



VERANITA'S VARIETIES

JANUARY ATTENDANCE

January 5, 2025

- 8:30 Worship: 21
- 8:45 Worship: 89
- 11:00 Worship: 106
- Total in Person: 216

January 12, 2025

Church Cancelled due to Winter Weather

January 19, 2025

- 8:30 Worship: 22
- 8:45 Worship : 71
- 11:00 Worship: 137
- Total in Person: 230

January 26, 2025

- 8:30 Worship: 25
- 8:45 Worship: 60
- 11:00 Worship: 127
- Total in Person: 212

AVG FOR JAN. WORSHIP: 219

We are pleased to introduce the new Board of Stewards Members for 2025!

I am grateful to each person listed for their willingness to say "YES" and take on leadership in our governing organization. Please be sure to thank these Sisters and Brothers in Christ and pray for them as they lead our congregation in love and service this year. Please note that the column labeled "CLASS" indicates the leader's term of service, the year they would rotate away from this leadership role. Typically these Servant Leaders serve three year terms.

The **Cultivate Team** includes Church Life, Member Recruitment & Retention, Worship Services. The **Grow Team** prioritizes Children, Youth and Family Ministries along with Small Groups that are ongoing, short-term, during the week and on Sundays. The **Nurture Team** focuses on Prayer Ministries, Stephen Ministry, Pastoral Care & Visitation along with Bereavement. The **Serve Team** covers Mission Trips, Transylvania County School relationships, Special Initiatives and WNC Firewood Ministries.

POSITION	PERSON	CLASS
Chair	Harold Barnette	2026
Vice-Chair	Brittany Whitmire	2026
Lay Leader	Jeremy Gibbs	2027
Visionary- Ex Officio Rosman Teacher Housing Project	Alan Winchester	
Congregational Representative	Anna McCall	2026
At Large	Steve Hunting	2027
PEOPLE MINISTRY TEAMS		
Cultivate Team	Debra Gaddy	2027
Grow Team	Katrina Cantler	2027
Nurture Team	Jay Farrell	2026
Serve Team (Missions & Outreach)	Jamie Gilmore	2027
TASK MINISTRY TEAMS		
Finance	Peter Johnson	2027
Facilities & Grounds (Head Trustee)	Eli McCall	2026
Personnel	Mike Harle	2026
STAFF		
Lead Pastor	Veranita Alvord	
Operations Manager	Brittany Ingold	

There are people on each of these ministry teams who do not serve on the Board of Stewards and to whom we are indebted. We will publish a more complete list of those Servant Leaders at a later date.

*Grace and Peace,
Veranita*

SIGN UP TODAY

SCAN ME



Scan to Register for the CHOW Soup Bar on Wednesday 2/9!

SCAN ME



Scan to Register for the Safe Church Conference hosted at BFUMC from 3/7 to 3/8!

OVERVIEW OF FEBRUARY BFUMC EVENTS

**SUN
09**

SOUP LUNCHEON & PRE-SALE PICKUP

12PM in the Fellowship Hall at BFUMC

Sign-Up for the PowerUp! Soup Pre-Sale!
Clipboards are in the Narthex **OR**
sign-up on REALM.
If you'd rather enjoy your soup at the
Church, come at 12:00PM on 2/9.

Join us for fun, fellowship
and WARM SOUP!

Clipboards are in the Narthex
OR sign-up through REALM!

*Mark Bailey will offer a Philanthropic Living
Workshop after supper.*

CHOW - CHURCH HAPPENS ON WEDNESDAYS

5:30PM in the Fellowship Hall at BFUMC

**WED
12**

**THURS
20**

BMS BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONCERT- FREE!

6:30 - 8:30pm in the Sanctuary

Brevard Middle School Chorus
preforming at the church!
We get to host families & friends!
Cookie donations needed
for the reception!

February Church Read is Sage Warrior
by Valarie Kaur. Pick up a copy for
\$18.00 at the table in the Narthex.
Conversation is Sunday, 2/23
at Brevard College Cafeteria

FEBRUARY CHURCH READ

at 12:30 PM in the Brevard College Cafeteria

**SUN
23**

MARCH

LOOKING AHEAD...

Saturday, March 1 : Father Daughter Dance

Wednesday, March 5 : Ash Wednesday

Friday & Saturday March 7 & 8 : Safe Church Conference

Saturday, March 15 : Empty Bowls - Bread of Life

Saturday, March 22 : Blood Drive



Upcoming Events & Announcements

SUBMISSIONS SOUGHT FOR DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET: FINDING GOD IN NATURE

If a group of people is asked to share when they have felt closest to God, at least one person, if not many of them, will say while in a natural setting. **The earth, and everything in it, is a creation of God.** It's no surprise that folks often feel closer to God in nature, where the glory of God is revealed through the wonders of the natural world. "The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork." - Psalm 19:1

The FUMC **Creation Care Committee** invites submissions of short essays, poetry, prayers, and/or art* for a devotional booklet which will celebrate the ways our relationship with God is explored, deepened, strengthened and even tested by experiences in nature. We welcome submissions on ways God has been revealed to you in nature, what you have learned, how you have been inspired or challenged. As Naturalist John Muir said, God is infused in all creation, "spiritual fire burning in every tree, in every bush in every stone... Every bush is a burning bush."

Submissions can be turned into the **Copy Room (in the labeled box)** or emailed in a word document to Steve Arnaudin : searnaudin@gmail.com by March 15.

Send any questions to Mary Arnaudin : mwarnaudin@gmail.com

**All artwork should be a line drawing or something that can be produced in black and white copies. You may bring artwork to the church office.*

WRITING PROMPTS THAT MAY HELP YOU GET STARTED:

- Recall special places in nature (from childhood, travels, hikes, camps, your yard)
- Relate personal observations or experiences of wildlife, a favorite tree or flower, skies, a garden, forest, body of water, or snow
- Consider a favorite Bible verse that refers to creation
- Share why and how you have adopted practices that help care for God's creation



CROSTOWN YOUTH UPDATES

Sunday, February 2 Crosstown at Brevard FUMC

Sunday, February 9 Crosstown at St Phillips Episcopal

Sunday, February 16 Crosstown at LC-Good Shepard

Sunday, February 23 Crosstown at Brevard FUMC



6-12 Graders: Are you interested in joining us this summer for a service learning trip? This year we are going to Winston-Salem to participate in **Spark'Dwell**. During the week, we will participate in relationship-building, education, story-telling, and service alongside formerly or currently homeless individuals. The trip will take place **June 11-15**. The cost is \$200/person with scholarships available. We ask that everyone going on the trip participate in three pre-trip meetings. Those will take place from **4-5pm on April 6, April 27, and May 18**. Please reach out to Sarah Grace sarahgrace@brevardfumc.org if you have any questions.

MUSIC UPDATES

Attention Singing Saints! Mark your calendars for Monday, February 10 at 11:00, with lunch out afterwards. We welcome visitors or new members to come join us for singing, fun, fellowship, AND food. How many times does the word love appear in our United Methodist Hymnal? We will sing some favorites.

Attention Handbell Seekers! Tim Shepard is putting together Handbell Workshops available to anyone who would like to try your hand at ringing! We would love for you to attend these enlightening and fun events! **Dates and times below :**

Thursday, February 6 · starting at 11:00am

Thursday, February 13 · starting at 6:30pm



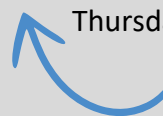
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Spring Organ Concert

Thursday, May 8, 2025 · 7:30 – 9:00pm

at Brevard First UMC

featuring Ken Cowan





Upcoming Events & Announcements



AD HOC COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Last month, we had our first Ad Hoc Communications Team meeting! These folks have agreed provide feedback to help us improve our Church Communications: Scott Baker, Katrina Cantler, Carol Dodson, Debra Gaddy, Carol Hamman, Thor Jones, Tim Shepard, Veranita Alvord and Brittany Ingold. Thank Y'all!

February Preaching Schedule

February 2

Communion with Anointing for Healing
Rev. Shelly Webb, Preaching

February 9

5th Sunday after the Epiphany
Organ Foundation Moment
Rev. Veranita Alvord, Preaching

February 16

6th Sunday after the Epiphany
Rev. Veranita Alvord, Preaching

February 23

7th Sunday after the Epiphany
Sharad Creasman, Preaching

Give Now!

We are grateful for the ways in which your giving supports the ministry of our church and enables us to be the presence of God's love in our community and world. Your tithes and offerings help us to live out the ministry begun by Jesus to offer healing, companionship, and hope to the world.

With the support of your financial gifts, we continue to:

- Teach our children about the love of Jesus
- Engage in sacred conversations and action to change our world
- Feed the hungry
- Help care for and house those experiencing homelessness
- Teach children in our community how to read
- Maintain our church buildings and grounds
- as a place of hospitality for all



FEBRUARY

Birthdays

	10	Reese Zimmer
	11	Linda Hair
1	Gerold Harris	13 James Whitcomb
	Robert Purcell	14 Mieke Benepe
	Jonlyn Parker	Craig Burghardt
2	Edward Coye	15 Christina Dodson
3	Paul Folckomer	18 Kathy Arden
	Cambelle Healy	Stephen Hunting
	Thomas Shetler	Lottie Lebeck
4	Melanie Booth-Butterfield	Carol Regier
	Eli Habel	19 Martha J. Johnson
5	Cindy Adams	20 Mark Habel
	Dee Campbell	21 James Furr
	Kaitlin McCreery	Al Strickland
	Tinley Sotirakopoulos	23 Jay Coan
	Lei Williams	24 Paul Heidmann
6	Mary Arnaudin	Marie Miller
	Michael Pratt	Jennie Moser
	Michael Ream	Patricia Ream
	Sam Reeves	25 Thomas Stroup
7	Barbara Gibson	26 Jake Nissley
	Sydney Jones	27 Peter Batchelder
8	Gilbert Garner	Elizabeth Bee
9	Lisa Folckomer	Salie Harden
		Jonathan Hatter
		Ron Koelling
		28 Scott Baker
		Linda Epperson

Don't see your birthday on this list?
Email Brittany to correct this oversight:
admin@brevardfumc.org



We'd Love to Hear From YOU:

We are always looking for new voices and stories from our congregation! If you feel led to share a Monday Morning Meditation or message in the Weekly Tie - **Please let us know!** You can submit entries to Brittany at admin@brevardfumc.org.