



Our Church Picnic
Is TODAY!
Sunday, July 26
5:30-7:30 PM
at Oakdale Park
Picnic shelter #3
Please Join Us!

The picnic is Pot Luck.
Table ware and drinks
will be provided.
Presented by the
Nurture Committee.

There are 2 more **small group sessions**
planned to **meet with Pastor Rich** to get to
know him better. Sign up sheets are in the
breezeway if you wish to participate in one of
these group meetings: **There are still**
openings on August 11 at 10:30 AM at the Walton's.

*Meet
The
Pastor*



Pastor Rich's ongoing
Men's Bible Study

The study meets on Monday
evenings at 7 PM
He is holding the study in the
Library

It is also available by Zoom.
Please see Pastor Rich for more
information

Look What's coming up:

We will have a local vocal group, the Vocal
Chords, joining us for the August 2 service.
This local ensemble debuted in April 2010
as a quartet [The Valley Brethren Four].
They later doubled in size [2016] and
renamed as The Vocal Chords. Members
include: Jim Benedict [director], Joe
Crockett, David Holl, Jim Miller, Wil Nolen, Curtis Nolley,
Richard Phillips, Grayson Preece, Dick Stutzman, Fred
Swartz, with Kathy Scrader [pianist].



Youth Group Announcements



BRIDGEWATER UMC MISSION TRIP

The mission trip to Philadelphia to serve alongside
St. Luke's Episcopal Church and their community,
supporting their annual Child Spelling Bee and youth
programs was last week. We will look forward to
an update about how the trip went.

Stay Tuned!

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

Welcome to
Bridgewater
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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July 26, 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 703-402-0287.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 26, 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

Annual Conference Update Lay Leader

Candle Lighting "Glory Be to the Father" (Gloria Patri) UMH 70

Prelude "Morning Prayer"
G. M. Martin

***Call to Worship**

***Opening Hymn** UMH 89
"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

***Opening Prayer**

Children's Message

Anthem "Walking in Sunlight"
McDonald & Zelley

Reading Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Sermon "On Earth As It Is In Heaven "

Offertory "O My Father"
R. M. Darley

***Doxology** UMH 95

Affirmation of Faith Special Video-"Creedo"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn** TFWS 2173
"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

***Benediction**

Postlude "Little Fugue in G Minor"
P. Taylor

In Our Prayers		
<u>Joys and Answered Prayers</u>		
Alastair Jackson Morrell was born on July 10 to Michelle and Andrew Morrell. Proud grandparents are Scott & Karen Ridder; great grandparents are Marcia and Gary Tyeryar 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		
<u>Prayers of Sympathy for the Families of</u>		
Ray Michael		
<u>Current Prayer Concerns</u>		
Baby Thomas	Janet Barker	
Kevin Meade	Yvonne Flory	
Camille Young		
<u>Ongoing Prayer Needs of our Congregation</u>		
Grace Fishback	Dorothy Lion	Nancy Thomas
Betty Foley	Shirley Creekbaum	Marcia & Gary Tyeryar
Dorice Graham	Kim Miller	Donald & Ginger Usry
Rodney Hildebrand	Mitzi Puffenbarger	Doris Waters
Deidra Hill	Joanne Simpkins	
Judy Hulvey	Bonnie & Tom Snook	
Barbara Kiracofe	Sandra Stroud	
<u>Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for...</u>		
—For those affected by the earthquakes in Venezuela and for those helping them		
—For those affected by disease outbreaks—Ebola, measles, and Cyclosporiasis		
—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, & having treatments		
—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 26 (4th Sun)	NEXT SUNDAY, Aug. 2 (1st Sun)
Greeters	Leach Family	Gloria Roller & Kathi Hemmis
Ushers	Dick & Janice Harper	Mark Kipps & Claude Martell
Reader	Joan Kenney	Johna McFarland
Audio-Visual	Sam Briggs	Tony Mancari
Acolytes	Sydney & Reese Leach	David Kipps
Sanctuary Servers	Don & Sue Gilkeson	Laura & Tony Mancari
Bus Driver	Dwight Campbell	Dick Harper

OUR CALENDAR

TODAY

9 AM Sunday School for all ages
10 AM Worship Service
1:30 Worship at White Birch Communities
5:30 Church Picnic/Pot Luck (Oakdale Park shelter 3)
6:45 PM Prayer for Youth
7 PM Youth Check-in

MON

7 PM Pastor Rich's Men's Bible Study (Library)

TUE

6:30 PM Reach & Relate Meeting (Library)

WED

10 AM Prayer Team (Library)
7 PM Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

Attendance and Stewardship for last Sunday
Attendance: 97 Sunday School: 33 Total Giving: \$11,504

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