

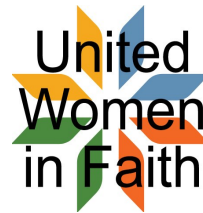
A Special Celebration of the Shenandoah River District  
**Installation of Rev. Dr. Kyungsuk Cho**  
**as District Superintendent**

We are excited to invite you to a joyful and historic moment in the life of our district—the installation of our new District Superintendent, **Rev. Dr. Kyungsuk Cho**. This special service will be led by **Bishop Sue Haupt-Johnson** and is open to all!

Location: **Front Royal United Methodist Church**  
Date & Time: **September 7, 2025 - 2:30 p.m.**  
See the E-blast or call the office for more information.

**UWF Reading Program**

The UWF Reading Reports are due **today**. If you have a report to turn in, you can get it to Kathi Hemmis, or leave it in the container on the reading cart. Recently we have several new books generously donated by Johna McFarland. ~ Kathi



**Honoring Local First Responders**



**Honoring Our First Responders**

**September 7 in Worship at 10 AM**

Our worship service will reflect our support and recognition of the sacrifices and dedication of local First Responders: Fire

Department, Police Department, Rescue Squad and others. We will remember the anniversary of September 11, 2021. Our guest speakers will be Rev. Melanie Franklin, Senior Special Agent with Virginia State Police, Retired and counselors with Thin Line Wellness & Recovery of Verona, VA. We will offer a time of Holy Communion in the service. Everyone is welcome to come to the table or come forward and receive a blessing.

**It's time for  
Operation Christmas Child!**



Our goal again this year is 100 boxes to include school supplies, hygiene items, and lots of other fun things for children in need. In August, we will be collecting school supplies. Lots of items are on sale in preparation for back-to-school. We need:

pencils	crayons	black ink pens
scissors	glue sticks	Post-it notes
erasers	stickers	small notepads
colored pencils	pencil sharpeners.	

We appreciate the church's support for this important project for children!! Thanks, Johna McFarland



**Youth Group  
Announcements**



**Youth Group Event**  
**Saturday, August 23rd 12:00 PM**  
**Sandy Bottom Park**

Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!

- **Mini Golf** at Sandy Bottom Park
- **Devotional time** together after the game
- **Optional Ice Cream stop**, if time allows

Invite a friend, bring a smile, & get ready for a great Saturday with the Youth Group!

**Church Zoom Prayer For Teens & Youth**  
**EVERY SUNDAY All church members, parents, & teens** are invited to join us in prayer at **6:45 PM**  
**Youth—Don't forget the Zoom check in @ 7:00–7:15 PM**

Blessings, Jomo  
(240) 328-5847 [dumbumyouth@gmail.com](mailto:dumbumyouth@gmail.com)



**Children's Church is back today!**

Children's Church is worship & Christian education for kids during part of the worship service. It is led by our amazing leaders Gracen Kelley, Rea Ahnen, and Malachi Benjamin. Children may attend worship through the Children's Message & then go to Children's Church on the first floor with our leaders. ~OR~ Children are always welcome to stay in the sanctuary for the worship service.

**Today is Back to School Sunday!** We will say a special blessing for everyone going back to school & pray for our Sunday School classes.

Contact Gracen through the BUMC Kids Group Me, [gracenkelley123@gmail.com](mailto:gracenkelley123@gmail.com) or phone (call, text) 804-867-6143  
See the E-blast or Group Me more information & updates!

**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.

**Bridgewater UMC Church Staff**

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Children's Church & Nursery	Gracen Kelley, Reanna Ahnen, Malachi Benjamin

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

Welcome to  
**Bridgewater**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



219 N. Main Street Bridgewater, VA 22812  
540-828-0890 [www.bridgewaterumc.com](http://www.bridgewaterumc.com)

**August 24, 2025**



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

August 24, 2025

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

TFWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

W&S = Worship & Song (Green)

\* = Please stand in body or spirit

Ringing the Bell

Announcements

Prelude

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

D. Wood

Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymns

UMH 657

"This is the Day, This is the Day"

TFWS 2003

"Praise You"

\*Opening Prayer

Children’s Message—Backpack Blessing

Special Music

Scripture

Hebrews 12: 18-29

..Sermon

"Building on the Firm Foundation"

Rev. Mary Dadisman

Offertory

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Arr. A. Makarevych

\*Doxology

"Seek Ye First"

UMH 405

Affirmation of Faith

UMH 881

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

\*Closing Hymn

UMH 261

"Lord of the Dance"

\*Benediction

Postlude

"Be Thou My Vision"

Arr. M. Hayes

In Our Prayers

Joys and Answered Prayers

Tim Plecker’s surgery went well (Dan’s son)

Carolyn Van Dyck was at worship 8/17

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

We give thanks for God's grace and mercy

Prayers of Sympathy for the families of

Pedro Sandoval—friend of BJ Jenkins

Brian Dowling—Robin Siegel's friend's son

Current Prayer Concerns

Katrina Davis

Tim Plecker

Leonard Moyers

Katherine Smallwood

Bonnie Snyder

Ongoing Prayer Needs of our Congregation

Georgia Lee Byerly

Grace Fishback

Betty Foley

Henry & Dorice

Graham

Casey Hartman

Rodney Hildebrand

Deidra Hill

Barbara Kiracofe

Dorothy Lion

Shirley Creekbaum

Ray Michael

Stephany Plecker

Mitzi Puffenbarger

Joanne Simpkins

Bonnie & Tom

Snook

Sandra Stroud

Vic Taylor

Nancy Thomas

Marcia & Gary

Tyeryar

Donald Usry

Carolyn Van Dyck

Doris Waters

-For those affected by fires and natural disasters, & the people helping them

-For all involved in the protests, ICE raids & National Guard deployments around the country

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

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

-For immediate action to provide food and medicine to those starving and suffering in Gaza.

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

-For Bridgewater UMC - for growth in spirit & faith

-For all active duty military, veterans & first responders

-Our children, grandchildren, families, & friends

-For students in all grade levels, 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

-Those in mourning, afraid, & for all fighting cancer

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

Serving Us in Worship

TODAY, Aug 24 (4th Sun)

NEXT SUNDAY, Aug 31 (5 th Sun)

Greeters

Chuck & Sue Rexrode

Ushers

Kathi Hemmis & Johna McFarland

Reader

Dan Plecker

Audio-Visual

Sam Briggs

Acolytes

Sydney & Reese Leach

Sanctuary Servers

Don & Sue Gilkeson

Kari Palmer & Karen Chamblee

Paul & Johna McFarland

Joey Capuano

Scott Ridder

Madelyn & Nolan Gilkeson

Laura & Tony Mancari

OUR CALENDAR

TODAY

Back-To-School Sunday & Backpack Blessing

9 AM Sunday School

10 AM Worship Service

1:30 PM Worship at White Birch Communities

7 PM Youth Zoom Check-in

MON

6 PM Choir Room Reserved

WED

10 AM Prayer Team

SAT

10:30 AM Kitchen Reserved

NEXT SUNDAY

9 AM Sunday School

10 AM Worship Service

7 PM Youth Zoom Check-in

Please send Robin announcements for the Bulletin/Slides/E-Blast by Wednesday to adminasst@bridgewaterumc.com.

Attendance and Stewardship for last Sunday

Attendance: 101 Sunday School: 26 Total Giving: \$9,731

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](http://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