

**Bible Presentation Today & 9/21** We are pleased to present Bibles to the following 3rd & 4th graders. We pray that you “grow in the grace & knowledge of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 3:18a)

Nolan Gilkeson (3rd)  
Ella Kate Kane (3rd)  
William Kane (4th)  
Ethan Kipps (3rd)

Ansley Leach (3rd)  
Thomas Leeper (3rd)  
Lola Mongold (4th)



**United Women in Faith Sunday is next Sunday, Sept 21st!** The worship service will be led by members of our in Faith UWF. A guest speaker is planned.

**The Backpack Ministry** needs new volunteers for our team to help with weekly shopping & filling bags, providing food to local students in need. Training will be provided. To donate funds, make checks payable to *Bridgewater UWF* with ‘Backpack Ministry’ in the memo.



**\*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

**It’s Stewardship Time, Again!** Sept 28th marks an early start to Stewardship Month. A study of the book *Rich Church Poor Church* by J. Clif Christopher will be offered Sundays Sept 28 to Oct 19 11:15 AM to Noon. Learn about what it means to be a rich church. **Hint:** Money is not the answer. Please sign up in the hallway. Copies of the book will be provided.



**Save Oct 19th for Consecration & Laity Sunday!** Sunday, Oct 19th will be our Consecration Sunday & Laity Sunday. We will have a special worship service & covered dish lunch. Fried chicken & drinks provided, please bring a side, salad, or dessert.

**BUMC Financial Snapshot Month End**

Year to Date Month End	General & Designated Income	General and Designated Fund Expenses	Difference
8-31-25	\$280,652	\$239,721	\$40,932

Our positive momentum continues! We are currently studying proposals to replace a large portion of our roof. A designated Roof Fund has been set up to help fund this project. YTD we have collected \$13,896. Thank you for your continued support!



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

**Thank you from Mission Central Clothes Closet to 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.



**Youth Group Announcements**



**Youth Bible Study & Pizza Night**  
**BUMC, Sunday, September 28, 5:00 – 7:00 PM**  
All middle & high school youth - join us for a fun, relaxed, engaging Bible study—and enjoy plenty of pizza.  
Bring a friend, your appetite, and an open heart!



**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 5:30–7:30 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.

**Don’t forget Sunday Zoom Prayer @ 6:45, & check in @ 7:00**  
Blessings, Jomo  
(240) 328-5847 [dumbumyouth@gmail.com](mailto:dumbumyouth@gmail.com)



**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.

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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



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**September 14, 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 14, 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

“Prayer”  
A. Guilmant

Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn W&S 3104  
“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

\*Opening Prayer

Bible Presentation

Children’s Message

Anthem

“We are the Church”  
N. Price & D. Besig

Scripture Psalm 14  
Luke 15: 1-10

Sermon “Our Home is in the Lord”  
Rev. Mary Dadisman

Offertory “On the Wings of the Morning”  
A. Giamanco

\*Doxology “One God and Father of Us All” TFWS 2240

Affirmation of Faith UMH 883

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

\*Closing Hymn W&S 3093  
“Fill My Cup, Lord”

\*Benediction

Postlude “Allemanda”  
A. Corelli

In Our Prayers

Joys and Answered Prayers

Bridgewater College community fair went well  
Janet O'Neal (BJ Jenkin's cousin) is doing better  
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

Dwayne Martin - Father of Pastor Mary's close friend  
Becky Crawford - friend of Pastor Mary's family  
Wendy Hassler - childhood friend of Pastor Mary  
Charlie Kirk - activist and commentator

Current Prayer Concerns

Michael Eaton  
Joey Capuano’s student’s family

Ongoing Prayer Needs of our Congregation

Georgia Lee Byerly	Barbara Kiracofe	Bonnie & Tom Snook
Katrina Davis	Chloe Leach	Sandra Stroud
Grace Fishback	Dorothy Lion	Vic Taylor
Betty Foley	Shirley Creekbaum	Nancy Thomas
Henry & Dorice Graham	Ray Michael	Marcia & Gary Tyeryar
Casey Hartman	Stephany Plecker	Donald & Ginger Usry
Rodney Hildebrand	Mitzi Puffenbarger	Doris Waters
Deidra Hill	Joanne Simpkins	



-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 all our students - 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  
-Those who think that God has deserted them in the midst of today's world circumstances  
-Those in mourning, afraid, & for all fighting cancer

Serving Us in Worship

	TODAY, Sept 14 (2nd Sun)	NEXT SUNDAY, Sept 21 (3rd Sun)
Greeters	Bonnie & Tom Snook	Gloria & Rodney Hildebrand
Ushers	Sara & Bill Walton	Higgs Family
Reader	Judy & Jim Tongue	Gloria Hildebrand
Audio-Visual	Sam Briggs	Mark Kipps
Acolytes	Taylor Family	Madelyn & Nolan Gilkeson
Sanctuary Servers	Sara & Bill Walton	Laura & Tony Mancari
Bus Driver	Fontaine Canada	Chuck Rexrode

OUR CALENDAR

TODAY	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
MON	2 PM UWF Hope Circle Meeting (Library) 6:30 PM Joint Church Council/Finance Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 PM UWF Love Circle Mtg (New Beginnings) 7 PM UWF Faith Circle Meeting (Members’ Homes)
WED	10 AM Prayer Team 12 PM Soup & You (Fellowship Hall) 6 PM Handbell Practice (Mt Solon Commons) 7 PM Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
THU	6:30 PM UWF Board Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
NEXT SUNDAY	<b>United Women in Faith (UWF) Sunday</b> 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship Service 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: 109 Sunday School: 27 Total Giving: \$10,560

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

