



## FROM THE PASTOR

The coming of fall is a very exciting time for many people. A new school year begins, as does football and other autumn sports. Harvest time approaches, the weather gets cooler, and we begin to drag out sweaters and long-sleeved clothing. The end of summer is also an exciting time in the life of our church. Youngsters are promoted to new Sunday School classes, choir practice resumes, as does our Wednesday night 'Halftime' programming: meals, classes, and small-group meetings.

I'm particularly excited about a Wednesday night class I'll be co-teaching with Susan Plemmons using Ellsworth Kalas' "The Grand Sweep" Bible Study as our source material. The first class meeting will be Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. The assigned daily reading, however, begins two days prior, on Monday, September 5, so I want to encourage everyone who desires to be a part of the Wednesday evening class to have picked up both the daily devotional guide AND the daily response workbook from the hallway table sometime the week or weekend before. Additional copies of the daily devotional book (similar to 'The Upper Room' format) are also available from Program Director Sandra Stone for anyone wanting to follow along with the study but who can't be a part of the Wednesday class. The cost for both books is \$15 per person, and the daily devotional book is \$10.

One of the things I hope will build interest in "The Grand Sweep" is that, beginning Sunday, September 11, I will be planning a year-long Sunday morning preaching program which will utilize either selected texts or themes that come from somewhere within the parameters of that week's assigned Bible readings. "The Grand Sweep" will take us through the entire Bible in a year's time...not unlike a 12-month 'Bible 101'-type survey class.

**September 2011**

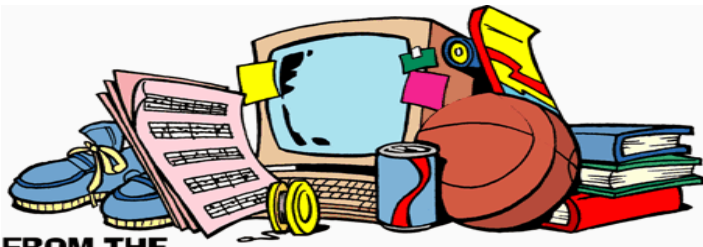
For me, the real excitement is that just as we finish working our way through the Bible next September, Dr. Kalas will actually be our guest revival preacher for a weekend of special services here at Brandenburg UMC! Several of our Sunday School classes and small groups have previously enjoyed his "From the Backside" curricula, as well as some of his other published works. My hope is that our church will be excited and ready for Dr. Kalas to be among us, preaching and teaching, next September. In part because some of our recent church growth has occurred amongst folks with either a non-United Methodist background or little or no background in church life whatsoever, I think a year-long study of God's word can help unite our church and get us all 'on the same page.' I hope you will either be a part of our Wednesday night "Grand Sweep" class, or follow along with the covered material via the daily devotional opportunities.

**- Bro. Jim**

One more thing: I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to my church family here at BUMC for your willingness to part with me for a few days last month as I led a preaching/teaching revival at Franklin First UMC, a sister church down in Simpson County. I enjoyed my time with the folks there, but it was so good to get back home! Thanks again for allowing me the opportunity to be useful beyond the confines of Meade County.



**Week 1, Day 1 begins  
Monday, September 5.**



**FROM THE  
YOUTH DIRECTOR**

September is here! Football, sweatshirts, changing leaves.... it's all on the way and for me, it can't come soon enough. Fall is by far my favorite season – not just because of the weather and football – but because there's an excitement that surrounds our youth group. Our students are back in school and back in a routine and they're excited to bring friends to church. It's an opportunity for us to reach kids who may not be in a church or who may be looking for more.

This fall also marks the end of my second year with our youth and I can't believe it's gone so fast. It's hard to believe what we've been able to accomplish together. On our first Wednesday night together as a group, I pulled all the youth into one room (or at least I tried to). As I looked around the room and spoke to our students, I began to realize how many new faces there were. Many people want to give me the credit for this, but I would argue that the credit goes to our students for allowing God to work through them in our schools and our community.

On that first Wednesday night, I introduced a theme for this school year as well as a few goals that I had for our group. Our theme this year is "116". I want them to work on a lifestyle that reflects Romans 1:16 which says, ***"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes..."*** I challenged them to go deeper, to examine their relationship with God. Not to borrow my faith or their parents' faith, but to define their own faith. It is only by doing so that we can then disciple those around us. I'd like to issue the same challenge to all of you.... ***are you "Reppin' the 116?"***

**September BUMC Youth Schedule**

**Sunday School** - Each Sunday morning at 10am

**Sunday Night Live** - Each Sunday night at 7pm  
(Will not meet Labor Day Weekend)

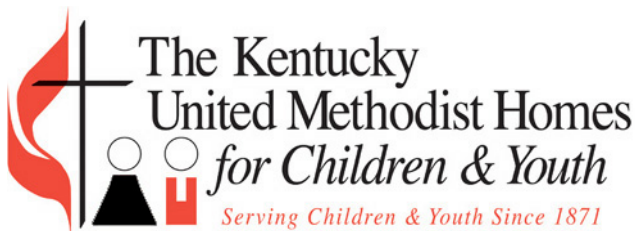
**Wednesday Halftime** - Each Wednesday night at 6:30pm

**September 23** - Tailgate and Fifth Quarter at BUMC before and after Henderson Co. game

**September 25** - Bean Soup Dinner Fundraiser - 11am - 1pm. Eat-in or Carryout!

Thanks to all of you for your support of our Youth Ministry!

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**Celebrating 140 Years of Hope**

The Kentucky United Methodist Homes for Children & Youth will celebrate 140 years of hope during its Annual Day Saturday, September 10, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Family fun at the Versailles Campus includes live and silent auctions, free "Home" – made BBQ lunch and inspirational program. Join us to help support our ministry of hope and healing to children and families who are survivors of abuse, neglect and/or family trauma.

**Annual Day Events**

9:30 - Registration & Bake Sale

10:30 – Inspirational Program

11:45 - Lunch & preview of all auction items

12:30 – Silent Auction open for bids

1:00 – Live Auction

Cash, checks, Visa/MC accepted and greatly appreciated! All proceeds benefit the youth at The Kentucky United Methodist Children's Homes.

Address:

Kentucky United Methodist Homes for  
Children & Youth  
Versailles Campus  
2050 Lexington Road  
Versailles, Kentucky 40383

# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

**Regular Weekly Events:**

- Sunday, September 4, 11, 18, 25**  
 8:45 a.m. Informal Worship Service  
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
 5:00 p.m. Brothers in Christ  
 7:00 p.m. UMYF
- Monday, September 12, 19, 26**  
 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ (various homes)
- Tuesday, September 6, 13, 20, 27**  
 6:45 a.m. Brothers in Christ (McDonalds)  
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts
- Wednesday, September 7, 14, 21, 28**  
 5:45 p.m. Halftime Dinner  
 6:30 p.m. Preschool Choir, Children's Choir, Youth, Adult Studies, Sisters in Christ, Brothers in Christ  
 6:45 p.m. Brothers in Christ (EDJ Bldg.)  
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- Thursday, September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**  
 6:30 a.m. Brothers in Christ
- Saturday, September 3, 10, 17, 24**  
 7:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ (Stone Law Office)  
 9:00 a.m. Habitat for Humanity Work Day

**New Events:**

- Monday, September 5 - Labor Day**  
 Church Office Closed
- Monday, September 5 - The Grand Sweep begins!**  
 Begin your reading with Week 1, Day 1
- Thursday, September 8**  
 6:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting
- Sunday, September 11**  
 2:00 p.m. Parish Hall Reserved  
 4:30 p.m. Leadership & Team Meetings  
 6:00 p.m. Church Council
- Monday, September 12**  
 12:00 p.m. Ministerial Association Luncheon/Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting
- Tuesday, September 13**  
 11:30 a.m. Parish Hall Reserved
- Thursday, September 15**  
 1:00 p.m. NARFE
- Tuesday, September 20**  
 8:30 a.m. VA Officer
- Friday, September 23**  
 BUMC Youth Tailgate & 5th Quarter
- Sunday, September 25**  
 11a.m.-1p.m. Bean Soup Dinner - Youth Fundraiser
- Tuesday, September 27**  
 1:30 p.m. UMW



## Bean Soup Fundraiser for BUMC Youth

On Sunday, September 25, the BUMC Youth will host a Bean Soup dinner in the Family Life Center. The youth will be serving bean soup, cornbread, hot dogs, etc. from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. You may dine in or carry out. See you there!

## SEPTEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING Meade County Clothes Closet and Food Pantry

The communion offering for September will go to the Meade County Clothes Closet and Food Pantry to help them replenish their inventory prior to the fall and winter when the need tends to be greater. A member of our church community has issued a challenge to the congregation of Brandenburg United Methodist Church and will match, up to \$5,000, our Communion Offering.

The Clothes Closet and Food Pantry is a ministry of the Meade County Ministerial Association. In the aftermath of the fire which destroyed their former location, the Clothes Closet has relocated to the Wheatley Building on KY 933.

### Halftime Menus (subject to change)

- Wednesday, September 7**  
 Baked spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert
- Wednesday, September 14**  
 Meatloaf, peas mashed potatoes, dessert
- Wednesday, September 21**  
 Baked chicken, broccoli with cheese, scalloped potatoes, applesauce, dessert
- Wednesday, September 28**  
 Barbeque on buns, chips & dip, coleslaw, dessert

**SERVING OUR CHURCH IN SEPTEMBER**

**8:45 AM SERVICE**

**Ushers:** Doug & Sandra Stone, Bryan Claycomb, Marvin Fackler

**Greeters:** Narthex - Susan Plemmons

Parish Hall- Claudia Stull

Atrium - Ed Stull

**Information Table:** Flo Joyner

**Communion Servers:** Amy & Scott Bogard

Pat & Ed Cates

**Sept. 4: Children's Moment:** Levi Hamilton

**Nursery:** Lesley Wilson, Amy Haynes

**Sept. 11: Children's Moment:** Alison Howard

**Nursery:** Sandy Love, Cassidy Adams

**Sept. 18: Children's Moment:** John Turner

**Nursery:** Gwen Gallimore, Maggie Wilson

**Sept. 25: Children's Moment:** Bill Adams

**Nursery:** Michelle Hobbs, Whitney Hobbs

**11:00 a.m. SERVICE**

**Tellers:** David Wilson, Beverly Furnival

**Ushers:** Ron Barger (Head Usher), Sue Hayes,

Joe Ramsey, Bub Warren, Ken Wilson

**Greeters:** Narthex - Dave Wilson

Parish Hall - Nancy Inman

Atrium -10:00 a.m. - Robyn Proctor

11:00 a.m. - John Inman

**Information Table:** Joan Wilson

**Communion Servers:** Linda & Don Dodson

Simone & Chester Davisson

**Sept. 4: Children's Moment:** Amber Plemmons

**Nursery:** Val Goins, Melissa Vowels

**Sept. 11: Children's Moment:** Linda Dodson

**Nursery:** Karen Spry, Pam Hamilton

**Sept. 18: Children's Moment:** Jon Miller

**Nursery:** Kim Robinson, Kelly Nelson

**Sept. 25: Children's Moment:** Jessie Trotter

**Nursery:** Chris Wilson, Stephanie Stone

Unless otherwise noted, children ages 3 through Kindergarten may go to Cherub Church after Children's Moment.

**Service and Connection**

Brandenburg United Methodist Church offers a variety of opportunities to serve and to spend time in fellowship with other members of our church family. Please consider the following:

✝ Service: Volunteers are needed to assist with cleanup after bereavement meals. This is an as-needed assignment.

✝ Connection: Become involved in a small group (Brothers in Christ, Sisters in Christ or other Bible study).

Contact the church office at 270-422-2810 for more information about these and other opportunities to serve and connect.

**SEPTEMBER EVANGELISM AND CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

**Evangelism Volunteers for first time guests**

Don & Sharon Martin

**Medco and Beehive Visitation**

Sheila Sager

**Shut-in Food Preparation**

Week 1 - Ara Lawrence

Week 2 - Donna Funk, Pat Scott

Week 3 - Stephanie Stone, Judy Stone

Week 4 - Linda Dodson, Karen Keene

**Shut-in Food Delivery**

Week 1 - Al & Ara Lawrence

Week 2 - John Bruington

Week 3 - Pat & Jim Carlson

Week 4 - Regene Wilson

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

**ATTENDANCE and FINANCIAL REPORT as of JULY 31, 2011**

DATE	S.S.	WORSHIP				
July 3	134	8:45 a.m.	109	11:00 a.m.	123	Total 232
July 10	138	8:45 a.m.	119	11:00 a.m.	134	Total 253
July 17	159	8:45 a.m.	178	11:00 a.m.	116	Total 294
July 24	136	8:45 a.m.	163	11:00 a.m.	131	Total 294
July 31	158	8:45 a.m.	161	11:00 a.m.	176	Total 337

**BUDGET FOR 2011:**

	<b>\$461,550.00</b>
	(\$8,875.96 per week)
Budget income received as of July 31:	\$242,355.59
Budget income needed as of July 31:	\$269,220.00
Short of meeting Budget (YTD):	\$(26,864.41)

**DESIGNATED OFFERINGS:**

ALMS	100.00
BASIC Sunday School Fund	98.25
Bereavement Fund	580.00
Building Fund	150.00
Children's Home	516.06
Coffee Sales	40.00
Communion Offering	675.00
Gideons	50.00
Loucon Building Fund	700.00
Pink Link	500.00
Technology Fund	603.00
Wolfe Landscaping Fund	30.00
Youth Fund	842.00

*Rick Nelson, Treasurer*



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

Here at Brandenburg United Methodist Church, we are blessed to have a wonderful paid nursery staff available every Sunday and Wednesday. While we do have the paid staff, it is very important that we have volunteers to assist the staff. I will be sending out weekly reminders throughout the week to remind those who are scheduled to work the upcoming Sunday. It is important for volunteers to be there for their scheduled time. If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.

Just a few reminders about the nursery: Please make sure all items brought into the nursery are labeled clearly so items don't get mixed up. Please make sure you leave your cell phone number on the sign-in sheet so you can be notified in case of an emergency.

As most of you have noticed, our nursery staff have been doing several different arts and crafts projects with your children. If you have any extra art materials lying around (macaroni, construction paper, crayons, etc.) please feel free to donate! We are also looking for items for babies 6-9 months of age. We are lacking in the toy department for that age group. Please consider donating if you have items.

Brandenburg UMC will soon be hosting a Safe Sanctuaries/1,2,3 Magic training session led by Patsy Thompson. If you are currently working and volunteering in our children's ministry, I strongly urge you to attend this training. It will not only benefit our kids at church but it can help you at home as well. 1,2,3 Magic is currently used in our schools district-wide and is proven to improve discipline. The tentative date for this training is Saturday, October 15. More information will be coming in the Sunday announcements and the October Steeple Bell.

Speaking of October, fall break will be here before we know it, and then it will be time for our second annual Trunk or Treat on Halloween night. Our first one was a huge success, but we learned a lesson: We need more candy! A donation bucket will be set up in the atrium for Trunk or Treat donations. Give early and often!

Thanks for your continued time and support!



Levi Grant Stiff was baptized Sunday, July 31, 2011. Levi is the son of Jason and Melissa Stiff.

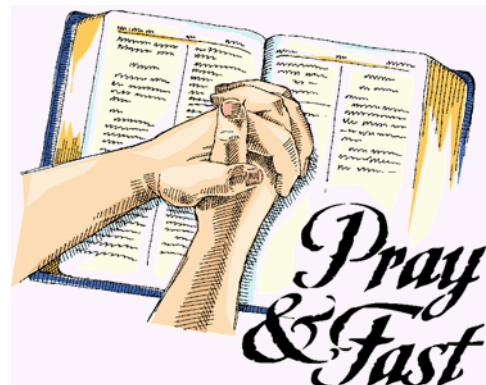
Jonah Alexander Papp was baptized Sunday, August 28. Jonah is the son of Adam and Heather Papp.



Virginia Mitchell, as many of you know, is very talented with a crochet hook. As her contribution to the mission trip planned by the Asbury University Softball Team, Virginia crocheted 200 bracelets for us to distribute during our weeklong mission to the Dominican Republic. Once the bracelets were completed, Jody Young sewed abalone crosses to each of the bracelets.

Thank you, Virginia and Jody, for creating these little treasures we will use to share the love of Jesus with the people of the Dominican Republic.

*Maris Harreld and the  
Asbury University Softball Team*



Did you know Jesus *expects* us to fast? Come find out why in a one-hour class Wednesday, October 5, at 6:30 p.m.

Ken Tonelli will lead a discussion on what the Bible has to say about prayer and fasting.

# THE STEEPLE BELL

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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:45 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

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PARSONAGE: (270) 422-2833



(1) John Hayes, Ashley Smiley (2) Lindsey Emert, Winston Hornsby, Cheaney Schwartz (4) Kim Jones, Melissa Vowels (5) Roberto Diaz (6) Dawn Kintzle, Ara Lawrence, Darren Sipes, Victoria Thompson, Pat Woolfolk (7) Tucker Bradley, Lauren Brooks, Joshua Carreer, Austin Schneider, Barbara Yonker (8) Shirley Aebersold, Cameron Hill, Paul Mik, T. Parker (9) Jeff Haynes (10) Lenny Banks, Miranda Schwartz, Thelma Singleton, Rebecca Smiley (11) Claire Cannady, Aaron Ford (12) Pandora Chandler, Russell Dulaney, Ryan Dulaney, Michael Parker (13) Deborah Lucas (14) George Bonney, Jackie Bruington, Linda

Dodson, Marvin Fackler, Matthew Faith, Abby Nelson (15) Jay Godby, Lynn LeMaster, Claudia Stull (16) Mary Kelley, Tracy Schwartz (17) Julie Barksdale, Calleigh Hunter, Dennis Keeling (18) Judy Austin, Leona Cannady, Yvonne McCreery (19) Michael Bruington, Janet Carden, Mary Slinger (20) Ashley Richardson, Deanie Sipes (22) Doug Howard (23) Kaci Stull (24) Mary Lee Ernst, Christopher Love, Daisy Schneider (25) Richard Bauer, Bennett Fultz, Ruby Hamilton, Kelly Harrop (27) John Honaker (28) Alec Stone, Evelyn Turner (29) Kelly Capozzi (30) Jacob Baldwin, Justin Baldwin, Brittney Howard, Alexander Shelley

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