



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH
MidTexas Conference

Look What's Happening at BRACKEN METHODIST Church

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRIES, EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

For such a small church, Bracken Methodist is **BIG** on ministries, Christian education and volunteer & service programs and fellowship with the community. Take a minute to see if you'd be interested in exploring any of our many opportunities. You are always welcome to join! Contacts are listed for each one.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Classes are held on Sunday morning immediately after the traditional service. The Fellowship Class is led by Greg and Valita Loser and meets in the fellowship hall. Adults of all ages are welcome. Come join us for ***detailed study of a book of the Bible and fellowship***. Content is selected from in-put given by members of the class. For more information, contact Greg Loser at gregloser7@icloud.com

American Heritage Girls: American Heritage Girls is a scouting organization dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. Our troop is home -school based and will be meeting at Bracken on Mondays at 10am. AHG is open to girls age 5-18 years. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Nina Bookout at 210.838.4603

BASICS: Brothers And Sisters In Christ's Service is a ministry program for youth ages 3years- 12th grade. It provides spiritual guidance and fellowship for children and youth. This group meets every Sunday evening from 4:30 to 6:00 during the school year for lessons, dinner and fellowship. BASICS is for youth in grades 6-12. For more information, contact Junior BASICS is for ages 3 years thru 5th grade. Summer offers youth camps, service projects and other opportunities in the community. For more information contact Dee Stephens, Director of Youth Ministries, at rds2rope@aol.com or youth@brackenchurch.com or Dionne Coston, Children's Ministry Director, at children@brackenchurch.com

BIBLE SCHOOL: Vacation Bible School is held every summer and is open to children of the church as well as the community. There are many ways to serve in this ministry: teaching, assisting, preparing snacks, leading music, and preparing or teaching crafts to name a few. Contact information will be available in the spring.

BIBLE STUDY: Women's Bible Studies are held periodically throughout the year. Current studies are held on Mondays at 10 AM but time and day may change with each new session. **For more information, contact Nancy Dorsey by text at 210-710-7157.**

BRACKEN KIDS: is a ministry program for children ages 4 thru 5th grade. They meet on Sunday evenings from 4:30-6:00 during the school year for lessons, dinner and fellowship.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA: Bracken Methodist Church hosts a Boy Scout Troop and a Cub Scout Troop. **Boy Scouts of America Troop 828** is a troop for boys ages 11-18 and meets every Monday during the school year in the fellowship hall from 7-8:30 pm. They have several camping outings during the school year and attend summer camp each summer. For more information please contact: Scoutmaster Todd Arvidson at 210-362-0683 or Committee Chair: Conan Fox at 210-723-9845. **Cub Scout Pack 828** is a family pack for boys and girls in kindergarten through 5th grade. Pack 828 meets on the 4th Thursday of the month in the fellowship hall from 6:30-8 pm and the Den meetings vary by den. The pack camps once in the Spring and once in the Fall as family campouts. The scouts also attend summer camps. For more information please contact: Cubmaster: Mike Flanigan at 210-264-8142 or Committee Chair: Niki Kotrola at 210-378-0426.

BRACKEN MAMAS: Mothers of all ages are encouraged to join Bracken Mamas for devotional, sharing, and crafting. As a group of moms with varying needs, we support each other as moms. For more information contact Amanda: satx.landlady@gmail.com

BRACKEN PRESCHOOL offers high quality, nurturing Christian education for children 10 months thru kindergarten. The program operates Tuesday-Friday from 8-3. The school follows the school year calendar and offers Joy Camp for 8 weeks in the summer on T/W/Th from 8-3 for toddlers – age 12. Registration is in January and continues throughout the year. Contact us for

more information and to arrange a tour of the school. 830-624-1429 or find us on Facebook at Bracken Methodist & Preschool or preschool@brackenchurch.com

BRACKEN METHODIST WOMEN is a Christian based service group. We strive to serve both the community and the church. Any woman is welcome to attend the meetings which are held the second Thursday of the month at 11:AM in the fellowship hall. Meetings consist of a program (usually from a local social service organization) followed by a brief business meeting, a devotional and then lunch, which is provided by members on a rotating basis. Several times a year a fellowship/social outing is held. This group sponsors semi-annual rummage sales with the profits going to support local missions, community service organizations and fund an annual scholarship to a church member (or members) who are continuing higher education. Applications for this scholarship are posted in the spring and awarded in June. This group works tirelessly year-round in service to the church and community. For more information contact Luanne Schuetze, president, at luanne1205@gmail.com

FALL FESTIVAL: Held on a Saturday during October at the Pumpkin Patch. A church and community-wide event with games, food and fun for all. More details once the Pumpkin Patch is open. Watch for church e-mails to give details of this event.

FOOD PANTRY: Did you know Bracken Church has its very own food pantry? Food boxes are distributed once a month on the **second Monday of the month from 9:00-10:00 AM** (or until all the food is distributed) on our church property. This takes place in the garage of the old parsonage. Volunteers are needed from 7:30-10:30 to set up and distribute the food. Additionally, volunteers are needed on the Friday preceding the distribution day to process food donations as well as pack the boxes. We begin unloading our food delivery from Daily Bread about 7:30 AM and begin to set up tents, pack produce, clean out refrigerators, etc. After distribution is done, we clean up! Come and help on the second Monday if you can!

Food and monetary donations are always appreciated. A grocery cart is at the front of the sanctuary to accept your donations, or they may be left in the fellowship hall. We also receive food donations from organizations such as *Daily Bread* and other Methodist Churches in our area. If you know of any organizations who are willing to donate to this project, please contact us ; Hunger knows no boundaries. This mission helps meet a huge need in our community.

MUSIC MINISTRIES: Do you sing or play an instrument? Then you might want to join one of our music worship groups. Or, join them all! We have *Mixed Choir* and *Men's Ensemble* during traditional worship as well *Praise Band* during contemporary worship. For more information on any of these groups please contact Janie Franz at admin@brackenchurch.com

PUMPKIN PATCH: This is a huge hit with our community. "The Patch" is open the month of October to sell pumpkins, provide photo ops and fun for the entire family. Free hay rides and train rides are available every weekend for the children and food trucks are also available on the weekends. Volunteers run the patch each day and help with the delivery and unloading of pumpkins several times throughout the month. A church-wide announcement will be sent out with an app to sign up to work.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: This group makes prayer shawl, baby blankets, lap blankets, prayer squares & prayer hearts to distribute to anyone who needs **encouragement** (death of a family member or friend, serious illnesses, hospitalizations, etc). Also available to **celebrate** marriages or arrival of new babies. Meets the 4th Tuesday of the month from 1-3 in the fellowship hall. Meetings consist of prayer, devotionals, and lots of fellowship. Even if you don't knit or crochet, you are welcome to join us. For more info contact Karen Nakayama at karennaka3@aol.com or Beate Brumfield at beateinnb@yahoo.com.

SENIOR MINISTRY: aimed at our "well-seasoned" members, this group provides opportunities for Christian fellowship; however, any age adult may attend! We begin with games (usually involving dominoes), refreshments and fellowship from 11:00 -12:30 pm followed by Dutch-treat lunch at a local restaurant. Meets the **3rd TUESDAY** of the month in fellowship hall. For more information contact Beate Brumfield at beateinnb@yahoo.com. or Karennaka3@aol.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH: Meets in the Wahl House for Bible study and fellowship. Contact Dee Stephens, Director of youth ministries at youth@brackenchurch.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN: Meets in the Education building. Come for Bible study, music, games and crafts. Contact Dionne Coston, Director of children's ministries at children@brackenchurch.com

WORK DAY (Maintaining God's House) meets the 3rd Saturday of the month to maintain the grounds and do minor repairs. Wear your work clothes and bring yard tools. Meets from 9-11 AM. Contact Glenn McRill at glenn.mcrill@gmail.com please contact Karen at Karennaka3@aol.com

METHODIST MEN'S MINISTRY: Now meeting on the 3rd Thursday evening at 6:30. Michael Coston at macostonsa@gmail.com