

STEEPLEVUES

A Letter From The Pastor

By Rev. Matt Merriman

BUMC Family and Friends,

Each year around this time, I write a Pastor's Report to be submitted along with our Charge Conference Paperwork. This message is essentially that report. I thought I would share it with you, because I think things are going really well at BUMC.

I have been extremely heartened by what has been happening within this congregation during the past year. As I look out over the crowd on Sunday mornings, I see new families who have become active, I see new visitors almost every week, and I see a congregation that is friendly and welcoming to all. I encourage the congregation to continue to seek out people they don't know and introduce themselves.

Our Leadership Board is operating extremely well under the process laid out for the single board model in the book Mission Possible. The board openly discusses issues and problems in a considerate manner and minority opinions are welcomed. They are not afraid to tell the Pastor when he is wrong. This board is creating an environment of trust and transparency that encourages people to get involved. Almost every action taken by the board is intended to help us push further out into the community.

The willingness of people to try new things excites me. Our worship band formed last year and now performs regularly one Sunday a month. Ultimately, I would like to see this band form the heart of a second worship service. On Palm Sunday, Pete the Donkey from Spring Mist Farms led the Parade of Palms up the center aisle. Just a few weeks ago our Cereal Box Challenge not only added 320 boxes to the food pantry, but watching them fall like dominoes was awesome. The new ideas people are coming up with are a lot of fun. Keep them coming!

We have seven people teaching Sunday school this year and had enough children to form multiple classes! This indicates a strengthening and growth in our children's ministries that helps draw families in.

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Overall, I feel the Holy Spirit at work in the missions and ministries of Brunswick United Methodist Church and I feel that we are moving in a good direction. Keep doing whatever you are doing, be friendly and kind, invite your friends to church, and don't be afraid to do the thing that you feel God calling you to do.

Blessings, Pastor Matt

Intern Spotlight

By Karen McGoughran



Last year we informed everyone that we were partnering with the Medina Career Center to give students a work experience that also fulfills our need for someone to maintain our website and help with social media. Ava Lear did an awesome job for us but she graduated in May. So, we now Welcome Addyson Dell!

Addyson started in the summer as an intern and will continue throughout this school year. Both she and our church were recognized at their Intern Recognition banquet on September 11th. You can see the plaque outside the church office.

Addyson is now a senior at the Medina Career Center. She is a part of the Business and Marketing Class. She plans to attend Tri-C for two years and then transfer to Kent State University and major in Fashion Merchandising. She has been dancing for 9 years and currently dances at Medina Centre For Dance Art. She enjoys listening to music, watching different shows and movies, singing, shopping, and hanging out with friends. She is doing a great job for us thus far.





Sunday School

Sunday school is in full swing. Thank you to Mallory Anglin, Sydney Beckett, Abbey Chuvilin, Rachel Hammond, Katie Kintop, Jessieca Paul, and Julie Yanus for volunteering to teach Sunday school this year.

This year the classes are split between PreK-3rd and 4th-8th. In October, the curriculum's faith focus for both age groups is how God protects and shelters us. Each week the kids will have a Bible memory verse and our teachers plan a fun activity to reinforce the lesson.

On Sunday, October 19, we will be presenting bibles to the third graders and any older children who didn't already receive one. Please contact the church office if you would like your child to receive a bible.

Nursery Room Attendants

Providing nursery care in the crib/toddler room on Sunday mornings is critical if we want to grow our church. We need to make sure young families are able to attend worship and feel comfortable in leaving their children with volunteers from our church.

God Bless Andrea Reichle who works in the nursery every Sunday. However, according to our Child Protection Policy, we have to staff the nursery with 2 people. Please consider volunteering one Sunday a month. There is a sign-up sheet outside the church office to the right of the flower chart. Please sign up for a Sunday or two.



Kidz Connect meets every other Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 for children ages PreK - 5th grade. If you're new to the program, it follows a Vacation Bible School format. The evening starts with a bible lesson followed by games, songs, crafts and fellowship. Mallory Anglin and Jessieca Paul are coordinating this year. Please see them with questions.



The Adult Sunday School class has resumed meeting on Sunday mornings at 11:15 in Room 101. Currently we are sharing and discussing favorite Scripture verses. In October we will join the church wide study of the Gospel of Mark using the book The Gospel of Mark by Amy Jill Levine. Books are available in the church office. If you're able to cover the cost of the book, it's \$12.50. If not, don't worry, the church has you covered. When the study concludes we will study Philippians in November and December.

Please stop in any Sunday and join us. Susan Lausch facilitates.

AUTUMN is here





LET'S CONNECT!

**CHRIST
COMMUNITY
CONNECT**



**13th Annual Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 26th
4:00-5:30**

We are planning the 13th Annual Trunk or Treat this year. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center for members who will provide a car and pass out candy. We encourage everyone to decorate their trunks because it makes the event a lot more fun for you and those attending. However, this is not a requirement in order to participate. Many members do a fall theme and put a bunch of pumpkins and mums from their yard in their trunk and call it a day. It looks beautiful and it's easy. Other members go all out and do a creative theme. Many just dress up in a costume and pass out candy without decorating their car. It's entirely up to you. Our goal is 25 cars. Please help us reach that goal.

If you decide to decorate your car, the only thing we do ask is that you stay away from blood, gore, and knives/violent themes. Also, members providing cars are to supply their own candy. The candy donations are for those who run out and need more. We always seem to run out of candy. Plan on 250 kids. There is a box in the gathering area for candy donations.

As in previous years, there will be craft tables, hot dogs, popcorn and hot chocolate in the fellowship hall. We are looking forward to this event as do many from the community. Questions? Contact Karen in the office.



**Community Soup Dinners Return
Thursday, October 16
5:00 p.m.**

It's that time of year again. The temperatures are dropping along with the leaves on the trees and therefore it's a good time to start our soup dinners. Our first dinner will begin on October 16 starting at 5:00pm. We ask everyone to make a pot of soup if you are able and if not, just join us for dinner and fellowship. This is a fun evening of outreach to our community.

Thank you to Lynn Miller who coordinated this outreach for so many years. She is unable to continue to fulfill this role but we have a few members who will attempt to keep it running. Please volunteer to help if you are able. This community soup dinner is offered the third Thursday of each month at 5:00pm through March. Please call the church office with any questions.



October Birthdays

Shelly Saeger	10/02
Matt Merriman	10/03
Dolly Sheffield	10/03
Donna Foose	10/05
Janet Hartmann	10/06
Chuck Nicoletti	10/06
Kevin Jones	10/08
Diane Bunting	10/10
Joyce Jarrell	10/11
Denise Halenar	10/12
Kathy Nicoletti	10/13
George Kanya	10/15
Julie Buttle	10/16
Darlene Beeching	10/17
Lola Finnell	10/17
Carl Pettry	10/17
Dan Monroe	10/18
Patrick Baker	10/20
Suzanne Slimak	10/20
Will Sutton Jr.	10/21
Dick Crane	10/22
Linda Cruise	10/22
Ron Cruise	10/23
Mary Jo Robinson	10/23
Mary Colbow	10/24
Josephine Mellott	10/24
Lois Pettry	10/24
Tom Arnold	10/25
Katelyn Solivan	10/27
Lori Thuener	10/28
Bill Eyssen	10/29
Barb Stieger	10/29
Julie Benson	10/31





BUMC Golf League

The 2025 BUMC Golf League Finale was held on Thursday September 18th. This season we had 21 different golfers join us for play with the average weekly number of 15. We ended up getting 18 rounds played on Thursday evenings with 4 nights getting rained out.

For the Finale we had perfect weather and played a round with a maximum of 4 clubs which always makes it interesting. After the golf concluded, everyone joined for pizza, wings and Judy Harmon's brownies followed by the award presentation.

The proud winner of the league, now known as the "Broaddus Golf Champion", was Paul Sheridan. Paul showed himself to be the most improved golfer this year thus earning the award.

This year we decided we should do something to recognize the huge contributions that Bill Broaddus made to the BUMC Golf League over the years. Therefore, from now on an annual trophy will be presented to the winner and he will be known as the "Broaddus Golf Champion" for that year. In addition, Jim Harmon finished in 2nd Place for our Regular Golfers and Russ Arner finished 1st for our Alternate Golfers.

Overall the league had another successful year and as always we are looking for anyone interested in joining us next season for fun in the sun – and a little rain.



Kids Hope Update

By Carole Jones

Kids Hope is off to a great start. We now have 15 Mentors and Mentees and 2 more Mentors ready to be assigned a child. The kids were so excited to see their Mentors and greeted them with huge smiles, jogs down the hall, hugs and high fives. It was heart-warming to see the happy reunions and the bonds that are built between the Mentees and Mentors.

We continue to recruit more Mentors and Prayer Partners because additional kids are being referred. If you ever

thought that you would like to help a child, Kids Hope is a wonderful program. It is no small thing to make a difference in a child's life. An hour commitment each week during the school year is all it takes to make that difference. Talk to someone who is or has been a Mentor to get a feel for the program. Training prepares you and helps to eliminate the question of "How can I help a child."

To become a Mentor, ask Ron Chidsey or Karen McGoughran in the office for an application. Then give the completed application to Ron Chidsey.

Prayers for all of the adults and children that are a part of this wonderful program.

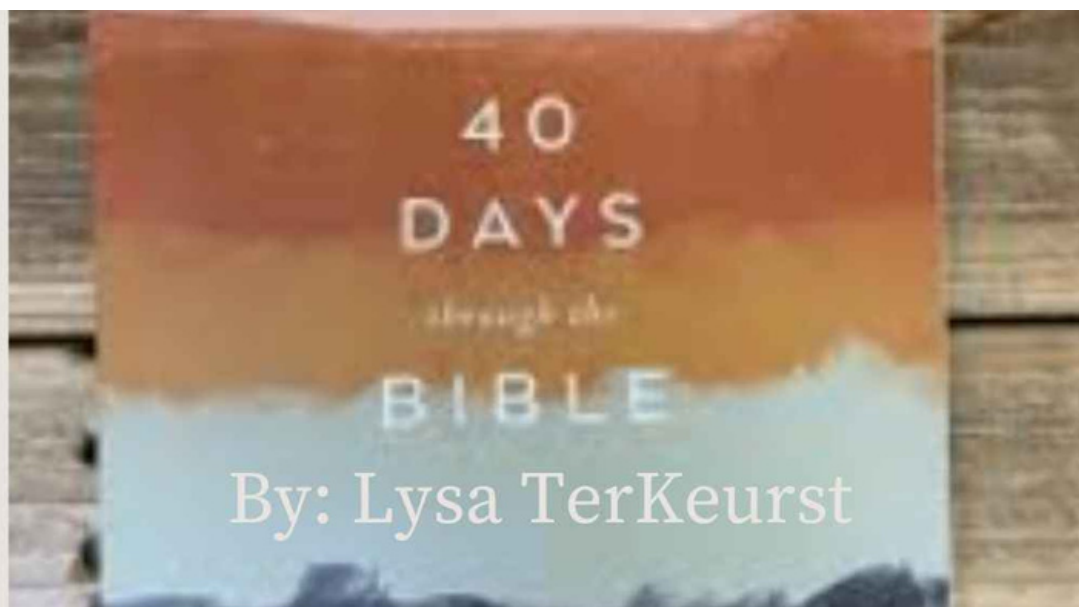
Pastor's Bible Study



Pastor Matt will begin a church-wide study on the Gospel of Mark in October. The Wednesday night group will pause studying Isaiah and participate in that study. The cost is \$12.50 if you're able to pay for your copy.

The Thursday Bible Study is trying something different this year. Cokesbury produces a weekly bible study series curriculum that runs throughout the year called Adult Bible Studies: Struggle Perseverance Hope. The cost of that book, if you can pay for it, is \$17.00.

We currently have both books in the church office. The church will cover the cost of the book for anyone who can't afford it.



Women Bible Study All are welcome



Join us for
our next Study!
starting
@ 6:30 pm
9/26

**Brunswick United
Methodist Church**
1395 Pearl Rd,
Brunswick, OH 44212
in room 101

Contact Alyssa @
(440)823-8198 or
Mallory @
(330)749-5573
with questions!

A study for
women

Join us !

God shows up at pivotal
points in our lives! We
will share testimonials,
treats and friendship!

Thank you to our First Responders Outreach



In appreciation on 9/11, our church put together "Thank You First Responders" snack boxes. Because of your very generous donations, we were able to fill (actually stuff!) 17 snack boxes and deliver them to our local city and township police, fire stations and local Emergency Rooms. These boxes contained many different snack items as well as yummy homemade cookies (thanks, bakers.) Special thanks to: Jill Arnold, Kay Wirick, Renate Wilk, Barb Keister, Karol Brooks and Susan Lausch they filled the snack boxes and delivered them. The stations that received our donations were surprised and very appreciative. The fact that these stations were being recognized meant a lot to them. Thanks again to everyone who was a part of this project.

Barb Slama

Habitat for Humanity

Bill Radcliffe is coordinating volunteers to help with the construction of a house in Wadsworth on October 16, 23 or 30th from 8:30-4:00. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center and indicate which day works best for you. We will arrange carpooling if people are interested. Questions - contact Bill at (216) 970-5788.



Operation Christmas Child

By Marcia Taylor

When we took inventory of the items we have for the shoeboxes and found that we are in need of many items. Following is a list of the most needed items. This will be our October collection. For school supplies we still need glue sticks, pencil sharpeners, and rulers. For hygiene we still need toothbrushes, and washcloths. We could also use t-shirts in various sizes. Also, we welcome anything you might find that would be good fillers (small toys, calculators, fishing kits, sewing kits, sunglasses, jewelry, etc.). Thank you again for supporting this mission.

Our next workshop is scheduled for October 16 at 10:30. If you have time, please join us. Call Marcia Taylor if you have questions at (330) 350-1479.

Blessings Box



The other day a woman pulled up in her van with 5 children. I was on my out so I stopped and asked if she found what she needed in our Blessings Box. She hadn't so I checked our supply closet to see if those items were there and noticed how low we are on donations. If you're able to, we could use the following items: Diapers, Pull ups, Laundry Detergent, Feminine hygiene products, and paper towels. Any cleaning products such as sponges, windex, toilet bowl cleaner, dish detergent, etc. are also welcomed.

Thank you!



Church Picnic Thank You!



The church picnic was a huge success with approximately 70 members attending. It was a beautiful day with lots of sunshine, great food and fellowship. We would like to thank everyone who helped with setup, serving, grilling and cleanup. We appreciate everyone who helped. Special thank you to Ruth Dodig who helped coordinate the food. The kids had a great time in the bouncy house and everyone enjoyed their ice cream treats from the ice cream truck.





Office News!

All Saints Day

November 2nd is All Saints Day. If you have a loved one who passed away in the past year and you would like their name mentioned during the service, please contact Karen in the office by October 19th.

Invitations

The church has recieved invitations for a "Ladies of Hope" program on October 4 being held at Hope Church and a "Date Night" being held at the Brunswick Reformed Church on October 12. For more information, please see the flyers located on the bulletin board.

Donations

Just a few reminders:

Please make sure you are completing your offering envelope completely by writing your check number on the envelope, and the amount donated on whichever line is appropriate.

If you are completing a pew envelope, we really need you to include your check numbers somewhere on the front of the envelope. Please make sure you include the date, the amount you are donating and if it's for a special offering, please write on the envelope what you are donating to.

Thank you!

Mail

Please remember to mail your donations and any other correspondence to the following:

BUMC
PO Box 85
Brunswick, Ohio 44212

Office Hours:

Please plan your trips accordingly:

Monday thru Thursday:

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The office is closed on Friday afternoons.



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HEAVENLY DAD JOKE

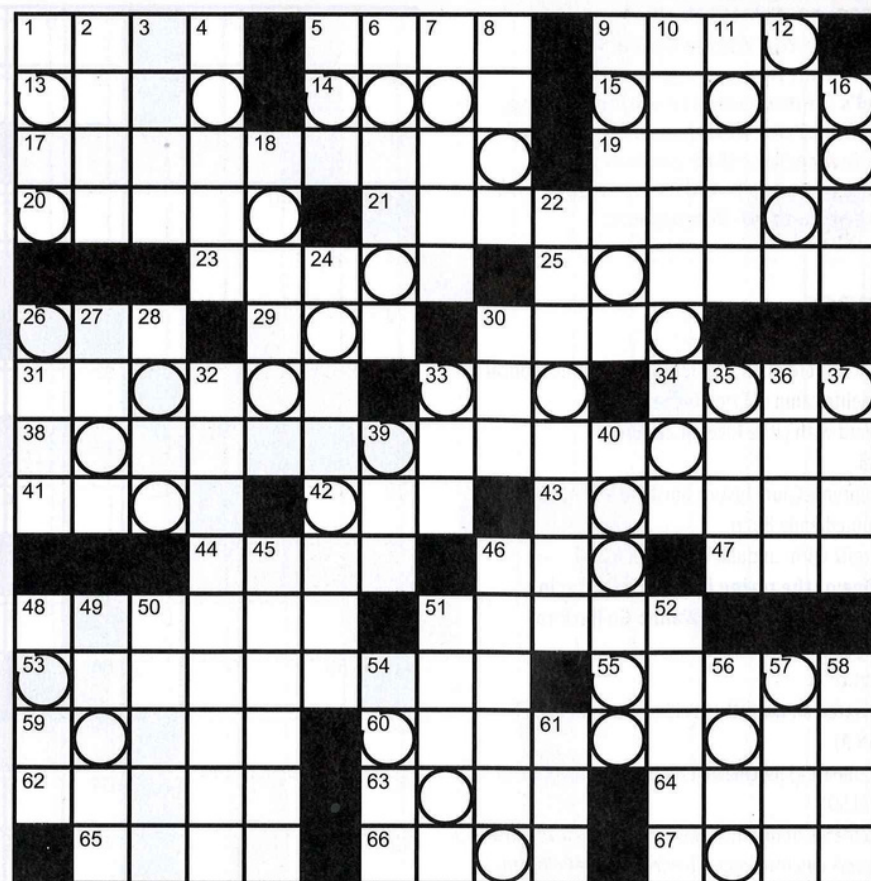
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When you get 38-Across, a dad-joke groan is guaranteed – or your money back!

ACROSS

1. Tramp's partner, in a Disney film
5. The year 1300, in Roman numerals
9. Low, *en español* (anagram of JOAB)
13. Snack with a Double Stuf variety
14. Squeal of delight
15. University of Maine's town
17. In music, a gradual increase in volume
19. Fifth-century pope called "the Great" (anagram of STOLE)
20. Prefix with -pedic or -dontist
21. Olympic event won by Bruce Jenner in 1976
23. Locale for new emails
25. Jazz singer Jones and CBS News anchor O'Donnell
26. WWII spy org. (forerunner of the CIA)
29. Columnist Marilyn ____ Savant, Guinness record holder for highest IQ (at 228!)
30. ____ Domini (the "A" of A.D.)
31. "Precisely!"
33. Big brand of kitchenware; or a losing tic-tac-toe row
34. Jumping stick
38. **Q: What do Swiss cheese, this puzzle and God Almighty have in common?**
- A. All three are**

41. Riding on
42. Word repeated in "I ____, I ____, it's off to work I go"
43. Element that's a common first-aid antiseptic
44. Schools of thought
46. ____-Caps (theater candy)
47. ____ Percé (native American tribe that helped Lewis and Clark avoid starvation in the fall of 1805 (anagram of ZEN))
48. The Father of India
51. The third Gabor, sister to Zsa Zsa and Eva (anagram of AD MAG)
53. Getting up there, age-wise
55. **"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look, the Lamb ____, who takes away the sin of the world!'" (John 1:29 NIV)**
59. Long time, ____!"
60. Study of forewarnings and signs
62. "Twenty Questions" attempt
63. Old-school choir attire
64. Perfectly, after "to"
65. Brand-name ending with Sun- (for orange soda) or Star- (for tuna)
66. College QB or Homecoming King, for short (anagram of COMB)
67. "Little piggies



DOWN

1. Plumb crazy
2. Common interjection on Sept. 19th ("Talk Like a Pirate Day")
3. Mosquito repellent ingredient
4. Dinosaur in Nintendo "Super Mario" games who eats fruit and throws eggs
5. One of the Stooges (with Curly and Larry); or one of the Pep Boys (with Manny and Jack)
6. Purchased apartments
7. Ancient manuscript, e.g. the ____ Sinaiticus which contains the oldest complete copy of the New Testament
8. Ice cream flavor, for short
9. Home of Fenway Park and a famous Tea Party
10. Invertebrate animal with jointed legs, such as a scorpion, millipede or spider
11. La ____ (San Diego suburb)
12. Score of a "pitcher's duel" in baseball, perhaps
16. Suffix with ball- and bass-
18. Novelty song about truckers that was #1 on both the country and pop charts in 1975
22. Irksome; pesky
24. Good-natured, friendly manner (anagram of HOBO IN ME)
26. US workplace safety org.
27. Dick and Jane's dog, in old readers

28. 2018 Star Wars film that gives Han's back-story
30. Fireman's tool
32. Lack of passion; lukewarm feel
33. "Woo-hoo!" in Oaxaca
35. Ken of 1980s-'90s TV's "thirtysomething"
36. Chromosome component
37. When repeated, a Supreme Court call-to-order
39. Yelps of pain
40. Tall, thin rock spire, as seen in Utah's Bryce Canyon National Park
45. Most bashful
46. Japanese naval base north of Nagasaki (anagram of SO BASE)
48. Percussion in a Buddhist temple
49. Actress Aimée of "La Dolce Vita" (anagram of NO AUK)
50. Second-generation Japanese-American (anagram of I SINE)
51. 1983 comedy/drama about a stay-at-home dad
52. Note that's equivalent to G sharp
54. Choice between just two options
56. Attend
57. Curve in a crown molding
58. Easter egg colorings
61. Japanese electronics giant

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