

Help us welcome our new Staff Members



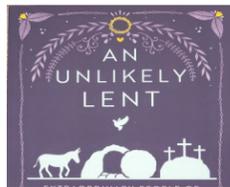
Welcome to Wyatt Smith, our new Director of Music, and James Kiser, our new Choir Director! Come meet & greet with them today during our Forth Sunday Coffee in the Fellowship Hall or catch them after today's service. We are looking forward to all they bring to our worship and church life!

New Pictorial Directory by The Portrait Café

Don't forget that photographers will be here for our *new* pictorial directory **Today and Tomorrow**

These Words of Mine

Jim Tongue will be leading a study focused on the teachings of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew. The first meeting will be **Today**, February 22, at 11:15AM in the Fellowship Bible Classroom. Sign up in the breezeway.



Our Lent Bible Study will be **An Unlikely Lent: Extraordinary People of the Easter Story** by Rachel Billups. We will meet on Tuesdays at 10 AM in the Library starting this **Tuesday** Feb 24th. This will give you a new perspective on Lent. Sign up today in the breezeway.

Greetings from our New Choir Director

Beginning on Feb 25, the Choir will begin working on music for the Easter season. We invite anyone interested in participating in an **"Easter Choir"** to join us! Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7pm. Please reach out to James Kiser at ChoirDirector@BridgewaterUMC.com for more information. We welcome anyone looking to share their love of music and faith. Thank you. —James Kiser



Notes of **THANKS**

From Tony & Laura Mancari: Thank you for sweet acts of Christian love and kindness, many contacts and assistance provided during my recovery from my heart attack & stenting. I continue to recover in cardiac rehab and am getting stronger.

Thank you from Shadrach Baako-Amponsah: I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude for the generous support that helped cover my tuition and your support of my education. My account balance is now fully resolved. This has lifted my financial burden and allows me to focus on my schooling.

Thank you - The Breakfast Social raised \$1,206.00 to support our international students struggling with financial hardship. Your generosity and kindness is greatly appreciated.

BUMC Financial Snapshot Month End

Year to Date Month End	General & Designated Income	General and Designated Fund Expenses	Difference
1-31-26	\$13,444	\$26,839	(\$13,394)

As you can see January was a challenging month for us ending with a deficit. On a positive note, we have collected \$67,265 towards the Roof Repair project. Thank you for your continued support!



Youth Group Announcements



Upcoming Meetings: Feb 28 & March 15

Please mark your calendars for our next two gatherings:

Saturday, Feb 28: Movie & Discussion (Regal Harrisonburg)
11:45 PM: Meet at the Buffalo Wild Wings for lunch and opening discussion. Go to theater at 12:15.
12:40 PM: *GOAT* (The Steph Curry film)
2:30 PM: Pickup.

Sunday, March 15: Lunch & Fun Activity
After Church: Lunch at Greedy's Grill.
12:00 PM - 1:15 PM: Fun Activity (TBD)

SUMMER MISSION TRIP.

I know that summer is super busy, so I want to share 3 options for shorter trips. 1. Harvest of Hope - 4 day (July 12-15th) 2. Teens Opposing Poverty - Woodbridge, VA - 1 day with 1 day DC hangout layover. (So 2 days total) 3. If any one knows of any other opportunities or ideas, please let me know.

Don't forget! Every Sunday
Zoom Prayer @ 6:45 PM, & Youth Check in @ 7 PM
 Blessings, Jomo (240) 328-5847 dumbumyouth@gmail.com



Join us for Children's Church every Sunday! Children's Church is worship & activities 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 at 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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- Director of Music Wyatt Smith MusicDirector@BridgewaterUMC.com
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- Organist Drew Davis davisas248@gmail.com
- Children's Church & Nursery Gracen Kelley, Reanna Ahnen, Malachi Benjamin

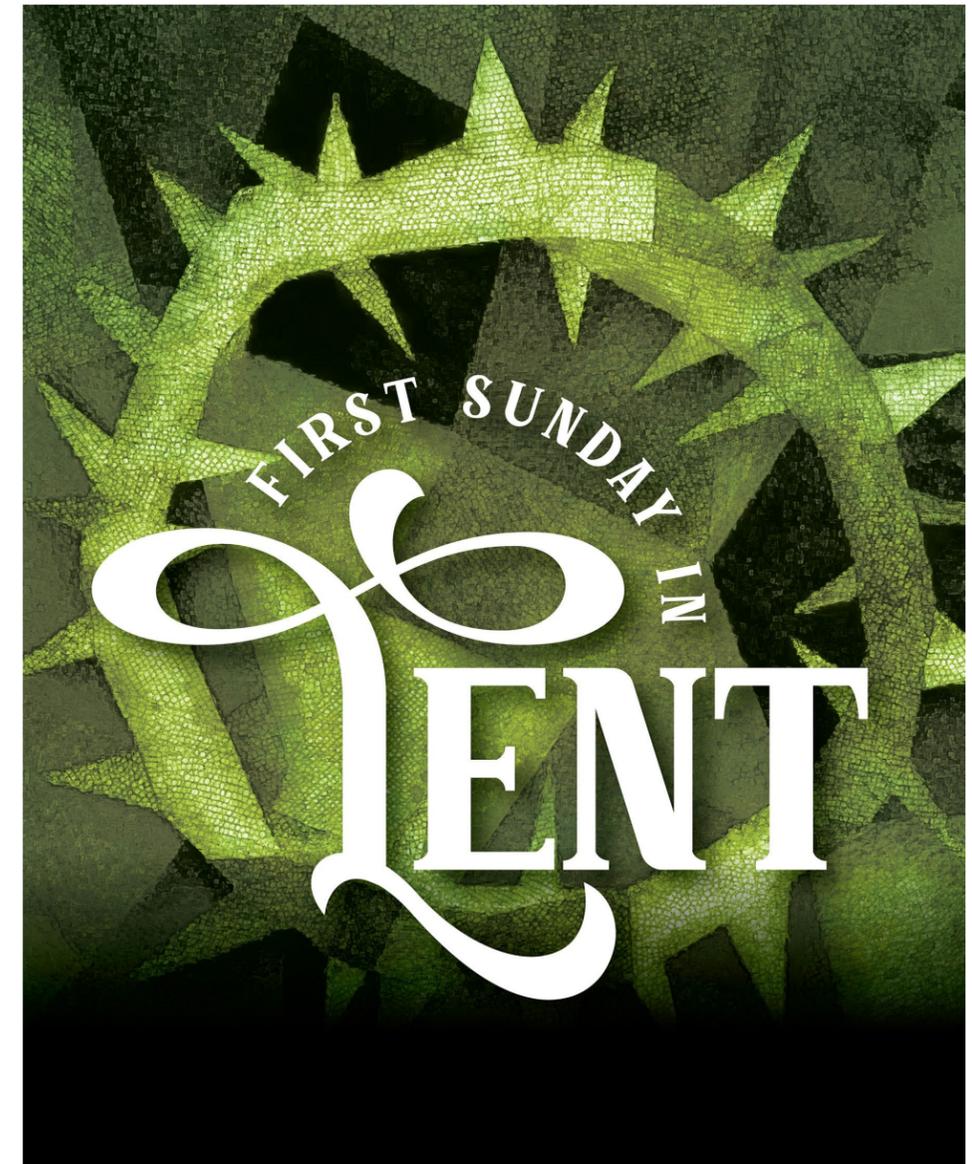
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 AM - 3 PM (Closed Friday)

Welcome to **Bridgewater**
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

February 22, 2026



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

February 22, 2026

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

TFWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

W&S = Worship & Song (Green)

* = Please stand in body or spirit

Ringing the Bell

Announcements

Prelude "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"
R. J. Powell

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn** "Have Thine Own Way Lord" UMH 382

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Anthem "Come, Let Us Worship God"
Arr. K. Houts

*The congregation is invited to join the choir, in echo,
at the direction of the choir director.*

*Come, let us worship God!
Come, let us worship God!
Welcome everyone
To the love of God!
To the love of God!*

Scripture Reading Matthew 4: 1-11

Sermon "Into the Wilderness"
Rev. Mary Dadisman

Offertory "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"
D. Cherwien

***Doxology** "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" UMH 405

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn** "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" W&S 3104

*Benediction

Postlude "Thy Strong Word"
K. Uppercue

In Our Prayers

Joys and Answered Prayers

Souper Bowl collection for Bridgewater Interfaith Food Pantry was over \$600

BUMC raised over \$1200 for our international students
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

Polly Hiess
Tony Hill

Current Prayer Concerns

Greg Hansborough
Rodney Hildebrand
Bobby Tumer



Ongoing Prayer Needs of our Congregation

Dick Boyd	Barbara Kiracofe	Edward Stoops
Betty Coakley	Chloe Leach	Sandra Stroud
Grace Fishback	Dorothy Lion	Vic Taylor
Betty Foley	Tony Mancari	Nancy Thomas
Henry & Dorice Graham	Shirley Creekbaum	Marcia & Gary Tyeryar
Janice Harper	Ray Michael	Donald & Ginger Usry
Casey Hartman	Kim Miller	Doris Waters
Deidra Hill	Mitzi Puffenbarger	
Judy Hulvey	Joanne Simpkins	
	Bonnie & Tom Snook	

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

—Peace in my life, my family, with our neighbors and the world
—For our nation to step back from greed, injustice, fear, and hatred
—For our government leaders to act with love
—For wisdom for all our leaders, especially our president
—For protection for our elected officials, to protect President Trump and his family
—For your will, not our will, to be done
—For those who cannot read
—For those who are struggling with financial problems
—Help us to be servants to each other, our neighbors, & world
—Help us to become better people and Christians and to have more faith
—That our families will become closer to God and for clarity in seeing God's will
—For Bridgewater and other college students - for discipline and for those taking exams
—For safe travels for our families
—For strength, health, & healing for our families, for those who are sick
—For victims of abuse of all kinds
—For comfort for those dealing with illness and loss and those awaiting surgery
—That this day be good and tomorrow better

Serving Us in Worship

	TODAY, Feb. 22 (4th Sun)	NEXT SUNDAY, Mar. 1 (1st Sun)
Greeters	Chuck & Sue Rexrode	B.J. Jenkins & Bettye Newman
Ushers	Kathi Hemmis & Johna McFarland	Ed Craun & Marc Craun
Reader	Dan Plecker	Christy/Mark Kipps
Audio-Visual	Sam Briggs	Tony Mancari
Acolytes	Sydney & Reese Leach	David Kipps
Sanctuary Servers	Don & Sue Gilkeson	Don Gilkeson & Sue Rexrode
Bus Driver	Fontaine Canada	Dwight Campbell

OUR CALENDAR

TODAY 9 AM Sunday School for all ages
9:30 AM 4th Sunday Coffee (Fellowship Hall)
9:30 AM Children's Choir (Choir Room)
10 AM Worship Service
11:15 AM 'These Words of Mine' Bible Study (Fellowship Bible Classroom)
12:30 PM Pictorial Café begins (Fellowship Hall)
1:30 PM Worship at White Birch
6:45 PM Prayer for Youth/ 7 PM Youth Check-in

MON Pictorial Café for Pictorial Directory

TUE 10 AM Lent Bible Study (Library)
6:30 PM Reach & Relate Team Meeting (Library)

WED 10 AM Prayer Team (Library)
6 PM Handbells / 7 PM Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY 9 AM Sunday School for all ages
9:30 AM Children's Choir (Choir Room)
10 AM Worship Service
Guest Speaker Rev. Kathleen Overby-Webster
11:15 AM 'These Words of Mine Bible' Study (Fellowship Bible Classroom)
6:45 PM Prayer for Youth/ 7 PM Youth Check-in

Note: Pastor Mary will be on vacation Mon, Feb 23 to Thur, Mar 5. If you have a pastoral care need, contact Karen Chamblee, our Lay Leader. She can direct you to the pastor on call. The office will be open. Robin will be in Mon-Thurs 10AM to 3PM.

Please send Robin announcements for the Bulletin/Slides/E-Blast by Wednesday to adminasst@bridgewaterumc.com.

Attendance and Stewardship for last Sunday

Attendance: 89 Sunday School: 35 Total Giving: \$20,203

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

