



BUMCSM 2025 - 2026

HEY THERE!

Turn it up! We have gone to great lengths to make sure this year will be a smash hit. We have 70+ adults committed to making sure that this is a space where you feel safe, known, and loved. We believe BUMCSM is the perfect place to make a big church feel small through connection and community. We believe that Jesus is at the center of our mission to make disciples who will transform this world, and that our role is to walk alongside you as you grow in your faith and into the person God created you to be. We're on your team, and we want to make sure you know that every time you walk through the door.

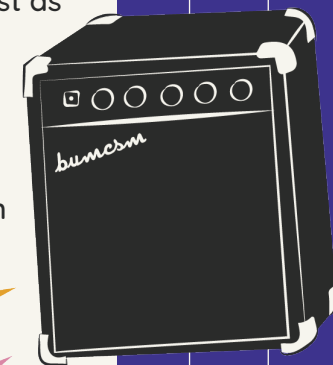
THE BUMCSM STAFF



WELCOME TO THIS YEAR'S THEME OF AMPLIFY!

Music tends to be the soundtrack of our lives, and many of us associate some of our favorite memories with the songs that were playing in the background while they happened. Others of us process what's happening in our lives through the lyrics of a particularly relevant song. And others of us turn up the music to drown out whatever we don't want to think about.

But as ever-present as music can be in our lives, sometimes we need to turn down or filter out the noise and amplify the voice of God in our own lives by focusing our hearts and minds on who Jesus is and what He says about each of us (spoiler alert: it's that you are welcomed and loved just as you are!). At the same time, we're called to amplify the voice of God in our schools, on our teams, in our families, and out into our community. What we love most about amplifiers is that they take a sound and make it louder for others to hear. We have to start by amplifying the voice of God in our own lives, and then we'll be able to become an amplifier of God's Word to others, carrying out our calling to transform the world through God's love. The closer we draw to God, the louder we're able to broadcast the soundtrack to those around us. What goes in is what comes out - we're just the amplifiers. So, what do YOU want to amplify?





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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.

"Helping lead the 9th grade girls small group is an incredible blessing because it allows you to pour into the next generation and watch young hearts grow in faith, confidence, and community. There's something truly amazing about creating a space where the girls feel seen, heard, and loved - a place where they can ask questions, support each other, and encounter God in real ways. It's not just about teaching; it's about building relationships, planting seeds of truth, and seeing lives transformed. One of my favorite aspects of being a BUMC youth group leader is supporting the girls outside of the church! Getting to attend their events and cheer them on in all ways is incredible and very heartwarming. I'm beyond excited to watch them grow during their high school experiences, and hopefully beyond. Being part of that journey is both humbling and unbelievably rewarding."



MEGAN O'BRIEN
SMALL GROUP LEADER

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 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. On a typical Sunday morning, you can expect to see videos, play games, participate in hands-on activities, hear teachings, and worship together. This is geared towards our students of all levels of faith and we encourage students to lead within our worship as they feel called.

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, or Missional Living Night.

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. Each group has two trained adult leaders who support and guide.

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.

2025 - 2026 DATES

AUGUST

- 3 Move Up Sunday
- 10 Kick Off
- 17 Sunday Night D-groups & Choirs Begin
- 31 No Sunday Night Programming

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Wednesday Night Bible Studies Begin
- 7 Confirmation Begins
- 13 Confirmation Retreat
- 14 Parent Brunch
- 27-28 Merge Retreat
- 28 Big Event

OCTOBER

- 5-10 BUMCSM Fall Break
- 29 Big Event

NOVEMBER

- 9 Confirmation Service
- 23-28 BUMCSM Thanksgiving Break
- 30 Youth Advent Concert

DECEMBER

- 7 Progressive Dinner
- 10 Flapjack Finals Fiesta

JANUARY

- 4 SM PM Resumes
- 8 Wednesday Night Bible Studies Resume
- 16-18 High School Retreat
- 18 Big Event

FEBRUARY

- 8 No SM PM (Super Bowl)
- 11 Big Event
- 15 BUMCSM Mid-Winter Break (No SM PM)
- 18 Ash Wednesday

MARCH

- 8-13 BUMCSM Spring Break

APRIL

- 5 Easter
- 15 Fast Food Prom

MAY

- 6 Flapjack Finals Fiesta
- 10 D-Group Night Out
- 17 Senior Sunday

RETREATS & SUMMER TRIPS

Confirmation Retreat (6th Grade)

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

Choir Retreat (6th - 12th Grade)

High School Retreat (9th - 12th Grade)

Youth Choir Tour (6th - 12th Grade)

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

Middle School Mission Trip (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.

"BUMCSM has been so helpful in my walk with the Lord! Everyone is so welcoming, and they are all incredibly fun to be around. The youth choirs have impacted my life so much because they always keep scripture on my mind when I think of all the fun songs we get to sing. I'm excited to be a leader during my senior year with BUMCSM, and I can't wait to be with everyone at youth choir!"



REED O'DELL
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT