



Dear Church Family,
Thank you for honoring me with a beautiful reception & lots of delicious treats. I felt spoiled by your kind words, cards, & gifts. I love my church family, choir, & all the dear little ones. We truly have a special space to come together, worship God, help each other & our neighbors. I hold you in my heart & prayers during this Christmas season of love & joy. With my love & gratitude, Joan Kenney

Return to the Light Worship Service TODAY at 4 PM

This afternoon at 4 PM we will offer a quieter worship service especially for those seeking support & grace in the midst of this busy season. You are welcome to join us and invite a friend.



GET READY FOR OUR CHURCH

★PICTORIAL DIRECTORY★

SIGN UP TODAY!

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!



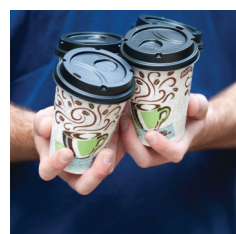
We have the good news of great joy welcoming new members! **Kathryn Evans & Linda Ridder** were received on Nov 30th. **Ed & Lisa Springer** joined us Sunday, Dec 7th.



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



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

Thank you so much for working together to tell the Christmas story for us in worship! 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

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 21, 2025



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16, 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 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

Prelude "O Sanctissima"
Arr. J. Turner

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn UMH 237
"Sing We Now of Christmas"

Opening Prayer

Lighting the Advent Candle—Love

Children’s Message

Anthem "How Silently, How Silently"
Arr. D. Edwards

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon "Signs and Faithfulness"

Offertory "The Holly and the Ivy"
G. Winston

*Doxology UMH 87, v. 1

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

*Closing Hymn UMH 246
"Joy to the World"

*Benediction

Postlude "Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella"
K. Chapman



In Our Prayers

Joys and Answered Prayers

For the choir's Christmas Cantata
Joan Kenney's ministry as our choir director
For Debbie Harris' continuing recovery & for our prayers
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 families of

Those killed and wounded in the shootings at Brown University and Bondi Beach, Australia
Letitia Lam - The funeral service is 2 PM today at Kyger.
Jenny Rieman –Bob & Cheryl Reiman’s sister-in-law

Current Prayer Concerns

Matthew Walton - son of Sara & Bill Walton
Debbie Harris - Jim Harris's wife
Doris Waters
Bonnie & Tom Snook
Judy Capuano - Joey Capuano's grandmother
Dick Boyd
Nancy Shugart - Karen Chamblee's cousin

Ongoing Prayer Needs of our Congregation

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

Serving Us in Worship

Table with 3 columns: Role, TODAY, Dec. 21 (3rd Sun), and NEXT SUNDAY, Dec. 28 (4th Sun). Roles include Greeters, Ushers, Reader, Audio-Visual, Acolytes, Sanctuary Servers, and Bus Driver.

OUR CALENDAR

TODAY Fourth Sunday in Advent—LOVE
9 AM Sunday School for all ages
10 AM Worship - Christmas Celebration!
4 PM Return to the Light Worship (Sanctuary)
6:45 PM Prayer for Youth/7 PM Youth Check-in

TUE 10 AM Advent Bible Study (Library)

WED Christmas Eve Communion Services
(Christmas Music begins 10 min before each service)
4 PM Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service
11 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

THU Merry Christmas!
Christ the Savior is born!
May you, your family, & friends have a blessed Christmas!

NEXT SUNDAY First Sunday OF Christmas
9 AM Sunday School for all ages
10 AM Worship Service
1:30 PM Worship with White Birch
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: 127 Sunday School: 23 Total Giving: \$11,053

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

