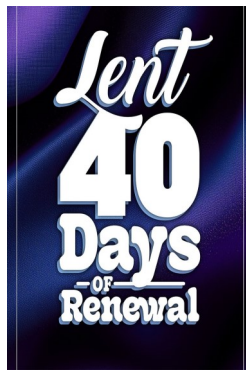


Welcome to the Season of Lent

The season of Lent is a time of prayer and reflection in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. It is a time to consider fasting or intentionally "giving up" something in your life or "taking on" a meaningful spiritual practice with the purpose of growing closer to Jesus Christ.

Lent Devotion books and coin banks from the Society of St Andrew (SOSA) are available near the Welcome Center. Please feel free to take one!



Mark: The Fastest Gospel Bible Study starting TODAY, March 16th

For immediate release: A quick study of the **Gospel According to Mark** will be offered for five Sundays during Lent beginning March 16. Following morning worship, Jim Tongue will lead the short sessions from 11:15 AM to 11:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please let the office know if child care is needed.

Mark presents the earliest story of Jesus as he heard it from Peter. He wrote it for believers under probably the most intense persecution since the stoning of Stephen. Reading **Mark** in Lent quickly tells the gospel which from beginning to end moves toward the cross and resurrection. Good news, indeed!



Save the Date: April 19th Easter Egg Hunt & Palm Sunday Potluck!

Easter Egg Hunt and Palm Sunday Potluck April 19th 4:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt, 5:00 PM Potluck. Oakdale Park (rain location:

Thank You from Grace Fishback: Thank you for all of the flowers and cards for my birthday!

March Men's Prayer Breakfast March 29th 8:30 AM

Join us for our March Men's Prayer Breakfast on Sat, March 29, at 8:30 AM. Good food, fellowship, & guest speaker. RSVP on the sign up sheet in the breezeway, sign-up online, or call the office at 540-828-0890 or email adminasst@bridgewaterumc.com.



Easter Seasonal Choir Opportunity

The Sanctuary Choir invites you to join us for a seasonal Easter Choir. This choir will rehearse on Weds, Mar 19, 26, Apr 2, 9 & 16 at 7 PM and sing on April 20 at the Easter Service at 10 AM. The Adult Bell Choir will join the Easter Choir on Easter Sunday!

Palm Sunday

The children & Sanctuary Choir will sing for Palm Sunday Apr 13!

Big News!

Our elevator has been repaired and is working! Welcome back to our elevator!



Youth Group Announcements



HUGE THANKS! YOU ARE AMAZING!

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your participation in our **Youth Sunday Service**. It was truly a blessing to see our youth step up and lead. Your dedication, enthusiasm, and willingness to serve were inspiring. You demonstrated the heart of our ministry. Your leadership is making a difference!

To our parents—thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and prayers.

I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming youth gatherings as we continue growing together in faith.

Blessings,
Jomo Johnson

Don't forget our Zoom Check-in every Sunday night at 7 PM. Blessings, Jomo (240) 328-5847 dumbumYouth@gmail.com

Children's Ministry



Thank you to everyone who participated in and helped out with our intergenerational Sunday School Lesson on the Holy Trinity with Saint Patrick today! We had more fun than we would have with finding a pot of gold! Have a Blessed and happy Saint Patrick's Day with your friends and family - remember to wear green!



April 19: Palm Sunday will include singing in worship, an Easter Egg Hunt, & potluck dinner at Oakdale Park! Wow!

See the E-blast or Group Me more information & updates!
As always, your friend in Faith, Hope, and Love, Joey

We welcome prayer requests

Please share your prayer request with us on the Prayer Request Card found in your pew. Place the card in the offering plate.

Prayer Chain

If you would like to be one of our prayer chain partners, please contact the church office at 540-828-0890.

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 AM - 3 PM (Closed Friday)

Welcome to Bridgewater UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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March 16, 2025



I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.

Jeremiah 31:33

Greetings from the congregation of Bridgewater UMC! We are certainly blessed to have you worship with us. We pray that you will feel welcomed and loved. Do you need assistance today? Please speak with any of our worship leaders or ushers. If you have questions during the week about the church, please call Pastor Mary Dadisman at 540-828-0890.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 16, 2025

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

TFWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

W&S = Worship & Song (Green)

* = Please stand in body or spirit

Ring the Bell

Announcements

Prelude

“Meditation on Passion Chorale”

F. Bock

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

“Come, Join the Dance of Trinity”

W&S 3017

*Opening Prayer

Children’s Message

Anthem

“Prayer (Be Still My Soul)”

E. Whithall, Arr.

Scripture

Exodus 32:15-16, 20:1-3

Sermon

“At the Center of It All”

Rev. Mary K. Dadisman

Offertory

“Elegy”

H. Willan

*Doxology

UMH 95

*Affirmation of Faith

UMH 882

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

*Closing Hymn

“Give Me Jesus”

W&S 3140

*Benediction

Postlude

“These Forty Days”

R. J. Powell

In Our Prayers

Joys and Answered Prayers

-Marsha Hildebrand found a new place to live

-Thank you God for Joey Capuano's authenticity & joy in his music & work with the children

-Harold Williams' radiation treatments are completed

-Thank you God for the love of Jesus, our church, our family & our friends

-We give thanks for God's grace and mercy

Prayers of Sympathy for the families of

Mark Lotts

Current Prayer Concerns

Donald Brownlee, Jr.

Tracey Casteel

Julian Fisher

Janice Harper

Debra Lucas

Pope Francis

Gregg Kiracofe

Ray Michael

Donald Usry

Ongoing Prayer Needs of our Congregation

Georgia Lee Byerly

Don Capuano

Grace Fishback

Joanne Fisher

Betty Foley

Mary Glover

Henry & Dorice Graham

Rodney Hildebrand

Deidra Hill

Barbara Kiracofe

Dorothy Lion

Doris MacDaniel

Shirley Michael

Rev Luther Ramsey

Cheryl Reiman

Joanne Simpkins

Bonnie Snook

Sandra Stroud

Vic Taylor

Nancy Thomas

Marcia & Gary Tyeryar

-For the people affected by natural disasters - the CA, SC, NC fires, floods in NC and other states, ice & snow storms

-For our nation, decisions of the new administration, congress, and courts; and may God bless America

-For peace in Ukraine & the Middle East; the people living there.

-May there be peace on earth, and may it begin with us

-For Bridgewater UMC - for growth in spirit & faith

-For active duty military, veterans & first responders

-Our children, grandchildren, families, and friends

-For college, high school, middle school & elementary students - for their learning & grades

-For better health, more strength & successful treatments

-For patience.

-For strength to spread the gospel even when it's hard

-Help us to put God first in everything we do

-Those who think that God has deserted them in the midst of today's world circumstances

-For people and families dealing with depression & anxiety, with mental illness & addiction

-For less death in our family; peace & grace facing grief & loss

REJOICE
ALWAYS,
PRAY
CONTINUALLY,
GIVE THANKS
IN ALL
CIRCUMSTANCES.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NKV

Serving Us in Worship

TODAY, Mar.16 (3rd Sun)

NEXT SUNDAY, Mar 23 (4th Sun)

Greeters

Ushers

Reader

Audio-Visual

Acolytes

Sanctuary Servers

Rod & Gloria Hildebrand

Higgs Family

Gloria Hildebrand

Mark Kipps

Madelyn & Nolan Gilkeson

Laura & Tony Mancari

Leach Family

Dick & Janice Harper

Dawn Kern

Mark Kipps

Sydney & Reese Leach

Don & Sue Gilkeson

OUR CALENDAR

TODAY

9 AM Sunday School for all ages

10 AM Worship Service

11:15 am The Fastest Gospel Bible Study

(Fellowship Hall)

7 PM Youth Zoom Check-in

MON

2 PM UWF Hope Circle (New Beginnings))

6:30 PM UWF Love Circle (Fellowship Hall)

7 PM UWF Faith Circle (Members’ Homes)

TUES

11 AM The Disciple’s Path Bible Study (Library)

WED

10 AM Prayer Team (Library)

12 PM Soup & You (Fellowship Hall)

6 PM Handbell Practice

7 PM Choir Practice

THURS

5:30 PM Staff Dinner Out (Sakura)

NEXT SUNDAY

9 AM Sunday School

10 AM Worship Service

11:15 AM The Fastest Gospel Bible Study

(Fellowship Hall)

1:30 PM Worship at White Birch Communities

7 PM Youth Zoom Check-in

Attendance and Stewardship for last Sunday

Attendance: 102 Sunday School: 36 Total Giving: \$8840

We welcome you, and as an act of hospitality, we offer several ways for you to participate in giving. Please find the most comfortable way for you.

♦Offering Plate is passed during Sunday Worship Services

♦Drop off or mail a check to the church at BUMC, 219 North Main St., Bridgewater VA 22812

♦Online Giving at BUMC Web Page www.BridgewaterUMC.com/give

♦App for Giving @ Tithely.com Download the app, find BUMC, and give!

♦Secure, locked communication box outside at Green Street entrance in which you can leave papers for the church

