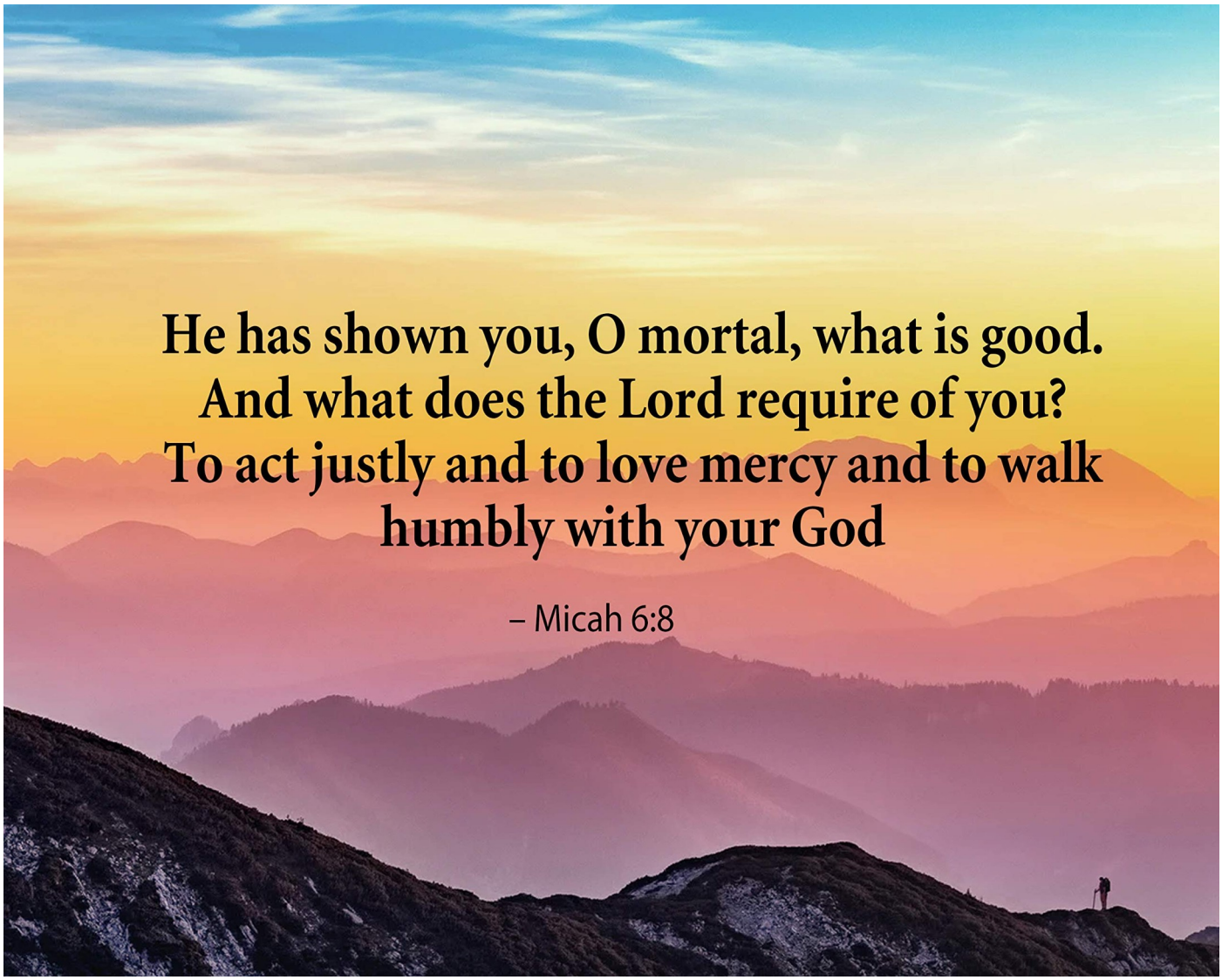
# Brainerd CHURCH

A United Methodist Congregation

**We demonstrate the love of Jesus by welcoming our neighbors, growing disciples and serving those in need.**




**NOVEMBER 15, 2026** **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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# Worship at 10:00 a.m.

**Please turn down the volume of your cell phone and other electronic devices.**

Welcome and Invocation — Liturgist and Congregation

Good Morning.

Great is the Name of the God of all Creation! And blessed is His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we join our hearts in prayer:

**Lord, We offer thanks and praise in this gathering. Clear our minds of all the distractions which would draw us away from you. Open our hearts and spirits and let your healing and empowering love flow in. Prepare us to be witnesses to your power and love as we use the gifts with which you have blessed us in your service. Amen.**

Prelude

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 123 and Micah 6:8

We lift our hearts to you, O Lord, enthroned in the heavens.
**We place our hope in You, and wait upon Your mercy.**
Lord, have mercy, for contempt has been our fill.
**Lead us Lord to operate in Your love for justice and mercy as we walk humbly with You.**

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| *Hymn 374 | *Standing on the Promises* | PROMISES |
| *Affirmation of Faith 881 | The Apostles' Creed | Liturgist and Congregation |
| *Gloria Patri 70 | | |
| Call to Prayer TFWS 2272 | *Holy Ground* | HOLY GROUND |
| Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer | | |
| Offertory Moment | | Tom & Judy Carter |
| Offertory Anthem | *God, Our Creator, Source and Sustainer* | Craig Courtney |
| *Doxology 95 | *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* | OLD 100th |
| Old Testament Reading | Micah 6:6-8 | Liturgist |
| *Hymn 419 | *I Am Thine, O Lord* | I AM THINE |
| *Gospel Reading | Matthew 9:9-13 | Liturgist |
| Message | "God's Desire in Worship" | Rev. Sam Ward |
| *Hymn 467 | *Trust and Obey* | TRUST AND OBEY |

Benediction

Postlude

*(Please remain seated during the Postlude and reflect on God's presence during the morning's worship.)*

***Please stand as you are able.**

We welcome you to Brainerd United Methodist Church. If you are interested in learning more about the church or in joining, please visit us at www.brainerdumc.org.

**Volunteer Opportunity: Sanctuary Sound Team**




Join **Eric Hamill** to learn how to help run sound in the Sanctuary! Whether you are a beginner or have past experience, our step-by-step training makes it easy to get involved:

- **Apprentice** under Eric to learn the ropes.
- **Team up** with Eric during services to build confidence.
- **Sub in** occasionally so Eric can take a break, relax, and enjoy the service.

Interested in learning more? Call or text Eric at 423-504-6504 to get started.

## Organ Concert

Members of the Chattanooga Chapter of the **American Guild of Organists** will present an organ concert in our sanctuary this afternoon at 3:00pm.
It is free and open to all.

The organ was built by M. P. Möller, Hagerstown, Maryland, and was first used Easter Sunday 1965.

https://pipeorgandatabase.org/instruments/24980



The Ministry Team Christmas project will be to collect toys for the Chambliss Center for Children. The toys should be NEW and age-appropriate for 1- to 3-year-old children. Please DO NOT wrap the toys. Anything with lights & sounds or puzzles & coloring books preferred. We will collect toys until Sunday, December 13th. You may also write a check to BUMC designated for "Chambliss Center Project" and the Ministry Team will shop for you.

Brainerd Members,

As recommended by the Cemetery Committee, price increases have been approved by the Church Leadership Council effective 1/1/2027 for the purchase of burial lots in the church cemetery and Memory Garden. The price for a single burial lot is set to increase from $375 to $750. A burial spot for ashes in the Memory Garden will increase from $500 to $550. Please contact Gary Scott or Dianne Skramstad, members of the Cemetery Committee, if you wish to learn more about the location of available lots. Please be aware that this is a Perpetual Care Cemetery. Lots are available for purchase by members of Brainerd United Methodist Church and their immediate families.

# BUMC WEEKLY EVENTS

**Sunday, November 15**

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| 9:30 a.m. | Sunday Morning Fellowship, **Atrium** |
| 10:00 a.m. | Sunday Worship, **Sanctuary and Online** |
| 11:15 a.m. | Sunday School, **Classrooms** |
| 11:30 a.m. | Church Leadership Council, **Fellowship Hall** |
| 3:00 p.m. | AGO Concert, **Sanctuary** |
| 4:00 p.m. | Baulding Elite Basketball, **Gym** |
| 6:00 p.m. | Scenic City Sax Society, **Choir Suite** |

Monday, **November 16**

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| 2:00 p.m. | Pickleball for All, **Gym** |
| 7:00 p.m. | Sheril Volleyball, **Gym** |

Tuesday, **November 17**

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| 10:00 a.m. | Scenic City Chorale, **Choir Suite** |

Wednesday, **November 18**

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| 2:00 p.m. | Pickleball for All, **Gym** |
| 6:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Suite** |
| 6:00 p.m. | Barry Volleyball, **Gym** |

Thursday, **November 19**

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| 12:00 p.m. | Bible Study, **Wesley Conf. Room** |
| 2:00 p.m. | Pickleball for All, **Gym** |
| 6:30 p.m. | Bijil Volleyball, **Gym** |

Friday, **November 20**

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| 12:00 p.m. | Organ Practice, **Sanctuary** |
| 5:00 a.m. | DLA Dance, **Fellowship Hall** |
| 6:30 p.m. | Trevor Co-Ed Volleyball, **Gym** |

Saturday, **November 21**

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| 9:00 a.m. | KBTOC Birdie Team, **Gym** |
| 2:00 p.m. | Chatta Events Birthday Party, **Fellowship Hall** |

Sunday, **November 22**

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| 9:30 a.m. | Sunday Morning Fellowship, **Atrium** |
| 10:00 a.m. | Sunday Worship, **Sanctuary and Online** |
| 11:15 a.m. | Sunday School, **Classrooms** |
| 4:00 p.m. | Baulding Elite Basketball, **Gym** |
| 6:00 p.m. | Scenic City Sax Society, **Choir Suite** |

**Be the Friendly Face of Our Church! Front Desk Volunteers Needed**

When someone walks through our doors or calls the church office, nothing beats being greeted by a warm smile and a friendly voice. To help us keep that personal touch—and avoid switching to an automated phone system—we are looking for a few more volunteers to join our front desk team!

Fran, Janet, Maggie, Jane, and Steve are currently keeping things running smoothly, and they would love a couple more friendly faces to share this fun and rewarding role.

**What the role involves:**

**Time Commitment**: Just one 4-hour shift per month (or per week, if you prefer!).

**Duties**: Greeting visitors as they arrive and answering incoming phone calls.

**The Perks**: You get to be a welcoming presence for our congregation and visitors, all while staying connected and in the loop with the day-to-day happenings of the church.

No special experience is needed—just a welcoming spirit! If you'd like to learn more or sign up for a shift, please contact Fran Habecker/570-412-5682 or stop by the front desk.

## Save the Date - Jan. 10

Our District Council is making plans to offer a District Training Day on Sunday, January 10 from 3:00-4:30. Training will be offered for PPR Committees, Finance Committees and Treasurers, Lay Leaders and Council Chairs, Trustees and Missions personnel. Other potential classes would be in the areas of communications and young adults/Fresh Expressions. Please save this date on your schedule, let other leaders in your church know about it and contact the District office if there are other classes you would like to see offered.

# Finance Information

| **Finance Monthly** | Need MTD through 11/08/2026 | Received MTD through 11/08/2026 |
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| **General Budget** | $18,000 | $22,395 |
| $45,000 | 40% | 50% |
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| **Finance Yearly week 45** | Need YTD through 11/08/2026 | Received YTD through 11/08/2026 |
| **General Budget** | $467,308 | $454,734 |
| $540,000 | 87% | 84% |




In the Scenic South District, we are inviting churches to send in their offering by Dec. 15. (It is certainly okay to give beyond that date, especially if you are considering a Christmas offering for this cause.) To reach more levels of givers, we are emphasizing "$10 feeds someone half a week." Click on the link below for more information.

South Sudan - Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church

## Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to remember or honor someone special to you by donating **$16 per poinsettia** to be placed on the altar, you may complete the form below and place it in the offering plate along with your donation or take this form to the church office. The form must be received by, **December 7**, to have the name listed in the bulletin.

Live poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary December 13-24. You may pick up your poinsettias **after the 5:00 worship service on Christmas Eve**.

The proceeds from the poinsettia sales will be used to help fund the work of the worship committee throughout the coming year.

(please print)

In **Honor** of: _____

**In Memory of:** _____

**Given by**: _____

**My phone #**: _____

**My email** _____



(Tear out and place in offering plate with check)