



Welcome New Members!

Today, we have the great joy of welcoming **Ed & Lisa Springer** as members of BUMC! Ed & Lisa are transferring their membership from St. Andrew UMC in Marietta, Georgia. Welcome them both in Christian love!

Christmas Cookie Reception & Retirement Celebration

Sunday, Dec 14 - After 10:00 AM Worship

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following the 10 AM worship service for a Cookie Reception! We'll have a variety of sweet treats to enjoy as we gather in fellowship to celebrate Joan Kenney's many years of faithful service and retirement.



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 Continues *this* Tues Dec 9 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! Led by Pastor Mary.

Hats, Gloves and Mittens for the Children's Clothes Closet

The Circle of Hope is collecting hats, gloves and mittens for the children at the Clothes Closet at Mission Central over the next several weeks. If you would like to join our effort that would be wonderful. They need all sizes from toddler to teen. Donations can be placed in the pink tub in the main hallway as you enter the church. As always, any children's clothing is greatly appreciated (gently used) especially coats and pajamas this time of year. They can be placed in the red hamper in the stairway leading to the Sunday School wing. Thank you for your continued support of this important outreach ministry. ??'s please see Carolyn VanDyck



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.

Kingsway Apple Tree

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



Youth Group Announcements



On November 30th, youth members enjoyed a day of fellowship & outreach. We enjoyed brunch at a local restaurant, & then proceeded to shop for a local family that included three teenagers. We also purchased a Bible where all attendees included a special note to the family for Christmas.

**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 Today in Worship "One Bright Night in Bethlehem"

Thank you so much for working together to tell the Christmas story for us in worship today! You did an AMAZING job! Thank you for bringing the Christmas story to life for all of us, adding your special talents, energy, and joy! Jesus loves you and so do we!



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

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



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December 7, 2025



"Glory to God
in the highest
heaven, and on
earth peace to
those on whom
his favor rests."
Luke 2:14, 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

December 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 "The Winter's Night"
N. Myers

Call to Worship Isaiah 11: 1-10

Reception of New Members

Lighting the Advent Candle—Peace

*Opening Hymn UMH 204
"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

*Opening Prayer

Offertory "And the Prophets Spoke"
M. Brymer & S. Calloway

*Doxology UMH 87, v. 1

Sermon "One Bright Night in Bethlehem"
Children's Program

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & the Cup

Communion Hymns

"Prepare the Way of the Lord" UMH 207
"People, Look East" UMH 202
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH 196

*Benediction

Postlude "The Angel Gabriel"
R. M. Thompson

Peace

In Our Prayers

Joys and Answered Prayers

Kim Miller had successful shoulder surgery 12/1
Welcome to new members Kathryn Evans & Linda Ridder
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

Dave Curry, father of Davy Curry
Sarah Beckstrom, WV National Guard member killed in D.C.

Current Prayer Concerns

Matthew Walton - back surgery 12/8, son of Sara & Bill Walton
Judy Capuano & husband Don - Joey Capuano's grandparents
Andrew Wolfe - WV National Guard member shot in D.C.
Casey Hartman - back surgery went well 12/2
Debbie Harris - back surgery 12/4
Kim Miller - recovering from shoulder surgery
Doris Waters - in the hospital

Ongoing Prayer Needs of our Congregation

Georgia Lee Byerly Judy Hulvey Bonnie & Tom
Betty Coakley Barbara Kiracofe Snook
Grace Fishback Dorothy Lion Sandra Stroud
Betty Foley Shirley Creekbaum Vic Taylor
Henry & Dorice Ray Michael Nancy Thomas
Graham Mitzi Puffenbarger Marcia & Gary
Rodney Hildebrand Joanne Simpkins Tyeryar
Deidra Hill Donald & Ginger Usry

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

—Bridgewater UMC - for growth in spirit, faith, & love
—People affected by 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
—People & families dealing with depression, anxiety, mental
illness & addiction.

Serving Us in Worship

Table with 3 columns: Role, TODAY, Dec. 7 (1st Sun), and NEXT SUNDAY, Dec. 14 (2nd Sun). Rows include Greeters, Ushers, Reader, Audio-Visual, Acolytes, Sanctuary Servers, and Bus Driver.

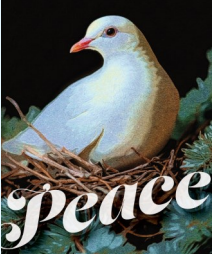
OUR CALENDAR

TODAY Second Sunday in Advent—PEACE
9 AM Sunday School for all ages
10 AM Worship Service led by the Children
"One Bright Night in Bethlehem"
Children's Program
6:45 PM Prayer for Youth/7 PM Youth Check-in

TUE 10 AM Advent Bible Study (Library)
12.PM UWF Love Circle Christmas Party
(New Beginnings)

WED 10 AM Prayer Team
6 PM Handbell Practice
(Mt. Solon Commons)
7 PM Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

NEXT SUNDAY Third Sunday in Advent—JOY
9 AM Sunday School for all ages
10 AM Worship Service
The 2025 Cantata Choir presents
"All Is Well"
11:15 Cookie Reception (Fellowship Hall)
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: 110 Sunday School: 17 Total Giving: \$4,764

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

