

Bible Presentation Today 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 (5th)



TONIGHT
!!!!!!!
Join Us

COOKOUT & CONCERT

SUN, SEPT 21 5 PM FRONT LAWN
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

5 PM *Drum Circle by Mike Deaton*

6 PM *Concert - Nickel Plate Brass Quintet*

Hot Dog Cookout

Hot Dogs w/fixings & Chips,
Sodas, Water & Ice Cream!
Come have dinner on us and enjoy!

EVERYONE
WELCOME!
BRING A
LAWN CHAIR

Rain Location: Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary

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, & 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 on Sept 28, Oct5, and Oct 12 at 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!

Youth Group Announcements

Zoom Bible Study – Ecclesiastes
This Sunday evening (9/21), join us for a special **Zoom Bible Study on Ecclesiastes** from **7:00–7:30 PM**. All youth are welcome! *(Same Zoom code as usual.)*

Next In-Person Youth Meeting
Our next in-person youth meeting is **Sun, Sept 28 at 5 PM** at church. Dinner will be served, along with fun games, challenges, and our study of **Ecclesiastes**. RSVP confirming your attendance - Yes of No. *Note: We are looking for a 2nd adult co-leader to be present. Please let us know if you can assist.*

Concert Reminder—The youth group (and church) will be attending **TobyMac on Oct 4th**. If you haven't RSVP'd yet, please let us know!

Don't forget Sunday Zoom Prayer @ 6:45, & Youth Check in @ 7:00

Blessings, Jomo
(240) 328-5847 dumbumyouth@gmail.com

Kid's Event @ the Concert Tonight!
Hello Everyone! Tonight's concert is a great family event! We will be there to offer fun arts & craft activities for kids. (And there will be ice cream!) Can't wait to see you there!

Children's Church is worship & Christian education for kids during part of the worship service. It is led by our amazing leaders Gracen, Rea, & Malachi. 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.

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

We welcome prayer requests

Prayer Chain

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

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

540-828-0890 office@bridgewaterumc.com

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

Welcome to
Bridgewater
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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540-828-0890 www.bridgewaterumc.com

September 21, 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 21, 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

UWF Purpose

Prelude

Handbell Choir

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

S. Temple/Arr. J. Honore

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

UMH 400

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*Opening Prayer

Bible Presentation

Children's Message

Anthem

Handbell Choir

"Creation Will Be at Peace"

A. L. Page

Scripture

Isaiah 45:18

1 John 3:2-3

Introduction of Speaker

Sermon

"What is Our Hope"

Barbara Phillips-UWF

Presentation of UWF Mission Service Pin

Offertory

"Simple Gifts"

J. Brackett, Jr./Arr. C. Blevins

*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

UMH 381

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*Benediction

Postlude

"The Awakening"

E. Broughton

In Our Prayers

Joys and Answered Prayers

The legacy & service of our United Women in Faith

Children receiving Bibles

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

Charlie Kirk - activist and commentator

Current Prayer Concerns

Rick Ours

Ann Teter

Sharon Coakley

Joey Capuano's student's family

Georgia Lee Byerly

Katrina Davis

Grace Fishback

Betty Foley

Henry & Dorice

Graham

Casey Hartman

Rodney Hildebrand

Deidra Hill

Barbara Kiracofe

Chloe Leach

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 & Ginger

Usry

Doris Waters



Ongoing Prayer Needs of our Congregation

-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 21 (3rd Sun)

NEXT SUNDAY, Sept 28 (4th Sun)

Greeters

Gloria Hildebrand

Ushers

Karen Early-Williams & Kathi Hemmis

Reader

Gloria Hildebrand

Audio-Visual

Mark Kipps

Acolytes

Madelyn & Nolan Gilkeson

Sanctuary Servers

Laura & Tony Mancari

Bus Driver

Chuck Rexrode

Leach Family

Dick & Janice Harper

Karen Chamblee

Scott Ridder

Sydney & Reese Leach

Don & Sue Gilkeson

Dick Harper

OUR CALENDAR



TODAY

United Women in Faith (UWF) Sunday

9 AM Sunday School

10 AM Worship Service

5 PM Cookout & Concert (Front Lawn)

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)

SAT

8:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

NEXT

SUNDAY

9 AM Sunday School

10 AM Worship Service

1:30 PM Worship at White Birch Communities

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: 82 Sunday School: 25 Total Giving: \$4,338

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

