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The Saltshaker

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YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH
MATTHEW 5:13

Pastor's Pen

Over the past year, I have been very encouraged with how our congregation is seeking to reach out and share the gospel of Jesus through word and action. Last year, our board accomplished all three goals we established including hosting monthly community dinners, beginning a grief recovery ministry, and improving communication. We hope to expand on these goals in the coming year, and cultivate new community partnerships through our kitchen ministry.

The board held their annual retreat on February 10. This year, we plan to expand our children's ministry, begin a capital campaign to restore the stained glass windows in the sanctuary, and create opportunities to share stories about the ministries at Broadway to better tell about how God is at work through our church.

Please be in prayer for our leaders as we seek to carry out these goals. If you feel called to assist with any of these ministries, please reach out to me via phone or email. I look forward to being in ministry with you over the coming year.

Holy Week at Broadway:

Holy week kicks off the last week of March. Be sure to mark the following dates on your calendar.

- **March 24th: Palm Sunday @ 10:40am**
- **March 25th: Dinner on Broadway @ 5:30pm**
- **March 28th: Maundy Thursday Love Feast @ 6:30pm**
- **March 29th: Good Friday service @ 7:00pm**
- **March 31st: Easter breakfast @ 9:00am**
- **Easter egg hunt @ 9:30am**
- **Easter worship service @ 10:40am**

As a reminder, the Maundy Thursday Love Feast has limited availability. Please make a reservation as soon as possible. You can sign up by scanning the QR code below or using the physical sign up sheet at church.



Be sure to join us Easter morning for breakfast, an Easter egg hunt, and worship.

General Conference

The next session of General Conference is scheduled April 23-May 3 in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Bishop is hosting two virtual preview sessions on March 2&5 to discuss the basics of how General Conference functions and some of the key issues likely to come before the body (regionalization, inclusion and potential retirement plan changes). If you are interested in these Zoom sessions, please reach out to the office to sign up. Please be in prayer for all of the delegates attending General Conference.

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MISSION

To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

VISION

To grow in the faith of Christ by reaching out and connecting with others through intentional service and witness.

Investing in our Children:

If you haven't noticed, our attendance is starting to grow, thanks to children. This year we have seen 15 children under the age of 12 within the church walls, whether that be at regular worship service or in Sunday School. So what does that mean? It is time to invest in God's children. We have started by opening a play area in the old fellowship space (so parents and children can listen to service without the constraint of the pews) and incorporating 'busy bags' for kids to use during service. We have future plans to make intentional space for kids to play during Dinner on Broadway and create a children's message during service. Lastly, for the first time in a long time, the Easter Bunny is returning to BUMC! If you would like to help with any form of children's ministry, please reach out to Pastor Cassie.

**EASTER
EGG HUNT!**
March 31st, 2024

Dinner on Broadway:

Dinner on Broadway hosted the first dinner of the year on February 19th. The kitchen served 79 people. **Future dinners will be held on the 4th Monday of the month, beginning on March 25th, 2024.** As always, please share and we'd love to see you there.

SOUPer Bowl Sunday:

Our Chiefs have won another Super Bowl and BUMC has crowned their latest SOUPer Bowl winner, Connie Tharp! We also raised over \$400 for our Youth's mission trip to Cleveland this summer AND over 400 food items for the Plattsburg Food Pantry. The donations will cover two youth's mission trip expenses. Thanks to everyone who made this happen, especially our Youth Director, Kyle Enderle-Miller.

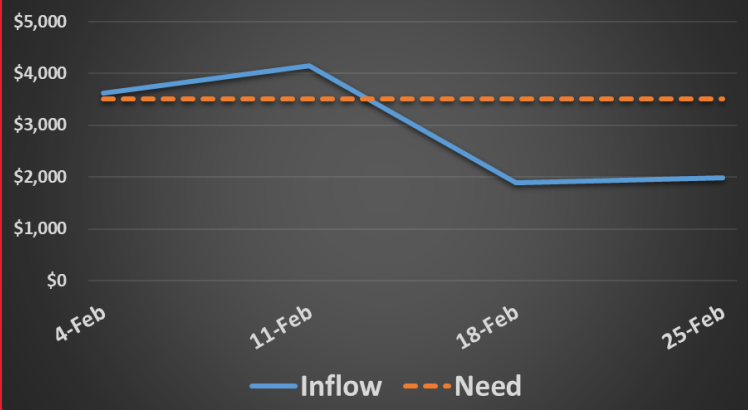


February Board Meeting/Board Retreat Summary:

- Board meetings will now take place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, starting March 12th
- Youth update: the youth group will be going to a trampoline park in March, a VBS planning meeting is scheduled for March 10th after church
- The 2024 financial budget was approved by all
- The Holy Week schedule was planned, see first page for details
- Praise in the Park was discussed, preliminary plans for late April/early May
- A grant was submitted for an AED machine at the church
- A motion was approved to spend \$500 on kids space downstairs and in old fellowship space
- Bella Hofmeister will be attending Annual Conference this year as our District Youth Delegate
- 2024 goals were established at the board retreat; establish and start the capital campaign fund for stained glass window repair, establish and revitalize kids programs, and create missional spending videos to be shared during church

BUMC Giving Summary

BUMC Weekly 2023



Weekly Attendance:

02/04: 59
02/11: 60
02/14: 38
02/18: 56
02/25: 50

MARCH CELEBRATIONS

Celebration Sunday is always the last Sunday of the month. We invite those with birthdays and anniversaries during the month to "Feed the Fish" and make a special offering to support the Plattsburg Food Pantry.

BIRTHDAYS:

Sue Hoover - 12
Adi Graham - 13
Connie Collins - 18
Jerri Morris - 27
A.J. Cravens - 30

ANNIVERSARIES:

Martha and Russell White - 23
Amanda and Craig Schaffer - 24

PRAYER LIST:

Betty Shoemaker
Betty Swanson
Peggy Shoemaker
Rita Kilgore
Ben Baldwin, Jr.
Gil Sander
Charlotte Atwater
Mary Goldberg
Harold Bowling
Russel White
Gary McQuerrey
Jerri Morris
Dedman Family

LITURGIST SCHEDULE:

03/03: Connie Collins
03/10: George Hoover
03/17: Ken Tongue
03/24: Lisa Querrey
03/31: Jacob Enderle-Miller

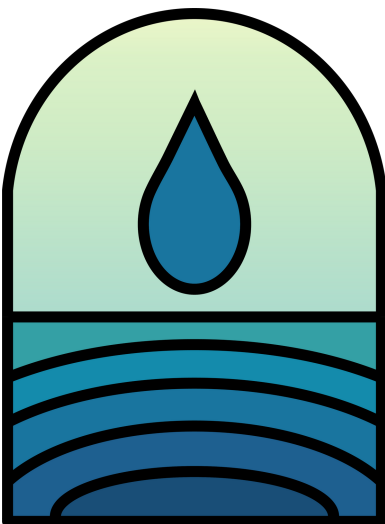
Food Pantry Data:

In the month of January, the food pantry served 98 individuals from 34 different households. No new individuals were served. 228 hours of volunteer time were logged and over 770 pounds of food were donated, partly in thanks to our SOUPer Bowl Sunday food collection, pictured below.



Good Grief:

Our first session of Good Grief has begun. We are happy with the turnout in regards to providing support for many who need it in the community. The majority of attendees do not attend BUMC. As a reminder, we will be hosting another session in the fall. Feel free to reach out to the office at any time with questions about future sessions.



March 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 3 RMN meeting after church | 4 'Good Grief' 7:00-8:30pm | 5 | 6 | 7 AA Meeting 6:30pm | 8 | 9 |
| 10 VBS planning meeting after church | 11 'Good Grief' 7:00-8:30pm | 12 Council meeting @ 7:00pm | 13 | 14 AA Meeting 6:30pm | 15 | 16 |
| 17 Oakridge Service @ 12:15pm | 18 'Good Grief' 7:00-8:30pm | 19 | 20 | 21 AA Meeting 6:30pm | 22 | 23 |
| 24  Palm Sunday | 25 Dinner on Broadway @ 5:30pm 'Good Grief' 7:00-8:30pm | 26 | 27 Oakridge Bible Study 10:00am | 28 Maundy Thursday Dinner @ 6:30pm AA Meeting 6:30pm | 29  Good Friday service @ 7:00pm | 30 |
| 31 HAPPY EASTER Celebration Sunday | 'Good Grief' 7:00-8:30pm | Sunday Children's Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour - 10:00 a.m. Worship - 10:40 a.m. Youth Group - 6:00 p.m. | | Wednesday Handbells- 6:30 p.m. Choir - 7:15 p.m. Worship Practice - 8:00 p.m. Office Hours Tuesday/Thursday 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday - By Appointment | | |

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