



April 2026 BUMC newsletter

Dear BUMC family,

One of the most important people in my life is my paternal grandmother. Her name was Ina Thompson, and she lived just down the road from me in rural North Carolina. My best childhood memories are the many days and overnights I spent on her small farm. She passed on to eternity a month after her 100th birthday, which she was able to celebrate with her family and loved ones. In early March 2009, I journeyed back home to say goodbye to her. When I came back to Lafayette after her funeral, I had the most beautiful sign – the tulip and daffodil bulbs in my backyard had just begun to push through the cold, hard dirt. The sight of those green sprouts bursting from the earth gave me such peace and joy. We are promised the grace of resurrection after death – the promise of life eternal and new beginnings for each one of us through faith. As beloved children of God, we are able to be Easter people at *all times* – people who embrace and look forward to the new life that God through Jesus gives us, not just in the future of eternity, but a gift of grace and new beginnings every single day. Isn't it amazing!

As I continue to get to know all of you more deeply, I invite each of you to take the opportunity to start a new friendship, or deepen an established one, with your church family. This month, BUMC is forming prayer triads, small groups that will encourage us to grow in our relationship with God and with each other through prayer. Prayer triads will meet about six times through the spring and summer, and guidance for how each triad will meet and pray together will be provided. The foundation of our Christian life together is prayer, and I am excited to see how God will continue to grow us in our new season of life together through these triads. I hope you will be part of a prayer triad!

With love and Easter blessings,

Suzanne



Prayer Triads Begin in April

In April, all adults and high-school students are invited to join a prayer triad at BUMC – a small group of three that will meet every three weeks through the summer (teens would accompany their elder family member). The purpose of these small groups is to share the joys and needs of our lives in prayer with our church family, as we seek to grow together in our relationship with God and with each other. The primary way that God's people do this is through prayer – the foundation of our relationship with God.

Prayer triads will meet about six times, from mid-April to the end of summer, for about 20-30 minutes each time. Triads may choose to meet in person at church or in a different setting. In-person is best, especially at the beginning, but phone meetings can also work once the triad knows each other. Guidelines and structure for meeting together will be provided. Are you ready for a next step with God and your church family? Reach out to Pastor Suzanne if you have any questions, and sign up in the Narthex or by calling the church office.



This shows what the new building for the Wesley Foundation at Purdue will look like once construction is finished this summer.

Special Easter Offering for Purdue Wesley Foundation

BUMC is collecting a special Easter offering this year for the Wesley Foundation at Purdue, the United Methodist spiritual home-away-from-home for Purdue students. Wesley is undertaking a historic \$1.5 million campaign as they construct a new building on campus. This is BUMC's chance to give a gift to support Methodist ministry at Purdue for years to come. In addition to space for worship and fellowship, the building will feature suites to house 34 students, creating community living on campus. Charles Roth, as a college student, was shaped by the Wesley ministry on three different campuses, and he currently sits on the Purdue Wesley board and is happy to answer any questions about this ministry. This special offering will be collected on Easter Sunday. If you would like to contribute by check, make your check out to Brookston United Methodist Church and put "Easter offering" in the memo line.

April Loose Change Giving – Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts (50:50 split):

Boy Scout History: 1910: Scouting America was established. In the very first National Executive Board meeting report, there was a discussion about finding ways to retain older boys with age-specific program and challenges appropriate for them.

Girl Scout History: In 1909, a group of girls appeared at a Boy Scout Rally in the UK declaring themselves to be Girl Scouts. Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Boy Scouts, decided that there should be a Movement for girls. Juliette Low founded Girl Scouting in the USA in 1912.

Congregational Meeting on the Parsonage, Sunday, April 12 immediately after worship.

Come and be informed as our church makes a decision about renting our parsonage together. Questions? Contact Luke Mansfield, Scot Martin, Randy Stirm, Charles Roth, Dixie Thomas or Pastor Suzanne.

Celebrating Spring Graduates

Do you have someone in your family graduating from high school, college, or another institution this spring? Please contact Lori in the church office to let us know. We want to recognize our BUMC graduates and all who are celebrating graduates this spring. Let us know the name of the graduate, where they are graduating from, and any relevant degree info.

BUMC Website

A need has been met! Karlie Mansfield has rolled out our church site to the world! Here's the link for your viewing: <https://brookstonumc.org>.

Sunday Servants	Liturgist	Children's Message	Greeters	A/V Tech	Childcare
April 5	Jan Robertson	Dixie Thomas	Sally Kellen- burger Linda Roy	Rich Cash	Jan Robertson Dixie Thomas
April 12	Dixie Thomas	Stacy Zuelly	Kenny & Jan Robertson	Kirk Grumm	Missy Miller Donna Orange
April 19	Linda Roy	Missy Miller	Glen Stover Myrt Collins	Jan Robertson	Connie Cash Nancy North
April 26	Cindy Martin	Darla Mansfield	Steve & Dixie Thomas	Luke Mansfield	Karlie Mans- field Scot Martin



**GOVERNING
BOARD
Meeting**
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15



**NOMINATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING**
Wednesday, March 22
11:00am



 **Food Pantry Needs** 
Pasta Package Pre-Mix Side
Rice Package Pre-Mix Side
Canned Tuna
Canned Carrots



MISSIONS MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 13
6:00PM

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Easter Breakfast 9:00am Easter Worship Service 10:30am	6	7	8 Food Pantry 5:00-7:00pm Men's Bible Discussion 8:00am	9 Women's Bible Study 9:30am Winter Chorus 5:00pm Praise Team 6:00pm	10 Good Friday Service 7:00pm	11
12 Worship Service 10:30am Meeting on the Parsonage after worship	13 Missions Meeting 6:00pm	14	15 Food Pantry 11:30-1:30pm Men's Bible Discussion 8:00am Governing Board Meeting 7:00pm	16 Women's Bible Study 9:30am Praise Team 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm	17	18
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