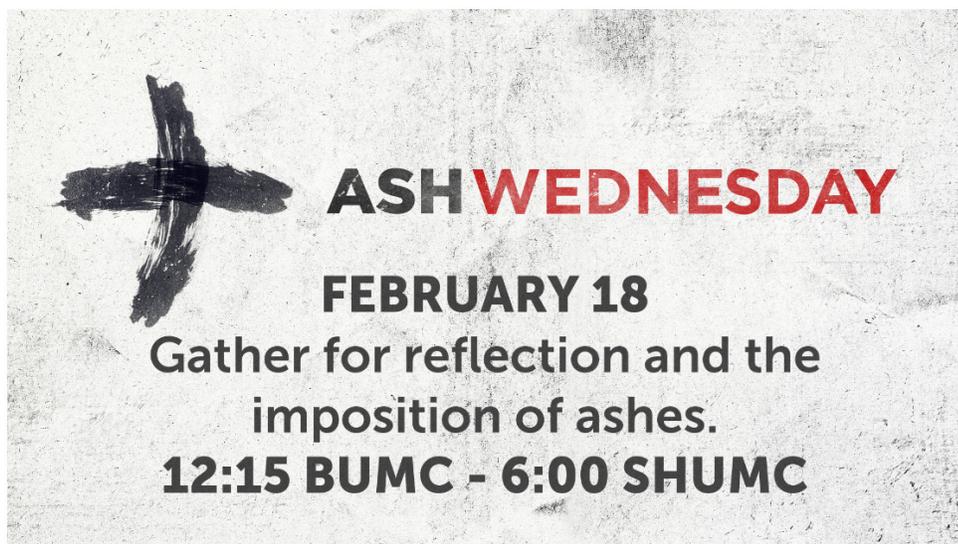


Berryton UMC Newsletter



Lent 2026 begins Wednesday February 18

Lent is a season of the Christian year where Christians focus on simple living, prayer, and fasting in order to grow closer to God. It's the 40 days before Easter. Lent excludes Sundays because every Sunday is like a little Easter. Ash Wednesday usually begins with a service where we recognize our mortality, repent of our sins, and return to our loving God. In an Ash Wednesday service, usually a minister or priest marks the sign of the cross on people's foreheads, using ashes.

There's no one correct way to observe Lent—it's simply meant as an opportunity for Christians to engage in deeper self-reflection. Because we recognize life as a precious gift from God, during Lent we “re-turn” our lives towards Jesus Christ. We may make resolutions and commit to change our lives over the next forty days so that we might be more like Christ. Lent is a great time to “repent” — to return to God and refocus our lives to be more in line with Jesus. It's a 40-day trial run in changing your lifestyle and letting God change your heart. You might try one of these practices for Lent:

FASTING: Some people have been known to go without food for days. But that's not the only way to fast. You can fast by cutting out some of the things in your life that distract you from God. Some Christians use the whole 40 days to fast from candy, TV, soft drinks, cigarettes or meat as a way to purify their bodies and lives. You might skip one meal a day and use that time to pray instead. Or you can give up some *activity* like worry or reality TV to spend time outside enjoying God's creation. What do you need to let go of or

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10:30 Fellowship

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“fast” from in order to focus on God? What clutters your calendar and life? How can you simplify your life in terms of what you eat, wear or do?

SERVICE: Some people take something on *for* Christ. You can collect food for the needy, volunteer at a local ministry, or work for justice in our community. You can commit to help a different stranger, coworker or friend every day of Lent. Serving others is one way we serve God.

PRAYER: Christians also use Lent as a time of intentional prayer. You can pray while you walk, create music or art as a prayer to God, or savor a time of quiet listening. All can be ways of becoming more in tune with God.



Bible Study–
Wednesdays
beginning January 7

Ash Wednesday–
February 18

Biscuits and Gravy–
February 21

JUMP Network Meetings–
February 22

LET'S GIVE HUNGER A POUNDING!!

During Lent, we often give something up.

Let's focus on **GIVING** essential items to those in need. Many people are worried about having enough to eat, and we can help them.

Can we donate at least 200 pounds of food to I Care Food Pantry and others?

Canned goods such as carrots, spinach, tomato sauce, breakfast bars, pudding mix, and more. Dish soap and shampoo are always needed.

We were able to collect 200 pounds last year. Can we exceed that?

We can do even better this year.

Let's make it happen!

Let's do it!



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR & FILL THEIR TABLE!



**GOD'S JUSTICE
STARTS WITH US**

**Topeka JUMP
Network
Meetings**

**Sunday,
February 22
SHUMC 12:15
BUMC 2:00**



Berryton United Methodist
2026 Church Directory

The Directory Team is working hard to get the 2026 Directory put together. We are still in need of your activity (candid) pics from 01/01/2024 or newer. Please email to Marshall at to marshallm4949@gmail.com by 03/01/2026. You can also call Marshall at his cell phone at **785-633-6178** to discuss texting pics to him. Only a select number of pictures submitted will be included in the directory.

Starting Sunday - 02/01/26 we will be accepting reservation times to take your new picture. We will be scheduling picture sessions on:

- Sundays – 10:45a - 12:00p
- Tuesdays - 3:30p - 5:30p
- Thursdays – 10:00a – 12:00p

We will start on 02/01/26 with a practice session for the team. The last picture day will be 03/15/26. Of course this is our best estimate. We are working to have the new directories completed by 03/31/26. By getting your picture taken you will also be helping the church office update their records too. We will also be asking you to verify that your address, phone number(s) etc. are correct.

2026 Berryton UMC Biscuits & Gravy Fundraiser and sweet shoppe



**This is a community event to
support our bathroom renovation!**
A free-will offering is requested.

**February 21st 7:15-10:15 AM
at 7010 SE Berryton Road.**

Berryton Road and 69th Street Construction Project



The Berryton Road & 69th Street project is off and running as of 01/20/26. You have probably already noticed the signs. Shawnee County got off to an early start but as you recently know the weather can have a big impact.

1. The contract allows 178 calendar days to have road reopened to traffic/achieve substantial completion, then one additional week to achieve final completion of all work.
2. **Earliest substantial completion 07/17/26; Earliest final completion by 07/24/26.**

3. During All Phases of Construction, Access to:

A. Berryton United Methodist Church -

1. **ONLY FROM THE SOUTH OF BERRYTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
2. 1st option - From the west – **RECOMMENDED** - From Topeka Blvd. turn east on SE 77th St, go east to Berryton Rd, turn north on Berryton Rd to church. This is all hard surface roads.
3. 2nd option - From the east- **RECOMMENDED** - Use Croco Rd. Go South to SE 85th St, turn west on SE 85th St to Berryton Rd, turn north on Berryton Rd to church. This is all hard surface roads.
4. 3rd option - From the east - Use Croco Rd. Go South to SE 77th St, turn west on SE 77th St to Berryton Rd, turn north on Berryton Rd to church. **NOTE: This route has 1 / 2 mile of GRAVEL road.**

B. Berryton Elementary School – ONLY FROM THE EAST USING 69TH STREET AT CROCO ROAD

C. Berryton Baptist Church - ONLY FROM THE NORTH FROM 61ST STREET & BERRYTON ROAD

There is a 3' x 9' map of the construction area in the Family Life Center on display in the church. It will/may be available for review during normal church hours.

Easter 2026

Sunday, April 5



Save the date!

**Berryton UMC Chicken
Noodle Dinner:
March 14th 3:30-6:30 PM**

**LET'S GO-SEW
WITH FRIENDS!**

The ladies here know how to
GO-SEW! You can too,
April 9-10, 2026 at
Berryton UMC.

Great creative space, all meals
included, and so close to home
you can sleep in your own bed!

Fun times await you!

To ask questions or to secure
your space for creating contact

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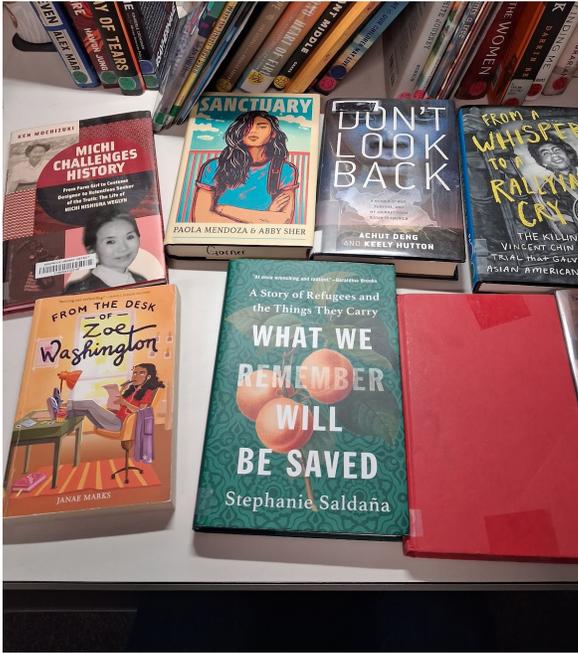


SAVE THE DATE!



April 18, 2026 from 10AM-3PM
Berryton UMC Sanctuary,
7010 SE Berryton Rd.

There will be a request for quilts coming soon.
Questions, email betsy.wiens@gmail.com with
"Quilt Show" on the subject line.



The weather experts consulting maps & models are giving us a variety of interpretations. The bottom line does sound as if we finally might be going to have winter in Kansas. This forecast is a good suggestive nudge to stop at the library and line up some of the new reads recently stocked into the BUWF collection. The 2026 books look great. I hope you are able to find something to learn from, or escape to, this month.

When the flakes fly and the temp drops I will be sewing, reading and sending up prayers that it won't be any worse that we all can handle. I am always ready to talk about books so give me a call or drop me a link and tell me what you have discovered that I should read!

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Save this date, this is something you will wish to attend!

Life can be overwhelming. This is why it's important to slow down and take time to nurture your whole self: mind, body, and spirit.

The East Central Kansas District of UWF is currently planning an event for all the members within our district. Please plan to attend Soul Care in 2026, at First UMC in Osage City on March 21. Fifteen dollars is a great deal for all the fun and connections you will make with old and new friends within UWF. Breakfast & Lunch are included, along with a great goodie bag! A registration form will be in the Covenant Connections Newsletter. Don't delay and mark your calendars today.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
UWF Sunday 1 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 10:45-noon Photos 11:00 am Adult SS 4:00 pm Pickleball	2	3 3:30-5:30 Photos	4 2 pm New Year's Study 6 pm New Year's Study SH	5 10:00-noon Photos 2:00 pm Choir (SHUMC) 4:30 pm Pickleball	6	7 7:30 am First Saturday Breakfast - SHUMC
8 Communion 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 10:45-noon Photos 11:00 am Adult SS 4:00 pm Pickleball	9	10 3:30-5:30 Photos	11 1:30 pm Rebekah/Ruth Cir 2:00 pm New Year's Study 5:30 pm Mission Comm 6:00 pm New Year's Study-SH 6:30 pm Trustees	12 10:00-noon Photos 2:00 pm Choir (BUMC) 4:30 pm Pickleball	13	14
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STATISTICAL REPORT NOVEMBER 2025

	Jan. 4	Jan. 11	Jan. 18	Jan. 25	Tithely*
Worship	\$6400	\$1400	\$1840	No service because of weather	\$200
Building Use/copies					
Total General Fund	\$6400	\$1400	\$1840		\$200
<i>(An Average of \$2,882 is Needed Weekly to Support General Fund Budget)</i>					
Compassion International	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00		
I Care	100				
Memorial					
Renovation of Bathroom	\$13	49	\$32		
Total Special Funds	\$118	\$54.00	\$37.00		
Total Contributions	\$6518	\$1454	\$1877		*online giving
Attendance					
	58	67	59		