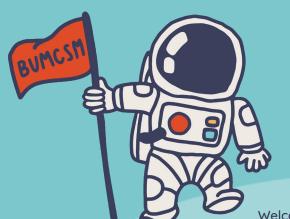


BUMCSM 2024 - 2025

HEY THERE!



Like the Apollo Moon landings, we have taken great lengths to make sure that this year is going to be out of this world. We have over 70 adults committed to making sure that this place is a place you can feel safe, known, and loved. We believe BUMCSM is the perfect place to make a big church seem small through community. We believe that Jesus is the center of our mission in order to make disciples who will transform this world. We also believe that we are called to be with you and for you to feel it every time you are here.

The BUMCSM Staff

Welcome to this year's theme of
Beyond! We all need space. Space to grow close to our
living God. Space to hang with our friends. Space to learn who we are.
For this 2024-2025 year, we will be all things space. We're talking flight suits,
patches, stars, planets, galaxies, and spaceships. We'll have space themed nights dedicated
to making our community stronger. We'll have surprise characters, stargazing, and video segments.
Our leaders at Kickoff will be our guides and we'll loop Ashton's mix of space hits. Partial jokes aside,
this year we are so excited to bring Jesus down to our level once more as we explore what it means to
#GoBeyond.

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"AS SOMEONE WHO DIDN'T MOVE TO BRENTWOOD UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF MY FRESHMAN YEAR, I HAVE LEARNED TO LOVE THE COMMUNITY OF BUMCSM. BRENTWOOD UNITED METHODIST FELT LIKE AN IMMEDIATE HOME FOR ME. SINCE I HAVE BEEN A PART OF THE STUDENT MINISTRY AT BRENTWOOD. I HAVE LEARNED HOW AMAZING IT IS TO HAVE A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHERE WE CAN SHARE OUR BELIEFS AND GROW OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD TOGETHER. NO MATTER WHAT GOES ON DURING THE WEEK, I KNOW I HAVE A PLACE TO GO AND BE WITH THE PEOPLE I LOVE. THROUGH ATTENDING SUNDAY NIGHTS AND MANY OF THE EVENTS, I HAVE BECOME SO CLOSE WITH SO MANY PEOPLE AND GROWN TO LOVE THOSE AROUND ME. THE PEOPLE IN MY SMALL GROUP AND AT BRENTWOOD HAVE HAD SUCH AN IMPACT ON ME AS A PERSON. THE TIME I SPEND AT BUMCSM WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE HIGHLIGHT OF MY WEEK AND WILL ALWAYS BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF MY LIFE."



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







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.



"SOME OF MY FAVORITE MEMORIES WERE MADE AT THIS CHURCH. I SPENT MY ENTIRE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL CAREERS GOING TO SUNDAY NIGHTS AND SINGING IN THE CHOIR. HOWEVER, MANY TIMES I **OUESTIONED WHAT BELIEVING IN GOD MEANT. I HAVE LEARNED THAT** FAITH CAN BE A CHALLENGE AT TIMES AND OFTEN DOUBTS ARE PART OF THE JOURNEY AS WE GROW. BUT EVEN WITH CHALLENGES AND DOUBTS I FEEL AS THOUGH MY CONNECTION WITH GOD IS CLOSER THAN EVER. I DIDN'T TRULY START FEELING A CONNECTION WITH GOD UNTIL THIS YEAR WHEN I WAS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP WITH A DISCIPLESHIP GROUP. THE ENTIRE BUMCSM GROUP WILL FOREVER BE LIFELONG FRIENDS OF MINE AND I WILL FOREVER THANK THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE AND GUIDANCE TO US AND OUR COLLECTIVE FAITH JOURNEY."



PROGRAMMING

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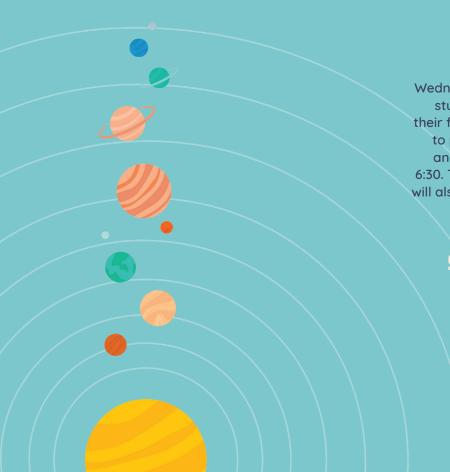
SUNDAYS AT 9:45 A.M.

Sunday mornings are often a great way to experience worship within a multi-generational 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.



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.

SUNDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

5 - 8 P.M.

ALL ARE INVITED!

5 - 6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

6 p.m. Dinner in Cafe

6:20 - 7:10 p.m. Worship

7:15 - 8 p.m. Discipleship Groups

WORSHIP IN THE TABERNACLE

Communal worship is essential to our faith. With a variety of interactive elements that fit the unique journey of our students, we gather together to worship. These elements #GoBeyond a Sunday morning or Wednesday night through videos, games, hands-on activities, teaching, and worship music. This is geared towards our students of all levels of faith and we encourage students to lead within our worship as they feel called.

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Discipleship Groups, or D-Groups as they are lovingly called, are a place where students will have the opportunity to take what we heard and experienced in worship to the next level. We believe that through engaging with peers and leaders to experience accountability, support, and practical application of the Bible our students can build a strong foundation in faith. Our groups have two trained adult leaders who support and guide.

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.

STUDENT CHOIRS

Our two student choirs – Sonshine Choir (9th-12th grade) and Jubilation Choir (6th-8th grade) – are open to all students, regardless of singing ability, and welcome those who seek to lead worship in music. 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 in the first worship service most Sundays, concerts throughout the year, and participate in tours and retreats.

2024 - 2025 DATES

AUGUST

- 4 Move Up Sunday
- 11 Kick Off
- 18 Sunday Night D-groups & Choirs Begin

SEPTEMBER

- No Sunday Night Programming
- 8 Parent Brunch Confirmation Begins
- 14 Confirmation Retreat
- 21-22 Merge Retreat
- 22 Big Event

OCTOBER

- 6-11 BUMCSM Fall Break
- 20 Harvest Jamboree
- 27 Big Event (Mission 309)
- 30 Big Event (Holographic Halloween Party)

NOVEMBER

- 17 Confirmation Sunday
- 24-29 BUMCSM Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

- 1 *Youth Choir Advent Concert
- 8 Progressive Dinner (Fall Sunday Nights End)
- 11 Flapjack Finals Fiesta

JANUARY

- 5 SMAM and Sunday Nights Begin
- 8 Wednesday Nights Begin
- 19 No Sunday Night Programming (MLK Weekend)
- 17-20 Choir Retreat

FEBRUARY

- 5 Wednesday Big Event *
- 9 Superbowl Party (No PM Programming)
- 16 BUMCSM Mid-Winter Break (No PM Programming)
 - 28-2 High School Retreat

MARCH

- 2 . Middle School Party
- 5 Ash Wednesday
- 12-17 BUMCSM Spring Break
- 30 Sunday Big Event

APRIL

- 2 Fast Food Prom
- 13 Senior Series
- 20 Easter Sunday (No PM•Programming)
- 27 Senior Series

MAY

- 4 D-group Night Out
- 7 Flapjacks Finals Fiesta
- 11 Senior Sunday

RETREATS & SUMMER TRIPS

- Confirmation Retreat (6th Grade)
- Merge Middle School Fall Retreat (7th-8th Grade)
- Choir 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)

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.

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