



Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles for generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people



As we approach the holiday season, it's time to consider participating in a program designed to provide Christmas gifts to children in Meade County who may otherwise go without.

Brandenburg United Methodist Church has participated in the *Prison Fellowship Angel Tree*® program for many years. This unique program gives our church community an opportunity to demonstrate Christ's love by helping meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of prisoners' families who live in Meade County. Church volunteers

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toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, November 20, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

**Mike Bruington**  
*Stewardship Chair*

share the gift of salvation by connecting parents in prison with their children.

There is much joy that comes with sharing Christ's love through the delivery of Christmas gifts to children in the name of their prison-parent.

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 20), we will have Angel Tree Angels available. Each Angel tag will include information about the child (gender, age, clothing sizes and preferences). Choose an angel, shop for the child and return gifts to the church office by the deadline. Parents/caregivers will come to our church during an open house for the gifts, gift wrapping, fellowship, information about our church, and a food basket from Kroger.

Brandenburg UMC has consistently shown compassion and generosity to the children the *Prison Fellowship Angel Tree*® program serves. Thank you for expressing God's love to those who may otherwise not know Him.

**Stephanie Stone**  
*Angel Tree Coordinator*



# Military News

– **Mary Beth McQuary**

Greetings to all and Happy Veterans Day to all military veteran members and friends of Brandenburg United Methodist Church. We are so thankful for you and for your service to our great nation. The military ministry team is planning a great evening on November 11th for you. If you haven't received an invitation, please email or call me at 536-3330. This will be our third Veterans Day Dinner Party, so please let us know that you will be there! An evening of dinner and music with special guest speaker Chaplain Mike Charles. Mike's wife Melody is also currently serving on active duty in Afghanistan.

We will also be recognizing our veteran members at church services on Sunday, November 13.

If you are a prayer warrior, please keep up the great effort! Our warriors from 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team have about two months left on their deployment to Afghanistan. Some may be returning a little earlier in December, so we ask for their continued safekeeping and safe return to the United States.

## *Messages from Afghanistan:*

Mary Beth and crew,

Thank you all for your support! The goodie box was a very nice surprise.

Every item in that box will be used or consumed; it's perfect. I hope all is well back home. Time is going by even faster now that the seasons are changing, but the scenery isn't nearly as beautiful as it is at home. I pray that all are doing well back home and I can speak for every one of us when I say that we appreciate your support. Thank you again.

See you all soon!

*V/R*

*1LT Anthony Capozzi*

*FUOPS, 6-4 Cav, 3-1 IBCT*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much for the care package you sent me. It made me smile on a day filled with challenges otherwise.

We appreciate your continued support of our Soldiers and their families.

*Blessings,*

*Chaplain Mike Nishimura*

*FOB Salerno*

## BRANDENBURG UMC VETERANS ROSTER

### MEMBERS OF BUMC

Jacky Aikin	Beverly Furnival
Charles Alexander	Roger Furnival
Kirk Baldwin	Jason Gallimore
George Bonney	Gwen Gallimore
Bo Boteler	William Hardy
Elroy Bruington	Lois Hermeier
Mike Bruington	L.G. Hershey
Tony Capozzi	Karl Hollenbach
James Carlson	Paul Hollingsworth
Ken Clendenin	Bruno Ilario
Donald Cook	John Inman
Bruce Costantine	Ronnie Joyner
Glenn Dame	Ryan Kelley
Brian Damron	Brian King
Robert Davis	Lee Klockow
Roberto Diaz	Al Lawrence
Don Dodson	Rusty Lepley
Herb Donaldson	Mary Lepley
Mark Ellis	Erik Mann
Marvin Fackler	Donald Martin
Jennings Furlough	Daniel McQuary
	Mary Beth McQuary

Matthew McQuary  
Tom McQuary  
Tommy McQuary  
Paul Mik  
Tom Moore  
Earl Murphy  
Jerry Murphy  
William Plemmons  
Joel Ramsey  
David Ricketts  
Jason Sager  
Tyler Scott  
Robert Seitz  
Irv Spencer  
Tanner Spry  
Jason Stiff  
Ed Stull  
James Robert Taylor  
Ken Tonelli  
John Turner  
Steve Ward  
Ben Wilson

Bud Wilson  
Denise Wilson  
Heather Wilson  
Jimmy Wilson  
Scott Wilson  
Steven Wilson  
Thomas Wilson  
Ken Wilson  
David Wiltshire

### FRIENDS OF BUMC

Rob Armstrong  
Mike Charles  
Melody Charles  
Denise Ellis  
John Frick  
Whitney Gardner  
Mike Rayburn  
Chris Sheets  
Jim Tussey

The BASIC Sunday School class will host two lunch sessions for anyone with financial, spiritual, and/or fellowship needs on Thanksgiving Day. If



you would like to attend as a guest or help with this ministry, please contact any member of the BASIC class. To help, the following opportunities are available: on Wednesday, Nov. 23—Martin Bosermer will be setting up tables and chairs from 9 am until noon and dessert drop-off is from 1 pm-7 pm (contact person: Melissa Aikin); on Thursday, Nov. 24—lunch will be served at noon and 2 pm; clean-up will begin around 4:30 p.m.



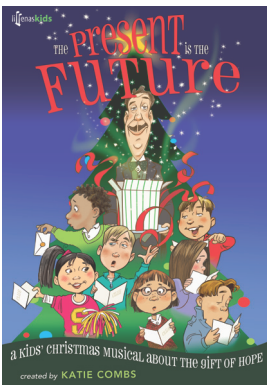
***Baby's First Christmas***

On Sunday, December 4, we will present the babies who were born to church families throughout the year 2011 a gift of their first Christmas ornament. The presentation will be done during both the 8:45 and the 11:00 a.m. worship services.

Our records show the following babies born since last Christmas:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Vincent Capozzi | Aimee Goldsmith |
| Brooklynn Love  | Colton Morrison |
| Jonah Papp      | Haley Remsburg  |
| Caroline Spry   |                 |

If we have inadvertently omitted someone, please contact the church office with that information. Kim Robinson, team leader for our New Mother Ministry, is the contact person.



Our annual Children's Christmas Musical *The Present is the Future* will be held during both worship services on Sunday, December 4. You'll be richly blessed by this Christmas musical about the gift of hope.



- Week 9 Monday, October 31**  
**Day 1** Numbers 22, 23, 24  
**Day 2** Numbers 25, 26, 27  
**Day 3** Numbers 28, 29, 30, 31  
**Day 4** Numbers 32, 33, 34  
**Day 5** Numbers 35, 36; Psalm 47  
**Day 6** Deuteronomy 1, 2, 3; Psalm 48  
**Day 7** Deuteronomy 4, 5; Psalm 49

- Week 10 Monday, November 7**  
**Day 1** Deuteronomy 6, 7, 8  
**Day 2** Deuteronomy 9, 10, 11  
**Day 3** Deuteronomy 12, 13, 14; Psalm 50  
**Day 4** Deuteronomy 15, 16, 17  
**Day 5** Deuteronomy 18, 19, 20  
**Day 6** Deuteronomy 21, 22, 23; Psalm 51  
**Day 7** Deuteronomy 24, 25, 26

- Week 11 Monday, November 14**  
**Day 1** Deuteronomy 27, 28, 29  
**Day 2** Deuteronomy 30, 31, 32  
**Day 3** Deuteronomy 33, 34; Psalms 52, 53  
**Day 4** Joshua 1, 2, 3  
**Day 5** Joshua 4, 5, 6  
**Day 6** Joshua 7, 8, 9; Psalm 54  
**Day 7** Joshua 10, 11, 12

- Week 12 Monday, November 21**  
**Day 1** Joshua 13, 14, 15  
**Day 2** Joshua 16, 17, 18  
**Day 3** Joshua 19, 20, 21; Psalm 55  
**Day 4** Joshua 22, 23, 24  
**Day 5** Judges 1, 2, 3  
**Day 6** Judges 4, 5; Psalms 56, 57  
**Day 7** Judges 6, 7, 8



As I write this month's article, a committee appointed and empowered by our church is bidding on the old library property. I don't know what the outcome of the auction will be or if it's in God's will for us to own this property, but I've been very encouraged by the support of our church family in this endeavor. There's no secret that our BUMC Youth would benefit most from the acquisition of this property. While I'm excited about the possibility of more space for our youth, I'm humbled by the support our church family has given us over the past few weeks. I guess more than anything, I'm just glad the discussion has started and our church family is now aware that there is a need for space if our youth group is to continue to grow. Regardless of what happens with the old library, thank you for all you do!

November "looks" to be a fairly quiet month for our BUMC Youth. If I've learned anything while working with our students it's that my schedule rarely stays quiet for long. For all my Emmaus/Chrysalis/YAC Brothers and Sisters, Chrysalis

48 is coming up November 5-7. I would encourage you to participate as much as you can over the weekend. We currently have four students from MCHS going and possibly a few others. Our BUMC attendees are Sarah Greer, Megan Haynes and Cain Brothers. Andrew Butler is from First Baptist and will also attend. Please pray for these students as they prepare for the upcoming weekend and during the weekend. Youth and Youth parents... please watch for texts, e-mails and bulletin board updates for any late additions to our November schedule!

Last month, we held our Fall Retreat at Camp Salem and it was a great weekend for our Youth. We had right at 50 students attend and had a handful of our regulars who couldn't make it due to schedule conflicts. We focused on our theme verse for this school year, Romans 1:16. We broke it down into three parts and we redefined the verse in our words. What we came up with is, "I'm proud of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, for it is the power of God to rescue everyone who believes!" I would ask each of you to look up the original wording of this verse and then re-read our version. Ask yourself this question, "Does my life reflect the words of Romans 1:16?" In other words... are you "living the 1-1-Six?"

*In Christ,  
Bar*

**NOVEMBER  
COMMUNION OFFERING  
Meade County  
Ministerial Association**

The November 6 communion offering will go to the Meade County Ministerial Association, an organization of local churches coming together to support the less fortunate of our community through the Clothes Closet and Food Pantry.

Your donations of food and clothing as well as your offerings on this communion Sunday will go a long way toward helping our neighbors in need, especially as cold weather approaches and the holidays arrive.



**Amber Plemmons  
Director of  
Children's Ministries**

I want to thank everyone for attending Trunk or Treat on Monday, October 31. What a wonderful turnout and what a great way to share the good news of God's love with our community!

Mark your calendars for the Children's Christmas program Sunday, December 4, during both worship services.

The children's ministries is planning a kids' movie night – likely with a Drive-In Theme – in November. The date is to be announced. Watch the bulletin and e-mail for more information.



# FROM THE PASTOR

Some will remember an off-the-wall game show from the 1970s called *The Gong Show* and its wacky host Chuck Barris. The show was built around various contestants, some with very unusual talents, who'd come on the show to perform and risk being "gonged" off the stage by a panel of celebrities. Fewer will recall that Barris claimed in his autobiography *Confessions of a Dangerous Mind* that he'd been a secret CIA assassin operating undercover while still a game show producer and host – later a George Clooney film.

Several years back, I had the opportunity to meet and listen to Barris speak at an area book fair, and true to form, he's as interesting in person as he was on TV. He talked about all the years he spent producing one silly game show after another, and said the shows had only one purpose – to make as much profit on as little expenditure as possible. To that end, Barris said *The Newlywed Game* was his most lucrative game show ever: "All we had were four couples, eight questions, and a washer/dryer, and we made more money than the movie *Star Wars* its first year." Now that is a large return on a small investment!

In Matthew 25, Jesus tells the parable of the talents, the point of which seems to be that each of us is given certain gifts by God to

be used to enlarge and strengthen His kingdom here on earth. If Christ's parable is to be believed, how we spend our gifts and the resulting gain the Lord receives from our work seems to be of divine importance.

As I pause to consider my life so far, I wonder how much, if any, increase I've brought to the Lord's territory. Is my work for selfish acquisition, all the little door prizes I can carry home, or am I surrendered to Jesus for His use? In my interactions with others, do I seek a peaceable kingdom and the common good, or am I hell-bent on wounding and destroying my enemies? Is my relationship with God such that I see Him as an adoring Father desiring simply for me to grow into the 'family business,' or is He instead a displeased judge ready to sound the note that sends me once and for all to hell? I pray each of us on that final day of accounting will hear these or similar words: "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

– Bro. Jim



Brandenburg United Methodist Church will sponsor a blood drive Sunday, November 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in a mobile bloodmobile to be parked outside.

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood because of illnesses and diseases, accidents, injuries and violence. Seven out of ten of us will need blood during our lifetime and you never know when you may need it. Each donor can save as many as three lives with one pint of blood. Giving blood is quick and easy and you can do it every 56 days.

Nancy Inman is our blood drive coordinator. If you would like to volunteer to help at the blood drive or if you need more information, please contact Nancy at 422-4413 or Rose at the church office at 422-2810.



Please join us Sunday, November 6, for All Saints Sunday as we remember those who have passed away this year.

**Give the gift of life – give blood!**



We extend our sympathy to Elizabeth and David Wilson and their family in the death of Elizabeth's father, "Van" VanAntwerp.

We extend our sympathy to Angie and James Phillips and their family in the death of Angie's father, Bobby Geary.

We extend our sympathy to Don and Linda Dodson in the death of Don's cousin, G. W. "Dub" Dodson.

We extend our sympathy to Debbie and Bill Denton and their family in the death of Debbie's brother, Gordon Wilson.

## SERVING OUR CHURCH IN NOVEMBER

### 8:45 AM SERVICE

**Ushers:** Tom & Mary Beth McQuary, T. Parker, Alec Stone

**Greeters:** Narthex - Judy Applegate  
Parish Hall - Kathy Sipes  
Atrium - Darren Sipes

**Information Table:** Claudia Stull

**Communion Servers:** Ruth Ackerman, Shirley Aebersold  
Flo & Ronnie Joyner

**NOVEMBER 6: Children's Moment:** None

**Nursery:** Lesley Wilson, Amy Haynes

**NOVEMBER 13: Children's Moment:** Preschool Choir

**Nursery:** Sandy Love

**NOVEMBER 20: Children's Moment:** Amber Plemmons

**Nursery:** Susan Plemmons, Mary Plemmons

**NOVEMBER 27: Children's Moment:** Bill Adams

**Nursery:** Gwen Gallimore, Maggie Wilson

### 11:00 a.m. SERVICE

**Tellers:** Mitch Crump, Mary Lee Ernst

**Ushers:** Mike Smith (Head Usher), Ron Pile, Bruno Ilario,  
Jeff Cannady, Don Dodson

**Greeters:** Narthex - Christine Wilson  
Parish Hall - Denise Wilson  
Atrium - 10:00 a.m. - Sheila Smith  
11:00 a.m. - Bub Warren

**Information Table:** Bruno Ilario

**Communion Servers:** Don Dodson, Al Lawrence  
Jennifer & Todd Saylor

**NOVEMBER 6: Children's Moment:** None

**Nursery:** Jennifer Miller, Rachel Harreld

**NOVEMBER 13: Children's Moment:** Jon Miller

**Nursery:** Pam Hamilton, Karen Spry

**NOVEMBER 20: Children's Moment:** Jessie Trotter

**Nursery:** Val Goins, Melissa Vowels

**NOVEMBER 27: Children's Moment:** Amber Plemmons

**Nursery:** Chris Wilson, Stephanie Stone

## ATTENDANCE and FINANCIAL REPORT as of SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

DATE	S.S.	WORSHIP			
Sept. 4	117	8:45 a.m.	121	11:00 a.m.	106 Total 227
Sept. 11	172	8:45 a.m.	160	11:00 a.m.	138 Total 298
Sept. 18	153	8:45 a.m.	143	11:00 a.m.	112 Total 255
Sept. 25	167	8:45 a.m.	140	11:00 a.m.	146 Total 286

### BUDGET FOR 2011:

	<b>\$461,550.00</b>
	(\$8,875.96 per week)
Budget income received as of Sept. 30:	\$296,040.19
Budget income needed as of Sept. 30:	\$346,140.00
Short of meeting Budget (YTD):	\$(50,099.81)

### DESIGNATED OFFERINGS:

BASIC Sunday School Fund	187.00
Building Fund	350.00
Camp Loucon Building Fund	8,300.00
Coffee Sales	77.75
Food Pantry/Clothes Closet	7,152.00
Halftime	1,277.10
Pink Link	500.00
Prayer Garden	125.00
Technology Fund	1,850.00
Wedding Fees	450.00
Wolfe Landscaping Fund	2.00
Youth Fund	1,165.00

*Rick Nelson, Treasurer*

## NOVEMBER EVANGELISM AND CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### Evangelism Volunteers for first time guests

Alec & Judy Stone

### Medco and Beehive Visitation

Karen Keene

### Shut-in Food Preparation

Week 1 - Isabel Wilson, Shirley Aebersold

Week 2 - Tammy Cole, Sue Mitcham

Week 3 - Martha Claycomb

Week 4 - No Delivery - Thanksgiving Day

### Shut-in Food Delivery

Week 1 - Isabel Wilson, Shirley Aebersold

Week 2 - Christine Ramsey

Week 3 - Sandra Stone

Week 4 - No Delivery - Thanksgiving Day

If you are unable to serve on the day you are scheduled, please make arrangements, when possible, to switch days with another member.

# NOVEMBER CALENDAR

**Regular Weekly Events:**

\*For church contact and number, see below

- Sunday, November 6, 13, 20, 27**  
 8:45 a.m. Informal Worship Service  
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
 6:00 p.m. God's Hands  
 7:00 p.m. BUMC Youth
- Monday, November 7, 14, 21, 18**  
 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ (various homes)
- Tuesday, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**  
 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ  
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts
- Wednesday, November 2, 9, 16, 30**  
 5:45 p.m. Halftime Supper  
 6:30 p.m. Adult Studies & Groups,  
 Preschool Choir, Children's Choir,  
 Youth, Sisters in Christ,  
 Brothers in Christ  
 6:45 p.m. Brothers in Christ (EDJ Bldg.)  
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
- Thursday, November 3, 10, 17, 24**  
 6:30 a.m. Brothers in Christ
- Saturday, November 5, 12, 19, 26**  
 7:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ  
 (Stone Law Office)  
 9:00 a.m. Habitat for Humanity Work Day

## Halftime Menus

(subject to change)

**November 2**

Lasagna, salad, rolls, dessert

**November 9**

Chicken noodle soup, biscuits, dessert

**November 16**

Hot dogs/corn dogs, buns, baked beans,  
 veggies/dip, dessert

**November 23**

Thanksgiving Holiday - No Halftime

**November 30**

Chicken casserole, cranberry salad,  
 crescent rolls, dessert

Congratulations to Erica Padgett on the birth of her daughter, Haley Raye Remsburg. Haley was born October 11, 2011. She is the granddaughter of Rusty Padgett and the niece of Cassie Padgett.



## ***Fall Back!***

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 6. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour, and enjoy that extra hour of sleep before coming to church.

**New Events:**

- Saturday, November 5 - Monday, November 7**  
 Chrysalis
- Saturday, November 5**  
 1:00 p.m. FLC Reserved
- Sunday, November 6 - All Saints Sunday**  
 Time of Remembrance during both morning worship services
- Monday, November 7**  
 12:00 p.m. Ministerial Association Luncheon/Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting
- Thursday, November 10**  
 5:00 p.m. FLC Reserved  
 6 p.m. Trustee Meeting
- Friday, November 11**  
 6:00 p.m. Veterans Dinner
- Sunday, November 13**  
 4:30 p.m. Leadership & Team Meetings  
 6:00 p.m. Church Council
- Tuesday, November 15**  
 8:30 a.m. VA Officer
- Thursday, November 17**  
 1 p.m. N.A.R.F.E.
- Friday, November 18**  
 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall Reserved
- Saturday, November 19**  
 8:15 a.m. Media Room Reserved
- Sunday, November 20 - Consecration Sunday**  
 9:00 a.m. Blood Drive  
 12:30 p.m. Consecration Sunday Dinner
- Tuesday, November 22**  
 1:30 p.m. UMW
- Thursday, November 24 - Thanksgiving Day**  
 10:00 a.m. FLC Reserved  
 Church Office Closed
- Friday, November 25**  
 Church Office Closed
- Saturday, November 26**  
 Christmas by the River  
 Opening Day (Riverfront Park)
- Monday, November 28**  
 3:15 p.m. FLC Reserved

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PARSONAGE: (270) 422-2833



## November Birthdays

(1) Sam Ernst, Edwin Keene, Linda Wood (3) Sharon Sams (8) Ashley Pipes  
(9) Beverly Furnival (10) Lindsey Cullison, Dana Pickering, Tina Ryan, Gina Vanover (11) Edie Harper, Kelli Kennedy, Kristen Lusk, Nathan Yates  
(12) Colin Crump, Doug Stone (13) Tonda Baldwin, Bo Boteler, Jillian Pickering, Stephanie Stone, Victorya Willis (14) Rachel Brooks, Bow Redman, Logan Steines (15) Nate Banks, John Dailey, Cassie Padgett  
(16) Susie Alexander (17) Madison Brown, Kortney Richardson  
(18) Scott Bogard, Parker Bradley (19) Charles Dreitzler (20) Aaron Reed  
(21) Laura Futrell, Gwen Gallimore, Emma Ward (22) Allison Denton, Johnathan McCreery, Todd Saylor (23) Bryan Claycomb, Nanci Hardy  
(24) Jayne Browne (25) Carson Stone (26) Steven Gladdish, Seth Mik, Terry Nelson (27) Rufus Joyner, Jody Milliman (28) Bailey King (29) Ed Cates, Lee Klockow

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