



WELCOME TO



— CAMP —
BUMCSM

*community, discipleship,
& missional living*

2023 - 2024



Hey Y'all!

We're so excited to have you with us this year. We have a great staff and volunteer leader team that's committed to your family! We believe in making a big place seem small and for it to be yours (you and your family), ours (those currently making this place home), and theirs (anyone and all who have yet to come). Your family, our students, and their friends are our priority. We are called to be with you and for you to know it loudly. This booklet will spell out how we are living out our calling and how we can partner with you and your family.

The BUMCSM Staff



Here at BUMCSM, we love a good theme. We need something that gives a spark to our day, a tent to be our home, a bandana for fashion and to shield us from the sweat, and a vision that helps us #ThinkOutside. For this 2023-2024 year, we will be all things Camp BUMCSM! People, we are talking camp shirts, pennant flags, bandanas, hats, and more. We'll have special nights dedicated to our theme (that obviously will involve fire pits and smores). We'll have campfire worships, surprise camp like characters and video segments. Our leaders at Kickoff will be Camp Counselors and we'll loop the Parent Trap playlist and never get tired of it! Partial joking aside, this year we are so jazzed about bringing Camp BUMCSM to life with you! We hope you feel that camp energy and explore with us what it means to #ThinkOutside.

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WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Our mission at Brentwood United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We strive
to accomplish
that mission
through our
BUMCSM values



community



discipleship



missional
living

The BUMC Student Ministry believes that students need and deserve a place to feel like they belong. We strive to form a community that includes everyone who walks through our doors and reaches out to those who have yet to come in. We pray that, through intentional discipleship and presence of the Holy Spirit, students will come to a realization that God loves them personally and that their lives might be changed in the wake of grace. We believe that God did not call us to be stagnant but to play real and vital roles in the Kingdom of God. We strive for each student to realize they have a role here and now in the Kingdom and to promote opportunities for missional living. We pray that each student knows that they are loved, that they belong, and that they are vital to the Kingdom.

"TO ME, BUMCSM MEANS FAMILY. ONE THING THAT I ESPECIALLY LOVE ABOUT BUMCSM IS THAT IT PROVIDES ME WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT AND HAVE FUN WITH AMAZING PEOPLE THAT SHARE COMMON BELIEFS AND WHO ARE ALWAYS THERE IF I AM IN NEED. NO MATTER WHAT IS GOING ON AT SCHOOL OR IN MY LIFE, I CAN COME TO THE STUDENT MINISTRY KNOWING THAT I AM ALWAYS WELCOME. THROUGH MY TIME WITH THE STUDENT MINISTRY ATTENDING SMAM, PLAYING DRUMS WITH THE WORSHIP BAND, ENJOYING FELLOWSHIP WITH MY SMALL GROUP ON SUNDAY NIGHTS, AND GOING TO ALL SORTS OF FUN EVENTS, I HAVE MADE SO MANY FRIENDS AND MET SO MANY WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO HAVE HELPED ME GROW CLOSER TO GOD, AND HAVE MADE A HUGE POSITIVE IMPACT ON MY LIFE THAT I WILL NEVER FORGET. NO MATTER WHAT I'M DOING, MY TIME SPENT WITH THE STUDENT MINISTRY IS ALWAYS A HIGHLIGHT OF MY WEEK, AND WILL FOREVER BE A HIGHLIGHT OF MY LIFE."



Owen Graves
STUDENT

PROGRAMMING

STUDENT MINISTRY IN THE AM (SM AM)

Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday mornings are often a great way to experience worship within a multigenerational service and then focus with peers to expand our understandings of God and our church. During the 9:45 Sunday School hour, we encourage students to engage in a class that allows them to expand their head knowledge of God through biblical study and their heart knowledge of God in community with others. Class offerings are announced at the beginning of each semester and can be found in our email newsletter or bumc.net/students.

SUNDAY EVENING PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

6TH GRADE CONFIRMATION (FALL SEMESTER)

Sundays, 3 - 4:45 p.m.

Confirmation is an opportunity for 6th grade students to claim their faith as their own. During a semester-long class students will learn the basics of faith and theology, as well as United Methodist and Christian history. This class concludes with the opportunity for each student to confirm their faith and join the church, as well as a chance to be baptized. Confirmation has a combination of large group teaching by one of our clergy or student ministers and time for small groups. Confirmation, while a large milestone in one's faith journey, is not a finish line. Rather it's one part of the journey we hope to continue with each student throughout their time in BUMCSM.

Confirmation is offered every Fall semester for 6th grade students; if you are a student who missed Confirmation, we also offer an accelerated class on Sunday mornings in the Fall.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY NIGHTS

Middle School worship offers a variety of interactive elements that fit the unique spiritual journey for 6th-8th grade. Gathering in the Pit, students experience community through group games, hands-on activities, interactive worship, and a message. This is an exciting time and space for students to get plugged into the ministry and deepen a journey of following Christ. After the teaching, we offer smaller Discipleship Groups for students to connect on a deeper level with their peers and their leaders.

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY NIGHTS

For our high school students, we offer space where students encounter our living God. We call this time and place Tabernacle Worship. When we meet in the Tabernacle, we gather to focus on deepening our spiritual walk with Christ through games, singing, missional offering through Joy Buckets, teaching, and personal reflection. After worship, students have the opportunity to join a Discipleship Group by grade where they will engage with peers and leaders to experience accountability, support, and response steps to help with their faith journey.

SUNDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

5 - 8 p.m.

Middle School

5 p.m. Jubilation Choir Rehearsal
6:10 p.m. Dinner in the Café
6:30 p.m. Worship, Games,
and Teaching in the Pit
7:30 p.m. Discipleship Groups

High School

5 p.m. Dinner in the Café
5:20 p.m. Tabernacle Worship
6:15 p.m. Discipleship Groups
7 p.m. Sonshine Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

6 - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday evenings are a terrific opportunity for students to experience community and grow in their faith. Students can meet in the Café at 6 p.m. to purchase dinner, enjoy a time of community, and then participate in Bible Studies starting at 6:30. Throughout the semester, Wednesday nights will also offer several large event nights, which are fantastic opportunities to bring friends.

BIG EVENTS

Big Events are the best nights of the semester. Period. We use these nights to help us bring students into a smaller setting to become more comfortable with our environment and with friends. Big Events are fun-filled nights that exist so that we can fulfill a part of our core values (Community, Discipleship, and Missional Living). We will have different events each semester, for example, Silent Disco, Skate Night, and Missional Living Night.



YOUTH ORCHESTRA

We are so excited to debut BUMC's third year of Youth Orchestra. Designed for 6th through 12th grade students, the three-week "sessions" are designed to share music with our congregation. Each session consists of learning hymns, praise songs, and relatable themes that will allow us to grow musically, socially, and spiritually. Youth Orchestra is a fabulous way to use God-given gifts, praise His name, connect all who participate in faith through music, and share with others in ministry throughout the church! There are three "sessions" per semester with a two-week break between sessions. No audition is necessary, so come on Sunday nights from 4-4:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary with your instrument in hand, open heart, joyful spirit, ready to make music with your peers and friends!

Schedule Fall 2023: Session I: September 10, 17, and 24

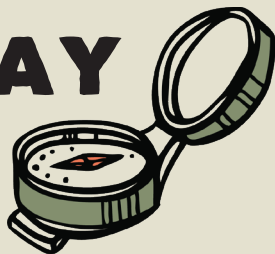
Session I Performance: Oct. 1 at 9:45 a.m.

Contact: Patsy Wade, Director. pwade@bumc.net

STUDENT CHOIRS

Our two student choirs – Sonshine Choir and Jubilation Choir – are open to all students, regardless of singing ability, and welcome those who seek to lead worship in music and grow spiritually, socially, emotionally, and musically. Both choirs work hard to create inclusive cultures, encouraging one another in our faith journeys. Together we find creative ways to connect with music, fun, and sharing our stories! The choirs sing at the 8:30 worship service most Sundays, concerts throughout the year, and participate in tours and retreats. Sonshine Choir is for students in 9th - 12th grade, and Jubilation Choir is for students in 6th - 8th grade.

LET'S STAY IN TOUCH



TEXT GROUP INSTRUCTIONS

Stay in the loop with our text system! Our texts go out as reminders and head to you as a single text (none of that massive group texting here!) Just text **BUMCSM** to **84576** to join in on the information.

PARENT CUE APP

Staying connected to the church's conversations with your teenager can be hard, we're here to help! We are partnering with an app called Parent Cue to share topics, questions, and activities you can do at home to continue our conversations from Worship and D-Groups on your own turf. Download and sign up with our church on Parent Cue today!

NEWSLETTER

Do you love emails? Well oh goodness do we have another great chain of information! Our newsletter is packed every week with events, trips, retreats, youth choir, youth orchestra, and any other details regarding our student ministry and community. You can get on our newsletters by emailing spitts@bumc.net or filling out one of our connect cards located in the café by the game room.

"GROWING UP, I WAS NOT PART OF A YOUTH GROUP. I STARTED VOLUNTEERING WITH THE YOUTH WHEN I WAS IN COLLEGE AND IT TRULY HEALED MY HEART TO SEE WHAT A GREAT YOUTH GROUP CAN DO FOR THE STUDENTS. THIS FALL WILL START MY FIFTH SCHOOL YEAR AS A D-GROUP LEADER AND IT HAS BEEN SO INCREDIBLE TO WITNESS THE MATURATION OF 'MY' GIRLS. WITH LIFE COMES OBSTACLES AND I TRULY THINK THAT BUMCSM GIVES THESE KIDS THE GUIDANCE NEEDED TO WORK THROUGH THEM."



Natalie Davis

STUDENT MINISTRY VOLUNTEER

FALL DATES

AUGUST

- 6 Move Up Sunday
I'm One, Are You? Leader Event
- 13 Sunday Night Kickoff
- 20 Sunday Night D-Groups & Choir Begin
- 27 Unboxed (A Night on Mental Health)
Guest Speaker Cailin Bracken

SEPTEMBER

- 3 No Sunday Night programs
- 6 Wednesday Night Begins
- 10 Confirmation Kickoff
- 16 Confirmation Retreat
- 20 Wednesday Night Big Event
- 30-1 Merge Retreat (7th and 8th Grade)

OCTOBER

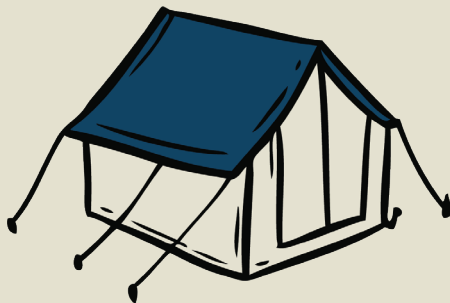
- 8-14 Fall Break (No programs)
- 15 Harvest Jamboree
- 25 Wednesday Night Big Event
- 29 National Parks After Dark

NOVEMBER

- 8 Wednesday Big Event
- 12 Confirmation Service
Mission Night
- 19-25 Thanksgiving Break
(No programs)
- 23 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 3 Youth Choir Advent Concert
- 6 Finals Flapjack Fiesta
- 10 Progressive Dinner
(Fall Sunday Nights End)
- 24 Christmas Eve



SPRING DATES

JANUARY

- 7 SMAM and Sunday Nights Begin
- 10 Wednesday Nights Begin
- 14 No Sunday Night Programming
- 12-15 Choir Ski Retreat

FEBRUARY

- 11 Super Sunday
(Flag Football & Tailgaters)
- 14 Ash Wednesday
- 18 No Sunday Night Programming
- 21 Wednesday Night Big Event

MARCH

- 1-3 High School Retreat (9th-12th Grade)
- 11-15 Spring Break (No Programming)
- 20 Wednesday Night Big Event
- 24 Palm Sunday, Holy Week Begins
Stations of the Cross
- 29 Good Friday Worship
Stations of the Cross Closes
- 31 Easter Sunday (No Programming)

APRIL

- 17 Wednesday Big Event
(Fast Food Prom)
- 21 Senior Series
- 28 Senior Series

MAY

- 5 D-Group Night Out
- 8 Finals Flapjack Fiesta
- 12 Senior Sunday



"WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THE YOUTH PASTORS AND D-GROUP LEADERS WHO HAVE HELPED TO GUIDE OUR CHILDREN IN THEIR FAITH JOURNEY. THE STUDENT MINISTRY HAS PROVIDED THEM A SAFE PLACE TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES WHILE GIVING THEM A FIRM CHRISTIAN VALUE SYSTEM TO GUIDE THEM AS THEY MAKE THEIR WAY IN THE WORLD. WE APPRECIATE WHAT THIS MINISTRY BRINGS TO OUR FAMILY."



The Sheltons
BUMCSM FAMILY

SUMMER TRIPS & RETREATS

Confirmation Retreat (6th Grade)

Merge Middle School Fall Retreat (7th-8th Grade)

Choir Ski Retreat (6th-12th Grade)

High School Retreat (9th-12th Grade)

Jubilation Choir Tour (6th-8th Grade)

High School Mission Trip (9th-12th Grade)

Middle School Mission Trip (6th-8th Grade)

Sonshine Choir Tour (9th-12th Grade)



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