leader
Susan Chesley

The Giving Tree & Operation Remember

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 is here! It is an amazing mission opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for those who need a helping hand this holiday season. We will continue to have wish lists for children in our community through Bright Futures, BBB (Building Bridges at Braddock Street) and Social Services.

The Giving Tree continues to assist Operation Remember by filling wish lists for nursing home and assisted living facility residents.

Gift tags will be available after each service beginning November 9. There will be a tree outside the church office 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 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 contact Betty Sue Unger 540-323-0683 or bettsue@operationremember.org



Bringing smiles to the young and young at heart at Christmas!

KIDS CHURCH - NOVEMBER

There is a regular Kids' Church schedule for the entire month of November. 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

Parents, please sign up to help at the Kids Connect table by Room 201. Each week we need about 2 helpers.

Sunday November 23: Kids Church Grateful Celebration

Sunday November 30: What is Advent?

November Kids Mission- All of November we will be making Christmas Cards for our BSUMC homebound friends. If you have any Christmas craft items for card making you can donate, feel free to bring them in to us.

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.

WILL YOU BE A PRAYER PARTNER?

Youth are back in regular weekly meetings and having a great time! Senior high meet weekly at 6:30am at Chick Fil-A on Pleasant Valley for breakfast, devotion and prayer. All youth, grades 6 - 12 meet on Sundays from 6:00 - 7:45 PM in room 214 for BLAST youth group. We are working on a new logo and colors. We are also beginning a series on Choices. Time for dinner, large group fun and then small groups broken down by age. We can always use volunteers, so contact Kristin for more information.

We are trying to start up the prayer partner program and need help! Are you willing to include a specific youth in your prayers? This is an anonymous gift of prayer. You will be given their name, age, birthday, address and parents' information. They know someone is praying for them, but not who. In the spring, we will have a big reveal dinner! No gifts or other meetings, just prayer and occasional anonymous notes! We need 38 more adults! Great problem to have, but it is a challenge! Can you help? Email Kristin@braddockstreetumc.org to sign up.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Director of Youth Ministry
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OCTOBER WOMEN'S RETREAT



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UWF CONCERT FUNDRAISER

On Sunday, November 9, at 3:00 PM, 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.

*A Grateful
Celebration Concert*

featuring:


Steve Jennings


Bill Baber

**Sunday, November 9
3:00 PM
Braddock St. UMC
Sanctuary**

Fundraiser for Braddock St. UWF Missions
Donations will be accepted as you enter the sanctuary.
Refreshments will be served in the Gathering Space following the concert.



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PECANS, CHOCOLATE



The Schermer Pecan orders will arrive in by November 16. The Divine Chocolate bar orders will continue to be taken until November 9th in the Narthex and arrive in time for Christmas.

MISSIONS SUPPORTED BY UWF:

THE BACKPACK PROGRAM – BSUMC
THE LAUREL CENTER – Winchester
FREMONT STREET NURSERY – Winchester
WINCHESTER RESCUE MISSION – Winchester
CHARTERHOUSE SCHOOL – Edinburg, VA
HENRY FORK SERVICE CENTER – Rocky Mount, VA
RED BIRD MISSIONARY CONFERENCE – Big Creek, KY
WESLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER – Portsmouth, VA
RIISING HOPE UNITED METHODIST MISSION CHURCH – Alexandria, VA
AGAPE CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY CENTER – Horntown, VA
FERRUM COLLEGE – Ferrum, VA

BUILDING BRIDGES AT BRADDOCK

Director of Latino Ministries
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We have a lot of fun every Wednesday evening at Construyendo Puentes. Our kids enjoyed having Miss Ori from Leyendo Juntos come and read to them a fun book called "It's Raining Bats and Frogs". Working with Millbrook High School Volunteers and Shenandoah University students, our kids made flying bats and origami frogs. Every week is a new adventure. We are excited to sing again with Emily Dickson this month and enjoy a harvest party. Do you have a special talent you want to share with our kids?

Our adult ESL classes are all over the building . We now offer 6 ESL levels and a Citizenship Readiness class. We are so happy that one of our students passed his citizenship class in October. What an awesome accomplishment! Did you know that Marina Fairbanks has an ESL class of beginners that consists of two lovely young families with their newborn babies? How precious it is to see such beautiful babies and witness their commitment to learning.

In November, we will welcome members from Emmanuel and Brucetown UMC as they host the monthly immigration with Just Neighbors. What a blessing to be in community with our local churches and do good work together.

Please continue to hold our families and all immigrant families in your prayers as they struggle with uncertainty and fear.

Lastly, don't forget to join Folklore es Vida Dancers as they host a traditional and sacred event, Dia de los Muertos on Sunday, November 2 from 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

This is a fundraiser event for Folklore es Vida. They will have traditional dances, food, musical performances and a sacred altar. You can stop in between those hours and enjoy this celebration. The event is only \$5 per person and children are free. Come and learn about this beautiful tradition.



MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Dave Brewster, Chairman



STRONG FAMILY SUNDAY

November 9 is Strong Family Sunday! Strong Family Sunday (Orphan Stand Sunday) calls upon churches, organizations, spiritual leaders, families and followers of Jesus Christ to advocate for every child to know the love of family by promoting family care that includes biological, kinship, foster, and adoption: globally, nationally, and locally.

A Strong Family for Every Child is a grassroots and advocacy initiative of the United Methodist Church that promotes care for widows and orphans as examples of the most vulnerable in God's kingdom, family care for all children in alignment with spiritual directives, advocacy for safe, permanent, and loving families of all shapes and sizes and works to prevent separation of children from the love of family.

We invite you to join Helping Children Worldwide churches and organizations in over 120 nations in observing Strong Family Sunday, November 9 as we pray for children and families in need. Let us unite in faith and action to ensure "A Strong Family for Every Child."

RISE AGAINST HUNGER MEAL PACKING EVENT



All ages Welcome! Over 20,000 meals to be packaged! The Missions Committee is once again hosting a Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event to help those in need throughout the world. Join us on Sunday, November 23 in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 AM until completed. Rise against Hunger is a growing a global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives and responding to emergencies. Rise Against Hunger works in countries worldwide to fight hunger, targeting communities facing high rates of food insecurity. They provide volunteer-packaged meals and other assistance, often through school feeding programs, to support nutrition, education and health for children and families facing hunger right now. They also partner with local leaders to implement sustainable agriculture and income-generating projects that support long-term solutions to food security and empower communities to become self-reliant and thrive.

Scan the QR code to register and have some family fun together as we put together meals that go to some of the world's most food insecure people!



BRADDOCK ST. UMC WATTS WEEK

January 3 — 10, 2026



Braddock Street will once again host the Winchester Area Temporary Transitional Shelter (WATTS) the week of January 3–10, 2026. WATTS is a low-barrier shelter serving Winchester, Frederick County, and Clarke County. Last season, 81% of WATTS's guests were from our local community—people who may be your former classmates, friends, coworkers, or neighbors. WATTS was founded by local churches after a man tragically froze to death on the streets of Winchester. Together, the churches provide safe, warm shelter—and with your help, we can offer our guests a loving, welcoming environment that encourages them to come inside and receive care. Beyond shelter, WATTS staff assist guests with the steps needed to overcome homelessness, such as securing identification, attending doctor appointments, entering rehabilitation, and more.

How You Can Help

We need many hands to make this ministry successful! Even if you can only serve one shift, your help is greatly appreciated. Volunteers are needed to:

- Serve delicious dinners and warm breakfasts
- Help with showers in the evening
- Provide fellowship and encouragement
- Ensure our guests have a safe, warm place to sleep

Donations Needed

If you'd like to support WATTS week financially, please make checks payable to BSUMC with WATTS in the memo line. Financial donations will be used for food, supplies, and thermal underwear.

We also need:

- New boxer brief underwear and white undershirts
- Travel-size toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, disposable razors, Kleenex, etc.)
- Various food items
- Cleaning supplies (Lysol spray, Clorox wipes)

Donations may be left in the Mission Room (Room 134).

Volunteer Sign-Up

To volunteer, please scan the QR code or sign up on the Braddock Street website.

For more information, please contact Robyn Miller at (540) 514-7218 or bardymiller1993@gmail.com. If you are interested in providing a breakfast, dinner, or food items, please contact Genger Barton at gengerbarton@outlook.com or Jill Allen at jallennurse@yahoo.com.

Together, we can share God's love in a tangible way and help our neighbors find warmth, safety, and hope.



Scan code to volunteer

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!



There is still time if you have yet to return an Estimate of Giving card. They are crucial for our finance committee in creating the 2026 Budget. The cards can be dropped in the offering plate, mailed to the office, or filled out online by scanning the QR code on the image.

A detailed financial update for our stewardship and Capital campaigns will be given on Sunday, November 16 in worship.



Set up online giving:



Use this QR Code or email
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Sign up for our weekly emails:



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A full directory of 2025 Church Leadership is available on request.

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