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Bristol United Methodist Church: Treats!

Even though the evening was chilly, and the the parking lot was full and the lines were long: hundreds turned out in their costumes to visit the Trunk or Treat event at the Bristol United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 5 to 7pm. Inside the Family Life Center's large auditorium, were booths all around the room in a giant circle, staffed by church members. Each were in costumes and each booth had a theme - like pirates, or burglars, or Thing 1 & 2 or any number of sports events or games as well as Bible themes.

The line of parents and children came in one door, got badges for each child and then made their way through the lines past each of the booths to get candy for the sacks or containers they carried. They then got a bag of popcorn as they left.

The Bristol United Methodist Church does a number of outreach programs for the community, including sponsoring the Senior Lunch program during the week, and a Pantry program weekly. They encourage others to join them at their Sunday and other weekly services to bring their message to the community as well as participate in their worship services.

Just the Facts:
According to a church publication, 1842 is hailed as the birth date of the church. In that year, W.C. Birch, started a Methodist Episcopal Sunday School in a log schoolhouse south west of Bristol. Circuit rider preachers only came through once or twice a month, so W.C. Birch and John Maffitt were instrumental in starting congregations in both Bristol and Trout Creek. Circuit Rider David Reeder was the first minister of the Bristol United Methodist Church in 1850.