

**SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE****September 7, 2025**

- 8:30 Worship: 15
- 8:45 Worship: 72
- 11:00 Worship: 97
- Total in Person: 184

September 14, 2025

- 8:30 Worship: 18
- 8:45 Worship : 64
- 11:00 Worship: 99
- Total in Person: 181

September 21, 2025

- 8:30 Worship: 15
- 8:45 Worship: 60
- 11:00 Worship: 117
- Total in Person: 192

September 28, 2025

- 8:30 Worship: 20
- 8:45 Worship: 72
- 11:00 Worship: 123
- Total in Person: 215

Average for September 2025
Worship Services : 193**STAFF SCHEDULE UPDATES****Rev. Veranita Alvord:****Study Leave:**

September 29-October 3

School of the Spirit:

October 6-7

Vacation:

October 13-16

Rev. Sarah Grace Montgomery:**Study Leave:**

October 13-17

Brittany Ingold (Operations)**Vacation:**

October 26-November 4

Veranita's Varieties

When unloading the pumpkins last Saturday, the many things that were happening last year at this time ran through my mind. I recalled unloading the pumpkins with great anticipation of a wonderful Fall. We were emerging from the denominational split between the United Methodist Church and the Global Methodist Church. Sarah Grace had become our full-time Pastor of Faith Formation last August. Christy Stansel and Brittany Ingold had joined our staff as Financial Secretary and Operations Manager, respectively. New groups were resuming and forming, we were looking to a Stewardship Campaign to raise our budget for 2025.

Then Helene hit. *"Life is what happens to you when you're busy making other plans!"* So much happened last fall that we did not plan! As the pumpkin sales lagged and moisture set in to the pumpkins, an anonymous donor gave \$1500 for us to distribute pumpkins to Pisgah Forest and Rosman Elementary Schools. This generous gift and its generous imaginative spirit of sharing with children, gave us a glimpse of what it means to be God's people of promise when all promise seems lost, flooded, destroyed. The gift was a seed of promise.

As we consider this fall and "Hallow-Thank-Mas," the blur of Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas, ***how is God calling us to meet our circumstances and do something unexpected, good and joyful?*** What seeds of promise is God calling us to plant? The "Hymn of Promise," which we sang at Ruth Hall's celebration recently, has this lyric:

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree.

In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!

In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,

Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. (UMH #707)

Imagine what seeds of promise, of good and joy are in the seeds of the pumpkins sitting in front of our Chapel! As we begin a Stewardship emphasis this month, imagine what seeds of promise God might plant **through us** to ensure the future vitality and joy of Brevard First Church!

OCTOBER EVENTS

10.5

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

We celebrate along with other denominations around the world this feast of the Last Supper. World Communion Sunday recognizes the quest for Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation across denominational lines. The Christian community is united under the banner of the Prince of Peace, Jesus, the Christ. **The Communion Table at BFUMC is OPEN to all people!**

10.8

CHOW - CHURCH HAPPENS ON WEDNESDAY

At 5:30PM join us for our PowerUp! Soup Dinner CHOW! To RSVP and for more information, see page #3.

10.11

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, October 11 7:30AM-12PM is a Blood Drive! Please schedule your appointment online at www.redcross.org.

10.12

BREVARD COLLEGE HOMECOMING

The Rev. Dr. Sharad Creasman, preaching. Rev. Dr. John Boggs & Brevard College President Brad Andrews will be in attendance at the 11:00AM Service! During the service, John will present our congregation a quilt square related to our service to the community through the aftermath of hurricane Helene.

10.18

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PICKUP

Adopt-a-Highway pickup on October 18 at 8am at Hap Simpson Park. Neon-colored vests, gloves, and trash grabbers available to share! Help us make the FUMC section of Greenville Hwy. look beautiful between Brevard Elementary School & Dollar General! Questions? Email Creation Care Team: creationcare@brevardfumc.org.

10.21

FLAME LADIES GROUP MEETING

Our new "FLAME" Ladies meet on 10/21 from 5-6:30PM! Check page #3 for more information & RSVP instructions. (FLAME= Fellowship, Laughter And Methodist Energy!)

10.24

SPECIAL OLYMPICS HALLOWEEN DANCE

We look forward to hosting this event from 6-8PM on 10/24. Be on the lookout for more information & how to get involved.

10.26

PUMPKIN LUNCH POTLUCK & FESTIVAL

After 11AM Service, a Pumpkin Feast & Celebration! Bring anything "pumpkin"-get creative! Bring a pumpkin sides or dessert, the Church Life team will provide the protein! **More info & RSVP on page #4.** In lieu of Trunk or Treat, there will be a Pumpkin Festival for all the children after the lunch, beginning at 1:00PM. Please bring your kids - even if you aren't able to attend the pumpkin meal!

RECURRING GROUP MEETINGS AT BFUMC

Prayer Group : Weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30AM

Centering Prayer : Weekly on Thursdays at 9:30AM

Jacob Conversations : Weekly on Thursdays at 8:00AM

Grief Group : Thursday, October 2nd and 16th at 2PM

Dream Group : Monday, October 6th and 20th at 6:30PM

Creation Care Meeting : Monday, October 6th at 11AM

Prayer Shawl Meeting : Monday, October 13th at 9:45AM

Singing Saints : Monday, October 13th at 11:00AM



Upcoming Events & Announcements

BOARD OF STEWARDS

The Board of Stewards will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, October 14th 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, October 9th at 1:00PM**.

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



CREATION CARE CORNER

HOT OFF THE PRESS: "REFLECTIONS ON FINDING GOD IN NATURE"

This beautiful and inspiring booklet is the result of contributions made by FUMC members who answered the call of the Creation Care Team for short essays, poetry, prayers and artwork that celebrate the ways our relationship with God *"is explored, deepened, strengthened and even tested by experiences in nature."* We encourage you to pick up a copy in the Gathering Space, enjoy it and share it with others.

Donations for the printing are happily received!

FLAME MEETING

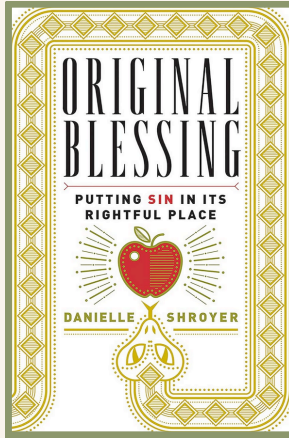
**FELLOWSHIP,
LAUGHTER AND
METHODIST ENERGY**



Flame (formerly ladies 50+++) will meet on **Tuesday, October 21 from 5:00 to 6:30pm** at the Deerlake Clubhouse. Please note the earlier time. Please RSVP to Katrina Cantler!

TEXT : (828) 506-7607

EMAIL : fkcantler@gmail.com



OCTOBER CHURCH READ

For the month of October, read "Original Blessing: Putting Sin in Its Rightful Place" by Danielle Shroyer. On **Sunday, November 2nd at 12:30PM** in the Seekers Classroom, there will be a discussion, led by Rev. Alvord. You can **SIGN UP & grab a book** at the clipboard table in the Welcome Center.

BOOK COST = \$10.00

POWER UP! CHOW

At 5:30PM PowerUp! Soup Dinner CHOW
(Church Happens on Wednesdays!)

A wide variety of soups for the meal & for sale after the meal!

Pricing will be: \$5/Pint and \$10/Quart (which will include a small recipe book of the soups). Donations are accepted at the door. **All proceeds will go directly to PowerUp Heat Assistance thru Sharing House.** Scan the QR to the RIGHT or sign-up on the clipboard in the Welcome Center.



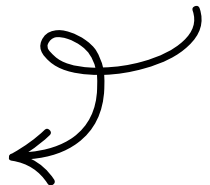
RSVP HERE

REFLECTIONS



on finding God in Nature

**COVER OF
THE BOOK!**



THE PUMPKIN PATCH

The 2025 Pumpkin Patch is **OPEN, till Friday, October 31st**. Please volunteer to help run the patch, there are available slots on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center.

Patch schedule below:

Monday - Friday : 12PM to 6PM

Saturdays : 10AM-6PM

Sundays : 12PM-4PM

OPEN!

PUMPKIN POTLUCK & FESTIVAL



SCAN ME

Sunday, October 26th the FIRST Pumpkin Lunch Potluck.

After the 11AM Worship Service, meet in the Fellowship Hall for a unique taste of pumpkin dishes! Bring anything "pumpkin"-**get creative!** We ask the Congregation to prepare sides and desserts, The Church Life team will provide the protein!

Save the date for a new tradition!

**SCAN the QR Code to the LEFT to RSVP -
or SIGN the clipboard in the Welcome Center!**



In lieu of Trunk or Treat, **there will be a Pumpkin Festival for all the children after the luncheon, beginning at 1:00PM.** Even if you aren't able to attend the lunch, please bring your children to the activities!

2026

REBUILD, RESTORE, RENEW

*With Seeds
of Promise*
A GREAT WORK

Stewardship Season is HERE.

Our focus for the 2026 year is to "Rebuild, Restore & Renew." We will be looking into the book of Nehemiah. In this scripture, we see how prayer, leadership and diligent work, inspires people to dedicate themselves to the tasks of rebuilding and living, according to God's commands.

All growth starts with one seed.

We look forward to planting new seeds within this church community & accomplishing this "Great Work" together.

Have you ever wondered about our Giving Units?

Here's a ladder which tells us how many people are at each giving step!

Amount Given	# of Givers	Amount Given
\$1 - \$1,000	91	\$29,153
\$1,000 - \$3,000	57	90,684
\$3,000 - \$5,000	38	146,555
\$5,000 - \$7,000	18	83,955
\$7,000 - \$9,000	13	103,807
\$9,000 - \$11,000	5	50,800
\$11,000 - \$13,000	4	48,971
\$15,000 - \$17,000	4	61,250
\$17,000 - \$22,000	3	56,200
Total	233	\$689,185

**"LET US ARISE AND BUILD."
SO THEY PUT THEIR HANDS
TO THE GOOD WORK." NEHEMIAH 2:18**

MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATES

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

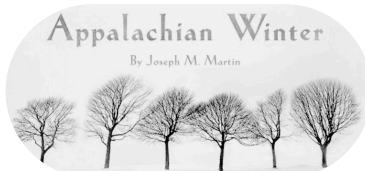
This year's Cantata will be here sooner than we know it! "Appalachian Winter" is the theme. **If you are interested in performing in the Cantata, please reach out to Bart.**

Not extremely skilled with sheet music? NO WORRIES! This cantata is inclusive to ALL.

Rehearsals start October 1.

Sunday December 14 is Cantata Sunday with 2 opportunities to Worship in Music & Word at 8:30 & 11:00AM. Christmas Brunch Potluck is between the Cantata Worship.

Save the date & get excited for beautiful music!



SINGING SAINTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13TH AT 11:00AM

Meet in the Choir Room for a joyous time of singing!

All are welcome to join this group.

No practices! No pressure! Just singing!

Next meeting dates : November 10 & December 15!

HANDBELL REHEARSALS

We have 10 dedicated ringers participating in this season of Handbells!

Handbells will be performing in the 11:00 Worship Service October 19 and December 21.

We look forward to the bells ringing praise!

CONTACT

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

CHILDREN'S CHOIR UPDATES

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR IS UP AND RUNNING!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR MEETS FROM 4:30-5:30PM EVERY WEDNESDAY.

We have LOTS going on and hope to see more and more children get in on the fun!

We look forward to singing in Worship soon!

Right now we are enjoying getting to know one another, having fun with great music & looking ahead to singing during Advent & Christmas!

Don't miss out on the fun! Hope to see you next week!

Questions? Contact Debra Gaddy, (828) 707-0112, debra.gaddy1@gmail.com



COOKIES FOR THOSE IN PRISON

Kairos is an outreach to people in prison, providing those in prison with an encounter with God and God's people over a week-end experience. Kairos needs cookies in October! We just need to follow the prison's directions.

If you would like to purchase cookies, please read the guidelines below!

There is a large plastic container in the kitchen marked "Kairos Cookies."

PLACE YOUR PACKAGES IN THE CONTAINER TO KEEP THE MICE AT BAY! DROP-OFF IS OCTOBER 1-19.

**ONLY STORE BOUGHT COOKIES ARE NEEDED!
(PLEASE LEAVE IN ORIGINAL PACKAGING)**

**NO NUTS, NO FRUIT, NO FROSTING, NO
POWDERED SUGAR, NO SPRINKLES! ONLY
BASIC COOKIES:**

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| - Chocolate Chip | - Oreos |
| - Peanut Butter | - Nutterbutter |
| - Sugar | - Rice Krispies |
| - Oatmeal | - M&M |

STORES WHERE COOKIES CAN BE PURCHASED:

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|-----------|-------------|
| - Cost Co | - Walmart |
| - Publix | - Ingles |
| - Sam's | - Food Lion |



YOUTH & CHILDREN UPDATES

HIGH SCHOOL SUPPERS

High School Suppers are BACK! High School youth - meet up with Sarah Grace & Abby once a month for supper & fellowship. Meet at the restaurant at 6:30. Bring \$10 if you are able to help cover the cost.

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, October 22 @ Corky's Dawg House

Thursday, November 20 @ Zaxbys

Bring a Friend!

All High School students are Welcome!

SAVE THE DATE – WINTER LIGHTS

Saturday, December 6

Meet at FUMC at 5:00 PM to take the bus to Dinner & Lights @ The Arboretum. *Cost is \$20*



MIDDLE SCHOOL MEETUPS

All Middle School Students are welcome to attend for fun & fellowship. See details below for cost & times.

Upcoming Dates:

October 17 – 7:00-8:30pm - PUMPKINFEST @ Silvermont.

Drop off & Pick up @ St. Philips. Walk together.

Bring \$ for admission - \$5 for 12 & under.

\$7 for 13 & older. Bring spending \$\$!

November 7 - 6:30-8:00pm - GLOW PARTY @

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

Dinner Served! No-cost event!

Bring a Friend! ALL are Welcome!

If you have any questions, please reach out to our Faith Formation Pastor, Sarah Grace! She'd love to connect with you!
sarahgrace@brevardfumc.org

OCTOBER CROSSTOWN YOUTH DETAILS

SUNDAY OCTOBER 5

Pumpkin Patch! Crosstown covers shifts 12-4:00pm.

Help Sarah Grace @ the Patch!

Sunday, October 5-5:00-6:45PM

@ FUMC! Mission Projects for The Dwelling & Kairos Prison Ministry!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 - 5:00-6:45 PM

Meet @ Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

POWER UP at St Phillip's.
Details to come!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 - 5:00-6:45 PM

Meet @ FUMC "Pumpkin Olympics!" Wear clothes that can get messy!

Youth FAMILIES - be sure to complete the Information and Release form for this year!



PLAYGROUND PALS

Looking to be a SUPER PAL?

Look no further!

INTRODUCING...

PLAYGROUND PALS

In order to keep the children of our church, preschool and community safe, we have created a new group called "Playground Pals". This group will tackle playground maintenance a few hours at a time.

The Best Part?

The more folks we have, the lighter the load!

Be a hero to all the children who utilize this space.

Reach out to Vick Cox for more information & to sign-up!

Call OR text at 817.223.0003

EXAMPLES OF THE TYPE OF WORK WE WILL BE DOING :

- Staining
- Rope repairs
- Mulching
- Insect control
- Generic Painting



Upcoming Events & Announcements

OCTOBER PREACHING SCHEDULE

October 5

Communion Sunday
"Singing in a Foreign Land"
Rev. Veranita Alvord, Preaching

October 12

Brevard College Homecoming
Rev. Dr. Sharad Creasman, Preaching

October 19

Laity Sunday
Rev. Veranita Alvord, Preaching

October 26

Consecration Sunday
Mission Moment : WCP
*AJ Thomas (WNC UM Foundation),
Preaching*

TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY TIPS

*To ensure you & your family
have a fun, safe evening of
fun on Halloween!*

- Always walk facing traffic
- Candy consumption caution
- Stick to sidewalks and crosswalks
- Equip your child with a flashlight
- Avoid dangerous decorations
- Never accept rides from strangers
- Travel in groups
- Stay hydrated
- Turn on your porch light
- Obey signs and signals
- Be polite and say, "thank you"



OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 : Laura Williams | 21 : Bill Paris |
| 2 : Robert Brockway | Amanda Rowe |
| 3 : Charlie Brendle | 22 : Jackie Sotomayor |
| Robert Commarota | 23 : Nancy Ester |
| Kristy Lampe | Raymond Miller |
| 4 : Wyatt Butler | 24 : Tressa Garner |
| Alden Cermak | Dawn Johnson |
| Denise Danos | Jaden Suttles |
| 5 : Connor Barnette | 25 : Jane Wheelless |
| Alice Farrell | 26 : Kim Burton |
| 6 : Janice Giammarino | Noah Hensley |
| Eleanor Smith | 27 : Maggie Cermak |
| 9 : Reed Parker | Mike Hawkins |
| Robert Speight | 28 : Steve Arnaudin |
| 10 : Henry Gilmore | Reid McCall |
| 12 : Karen Phillips | Caroline Fisher- |
| Mary Stam | Wahus |
| 13 : Katie Futrelle | 29 : Nancy Davis |
| 14 : Steve Dixon | 30 : Kathy Hedberg |
| 15 : Elizabeth Chapman | Gerry Kilpatrick |
| Lucas Purcell | 31 : Ella Monk |
| 16 : Michelle | Maggie |
| Ekeanyanwu | Montgomery |
| 17 : Jane Futrelle | |
| David Hartsock | |
| Larry Vance | |
| 18 : Maddy Adrignola | |
| James Hane | |
| Jeremy Purcell | |
| 19 : Lisa Smith | |

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

ENGAGE GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT

If you are an Engage Woman
(young women of the church)

please **RSVP to the**
October 19th Succulent
Pumpkin Workshop by
October 5!!



NOT GETTING WEEKLY EMAILS?

We send out emails to the congregation WEEKLY. If you are not receiving these, please let Brittany know! She will help resolve this issue with you!