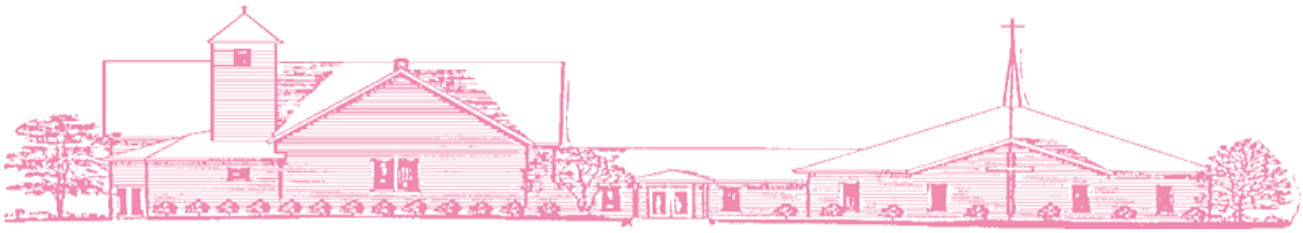

Brookston United Methodist Church Newsletter February 2026

Dear BUMC family,

Lent, the journey to Easter, begins on Wednesday, Feb. 18. Lent is a six-week journey that asks us to look within, slow down, and draw closer to Christ. I hope you will begin this journey with your church family as we hold our Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 18, with a meal at 6:15 and our service, which will include the imposition of ashes, at 7pm. Lent is an invitation to return to God. May you be open to God's knock on the door of your heart this Lenten season.

Peace and blessing,

Suzanne J Clemenz

BELOVED IS WHERE WE BEGIN

If you would enter
into the wilderness,
do not begin
without a blessing.
Do not leave
without hearing
who you are:
Beloved,
named by the One
who has traveled this path
before you.
Do not go
without letting it echo
in your ears,
and if you find
it is hard
to let it into your heart,
do not despair.
That is what
this journey is for.
I cannot promise
this blessing will free you
from danger,
from fear,
from hunger
or thirst,
from the scorching
of sun
or the fall
of the night.

But I can tell you
that on this path
there will be help.
I can tell you
that on this way
there will be rest.
I can tell you
that you will know
the strange graces
that come to our aid
only on a road
such as this,
that fly to meet us
bearing comfort
and strength,
that come alongside us
for no other cause
than to lean themselves
toward our ear
and with their
curious insistence
whisper our name:
Beloved.
Beloved.
Beloved.

—Jan Richardson
from *Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons*

Ash Wednesday SERVICE

Join us as we begin the journey of Lent together

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Soup & Bread Meal
6:15 pm
Service for all ages
7:00pm

To volunteer to bring soup or bread, please contact Pastor Suzanne or Lori in the church office

Food Pantry Items Needed:

Boxed Potatoes

Spaghetti Sauce

Mac & Cheese

Hours:
1st & 3rd Wednesday 11:30am-1:30pm
2nd & 4th Wednesday 5:00-7:00pm
Closed the 5th Wednesday

WINTER CHORUS

THE WINTER CHORUS HAS FORMED TO FILL THE HIATUS OF THE SENIOR CHOIR. WE ENJOY SINGING TOGETHER AND PRAISING OUR GOD. COME AND EXERIENCE THE OLD AND NEW HYMNS OF THE CHURCH, GOSPEL SONGS, PRAISE CHORUSES. ALONG WITH ETHNIC AND GLOBAL MUSIC. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! WE MEET EVERY THURSDAY AT 5:00PM IN THE CHOIR LOFT.
ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT BEV MANN @ 219-869-8960

Women's Bible Study

BUMC'S WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY MEETS ON THURSDAY MOININGS AT 9:30AM IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY AREA. ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY ARE WELCOME. LED BY PASTOR SUZANNE, THIS GROUP GROWS IN FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP AS WE REFLECT ON SCRIPTURE AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR OUR LIVES TODAY. WE WELCOME NEW FRIENDS ANYTIME!

A LARGE VALENTINE CARD WILL BE LOCATED IN THE NARTHEXFROM FEBRUARY 1ST TO FEBRUARY 8TH FOR OUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT. PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO SIGN OR WRITE A NOTE OF GRATITUDE FOR THEIR SERVICES TO ALL OF US.

Missions Meeting

FEB 9 | 6:00 PM

Governing Board Meeting
February 24th @ 7:00PM

Website Committee Meeting
February 3rd
1:00PM

Save the Date

Saturday, March 21st

"Seeking and Living the Wesleyan Way"
Pastor Suzanne invites anyone who would like to join her for a day of connection and renewal at Zionsville UNC from 10:00-3:00pm. Our conference is offering a special day of deepening our discipleship and reigniting our Wesleyan faith. Look for more info coming later this month. Info on the web @ https://mcusercontent.com/4e0c6658ba331eb962acedf73/files/8b34b496-5bd7-5fb0-3121-fb3524119682/Connect_and_Renew.pdf

Sunday Servants	Liturgist	Children's Message	Greeters	A/V Tech	Childcare
February 1	Missy Miller	Connie Cash	Rich & Connie Cash	Luke Mansfield	Jan Robertson Connie Cash
February 8	Linda Roy		Scot & Cindy Martin	Rich Cash	Missy Miller Nancy North
February 15	Cindy Martin	Dixie Thomas	Kenny & Jan Robertson	Kirk Grumm	Stacy Zuelly Scot Martin
February 22	Dixie Thomas	Vicki Stirm	Sally Kellenburger Linda Roy	Jan Robertson	Dixie Thomas Donna Orange

February Loose Change

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the global humanitarian aid and development organization of the United Methodist Church (UMC). UMCOR is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization operated under the auspices of the General Board of Global Ministries. Administrative expenses are funded by an annual offering collected by United Methodist churches on UMCOR Sunday.

UMCOR works through programs that address hunger, poverty, sustainable agriculture, international and domestic emergencies, refugee and immigrant concerns, global health issues, and transitional development. These programs are categorized into three major areas: Humanitarian Relief / Disaster Response, Sustainable Development, and Global Health (in collaboration with UM Global Ministries).