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# The Saltshaker

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You are the Salt of the Earth—  
Matthew 5:13

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## The Saltshaker is now electronic!

If your email is on file, you will only receive the Saltshaker electronically unless you have requested a copy to be delivered via USPS! Let us know how you want to receive our newsletter.

## Pray for Election Day 2020

Lay pastor Ivan James has been watching with concern the national dialogue as the country nears the November 3 election. Deepening political divisions in America and the fear that votes won't get counted, has eroded civil discourse. James felt he had no other choice than to turn to God and begin a period of intense prayer leading up to the election. Leaning on the connectional nature of The United Methodist Church Pastor James began to invite all United Methodists in Missouri to pray daily in the 30 days leading up to the presidential election. One of his calls was to Bishop Bob Farr who accepted the challenge.

"It is part of the pastoral duty to pray for our leaders and all those who govern," said Bishop Farr. "I've accepted Pastor Ivan James' invitation to pray daily in the month leading up to our nation's election and I invite you to join our efforts to invite the Holy Spirit to work in and among us as we move toward a free and fair election."

While those who follow Jesus understand that their allegiance to God takes precedence over our allegiance to any state, United Methodists also acknowledge the vital function of government as a principal vehicle for the ordering of society. For more on what United Methodists believe about the Political Community, see ¶164 in The Book of Discipline 2016 (p. 138-142). In 1774, Methodism's founder John Wesley offered powerful advice regarding a Christian's role in voting: 1.) Vote your conscience, 2.) Do not slander the opponent of the individual you voted for; and 3.) Do not allow voting to disrupt Christian unity. Pastor James and Bishop Farr call upon all United Methodists in Missouri to engage in political responsibility while adhering to Wesley's guidance.

It's never too early to start praying, but the #30daysofprayer launches Monday, October 5 through the national election on Tuesday, November 3. Follow us on Instagram, [@moumethodist](https://www.instagram.com/moumethodist), for daily prayer topics and reminders.



## WORSHIP SERIES

Worship with us this every Sunday in October as we conclude our worship series: *Welcome to the kINdom*.

Like the Trinitarian community of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, God created us for relationship with Godself and one another. In that way we are all "kin." That's God's original plan. The human condition, socioeconomic and cultural differences encourage us to live in isolation. But God through Christ offers us a collaborative and redemptive ministry where that kinship is restored and redeemed. There is a ripple effect to relational ministry. Like the ripples made when a stone is thrown into a lake, one relationship touches another, and God's love moves out in concentric circles.

BUMC Ringers meet Wednesdays at 6:45; BUMC Singers meet Wednesdays at 7:30; Alcoholics Anonymous meets Thursdays at 6:30; Sacks to Mats will start again after the first of the year; Breakfast on Broadway and Men's Fellowship Breakfast are on hold until further notice. Articles for the Saltshaker are always welcome. Thank you.



## Time for Forever Christmas?

The Forever Christmas Celebration will be held on Friday, 12/4/21. Please consider helping out with this major fund raiser by making cookies and/or candy. We are asking that these be put into Ziploc bags by groups of six. If you need us to provide the bags let me know. You may call Donna at 816-262-3454 or 816-424-6849 or the church office to sign up. If you know what you will be making it will be helpful to let us know.

Thank you.

# Thank you!

## *Celebrations for October*

### Birthday

- 1 Connie Tharp
- 2 Susan Burton
- 3 Zephyr Bingham
- 4 Emmie Graham
- 6 Berdyna Proctor
- 6 Emerald Eads
- 7 Kate Masters
- 9 Rob Melton
- 12 Jim Morris
- 13 Rebecca Soldanel
- 20 Mindy Masters
- 23 Will Bingham
- 23 Catherine Boulware
- 26 Carmen Stoneking

### Anniversary

- 20 Stan & Sue Hoover
- 26 Jacob & Kyle Enderle-Miller

9-26-20

Dear BUMC Family,

Thank you for the calls, prayers, cards, food, flowers and concern you showed after my pacemaker placement & recuperation. These acts of kindness were truly appreciated. Each day I see improvement and thankful for your prayers.

Love & Blessings, Carmen Stoneking



Can you name all these women from the former BUMW?



Date	In Person and Virtual Attendance	Average weekly offering for September 2020
9/6	39	\$2107
9/13	43	
9/20	41	Average Offering Needed Per Week \$2900
9/27	46	

## Sunday Morning Worship

**In-Person:** We are back to in-person worship. NO RESERVATION REQUIRED! We just ask that you wear a mask and practice physical distancing while in the building.

**Watch LIVE:** We stream our worship service LIVE on Sunday mornings at 10:40 am on Facebook. You do not need to have an account to watch. <https://www.facebook.com/BUMC.PlattsburgMO/>

**Watch Later:** The online service will be posted to Facebook immediately following for you to view at your convenience. You can also watch the sermon on the church website. [plattsburgbumc.org](http://plattsburgbumc.org)

Keeping track of those we connect with is vital to our ministry. If you attend worship Sunday morning online please e-mail, call, or fill out the attendance survey provided each week.

### Giving

As we continue to BE THE CHURCH, our mission during these uncertain times is more vital than ever. Your ongoing generosity is necessary for the mission and ministry at Broadway UMC as we continue to serve the local community and beyond. **Please do not tie your giving with your attendance.** I would encourage you to discern how you can continue to give even when we are not in person together and pray if God is calling you to give more as needs expand. To give online via PayPal, visit the church website at <https://plattsburgbumc.org/giving>.

## Food Pantry

We are so grateful for the decision of the church to donate the “Feed The Fish” money to the Food Pantry. As you all know, things are tight for everyone right now so this help comes at a perfect time for the Pantry....it will help feed many families.

Thank you church family!



### Charge Conference 2020

Virtual Charge Conference is Monday, October 5 at 6:00 pm. All church members are allowed to attend, but only those on the Church Council may vote. If you are interested in attending ONLINE via Zoom, please let the office know and we can help get you registered.

## ADVENT STUDY

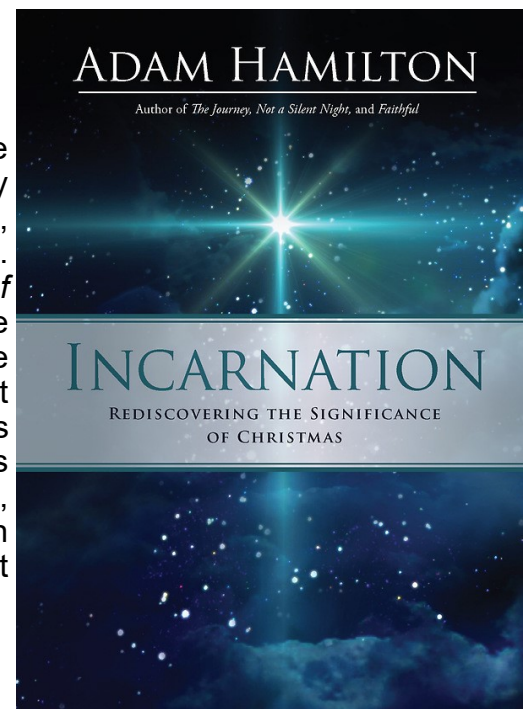
Join us this Advent for our upcoming study.

His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh. In *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, best-selling author Adam Hamilton examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth. This Advent season church families will come together to remember what's important. In the face of uncertainty and conflict, Christians reclaim the Christ child who brings us together, heals our hearts, and calls us to bring light into the darkness. Now more than ever, we invite you to reflect upon the significance of the Christ child for our lives and world today!

To register, please contact the church office.

*Pray without ceasing*

Ben Baldwin, Jr.
Betty Shoemaker
Betty Swanson
Brett's Mother in Care Facility Bessie Dickerson
Brett's nephew in Wyoming Daniel Dickerson
Coby Aebersold
Jackie Swanson
Jean Grigsby
Ken's brother Greg Tongue
Kim Tongue's Father Marvin Conant
Mary Goldberg
Peggy Shoemaker
Shirley Boner
Shirley Johnson's son Joseph Johnson
Tanner Sims
Wilma Tippit



# OCTOBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 6:30 Virtual Board Meeting BUMC to deliver Meals	29	30 BUMC to deliver Meals	1 Birthday Connie Tharp 6:30 pm AA	2 Birthday Susan Burton BUMC to deliver Meals	3 Birthday Zephy Bingham
4 Birthday Emmie Graham Communion Sunday 6 PM BUMC Youth	5	6 Birthday Berdyna Proctor	7 6:45 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	8 Birthday Kate Masters 6:30 pm AA	9 Birthday Rob Melton	10
11 6 PM BUMC Youth	12 Birthday Jim Morris COLUMBUS DAY 7:30 Virtual Board Meeting	13 Birthday Rebecca Soldanel	14 6:45 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	15 6:30 pm AA	16	17
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