

# Berryton UMC Newsletter



BERRYTON & SHAWNEE HEIGHTS UMCS

## A NEW YEAR'S STUDY

The Gospel of John is unlike the other three that start out our New Testament. It doesn't begin with a birth story, and it has an entirely unique perspective to offer its readers.

This January, you're invited to join us for a Bible study and small group discussion exploring the Gospel of John: The Maverick Gospel.

**We will meet on Wednesdays, beginning January 7 (2:00 at BUMC and 6:00 at SHUMC).**

## SPECIAL SUNDAYS

- Jan 4 - Epiphany Sunday
- Jan 11 - Baptism of the Lord Sunday and Holy Communion

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 14 - Human Rights Rally at the KS Statehouse
- Jan 19 - MLK Day
- Jan 26 - WEALTH Day (for Creation Care)

## EPIPHANY STAR WORDS

Christians have often seen Epiphany as a time to set a focus or intention for the coming year. These "star words" act as both a prayer and a goal. What word or phrase might be yours?

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9:30 Worship  
10:30 Fellowship

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# SAVE THE DATE

Bible Study—  
Wednesdays  
beginning January 7

Baptism of the Lord—  
January 11

Human Rights Rally—  
January 14

United Women in  
Faith Sunday—  
January 23



**HUMAN NEEDS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS**

Join us for a rally for  
people-centered  
policy in Kansas.

**Wednesday Jan. 14 | 11:30 AM - 1 PM**  
**State Capitol Rotunda, Topeka, KS**

**DETAILS**

Logos at the bottom include: KANSAS INTER FAITH ACTION, MAINSTREAM COALITION.ORG, LOUD LIGHT, 501 KANSAS, WOMEN for Kansas, VOTER RIGHTS NETWORK WYANDOTTE, El Centro, ACLU Kansas, KAIROS CENTER FOR RELIGIONS, RIGHTS & SOCIAL JUSTICE, and CEP climate + energy project.

## January Mission Focus: Greeting Cards

The women at the Topeka Correctional Facility make various craft projects to raise money to pay their UWF pledge and to support local missions. One of their projects is to take used greeting cards and create new greeting cards. The cards, along with the other crafts are sold at various UWF meetings throughout the Conference. They appreciate our donations of used cards, where they use both the fronts and the message inside. If donating used greeting cards is not possible, any money that is donated to the Ministry will be used for needed supplies. Even though they say used cards, I think this is a great opportunity to sort through the cards I have accumulated over the years and failed to dispatch.

The women always welcome donations for the ditty bags and right now they are low on hygiene items for kids, women and men - shampoo, body wash and lotion were specifically mentioned.

Here at BerrytonUMC we will be collecting Greeting cards through February to support these ladies and the creative ways they have found to participate in UWF and pay their pledge. Place your donations in the designated place within the sanctuary foyer.

Thanks for your support!!

Berryton UMC Mission Committee





# UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SUNDAY



**Our own  
Teresa  
Stambaugh  
traveled on a  
mission trip to  
Trash Mountain  
in the fall. She  
will give the  
message about  
that trip.**

With a Special Recognition  
presentation and  
Reading Program Recognitions.

**MORNING OF WORSHIP**

**01.25.2026**

For any ladies of the church who would like to help sing a special musical selection for our upcoming UWF Sunday on Jan. 25th - we will have rehearsal on the following dates and times:

Thursday, Jan. 15th at 1:00 PM in the sanctuary  
Sunday, Jan. 18th, right after service - roughly 10:45 AM  
Friday, Jan. 23rd at 1:00 PM

If you can't make all 3 rehearsals, that's fine - I just wanted to make 3 times available to make it easy for everyone who wants to sing to be able to.

Let me know if you have any questions! Corrie (785-806-3077)



### Berryton's Next Book Discussion book is ready for pick up.

Ten copies of **The Husband's Secret** by **Liane Moriarty** are available in the church library.

This book explores themes of secrets, betrayal, & hidden lives of seemingly perfect people.

We will gather to discuss this book January 26 in Bernie's Fireside area of the FLC.

We are also welcoming great book reading suggestions to fill out our list for 2026. Please contact Betsy Wiens or Rhonda Boyd with your great finds!



### Church Building Bathroom Renovation Update

The church building bathrooms were classrooms that were made into restrooms in 1973. It's time for an update!

The goal is to update the bathrooms for aesthetics, handicap accessibility when possible, and to turn both rooms into "family restrooms". It will be quite the undertaking. We have a small group of dedicated church members willing to tackle the organization of this project. We have room for additional members, if you have an interest in joining us.

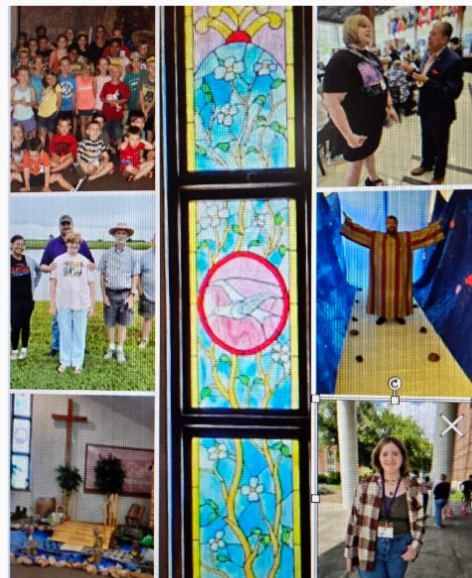
The first step was to update the electrical box that was in the men's bathroom. The cost for this upgrade was approximately \$2,800. We were pleased to receive the funds and we completed this step. The next step will involve a host of other activities including:

- Removal of the divider stalls.
- Plumbing to make each room have one toilet.
- New flooring.
- New vanities.
- Painting of rooms including the ceiling.
- Sheetrock for the walls and possibly ceiling.
- New lighting, mirrors, paper towel dispensers, door locks, handicap rails and other miscellaneous items.

It is necessary to obtain funding for this undertaking. We have been blessed with the donations that have come in, both from individuals and from the pancake feed/silent auction. The Bathroom Reno Team is exploring options and welcomes ideas about the progress of the project with both funding and upgrades. Donations are always welcome! We will make every effort to keep you posted on our progress.

If you have questions or input you can reach out to any of the following:

Teresa Stambaugh, Fred & Betsy Wiens, Donna Tibbets, Karen & Gary Montgomery, Tim Wiedmaier, Mark Morehouse.



### Berryton United Methodist 2026 Church Directory

It's time to publish a new photo and address directory for the Church. Our last directory was published in 2019. Please send your Church activity (candid) pics from 01/01/2024 or later (07/10/24, 10/15/25, etc.) to Marshall via email to [marshallm4949@gmail.com](mailto:marshallm4949@gmail.com). You can also call Marshall at his cell phone at **785-633-6178** to discuss texting pics to him. Only a small number of pictures submitted will be printed in the final Church directory.

Get ready. In January we will begin taking your picture portrait for the new Church directory. By doing this you will also be helping the Church office update their records too. We will also ask you to verify that your phone number(s) and address are correct.







## United Women in Faith 2026 Reading Program

If you have not discovered the new books and revised book list printed for you, Please STOP into the Library and See all the wonderful new titles for 2026!

There is a pile of copies of the new list of 2026 to 2021 books sorted by subject. Please pick one up. This makes finding a book easier.



**Why 6 Years of lists for this year when the reading program traditionally is 5 years?** The 2022 and 2021 lists were one list due to Covid 19. Well, it was just much easier to keep 2021 another year than it would have been to separate that list and drop a year for 2026. So, we will have ONE MORE YEAR with the great books of 2021. Then next year we will drop both years when we add the 2027 books.

Several of you have a new page already started for 2026 due to books being carried over from 2025. Check within your circle's name in the notebook before you start a new page in 2026!

If you have questions please contact me!

## Happy Reading in 2026!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				New Years Day 1 4:30 pm Pickleball	2	3 7:30 am First Saturday Breakfast - SHUMC
Epiphany Sunday 4 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Adult SS 4:00 pm Pickleball	5 5:30 pm Mission Comm	6 5:00 pm Restroom Reno Comm	7 2:00 Bible Study—BUMC 6:00 Bible Study—SHUMC	8 2:00 pm Choir (SHUMC) 4:30 pm Pickleball	9	10
Communion 11 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Adult SS 4:00 pm Pickleball	12 1:30 pm Days for Girls	13	14 1:30 pm Rebekah/Ruth Cir 2:00 Bible Study—BUMC 6:00 Bible Study—SHUMC 6:30 pm Trustees	15 1:00 pm Ladies Choir 2:00 pm Choir (BUMC) 4:30 pm Pickleball	16	17
18 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 10:45 am Ladies Choir 11:00 am Adult SS	MLK Jr Day 19 1:30 pm Welcome Cir 6:30 pm Admin Council	20	21 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl 2:00 Bible Study—BUMC 6:00 Bible Study—SHUMC	22 2:00 pm Choir (SHUMC) 4:30 pm Pickleball	23 1:00 pm Ladies Choir	24
UWF Sunday 25 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Adult SS 4:00 pm Pickleball	26 2:00 pm Book Club	27	28 2:00 Bible Study—BUMC 6:00 Bible Study—SHUMC	29 2:00 pm Choir (BUMC) 4:30 pm Pickleball	30	31

## STATISTICAL REPORT DECEMBER 2025

	Dec. 7	Dec. 14	Dec. 21	Dec. 28**	Tithely*
Worship	\$4295	\$1130	\$2032	\$1430	\$400
Crop Ground	2190.41				
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$6485</b>	<b>\$1130</b>	<b>\$2032</b>	<b>\$1430</b>	<b>\$400</b>
<i>(An Average of \$2,503 is Needed Weekly to Support General Fund Budget)</i>					
Christmas Eve Offering				\$1644.00	
Compassion International	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$134.82		
Pointsettias	45	29	10		
Silent Auction	8		30		
Restroom Renovation	40	3500	1053		
<b>Total Special Funds</b>	<b>\$98</b>	<b>\$3,534.00</b>	<b>\$1,227.82</b>	<b>\$1,644.00</b>	*online giving
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$6,583.41</b>	<b>\$4664</b>	<b>3259.82</b>	<b>\$3074.00</b>	
Attendance					
	57	50	59	52**	

\*\*joint service