

Sun, July 12 A Welcome Coffee with the Pastor sponsored by the SPRC will be held from 8:40-9:40 AM. Please stop in to say hello and pick up a treat. Name Tags are appreciated.



From Dorice Graham and Family

Thanks to all for your prayers and concerns for Henry and the contributions made in his memory. God bless each of you.



Lunch & Conversation is this Wednesday at Bridgewater Retirement Community. Come and Spend some time with our BRC members!

BRIDGEWATER UMC MISSION TRIP
Philadelphia, PA | July 20 – 25th
We're heading to Philadelphia to serve alongside St. Luke's Episcopal Church and their community, supporting their annual Child Spelling Bee and youth programs. This is a chance to build meaningful connections, serve a real need, and grow in faith alongside families from our church community. Whether you're new to mission work or a longtime servant, there's a place for you. Everyone is welcome: parents, other adults, and youth Please see the Youth section of the E-Blast for complete information!

Pastor Mary's new contact information is:
2157 Maple Ave.,
Buena Vista, VA 24416
Her Church is St. John's UMC
351 E. 21st St.,
Buena Vista, VA 24416
540-261-3304,
pastor@stjohnsbv.org
She will continue to use the same cell phone number and her marydadisman@vaumc.org for email.



Youth Group Announcements

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What's Included:

- 4 nights lodging
- Service work with St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- Community engagement and youth mentorship
- Meals and daily activities

Please see 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



Thank you to everyone who participated in and helped with Vacation Bible School! We hope everyone enjoyed their time And learned from Moses in the "Jungle" wilderness!

Join us for Children's Church every Sunday!

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.

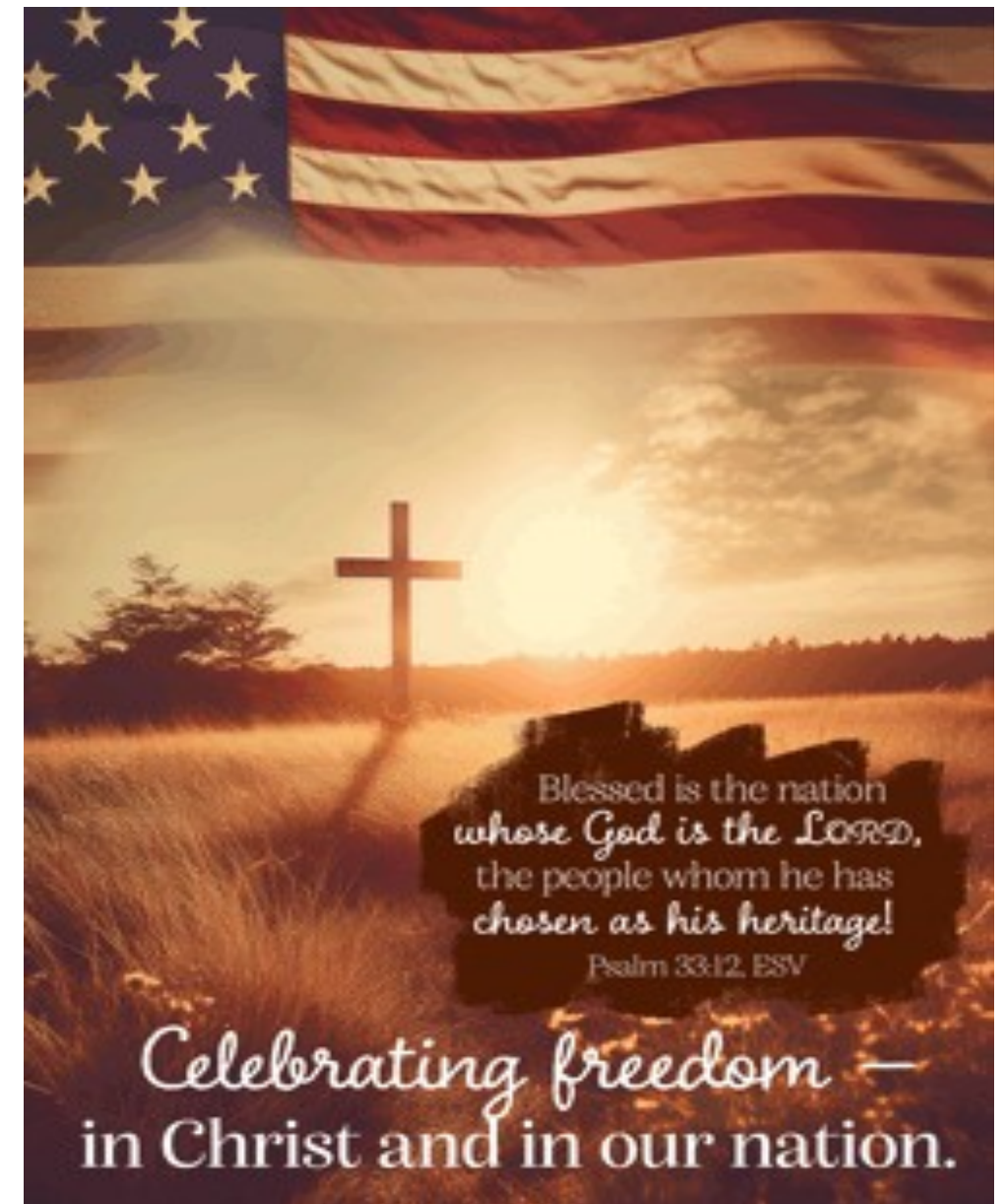
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Welcome to
Bridgewater
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

July 5, 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 Rich Bensinger** at 540-828-0890.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 5, 2026

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 & Happy Birthday/Anniversary

Prelude

"American Tapestry"

J. Martin

SPRC Welcome to Pastor Rich

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

UMH 383

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Readings

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sermon

"We Dream, We Climb"

Offertory

"Days of Elijah"

R. Mark/Arr. J. Schrader

*Doxology

UMH 95

Prayers of the People

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & the Cup

Prayer After Communion

*Closing Hymn

"Lord I Want to be a Christian"

UMH 402

*Benediction

Postlude

"Fanfare on America the Beautiful"

M. Corl

In Our Prayers

Joys and Answered Prayers

Pastor Rich and Rebecca are here at BUMC and have found a place to live.

Bonnie Snook is feeling better after her back injection

Carolyn VanDyck is doing well after a fall 6/21

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

Melissa McCormickGwenAnn Teter

Ongoing Prayer Needs of our Congregation

Grace FishbackDorothy LionSandra Stroud

Betty FoleyRay MichaelNancy Thomas

Dorice GrahamShirley CreekbaumMarcia & Gary

Rodney HildebrandKim MillerTyeryar

Deidra HillMitzi PuffenbargerDonald & Ginger

Judy HulveyJoanne SimpkinsUsry

Barbara KiracofeBonnie & Tom SnookDoris Waters

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

—For those affected by the earthquakes in Venezuela and for those helping them

—For those affected by the Ebola outbreak

—For those dealing with measles in Virginia and around the country

—For protection for all Houses of Worship of all faiths

— For pastors and congregations with new congregations and pastors

—Peace in our lives, our families, with our neighbors, and throughout the world

—For peace in Iran, Mid-East, Ukraine, Gaza, Venezuela, Cuba, and around the world

—For our nation to step back from greed, injustice, fear, hatred

—For our government leaders to act with love

—For wisdom for all our leaders, especially our president

—For protection for our government officials, for our President

—For your will, not our will, to be done

—For those who cannot read

—For those who are struggling with financial problems

—Help us be servants to each other, our neighbors, & world

—Help us become better people & Christians; and grow in faith

—That our families will become closer to God; for clarity in seeing God's will

—For safe travels for our families

—For strength, health, & healing for those who are sick

—For victims of abuse of all kinds and for their abusers to change and learn

—For comfort for those dealing with illness, loss, & those awaiting surgery

—For those dealing with mental illness and addiction and those who care for them

—For families in crisis or struggling with estrangement

—That this day be good and tomorrow better

Serving Us in Worship

TODAY, July 5 (1st Sun)

NEXT SUNDAY, July 12 (2nd Sun)

Greeters

Ushers

Reader

Audio-Visual

Acolytes

Sanctuary Servers

Bus Driver

BJ Jenkins & Bettye Newman

Ed Craun & Marc Craun

Christy/Mark Kipps

Tony Mancari

David Kipps

Don Gilkeson & Sue Rexrode

Dwight Campbell

Bonnie & Tom Snook/Eileen Phillips

Sara & Bill Walton

Jim Tongue

Marc Craun

Taylor Family

Sara & Bill Walton

Fontaine Canada

OUR CALENDAR

TODAY

9 AM Sunday School for all ages

10 AM Worship Service

Welcome Pastor Rich!

6:45 PM Prayer for Youth

7 PM Youth Check-in

MON

6:30 PM Bridgewater Ruritans (Fellowship Hall/Kit.)

TUE

6:30 PM Valley R. C. Flying Club (New Beginnings)

WED

10 AM Prayer Team (Library)

12 PM Lunch & Conversation (BRC Smith Room)

7 PM Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

NEXT SUNDAY

8:40 AM Pastor Welcome Coffee

9 AM Sunday School for all ages

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250th Anniversary

1776-2026

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

Attendance and Stewardship for last Sunday

Attendance: 83 Sunday School: 27 Total Giving: \$4,591

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