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# The Saltshaker

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*YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH  
MATTHEW 5:13*

## Michael's Moment:

Recently I cleared out some books that other pastors bequeathed me on the office shelves. Several Journals recording the proceedings of the Missouri Annual Conference give insight into a bygone era of Methodism. Being such a Methodist history geek, I couldn't resist skimming through a few of them. Some of the names I recognized, and a few of the people in it had a direct impact on my sense of call as a pastor. All of them loved Christ and were devoted to serving him. They believed that our Methodist way of things makes both biblical and practical sense, and that there's something holy in our connectionism. Some of the people listed in these journals came from Plattsburg. Although they couldn't possibly imagine life in 2025, they did their best to serve God in a changing world and would want us to do the same. Our community is blessed by God through our ministries, and by each of you. I'm pretty glad to be a Methodist and I'm really happy to be your pastor as we seek to serve Christ in the Methodist tradition.

In our last email, I mentioned the upcoming "Mingle with Michael" listening sessions that we'll be hosting in February. I'm thinking that each Mingle will have approximately 8 people around kitchen tables and living rooms in some of our member's homes. The meetings will last one hour, and I'll listen to your dreams and desires for our church as I get started as your pastor here at BUMC. I'd like to have both daytime and evening options, and I'd like to have a specific meeting for families with children and youth. **I'm looking for some Mingle Hosts with a few refreshments on hand, so let Chloe in the office know by January 16 if you're interested in hosting.** Later in the month, we'll have a list of dates and times for the Mingles that you can sign up for. I'm thinking that these listening sessions will give me a good idea of the hopes and dreams of our congregation. We serve our Lord guided by the light of Epiphany. Let's rest upon him as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Psalm 119:105) as we begin a new year together.

See you soon,  
Pastor Michael

## Giving Tree 2024 Recap:

In 2024, the Plattsburg Giving Tree served 38 families and 101 children in our community. The effort was made possible by 17 business partners and 31 individual sponsors, plus individuals who helped at our wrapping party. Sincerely, thank you all for helping achieve this mission. We look forward to doing it all again soon!



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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.

# A Year in Review:

## Dinner on Broadway:

Dinner on Broadway continues to be a wonderful ministry serving nutritious meals once a month to all in the community. To date we have served 1,366 free meals to the Plattsburg community. In 2024 we hosted 10 dinners over 12 months. In total for the year 2024, we served 752 free meals. We also had an average of 11+ volunteers work each month to set up, cook, serve and clean up for the dinners. This year we had many delicious, healthy meals served in the Susan L. Hageman kitchen. Meals included: Hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixins, a Baked Potato bar with loads of toppings, Spaghetti, Chicken pasta, Taco salad and Cornish hens complete with baked potatoes and green beans. Many delectable desserts were also prepared by Nichole Hageman and Amanda Schaffer each month including red velvet cake, crumb cake, tiramisu, cannoli, lemon crunch cake, parfaits and more! On June 24th, 2024 we reached an incredible milestone and served our 1,000th free meal. It was so inspiring, and the kitchen committee is beyond grateful to all who have made it happen. Throughout the year the committee has met to discuss next steps for the kitchen and plan meals for 2025. We cannot wait to see what 2025 has in store for this ministry and for this beautiful Plattsburg community we serve. We are humbled to provide these meals and welcome anyone who wants to join us.



## Youth and Children's Ministry:

2024 was a great year for our kids and youth group at Broadway UMC! Throughout 2024 we did a lot of learning and exploring in our weekly Sunday night youth group gatherings. This year we explored topics including our core beliefs as Christians and Methodists in a series called "Believe," we explored the book of Job, and we learned how to pray. This year also saw a lot of fun with game nights, an escape room, a trampoline park, and several holiday parties. We also came together as a group to serve down in Independence, MO during our annual Methodists on a Mission event and then traveled a bit further to serve and grow in God in the vibrant city of Cleveland during our bi-annual mission trip. Our younger ones also had a great year! Every Sunday, our students learned about stories from the Bible from Kim and Connie during Sunday School. We saw our kids get more involved during Sunday morning worship with Children's time and lighting of the Christ Candle. We also had an amazing VBS as we headed to Camp Firelight and learned to "Go with God"! Thank you so much to everyone who made this year possible for our kids and youth! As we conclude 2024 and reflect on the year, I am so excited to see what God has in store for our youth and kids at Broadway in the coming year!





# BUMC Giving Summary

BUMC Weekly 2024



Weekly Attendance:  
12/1: 56  
12/8: 64  
12/15: 68  
12/22: 78  
12/24: 105  
12/29: 40

## JANUARY 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.

## ANNIVERSARIES:

No January anniversaries

## BIRTHDAYS:

Bob McCush - 04  
Matt Clifton - 04  
Gary Hanser - 06  
Abby Daffron - 09  
Logan Jorgensen - 14  
Bruce Hageman - 17  
Callie Aitkens - 24  
Stan Hoover - 24

## PRAYER LIST:

Caitlin & Hazel Bakker  
Loretta Rohrbach  
Russell White  
Julia Knauss  
Gary McQuerrey  
James Hamilton  
Aimee McLallen  
Sandy Jones  
Tammy Barnett  
Vi Bowling  
Jerry Moore  
Melissa Jones  
Jaxson Grayson  
Tonya (Shoemaker)  
Lopez family

## LITURGIST SCHEDULE:

1/5: Connie Collins  
1/12: Ken Tongue  
1/19: Lisa Querrey  
1/26: Bruce Hageman

## Food Pantry News:

The food pantry is currently closed for the holidays and will reopen January 9th, 8:30am-11:00am. The Second Harvest Mobile Truck will be at the Plattsburg Fire Station on Monday, January 13th from 10:00am-11:00am for those in need of food.

## Good Grief:

Our second session of Good Grief came to a close on December 9th. This session had 10 people sign up, with an average attendance of 7 people per night. We have received amazing feedback and wish to continue offering grief support to our community. Keep an eye out in the future for upcoming session information.

## December 2024 Board Meeting Minutes:

- Forever Christmas had its second best year yet, proceeds go directly to the general fund
- Pastoral moving expenses were under the reimbursement amount provided through the district so there is no cost to be paid by Broadway
- A variance was requested and denied to continue the use of our residential elevator in a residential space. Renovations and repairs will have to be made in the future to get the elevator up to code
- Annual conference is Jan 11th at Huffman Memorial in St. Joseph, Pastor Michael and Bruce Hageman will attend
- Listening sessions will be held in February, followed by the annual board retreat.
- Good Grief is complete and we received very good feedback from attendees. Looking into how to sustain this mission.
- The kitchen committee will continue to host Dinner on Broadway the 4th Monday of each month in 2025. Board approved food warmer purchase.

# January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Office Hours</b> Tuesday/Thursday - 9 am-1:00 pm Mon/Wed/Fri - By Appointment <b>Wednesday Evenings:</b> Choir rehearsal - 6:30pm			1	2  AA Meeting 6:30pm	3	4
5	6	7	8	9  AA Meeting 6:30pm	10	11
12  2025 Pledge cards due	13	14  Council meeting @ 7:00pm	15	16  AA Meeting 6:30pm	17	18
19  Oakridge	20	21	22	23  AA Meeting 6:30pm	24	25
26	27  Dinner on Broadway @ 5:30pm	28	29	30	31	

**Want to stay up-to-date on everything happening at Broadway?**  
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Care Portal: @carebumc

Immediate Requests: @irbumc

Announcements: @infobumc

Prayer Requests: @prayerbumc

## Sunday

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Worship - 10:40 a.m.

Bells Rehearsal- After church

Youth Group - 6:00 p.m.