

THE COMPASS

November 2026



**BRADDOCK
STREET**
United Methodist Church

NOVEMBER SERMON SERIES



Participate: Put your whole self in to be included, involved in life, in community. We get to take part in what's going on! That's a true blessing, especially when it comes to the work of God in our world. You and I get to participate! This is a real joy and a true honor. Your participation in our church truly makes a difference.

– Pastor Jason



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
BEGINNING AT 10:00 AM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**



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 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.



**REGISTER
NOW AND
SIGN THE
ONLINE
WAIVER**

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

Gift Tag Pick Up

Beginning Sunday, November 8

Gifts are due back by November 29

Gift Wrapping Party

Friday, December 11

6 – 8 PM (Fellowship Hall)

The Giving Tree begins 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 bettsue@operationremember.org or 540-323-0683.

Collecting Wrapping Paper Rolls

(New or partially used)

All November

Drop off at the church office



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

BUILDING BRIDGES AT BRADDOCK, ACCOMPANIMENT TRAINING

Last month we had approximately 20 friends gather at church to learn about accompanying our immigrant families. We walk alongside our neighbors. We listen, we show compassion, and we care for them as we are called to do by GOD. Our ministry is based on the scripture from Matthew chapter 25 where Jesus tells his disciples that the way they treat others reflects their love for Him. As a loving church, we continue to care for the least of these and recognize that there is very much work that lies ahead, but that sharing our time, our resources and our talents makes the burden lighter and the work fulfilling. Together we can help our neighbors.



Director of Latino Ministries
Margie Hernandez
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Our Current Needs:

- Drivers for immigration appointments, food deliveries and other appointments.
- Financial assistance to help families in sudden need due to detention and deportation issues.
- Friends that can walk alongside our ministry in prayer.

If you are interested in being in ministry with Building Bridges and helping our immigrant neighbors, please reach out to Margie Hernandez at Margie@braddockstreetumc.org.

MONDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY

We are excited to share that we have picked out our new study and we are looking forward to having you join us. We will offer a zoom option, but we ask that you try your very best to meet with us in Room 132 (Multipurpose Room) from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM every Monday, from November 2nd to December 21st. We will be reading the book, No Religion But Social Religion; Liberating Wesleyan Theology written by Joerg Rieger with contributions by Paulo Ayres Mattos, Helmut Renders and Jose Carlos de Souza.

NEW MONDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY
November 2 – December 21
Mondays, 6:30 – 8:00 PM
Room 132

Class taught by
Pastor Ahnna Lise
& Margie Hernandez

Pick up a book in the
church office.

Books are in the church office. Please read the introduction and Chapter one **prior to** our meeting on November 2nd. We invite you to join us for Monday Night Dinner before the class each week in the Fellowship Hall at 6 PM.

Grace changes everything. "This book invites you to rethink core concepts of the Christian faith in the invigorating, life-giving light of grace that has the power to free us and change everything. We all live with the pressures of life, but those at the margins of society struggle mightily. Too many of us, who enjoy some of the privileges of life, are preoccupied with ourselves, our problems, our idiosyncratic view of self and other. We cannot see the possibilities of life that lay beyond us. But we cannot formulate hopes and dreams for the future without re-envisioning our self-serving images of God, unless... This book is not about religion or morality. It is about grace, grace that works in, and sometimes through, the grit of everyday life to liberate us in sync with the struggles of others around the world."

LAY LEADER REFLECTION

The leaves are covering the ground with the brilliant hues of autumn. The carved faces of pumpkins are beginning to sink under the first frost, and the pace of November and December begs us to both speed up and slow down. The season of Advent is inching toward us and we will be reminded to honor the weeks before Christmas with the patient expectation and soulful preparation the season seeks. We will light the first candle of the Advent wreath, the candle of Hope, on Sunday, November 29. For many, however, the day will come and go as quickly as our Thanksgiving dinner disappeared from our carefully set tables. Amid the noise and chaos of approaching holidays, it is hard to stop, breathe, cherish, and nurture the Christ light nestled inside each human spirit. The birth of a baby, the devotion of a mother, the faith of shepherds, and the divine wisdom of the Word, all guide us to embrace anew the divine presence of God's desire for humanity.



Lay Leader
Susan Chesley

To help engage our hearts and minds in reflective preparation, I have joyfully written an Advent devotional and a companion study, which can be used individually or in small groups. Pastor Jason will use Circle of Lights: Tending the Flames of Advent and the companion study as he prepares his sermons for the season. Both the devotional and the study will be available in the Gathering Space and online on Sunday, November 22. May this season of hope, peace, joy, and love strengthen your faith and fuel your devotion to serving our community and beyond in the name, grace, and power of Jesus Christ.

BRADDOCK STREET UMC HOSTS WATTS

January 2 – 9, 2027
SAVE THE DATE!



Braddock Street United Methodist Church will once again open its doors to the Winchester Area Temporary Transitional Shelter (WATTS) January 2–9, 2027, and we need your help!

Please mark your calendars and plan to volunteer! Whether you can help prepare a meal, serve breakfast, assist with showers, or simply offer a friendly smile and welcoming fellowship, your time makes a difference.

If you would like to financially support our WATTS week, please make a check payable to BSUMC or make an online donation to the church. Be sure to put WATTS in the memo line so your donation goes directly toward providing food, supplies, and necessities for our guests during our host week.



Volunteer Sign-Up



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.



November 29 - Rise Against Hunger

All kids church will go to worship until after the children's moment. Then all leaders, children, and their parents will travel to the Fellowship Hall for the Rise Against Hunger event. Please note that all children going to the event will need a parent with them. Contact Patty with any concerns or questions.

Vacation Bible Camp 2027

Mark your Calendars June 7-10 and Sunday June 13th.
Theme will be announced in December .

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Director of Children's Ministries
Patty Singhass
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November 1 - Regular schedule

November 8 - Regular schedule

November 15 - Regular schedule

November 22 - Rise Against Hunger event (see article)

November 29 - Regular schedule



Our 3rd graders received Bibles on Children's Sabbath Sunday.

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. The next meeting is Sunday, November 15 from 4 - 5:30 PM in room 201. Contact Patty Singhass for more information.

Mountain Movers Schedule

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

November 15

December 11



Faith can move mountains.
Matthew 17:20

YOUTH MINISTRY

Director of Youth Ministries

Kristin Beall

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Youth Schedule

Sundays 9:30 - 10:00 AM Youth Small Group Bible Study in room 204. Join us for a quick but meaningful Bible study for 30 minutes starting in the book of Matthew and focusing the year on the Gospels. 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

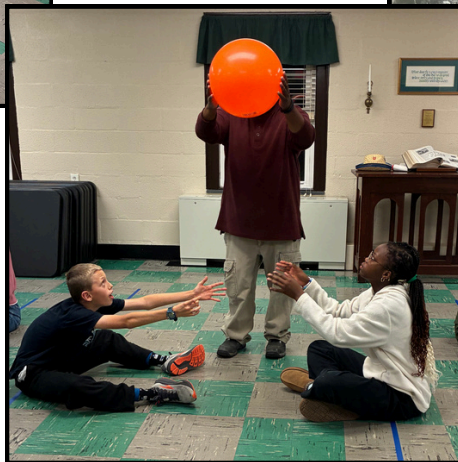
Sundays 6:00 - 7:45 PM BLAST youth group in room 214. Join us for dinner, games and devotions.

Youth Special Events

November 6 - 8: Conference Fall Retreat. Pray for our youth and leaders. (NO BLAST November 8)

November 22: ALL COLLEGE KIDS ARE INVITED BACK TO BLAST for Board Game Night. Games with four players will keep rotating seats mid-game around the room. Come be a part of the fun!

November 29: BLAST is on even though it is Thanksgiving weekend. Bring a friend for our building wide game of Mosquito Grog!



All youth and families are encouraged to be part of Rise Against Hunger the morning of November 22nd in the fellowship hall as we pack 20,000 meals!



United
Women
in Faith

The United Women in Faith will host a 1960s Murder Mystery Party on Saturday, November 7 from 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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped raise over \$1,500 at our Fall Soup & Bake Sale. Whether you bought food items or made a monetary donation, we appreciate your support. If you bought soup and would like to recycle your glass quart jars you may leave them in the church office. Thank you again!



MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:



United
Women
in Faith

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



BRADDOCK ST. UMC

Social Justice Initiative

EARTH CARE TEAM



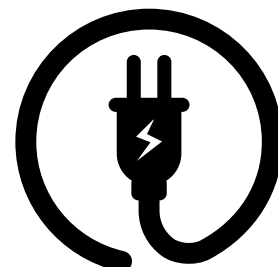
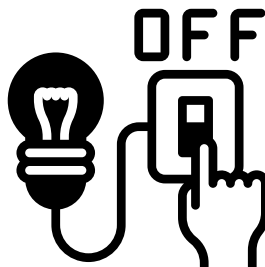
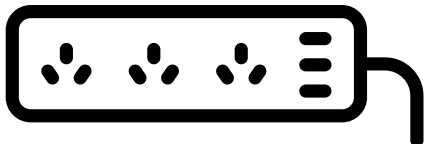
BEWARE OF VAMPIRES!

Halloween might be over, but vampires could still be lurking. Vampire or ghost energy is the energy wasted by plugged-in devices that are not actively in use. The National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) estimates this vampire energy use contributes up to 44 million metric tons of carbon dioxide to the environment each year. That waste costs the average household \$165 a year!

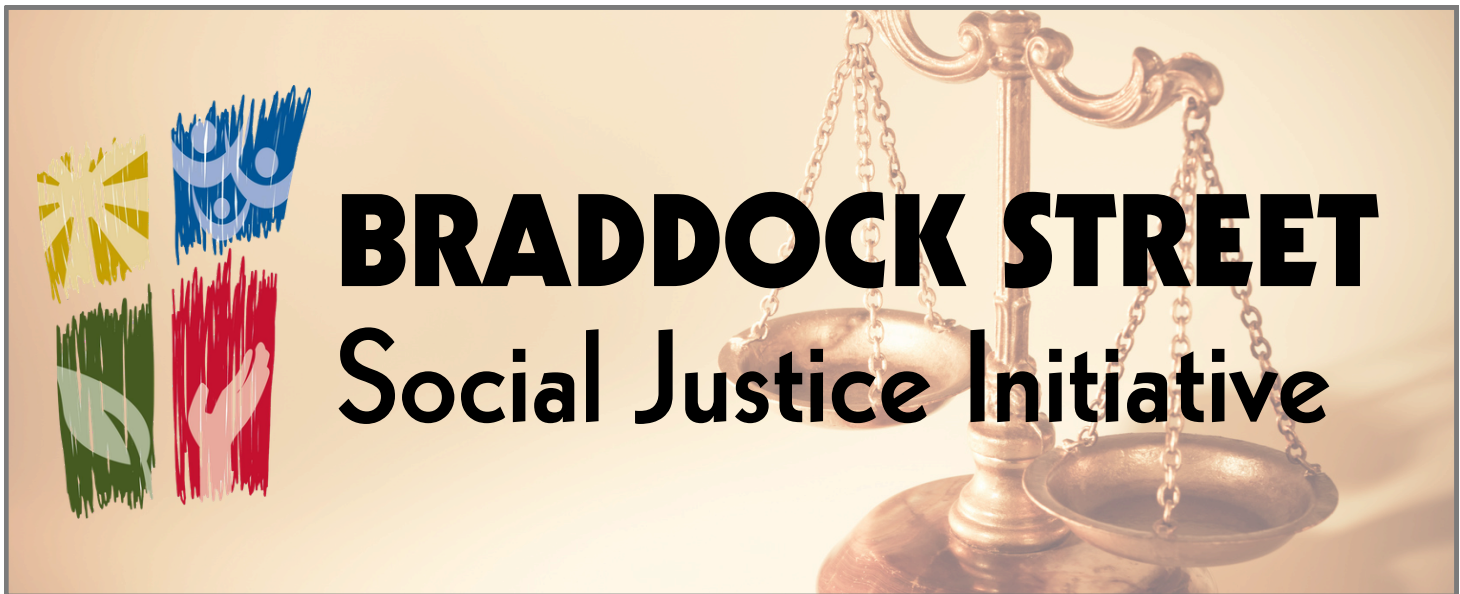
Home entertainment setups and offices are the highest contributors to vampire electricity usage. Devices that maintain a constant Wi-Fi connection, run digital clocks, or wait for a remote control signal draw the most standby wattage.

How can you reduce your vampire energy use?

- Unplug non-essential devices after use. Don't leave charging cords, coffee makers, or video consoles plugged in. To prevent damage, be sure to pull firmly on the plug and not the cord!
- Use power strips where feasible. One switch easily disconnects everything plugged into the setup.
- Consider using "smart plugs." These plugs can be turned off through an app or programmed to turn themselves off as scheduled.
- Switch off screen savers and other digital displays.
- Set your computer to enter sleep mode after 5-10 minutes of inactivity.
- Select Energy Star replacements for older devices and appliances when needed. The Energy Star designation guarantees the device has been engineered to save energy and produce fewer emissions.
- Turn off the lights when not in use.



A monthly tip brought to you by the BSUMC Social Justice Initiative Earth Care Team



DEMENTIA SENSITIVITY WORKSHOP

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.

**DEMENTIAMatters®**
Empower Through Learning

Dementia Sensitivity Workshop
Saturday, November 14th
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Room 132

Lunch is included
Cost: \$25/person



What to expect: This workshop empowers caretakers and those who anticipate caring for someone with dementia with the awareness, knowledge, skills, techniques, and strategies to understand the illness and how to be in a relationship with someone living with dementia. An interactive, hands-on training program and virtual dementia tour will be used to replicate the physical and sensory experiences of living with dementia. For more info contact Susan Chesley, (563) 271-7915 LSChesley@gmail.com



Advent Celebration

December 6

12:30 – 2:30 PM

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for our Advent Celebration. We will have soup and dessert. There will be many activities benefitting missions to celebrate Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

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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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