



Welcome New Members!

Today, we have the great joy of welcoming **Kathryn Evans** and **Linda Ridder** as members of BUMC! Kathryn Evans comes to us from Tenth Legion Bethlehem Church by profession of faith. Linda Ridder is transferring her membership from Otterbein UMC in Harrisonburg. Welcome them both in Christian love!

Seeking a Music Director/Sanctuary Choir Director

Joan Kenney is retiring as our Music Director & Sanctuary Choir Director effective Dec 31, 2025. If you know anyone who may be interested, please contact SPRC Chairs Courtney Leach, Amanda Taylor or the Church office.

Advent Devotion Booklets Available

Pick up "Embrace Joy" from the Society of St. Andrew & a coin box for giving this season. Or, especially for families with children, we have a "Kids' Advent Calendar of Devotions." Let's grow in faith this Advent!



Advent Bible Study Begins ***this* Tues Dec 2 at 10 AM**

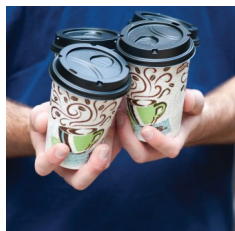
Our study is *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* by Andy Langford and Ann Langford Duncan. Sign up today in the breezeway & pick up a book if you are interested. Led by Pastor Mary.

Here's the summary: "The Christian year is fundamentally a roadmap for pilgrims, as biblical witnesses lead spiritually hungry people on a journey to receive the full riches of God's grace. During Advent, we take the first steps.

In *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*, Andy Langford & Ann Langford Duncan invite you on an Advent-to-Christmas pilgrimage to draw closer to Jesus & invite others to join you on this journey. Traditional Scripture readings and acts of worship reveal anew the treasures of God's grace for all people. Let this book guide you to open your heart to the priceless gifts of the good news. Start your pilgrimage today and experience the full riches of God's love."

NEW Sunday School Class in 2026! "Joyful Journeys"

Join us on Sunday mornings beginning Jan 4th at 9:10 AM in the New Beginnings Classroom for an open, welcoming, all-ages NEW discussion group that explores how Scripture connects to real-world issues, everyday challenges, & modern life. Bring your questions, your experiences, & your coffee—this is a Sunday school class built on honest conversation, community, & practical faith. We hope to see you there!



Kingsway Apple Tree

Thank you to everyone who brought gifts and participated in this important ministry!



UWF Christmas Lunch at Camp Overlook Tuesday, Dec 2nd 12 PM (leave church 11:15 AM)

BUMC women will be attending on Tues Dec 2 in the Blessings Lodge. Cost is \$18 per person. Sign up in the breezeway, or inform Robin in the office. For further info. call Sharon Harold at 540-879-2270 or 540-246-4940



Youth Group Announcements



TODAY! Youth Christmas Outreach Shopping for a Family

Meet for brunch at 11:30 AM
at Clementine's Café, Downtown Harrisonburg

(Carpool available after the 10 AM Service)

Parents welcome

Shopping & Delivery Prep

Parent pick up at Dayton Walmart at 2 PM

Please see the E-Blast for complete information

Don't forget! Every Sunday

Zoom Prayer @ 6:45 PM, & Youth Check in @ 7 PM

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



Children's Christmas Play NEXT SUNDAY!

Dec 7th 10 AM in Worship

Let Gracen know that your child can be in the play! (Speaking & non-speaking parts available.) We are practicing during Children's Church each Sunday. This is a special time for our kids & our church. We'd love to have YOU!

Our Church Bus in the Christmas Parade!

Dec 6th 4:30 PM

Let us know if you & your family can ride our church bus in the Christmas Parade! Parade day is THIS Sat, Dec 6th 4:30 PM. Sign up in the breezeway or see Susan Gilkeson.

Contact Gracen through the BUMC Kids Group Me, gracenkelley123@gmail.com or phone (call, text) 804-867-6143

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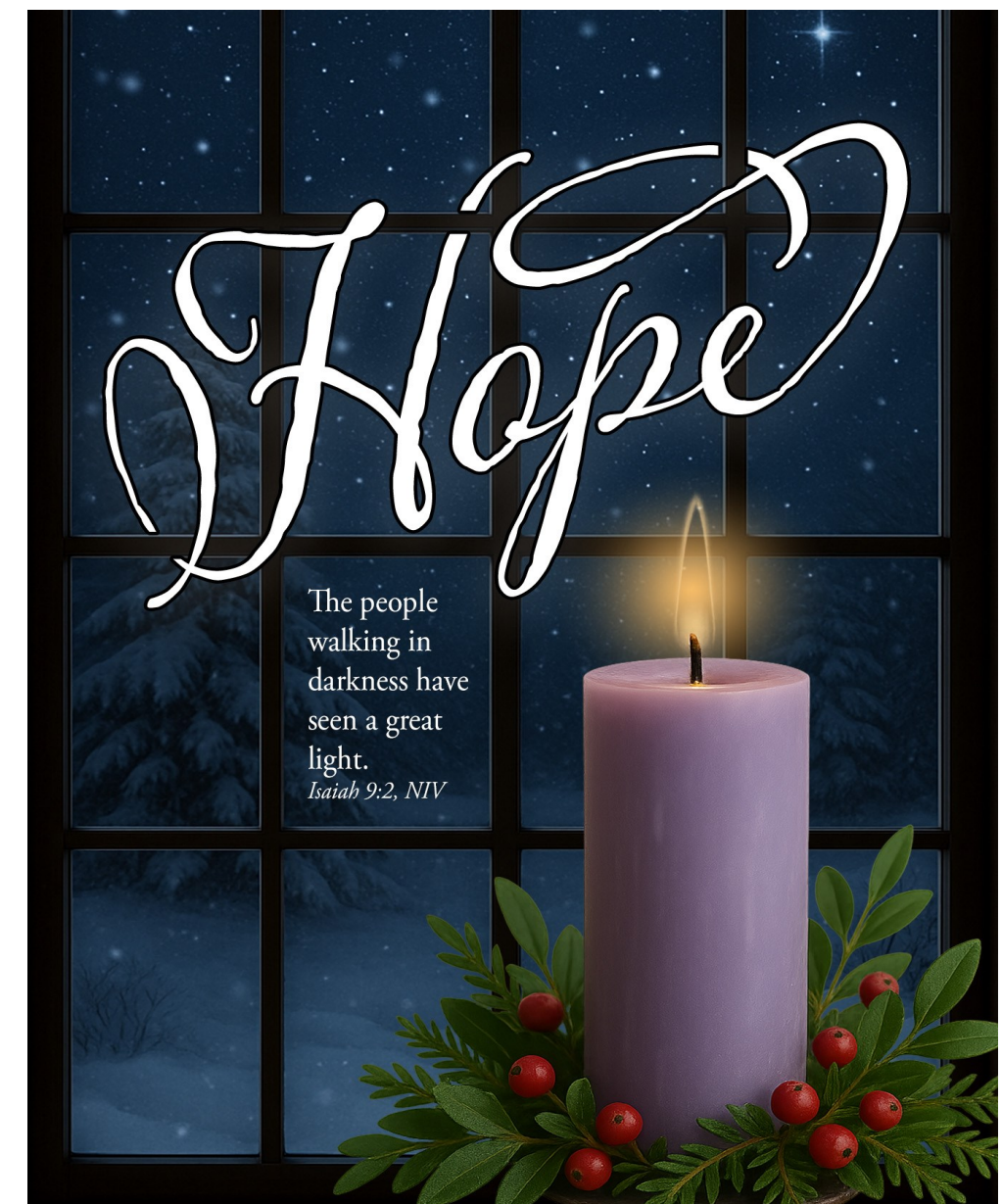
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 AM - 3 PM (Closed Friday)

Welcome to Bridgewater UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



219 N. Main Street Bridgewater, VA 22812
540-828-0890 www.bridgewaterumc.com

November 30, 2025



The people
walking in
darkness have
seen a great
light.
Isaiah 9:2, NIV

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

November 30, 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 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Arr. D. Coates

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn** UMH 207
"Prepare the Way of the Lord"

*Opening Prayer

Lighting the Advent Candle—Hope

Children's Message

Anthem "Here's One"
T. Fettke

Scripture Isaiah 2:1-5
Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon "Signs & Times"
Rev. Mary Dadisman

Offertory "Emmanuel"
S. Angrisano

***Doxology** UMH 87, v. 1

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Reception of New Members

***Closing Hymn** UMH 206
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

*Benediction

Postlude "People Look East"
D. Wood



In Our Prayers

Joys and Answered Prayers

Prayer of thanks for the fellowship at 4th Sunday Coffee
Thanks be to God for Stephanie Plecker's full recovery
Thank you God for the love of Jesus, for our church, our families
and our friends
We give thanks for God's grace and mercy

Prayers of Sympathy for the Family of

David Curry—Davy Curry's father

Current Prayer Concerns

Shay Suter - 2 1/2 year old grandson of Mike & Dana Suter
Davy Curry - friend of BUMC
Frank Mason - friend of Dan Plecker
Matthew Walton - back surgery 12/8, son of Sara and Bill Walton
Judy & Don Capuano - Joey Capuano's grandparents

Ongoing Prayer Needs of our Congregation

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

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for...

—Bridgewater UMC - for growth in spirit, faith, & love
—Federal employees, contractors, & others whose livelihood is
affected by the federal government shutdown
—People affected by hurricanes, fires, floods & natural disasters,
& the responders.
—Those affected by the mass shootings in the U.S., especially
those injured & killed, and their families
—For the safety of all involved in the protests, immigration raids,
& National Guard deployments around the country.
—Peace in our cities & nation
—For the United States, the decisions of the administration,
congress & the courts; may God bless & guide America
—A just peace in Ukraine & Middle East, and for food, medicine,
and shelter for the people of Gaza.
—Let there to be peace on earth; let it begin with us
—All members of our armed forces, National Guard, veterans, &
first responders
—Our children, grandchildren, families & friends
—All students - for their flourishing, learning, & grades
—Better health, more strength, & successful medical treatments
—Patience & strength to spread the gospel even when it's hard
—Help us to put you first in everything we do
—Those who think you have deserted them amid today's world
circumstances

Serving Us in Worship

	TODAY, Nov. 30 (5th Sun)	NEXT SUNDAY, Dec. 7 (1st Sun)
Greeters	Ruth Peters & Karen Chamblee	Gloria Roller & Kathi Hemmis
Ushers	Paul & Johna McFarland	Mark Kipps & Claude Martell
Reader	Joey Capuano	Joan Kenney
Audio-Visual	Scott Ridder	Tony Mancari
Acolytes	Madelyn & Nolan Gilkeson	David Kipps
Sanctuary Servers	Sue Rexrode	Laura & Tony Mancari
Bus Driver	Dwight Campbell	Fontaine Canada

OUR CALENDAR

TODAY	First Sunday in Advent 9 AM 'Hanging of the Greens' Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) 10 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Youth Event—Christmas Outreach 6:45 PM Prayer for Youth/7 PM Youth Check-in
MON	6:30 PM Bridgewater Ruritans (Fellowship Hall)
TUE	10 AM Advent Bible Study begins (Library) 11:15 AM UWF to Camp Overlook 6:30 PM Valley Radio Control Flying Club (New Beginnings Classroom)
WED	10 AM Prayer Team 12 PM Lunch & Conversation (BRC Shenandoah Rm) 6 PM Handbell Practice (Mt. Solon Commons) 7 PM Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
NEXT SUNDAY	Second Sunday in Advent 9 AM Sunday School for all ages 10 AM Worship Service 6:45 PM Prayer for Youth/ 7 PM Youth 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: 118 Sunday School: 29 Total Giving: \$6,472

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

