BROOKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2026

Dear BUMC family,

I write these words as dawn is breaking in southeast North Carolina, where I and my family are spending a few days with my mother at the end of the year. I can hardly believe the year 2026 is about to break in – like many of you, I vividly remember Y2K, when we thought the arrival of 2000 was going to cause a tech glitch of crisis proportions. Thank goodness it did not!

Like many of you, I look toward the coming year with both excitement and some uncertainty. There are situations I am concerned about. On the cusp of New Year's Eve, I am reminded of how God continues to make my life new each year. I had no idea, for example, that I would be with you all at BUMC at this time last year. And yet, here we are! There are situations that are unfolding in my life right now, and I am curious how God is going to work through them. During Advent, we wait patiently for the Light to arrive in our lives, and at Christmas we celebrate the Light's arrival. At the close of Christmas, Epiphany reminds us that God's plan all along is to bring Light and new life into our lives.

I am so grateful for these seasons and markers that keep reminding us fickle folks that our God works through unceasing, boundless creativity. I can't clearly see the road ahead, but I know that God has good plans for me, for you, and for BUMC. And he aims to use us to put his plans into motion.

May God bless us all in 2026!

Suzanne J Clemenz

"When the Song of the Angels is Stilled," by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled
when the star in the sky is gone
when the kings and princes are home
when the shepherds are back with their flocks
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost
to heal the broken
to feed the hungry
to release the prisoner
to rebuild the nations
to bring peace among the people
to make music in the heart.

MISSIONS MEETING

JANUARY 12TH @ 6:00PM

WEB DESIGN COMMITTEE MEETING

JANUARY 6TH @ 11:00AM

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 21ST @ 7:00PM

Bravely

WOMEN'S HEALTH

JANUARY LOOSE CHANGE

FOOD PANTRY

ANY NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS
MONETARY DONATIONS WELCOME

1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY 11:30AM-1:30PM
2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY 5:00-7:00 PM
CLOSED THE 5TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

SUNDAY SERVANTS	LITURGIST	CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	GREETERS	A/V TECH	CHILDCARE
JANUARY 4	RICH CASH	CONNIE CASH	MAX MOSS & LINDA ROY	KIRK GRUMM	JAN ROBERTSON CONNIE CASH
JANUARY 11	JAN ROBERTSON	MISSY MILLER	GLEN STOVER & MYRT COLLINS	RICH CASH	DIXIE THOMAS NANCY NORTH
JANUARY 18	CONNIE CASH	DIXIE THOMAS	STEVE & DIXIE THOMAS	LUKE MANS-FIELD	
JANUARY 25	CINDY MARTIN	VICKI STIRM	BEV MANN/NANCY NORTH & SNOOKY WIDMER	Jan Robertson	

WINTER WEATHER NOTE

IF WE HAVE SIGNIFICANT SNOW OR ICY ROADS ON SUNDAY MORNING, CHURCH LEADERSHIP WILL MAKE A DECISION ON WHETHER IT IS SAFE TO HAVE WORSHIP. IF WE CANCEL, WE WILL POST AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON WLFI AND FACEBOOK. WE WILL ALSO CALL / TEXT THE CONGREGATION, SO CHECK YOUR PHONES. IF YOU ARE UNSURE, CALL OR TEXT BOARD CHAIR SCOT MARTIN OR PASTOR SUZANNE.

Putting Away Christmas

On Saturday, Jan. 10 at 11 AM, BUMC will be putting away Christmas. Many hands make light work! It will be fun, and lunch will be provided by Pastor Suzanne as a thank you to the congregation for a beautiful and generous Advent and Christmas season.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30 AM PRAISE TEAM 6:00 PM	2	3
4 WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM	5	6 WEBSITE COMMITTEE MEETING 11:00AM	7 FOOD PANTRY 11:30AM-1:30PM MEN'S BIBLE DISCUSSION 8:00AM	8 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30 AM PRAISE TEAM 6:00 PM	9	10 PUTTING AWAY CHRISTMAS 11:00 AM
11 WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM	12 MISSIONS MEETING 6:00PM	13	14 FOOD PANTRY 5:00-7:00 PM MEN'S BIBLE DISCUSSION 8:00AM	15 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30 AM PRAISE TEAM 6:00PM	16	17
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25 WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM	26	27	28 FOOD PANTRY 5:00-7:00PM MEN'S BIBLE DISCUSSION 8:00AM	29 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30 AM PRAISE TEAM 6:00 PM	30	31