

**Today after Worship!  
Reception & Retirement Celebration**

Please join us today in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a reception and celebration of Joan Kenney's many years of service to our church! Everyone is invited!



**Luminaria Help needed TODAY!**

Your kind help is requested to help put the luminaries on the walkways after the cookie reception today. It takes about 15 minutes! All the supplies are in the choir room.



**New Pictorial Directory  
by The Portrait Café**

Sign up now to schedule your photo shoot for our \*new\* pictorial directory. Times are available February 22 & 23, 2026! Registration pages are located in the breezeway. Many thanks!

**Prayer Ornaments**

The baskets of ornaments & markers in the breezeway near the three Christmas trees are Prayer Ornaments. Please take an ornament & write a short prayer, or the name of a loved one in memory or honor. Say a prayer & hang your ornament on the trees. Let's share our prayers for the world and each other this Advent & Christmas season. ~ The Worship Committee



**Welcome New Members!**



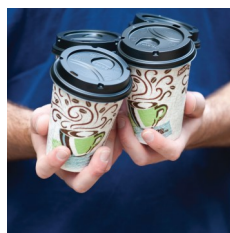
We have the good news of great joy welcoming new members! **Kathryn Evans & Linda Ridder** were received on Nov 30th. **Ed & Lisa Springer** joined us last Sunday, Dec 7th.



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

The Circle of Hope is collecting hats, gloves & mittens for children for the Clothes Closet at Mission Central! All sizes needed, toddler to teen. Place donations in the pink tub in the main hallway under the quilts. Also, gently used children's clothing is appreciated especially coats & pajamas this time of year. Thank you for your support of this important ministry. ??'s, 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. We hope to see you there!



**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](mailto:dumbumyouth@gmail.com)



**THANK YOU!!  
We were so blessed last Sunday by  
"One Bright Night in Bethlehem"**

Thank you so much for working together to tell the Christmas story for us in worship Last Sun! 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](mailto: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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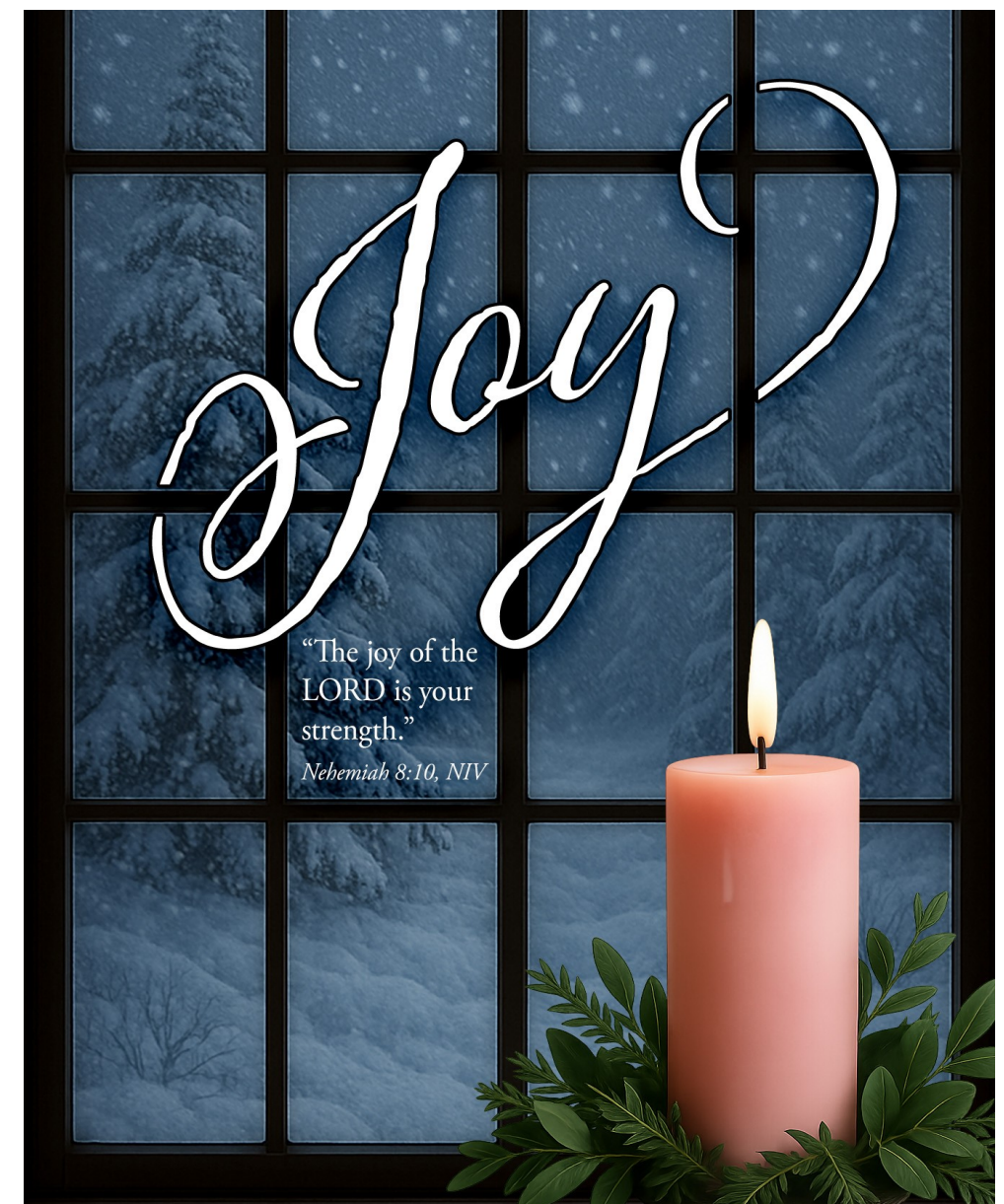
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 AM - 3 PM (Closed Friday)

Welcome to  
**Bridgewater**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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**December 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

December 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 "Once in Royal David's City"
Arr. R. Walters/Wyatt Smith, Trumpet

Scripture Reading Psalm 146: 5-10

Lighting the Advent Candle—Joy

\*Opening Hymn UMH 196
"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory "Mary's Boy Child"
Arr. C. Gerlitz/Joey Capuano, Piano

\*Doxology UMH 87, v. 1

The 2025 Cantata Choir presents

"All is Well"

By Michael Barrett & David Angerman

Vic Taylor, Watchman
Joan Kenney, Director Drew Davis, Accompanist
Joey Capuano, Guitar Tony Mancari, Percussion

"Prepare Ye the Way (with Shout to the North)"

"O Savior of Our Fallen Race"
Laura Mancari, Soloist
Brandon Gray, Oboe

"Promises of Isaiah"
Brandon Gray, Flute

"Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)"
Sydney Leach, Soloist

"Here I Am To Worship (with O Come, All Ye Faithful)"
Brandon Gray, Flute

"One King"
Karen Chamblee, Violin

"Light of the Stable"

"All is Well"

\*Benediction

Postlude "The Angel Gabriel"
R. M. Thompson



In Our Prayers

Joys and Answered Prayers

Welcome to new members Ed & Lisa Springer, Kathryn Evans, and 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

Current Prayer Concerns

Matthew Walton - back surgery 12/8, son of Sara and Bill Walton
Debbie Harris - back surgery 12/4
Doris Waters - at BRC Tranquility House

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 Kim Miller Marcia & Gary
Casey Hartman Mitzi Puffenbarger Tyeryar
Rodney Hildebrand Joanne Simpkins Donald & Ginger
Deidra Hill 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.
—Less death in our family; peace & grace in facing grief & loss
—For those who are mourning or afraid and for all those fighting cancer

Serving Us in Worship

	TODAY, Dec. 14 (2nd Sun)	NEXT SUNDAY, Dec. 21 (3rd Sun)
Greeters	Paul & Johna McFarland	Jim & Judy Tongue
Ushers	Taylor Family	Don & Jason Gilkeson
Reader	Ed Craun	Shadrach Baako-Amponsah
Audio-Visual	Marc Craun	Mark Kipps
Acolytes	Taylor Family	Madelyn & Nolan Gilkeson
Sanctuary Servers	Chuck & Sue Rexrode	Kathi Hemmis
Bus Driver	Dick Harper	Chuck Rexrode

OUR CALENDAR

TODAY	Third Sunday in Advent—JOY 9 AM Sunday School for all ages 10 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Reception & Retirement Celebration (Fellowship Hall) 6:45 PM Prayer for Youth/7 PM Youth Check-in
MON	2 PM UWF Hope Circle (BRC Smith Room) 3 PM Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Reserved 4:30 PM Christmas Reception for Central Virginia Habitat for Humanity
TUE	10 AM Advent Bible Study (Library)
WED	10 AM Prayer Team 6 PM Handbell Practice (Mt. Solon Commons) (No Choir Practice)
THU	6:30 PM UWF Faith Circle Christmas Gathering (Francesco's Restaurant)
NEXT SUNDAY	Fourth Sunday in Advent—LOVE 9 AM Sunday School for all ages 10 AM Christmas Celebration Worship 4:00 PM Return to the Light Worship 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: 108 Sunday School: 30 Total Giving: \$6,522

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

