

Hello Bracken Community,

In regards to Vacation Bible School, scheduled for July 27-31, 2020, Bracken UMC has made the decision to **not hold an in person-public-gathering VBS, but to move to “Take-Home VBS Kits”**.

Our participating families and volunteers’ health is important to us and we want to ensure that VBS remains a positive, safe, and fun learning event each and every year, but especially during this current COVID-19 season.

**What will this look like?** Bracken’s VBS Team will be compiling “take-home” bags for each participating family, that will include our themed music CD, crafts, Bible stories, and game suggestions, along with instructional prompts and recommended schedules (a digital version is also becoming available through Cokesbury.com).

We foresee these “take home kits” to be used in individual family-dwellings or within neighboring groups of families that feel safe teaming up for a combined VBS experience. Our VBS Team also envisions creating a Facebook VBS group that will allow us to interact, share pictures, and of course have opening ceremony together (full of dancing, singing, skits, announcements, and more).

Bracken UMC hopes you understand this decision was not made lightly, as we will miss the personal connections, new friends, and mentor relationships. However, we believe Christ has this VBS in His hands, just like any other—and children will still come to know Him better—and will still have fun! Amen? Amen!

Sincerely,

Nicole Powell and VBS Team

Bracken UMC Children’s Ministries Director