

BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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THE SALTSHAKER



2026 Board Retreat:

With the leadership of Christel Gollnick, the board came up with the following action items to work on in 2026:

- Assess the effectiveness, efficiency, and alignment of what we do (ministries, programs, and events)
- Better utilize the skills, talents, and time of staff and volunteers
- Update our navigation statements and branding to attract more people
- Grow faith across all generations

Board meetings will now be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm, beginning April 21st. All are welcome to attend.

Easter: The Never-Ending Story

I gathered with a family on a recent Saturday morning to commit a loved one to his final resting place. As we huddled around the grave, a brisk wind beat upon us as words were shared, tears were shed, and we shoveled dirt back into the grave. It was powerful to shrink before the mystery of death, only to wake up early the next morning to celebrate Easter. Easter happens, but it doesn't erase everything else in our lives or in the world.

In the Gospels, what seems like instant joy unfolds gradually. The first witnesses aren't triumphant, but confused and afraid. Mary Magdalene weeps at the tomb, the disciples hide behind locked doors, and even those who see the risen Christ struggle to understand. Easter joy is real, but it's discovered gradually, through repeated encounters with the risen Lord. It makes sense that Easter is a season—a full fifty days—because the Resurrection isn't a once-in-a-lifetime moment, but a reality to be lived into. Over time, we see more clearly its meaning in our lives.

Easter is a never-ending story, played out in a world gripped by evil, challenges, and suffering. Whenever death does not have the final word, that's an Easter moment. Thank you for supporting the ministries of BUMC, which share the joy and hope of Easter with our community and beyond.

Speaking of new, I'm still praying for folks to join me in planning more "Off-Broadway" events this year—like our Ash Wednesday event at Made on Main. A \$10,000 grant from the Conference supports us in this vision. I hope other events like this will help others in our community feel Easter joy in a brand-new way.

Happy Easter. Let's share the joy of our Risen Lord!

Pastor Michael

EASTER AT BROADWAY

Maundy Thursday

On Thursday, April 2, 26 people observed the Last Supper that Jesus shared with His disciples before His crucifixion. We enjoyed an abundance of Mediterranean-inspired snacks, delicious baked chicken, and some truly amazing desserts. Special thanks to Ken and Kim Tongue for their wonderful cooking, and to everyone who helped with serving, set-up, and clean-up. Your efforts made the evening meaningful and memorable!



Easter Sermon Series

The seven Sundays following Easter are known as Eastertide, ending with Ascension Sunday. During this time, our sermon series will be 'Easter: The Ultimate Reboot'. Easter Sunday we focused on Ctrl+N=New. Tag along through the next several weeks to learn about Ctrl+F=Find, Ctrl+R=Refresh, Ctrl+Y=Redo, and more.



Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday was full of joy at Broadway! We had 11 children in attendance, including three new babies and a new kiddo to join in during Children's time. Breakfast was served by Ken and his crew, with lovely desserts provided by Nichole Hageman and Sue Hoover. Thank you to all who helped cook, clean, and organize breakfast!



Youth Spotlight

Our Youth Group visited an escape room for their spring outing and (almost ish) made it out in under an hour! We have such a great group of young adults and a dedicated team of leaders to guide them. Check out the bulletin board at church to see some more of their awesome achievements!

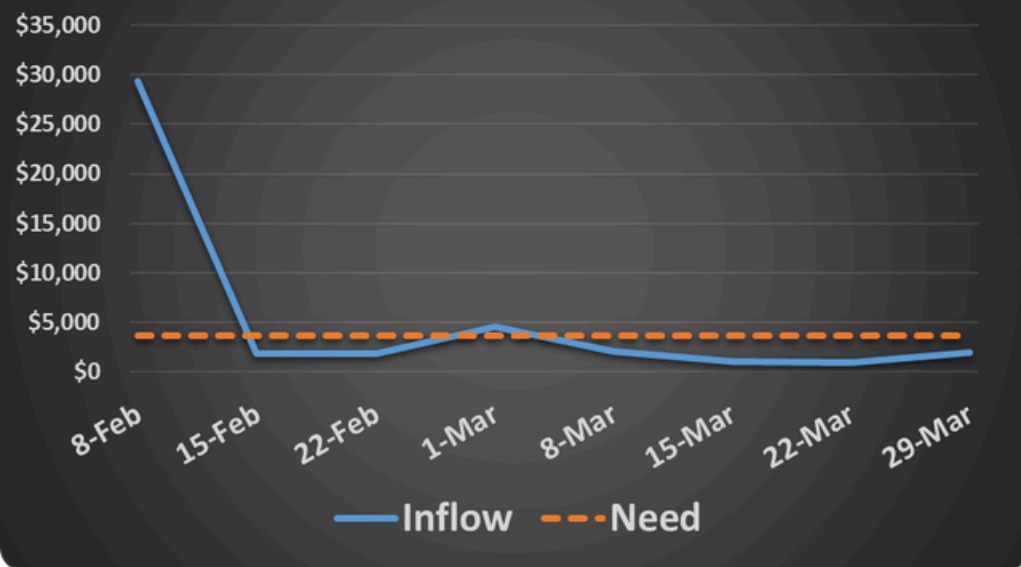


PRAYER LIST

- Russell White
- Gary McQuerrey
- Aimee McLallen
- Jerry Moore
- Jaxson Grayson
- Becky Powers Rogers
- Stan and Sue Hoover
- Jason Hanser
- Kim Tongue
- Gary McQuerrey
- Stephanie Renee Cannon
- Becky Rigersy
- Christel Ehlers
- Kelly Williams
- Pam Clifford
- Davila Family
- Vonnie Vanderau
- Mary Day
- Juanita Zewalk
- Norma Hendren
- Nancy Fisher
- Felva Lollar
- Cradic Family
- Marcia Brewer

BUMC GIVING SUMMARY

BUMC Weekly 2026



LITURGIST SCHEDULE

- 4/5: Lisa Querrey
- 4/12: Ken Tongue
- 4/19: Bruce Hageman
- 4/26: Amanda Schaffer

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

- 3/1: 46
- 3/8: 43
- 3/15: 46
- 3/22: 37
- 3/29: 43

April Celebrations

Birthdays:

- Jesse Penney - 05
- Beth Garr - 22
- Grant Clifton - 24
- Ron Cravens - 25
- Olivia Enderle - 27
- Robyn Penney - 27

Food Pantry Report:

In February of 2026, the Plattsburg Food Pantry served 43 families comprised of 116 individuals. 1288.21 pounds of food was donated to the pantry, and 368.70 pounds of food was purchased by the pantry. 33 volunteers worked 115.5 hours of service. Thank you to those who continuously donate their time and money to this much needed mission.



MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Sundays:

- Sunday School - 9:30am
- Worship - 10:40am
- Bell Choir - 12:00pm
- Youth Group - 6:00pm

Wednesdays:

- Choir Rehearsal - 6:30pm

Thursdays:

- AA Meetings - 6:30pm

3rd Sunday of the Month:

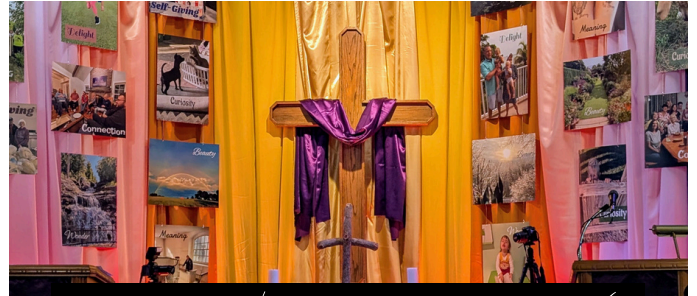
- Nursing Home Service - 12:30pm

4th Monday of the Month:

- Storytime - 10:30am with Free Play from 11:00am-12:00pm
- Dinner on Broadway - 5:30pm

Office Hours:

- Tuesday/Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm
- Monday/Wednesday/Friday by appointment only



Spring/Summer 2026

Coming up at Broadway:

- April 21: Board Meeting
- April 27: Storytime and Dinner on Broadway
- May 2: Parents' Night Out from 4:00pm-7:30pm
- May 26: TUESDAY Dinner on Broadway @ 5:30pm
- June 22-27: Methodists on a Mission
- July 30-Aug 2: Vacation Bible School

PARENTS' OUT NIGHT

AGES PRESCHOOL 3 AND UP

MAY 2ND, 2026
4:00 pm to 7:30 pm



Use the QR to Sign Up now!

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