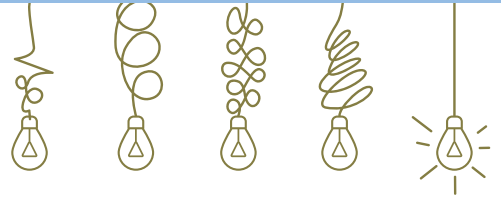




SG's Snippets



AUGUST ATTENDANCE

August 3, 2025

- 8:30 Worship: 23
- 8:45 Worship: 51
- 11:00 Worship: 79
- Total in Person: 153

August 10, 2025

- 8:30 Worship: 23
- 8:45 Worship : 80
- 11:00 Worship: 90
- Total in Person: 193

August 17, 2025

- 8:30 Worship: 15
- 8:45 Worship: 60
- 11:00 Worship: 135
- Total in Person: 210

August 24, 2025

- 8:30 Worship: 22
- 8:45 Worship: 52
- 11:00 Worship: 98
- Total in Person: 172

Average for August 2025
Worship Services : 182

Rhythm in the Chaos

As a newly ordained Pastor, I was invited to attend an intensive 2-year program exploring the Wholeness and Wellbeing of Clergy. As part of this program we were invited to check in with five key aspects of health:

- Spiritual Health
- Vocational Health
- Emotional Health
- Physical Health
- Financial Health

The goal of this program was to prevent burnout and to set Pastors up for long, healthy ministry careers. It's certainly no surprise that the impetus of this program was an understanding that healthy pastors lead healthy churches.

One part of this program that has stayed with me over the years was our invitation to discover and really wrestle with our core values and then create a "Rule of Life" that would define our lives of ministry and beyond.

At the time, my children were younger, we were new to Brevard and I was struggling to really get settled into both motherhood and my new role as Pastor. Though I had many years as a Youth Ministry professional under my belt, the role of Pastor and the way my ordination vows set me apart seemed like brand new territory.

For each of us, The "Rule of Life," was a personal and very meaningful list that would help us stick to our defined core values and also live into our role as Clergy. However, we were invited to give our very personal exercise a concise title to share with others in our cohort and those in our families who would help hold us accountable.

My "Rule of Life" boiled down to these words: **Rhythm in the Chaos.**

It seems to me this idea is even more relevant now - for all of us - as it was back when I created my Rule of Life. In a world filled with inevitable chaos that we cannot change, how do we manage? Yes, we can find moments of calm. Yes we can enter into opportunities to pray and listen - to feel God's still, small voice - to be still and know that God is God. But the challenge I have myself is one I think we could all benefit now.

What if instead of trying to control the chaos, or calm the chaos, or even fix things we cannot fix, we sought out opportunities to dance with the Divine, to find a rhythm that helps us move within the chaos in a way that brings peace, and clarity?

Perhaps as we seek to navigate changes in the church, division in our nation, another news cycle that reminds us of hatred, violence, war and sorrow, we can also seek to listen and feel how God calls us to move amongst that which feels unsettled and chaotic. And in that moving, we might be surprised to find a shift from chaos into joy, and uncertainty into **hope.**

Peace, Sarah Grace

STAFF SCHEDULE UPDATES

Brittany Ingold (Operations)

Working Remotely :

September 8-12

Rev. Veranita Alvord:

On Study Leave :

September 29-October 3

September Events

9.2

ST. GERARD'S FAMILY GROUP NIGHT

Family Group Night is a **FREE** monthly meeting that provides continuing support for **ANY FAMILY** experiencing autism or other special needs. Meet other parents, learn more resources & enjoy a meal from **5-6:30PM** in the **BFUMC Fellowship Hall**.

9.4

GRIEF SUPPORT CIRCLE

A Grief Support Circle is opening in September! Meeting on 1st & 3rd Thursdays from 2:00-3:00 in the afternoon in the Agape Classroom. Facilitated by Jane Wheelless and Rev. Veranita Alvord. Contact the office if interested.

9.7

AUGUST CHURCH READ DISCUSSION

This is the discussion for the book "The Four Vision Quests of Jesus". Join us **Sunday, September 7, at 12:30PM** at Brevard College Cafeteria. We look forward to a lively discussion!

9.8

DREAM GROUP

Vance Reese and Veranita Alvord are starting up Dream Groups again! Join us **every other Monday in the Agape Classroom** to dive into what our dreams mean! Meetings start at **6:30PM**.

9.10

CHOW - CHURCH HAPPENS ON WEDNESDAYS

Prayer Stations will be offered along with the following menu : Fried chicken, green beans, mac & cheese, cole slaw, rolls & banana pudding. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at **5:30PM** - **RSVP on Realm & use the QR Code on page #7**

9.13

PARKING LOT BEAUTIFICATION WORKDAY

All are welcome to assist us with the cleaning of Caldwell St Lot! We'll start the yard work at **8:00AM**! *"Many hands make light work."* **To RSVP, SCAN the QR Code on page #3!**

9.16

50++ LADIES GROUP

We will meet on **Tuesday, September 16 at 6:00pm** at the **Deerlake Village Club House** located at 333 Deerlake Rd, Brevard. A light snack dinner and drinks will be served .

9.20

CELEBRATION OF ABUNDANCE!

During September 1 – October 4, we are called to renew our relationship with God the Creator and all creation, empowering us to act for the well-being of our common home! **Check the bottom of page #3 for further info!**

9.27

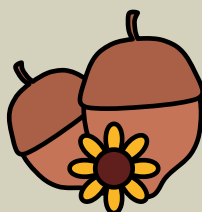
"HELENE: ONE YEAR OF HEALING"

One year after Hurricane Helene, our community comes together to **remember, heal, and look forward**, stronger and more connected than ever. **This FREE, county-wide gathering** will feature live music, storytelling circles, resilience workshops, youth activities, a community resource fair, and a shared meal for all attendees. Join our community at the **Brevard Music Center on 9.27 from 10AM-8PM**.

9.28

SEPTEMBER CHURCH READ

For the month of September, read "Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now" by Walter Brueggemann. **Check the top of page #3 for further info!**



We look forward to spending time together in **September!** Please **check REALM** or **reach out to our Operations Manager** regarding any questions about the events listed. **Contact :** admin@brevardfumc.org



Upcoming Events & Announcements

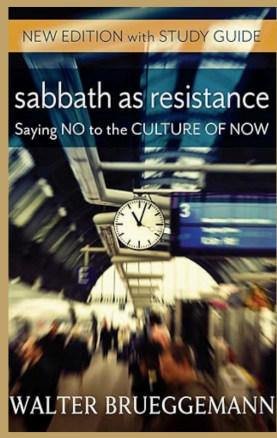
BOARD OF STEWARDS

The Board of Stewards will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, September 9th at 6:30PM**. All are welcome to come attend the meetings - we appreciate **ALL** ideas!

COLLEGE WALK COMMUNION

This month's College Walk Communion will be held on **Thursday, September 11th at 1:00PM**.

Rev. Veranita Alvord will be serving Communion. She looks forward to worshipping with you!



SEPTEMBER CHURCH READ

For the month of September, read "Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now" Walter Brueggemann. On **Sunday, September 28th at 12:30PM** there will be a discussion (Led by Rev. Alvord) at the **Brevard College Cafe**. You can **SIGN UP & grab a book** at the clipboard table in the Welcome Center.

BOOK COST = \$10.00

PARKING LOT BEAUTIFICATION WORKDAY

WHAT?

The Caldwell Lot needs some love! Come help trim tree limbs, weed, mulch & work on fence repairs!

WHERE?

Caldwell Street parking lot (Across from the BFUMC church)

WHEN?

Saturday, September 13th at 8:00AM

WHO?

All are welcome! **"Many hands make light work."**



SCAN TO SIGN UP



CREATION CARE CORNER

It's the Season of Creation! From September 1 – October 4, we are called to renew our relationship with God the Creator and all creation, empowering us to act for the well-being of our common home.

FUMC's Creation Care Committee is sponsoring several events to celebrate this season, including

Rev. Pat Watkins, a former Missionary for the Care of God's Creation of the UMC General Board of Global Ministries. Retired in Pittsboro, NC,

Pat is passionate about the connection between faith and a responsibility to care for and heal God's creation.

THREE OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF CREATION:

- 1) **A Celebration of Abundance Potluck Dinner and Outdoor Vespers Service** Saturday, September 20 at 5:30 pm at the Dunn's Rock Community Center with Rev. Watkins. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share, possibly highlighting seasonal produce. After the meal, we'll gather outside with Rev. Watkins for a nature stroll and vespers service, ending under the great white oak tree in front of the center.

Please SCAN the QR Code on page #7 to RSVP to this event!

- 2) **A Bible Study on Creation Justice** in the Agape Sunday School Class on **Sunday, September 21** immediately after the Celebration Service ends. Led by Rev. Pat Watkins. Everyone is invited to join this special class.

- 3) A Sunday School series based on the book **The Serviceberry: Abundance & Reciprocity in the Natural World** will be used in the **Agape Sunday School Class on Sept. 7 & 14, 28 and Oct. 5**. Everyone is invited to attend. Come whether you've read the book or not; we always have a good discussion!

THERE IS SO MUCH AROUND US IN WHICH TO REJOICE. JOIN THIS CELEBRATION OF ABUNDANCE!

CULTIVATE MINSITRY TEAM UPDATES

The Cultivate Ministry Team is comprised of:

1. Church Life
2. Worship
3. New Members

1) **CHURCH LIFE** is busy making plans for the coming year. They have met and a schedule has been set. **Many exciting meals in our future!**

2) **WORSHIP** involves all aspects of Worship in the life of our church family: traditional services, praise service, choirs, handbells, praise team, training for volunteers. There are many training opportunities. We don't ever want to ask you to participate in something and then leave you hanging, so get involved!

We are regularly looking for new participants to serve as:

- Liturgists
- Worship Leaders
- Acolytes
- Bible Presenters
- Ushers
- Greeters
- Communion Stewards

Opportunities abound to serve in some way and **WORSHIP** is crucial to the life of our church. *It is the foundation and beginning point that then moves us out to serve, learn and grow!*

3) NEW MEMBER MINISTRY TEAM

This is a new area that we are forming. The intent is to work with our Lead Pastor, Veranita Alvord, who has asked for the formation of this group so we might assist in New Member Classes – host lunches to welcome new members – help assign mentors/friends to travel with new members for a time after joining so they don't get lost in the gap.

We would love to have a great representation from across ages and our current worship services – of which we have three. Interested?

Speak with Debra Gaddy, 828-707-0112, debra.gaddy1@gmail.com

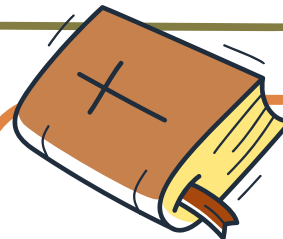
**RESUMES
SEPTEMBER 7TH**

**CHILDREN'S
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Our children will be meeting 4 classes:

Preschool (ages 2-4) - Meets in the Preschool Hallway
Kindergarten-1st Grade - Meets in the Preschool Hallway
2nd-3rd Grade - Meets Upstairs
4th - 5th Grade - Meets Upstairs

****NOTE**** We are looking for a couple more teachers to help with the K-1 Sunday School Class.



**CONFIRMATION
CLASS**

Confirmation Class for current 6th-7th graders begins in January 2026.

Please stay tuned for more information about the program!!

We are looking for folks to serve as **Confirmation Sponsors**, as well as folks who are willing to share their stories of faith with the classes!

For more information, contact Sarah Grace Montgomery, sarahgrace@brevardfumc.org

MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATES

OLD TIME GOSPEL SING-A-LONG & POT LUCK LUNCH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 @11:00AM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Potluck Lunch: Church Life will provide chicken and beverages.

Please bring a side dish or dessert.
Scan the QR Code on page #8 to RSVP

Featuring : Dr. William Shank

GRATITUDE

We extend endless gratitude towards Sarah Lee Myracle, Bart Gilleland, and Sarah Moser. THANK YOU for your help during this time of change - we are all lucky to know you.

CONTACT

For all MUSIC related questions, please email music@brevardfumc.org

NEW HANDBELL SCHEDULES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 AT 11:00AM "Brand New" and "Nearly New" Ringers and any ringer interested, are invited to attend a handbell introductory workshop with **Sarah Lee Myracle in the Book & Bell Room upstairs.**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 AT 5:30PM Come meet Interim Handbell Director, Nathan Tingler! Be ready for the first practice of the season!

September Practice Schedule: Sunday evenings at 5:30pm in the Bell & Book Room.
September 7,14,21,28

SINGING SAINTS

Save the dates! We are excited to start singing again on **October 13, November 10 & December 15!!**

2025 CHRISTMAS CANTATA

We look forward to the Christmas Cantata : "Appalachian Winter". Please reach out to Bart Gilleland if you are interested in joining the choir! Rehearsals begin in October.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATES

CALLING ALL CHILDREN GRADES 1-5! It's time to make a joyful noise!

Hey Parents -- I'm so excited to begin a new adventure with your child(ren) in our Children's Music Ministry! I have years of experience in forming new choirs that become vibrant parts of ministry. Let the children come – **an exciting time awaits!** Our time together will always include much fun – lots of laughter – a time for joyful noise – a time for joyful movement – and always working on new music to share with our church family.



**SCAN TO COMPLETE
INTEREST FORM**

We will explore, learn and review things like:

- 🎵 The Books of the Bible
- 🎵 The Ten Commandments
- 🎵 Scripture Songs

- 🎵 What does it mean to follow a time signature?
- 🎵 Does the key make a difference?
- 🎵 Why worship God with music?
- 🎵 Is it ok to have fun singing to God?

We will also work toward having so much fun together that the children will start inviting their friends to join us –

THAT will be great fun AND a great way to grow our Music Ministry!

JOIN US! Wednesday, September 17th from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

I hope you will give it a try and bring your children to church for our big kickoff on the 17th !



Fa La La La La!

Debra Gaddy, 828-707-0112, debra.gaddy1@gmail.com



BREVARD FIRST UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION

The Foundation shares this notice of funding opportunity for its 2026 competitive grant cycle. The purpose of this grant program is to further the mission and ministry of Brevard First United Methodist Church.

Eligibility: Brevard First United Methodist Church Foundation supports the missions and ministries of our congregation by providing grants to organizations, groups and individuals for charitable, educational, environmental, literary, religious or scientific projects.

Only Brevard First United Methodist ministries and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for funding. All grant recipients must expend funds by December 31 of the year grant is received.

Purpose Statement: "Christ's people, drawn together in love, moving out to serve."

Drawing from our mission and purpose statement, successful projects and programs will:

- Enhance the impact of ministries within the congregation (Christian education, children's ministries, youth ministries, adult ministries, music, worship, etc.)
- Further the impact of the church within the community
- Help the church thrive and serve faithfully into the future.
- Provide volunteer opportunities.
- Support the vision of the church through local, regional, and global missions.

Applications: Can be accessed by scanning the QR code or found via the church website: <https://brevardfumc.org/foundation/>

Timeline:

- Proposal submissions must be received by October 31, 2025.
- Review and evaluation will be conducted during November and December.
- Grants will be announced and awarded in early 2026.



SCAN TO APPLY

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OCTOBER?

CHOW - CHURCH HAPPENS ON WEDNESDAYS

Power Up Soup Supper for Sharing House! Join us on **Wednesday, October 8th** in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30PM. Be on the lookout for Realm & In-person SIGN UP forms!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Come to the church on **Saturday, October 11th** to give blood!
Schedule your time online at redcrossblood.org/

PUMPKIN LUNCHEON

The FIRST Pumpkin Lunch on **Sunday, October 26th** after the 11AM service.
We will provide more detailed information towards the start of October!
You DON'T want to miss this exciting new tradition!

Upcoming Events & Announcements

SEPTEMBER PREACHING SCHEDULE

September 7

Communion Sunday
"The Potter's Wheel"

Rev. Veranita Alvord, Preaching

September 14

Mission Moment Sunday
"The Reality of Our Humanity"
Rev. Veranita Alvord, Preaching

September 21

"The Shrewdness of Taking Care"
Rev. Veranita Alvord, Preaching

September 28

Acknowledging a year post
Hurricane Helene
Rev. Dr. Sharad Creasman, Preaching

September BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 : Steven Smith | 18 : Asa Airey |
| 3 : Roger Lawrence | Bart Gilleland |
| 4 : Cora Airey | Hannah Smith |
| Victor Estes | Myla Tucker |
| Megan Monk | |
| 5 : Michael Epperson | 19 : Jeremy Gibbs |
| 6 : Betsy Robinson | Jeanne Speight |
| Jaxson Scruggs | 20 : Marsha Farrell |
| 7 : Don Hair | Sally Rebscher |
| 8 : Mark Bailey | 21 : Don Myracle |
| 10 : Knox Witherspoon | Carroll Parker |
| 11 : Abigail Lewis | 22 : David Bohn |
| 12 : Charlotte Haight | Steven Bohn |
| Chet Terry | Travis Hogsed |
| Rick Thomas | John Skelton |
| 13 : RYANNE BURTON | 23 : Danika Altimirano |
| Khoi Le | Ginny Hane |
| 14 : Jane Holland | 24 : Michael Montgomery |
| Christie Morse | 25 : Dick Ream |
| 15 : Stephanie Holland | David Sullivan |
| Gracie Shields | 26 : Keith Parker |
| 16 : Ivan Alvord | Kae Parker |
| Kennedy Campbell | 27 : Ella Scott |
| Everett Ennis | 28 : Solomon Tucker |
| Peter Johnson | 29 : Scott Lawing |
| George Lampe | Jack Parker |
| 17 : Linda Eden | |
| Lane Gibson | |
| Daniel White | |

*Don't see your birthday
on this list? Email Brittany at :
admin@brevardfumc.org*

QR CODE STATION



SCAN to RSVP for the
Old Tim Gospel
Sing-A-Long & Potluck



SCAN for the
2026 BFUMC
Grant Application



SCAN to RSVP for
Prayer Stations &
Fried Chicken CHOW



SCAN to RSVP for the
Celebration of
Abundance Potluck

BREVARD FUMC PUMPKIN PATCH

We are VERY close to PUMPKIN season!

The pumpkins will be delivered to the church on
Friday, September 26th

We will need help placing pumpkins and
unloading - please let the office know if you'd be
interested in helping!

**Check the SIGN-UP bulletin board
at the church for work slots.**

We are looking forward to another
great year and thank you ALL for
your **continued support & help!**

