



A Special Celebration of the Shenandoah River District  
**Installation of Rev. Dr. Kyungsuk Cho**  
**as District Superintendent**  
**Front Royal UMC, Today 2:30 PM**  
1 West Main Street, Front Royal, VA 22630

#### Honoring Local First Responders



#### Honoring Our First Responders

**Today we welcome and say a special thank you** to our Guest speakers, Rev. Melanie Franklin, Senior Special Agent with Virginia State Police, Retired, & Ben and Sarah Thompson, owners of Thin Line Wellness & Recovery in Verona. Today, we appreciate and offer our

support to our local First Responders, recognizing their sacrifices & dedication in their work. We remember the anniversary of September 11, 2021.



**Thank you from Katrina Davis** Thank you to everyone for the cards, prayers, phone calls and texts since my recent surgery. Your care and prayers mean so very much. Thank you.

#### Thank you from Mission Central Clothes Closet to the

**Youth:** Thank you for coming to watch the children while their mothers shopped for them. Everyone appreciated your kindness and support. You made a difference in their lives.

**Bible Presentation** "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18a Next Sun, Sept 14th and Sun, the 21st we will present Bibles to our rising third and fourth graders.



**United Women in Faith Sunday coming Sept 21st!** The worship service will be planned and led by women especially members of our United Women in Faith. We will have guest speaker on this Sunday.

#### District UWF Prayer Breakfast

**Sat, Sept 13 9:00 AM Fellowship Hall**

Come together for a time of prayer, fellowship, good food & entertainment. Program by Karen McElfish, UWF Conference President, & Laura Douglass, SRD Social Action Coordinator. Cost is \$18, collected the day of the event.

**Please RSVP to Sharon Harold by Sept 2.** Free will offering to benefit the Children's Clothes Closet. Everyone welcome!



#### It's time for \*September\* 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 September, we will be collecting **hygiene** supplies. We need:

Kid's socks      Toothbrushes      Toothbrush holders  
Combs      Bars of Soap      Soap boxes      Wash cloths

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



## Youth Group Announcements



#### Church Zoom Prayer For Teens & Youth

**\*New\* EVERY SUNDAY 6:45 PM** Church members, parents, & teens are invited to join us on Zoom for prayer

**Youth—Don't forget the Zoom check in @ 7:00–7:15 PM**

**Sat, Oct 4th 7 PM**

MercyMe, TobyMac, Matthew West & others  
Christian Concert at John Paul Jones Arena, Charlottesville  
Contact Courtney Leach ASAP if you are interested.



#### Holyween 2025 @ BUMC—Save the Date!

Sun, Oct 26th 5:00–7:00 PM

Get ready for a night of fun, faith, and fellowship at our Holyween Event! Come dressed in your favorite costume and enjoy an evening filled with music, worship, food, & exciting activities for all ages.

Blessings, Jomo

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#### Children's Church is back!

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, & Malachi Benjamin—BC Students. 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 with their family.

**Kids—we are praying for you  
as you go back to school!**

*There are plenty of Backpack Blessing tags left.  
They are in a basket near the front door!  
Take one & share one with a friend!*



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)

**September 7, 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

September 7, 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

“When They Ring the Golden Bells”

Arr. M. Zisi

Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn

TFWS 2049

“God is Here Today”

\*Opening Prayer

Mission Moment / Children’s Message

Ben & Sarah Thompson

Thin Line Wellness & Recovery, LLC

Anthem

“Make This Church a Welcome Place”

J. Raney/J. P. Williams

Scripture

John 15: 12-17

Sermon

“No Greater Love”

Rev. Melanie Franklin, Guest Speaker

Offertory

“The Abundant Life”

G. Parker

\*Doxology

UMH 95

Prayers of the People

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving & The Lord’s Prayer

Sharing the Bread & the Cup

A note of instruction: Everyone is welcome at God’s table. You are welcome to receive communion. You are also invited to light a candle(s) in memory of a first responder whose watch has ended or in honor of someone who is now serving or has served in the past. Hold that person(s) in prayer as you light the candle. You may also come forward to receive a prayer and blessing instead of receiving communion.

\*Closing Hymn

TFWS 2022

“Great is the Lord”

\*Benediction

Postlude

“Glory Hallelujah”

J. Ward/Arr. B. Dewagtere

In Our Prayers

Joys and Answered Prayers

Katrina Davis was at worship 8/31 after her hip replacement

Carolyn Van Dyck is feeling great after her heart procedure

Eleanor and Wren Snook were baptized Sunday 8/31!

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

We give thanks for God's grace & mercy

Prayers of Sympathy for the families of

Bob Gaines - Gloria Hildebrand's father

Lydia Large Williams - Sister of Rhonda Johnson's friend

Dwayne Martin

Current Prayer Concerns

Becky Crawford

Davy Curry

Michael Eaton

Buck McGraw

Janet O'Neal

Yo Skinner

Merle Souder

Ongoing Prayer Needs of our Congregation

Georgia Lee Byerly

Barbara Kiracofe

Katrina Davis

Chloe Leach

Grace Fishback

Dorothy Lion

Betty Foley

Shirley Creekbaum

Henry & Dorice

Ray Michael

Graham

Stephany Plecker

Casey Hartman

Mitzi Puffenbarger

Rodney Hildebrand

Joanne Simpkins

Deidra Hill

Bonnie & Tom Snook

Sandra Stroud

Vic Taylor

Nancy Thomas

Marcia & Gary Tyeryar

Donald & Ginger Usry

Doris Waters

-For those affected by the mass shootings in Minneapolis and around the country, especially those injured and killed

-Peace in our nation & withdrawal of troops from our streets

-For those affected by fires & 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 flourishing, learning & grades

-For better health, more strength, successful treatments

-For patience & strength to spread the gospel even when hard

-Help us to put God first in everything we do

Serving Us in Worship

TODAY, Sept 7 (1st Sun)

NEXT SUNDAY, Sept 14 (2nd Sun)

Greeters

B. J. Jenkins & Bettye Newman

Bonnie & Tom Snook

Ushers

Ed Craun & Marc Craun

Sara & Bill Walton

Reader

Christy Kipps

Judy & Jim Tongue

Audio-Visual

Tony Mancari

Sam Briggs

Acolytes

David Kipps

Taylor Family

Sanctuary Servers

Sue Rexrode

Sara & Bill Walton

OUR CALENDAR

TODAY

First Responder Sunday

9 AM Sunday School

10 AM Worship Service

6:45 PM Zoom Prayer for Youth

7 PM Youth Zoom Check-in

WED

10 AM Prayer Team

6 PM Handbell Practice (Mt Solon Commons)

7 PM Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

FRI

1 PM Set-up for District UWF Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

SAT

9 AM District UWF Prayer Breakfast (Kitchen & Fellowship Hall)

NEXT SUNDAY

9 AM Sunday School

10 AM Worship Service

5 PM Faith Bible Class Picnic (Wildwood Park)

6:45 PM Zoom Prayer for Youth

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: 91 Sunday School: 29 Total Giving: \$4,033

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

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