

Meet
The
Pastor

There is 1 more **small group session** on **this Tuesday** to **meet with Pastor Rich** to get to know him better. The sign up sheet is in the breezeway if you wish to participate in the last group meeting: **There are still a few openings for Tuesday, August 11 at 10:30 AM** at the Walton's.



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

The **Nurture Committee** will have the first **Soup and You** on **September 16th**, so mark your calendars now.



VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST MEN



2026 SPIRITUAL RETREAT

September 18 - September 19, 2026

- Check in begins at 3:00 PM on Friday, September 18
- Concludes at 3:00 PM on Saturday, September 19

Retreat Theme: B1, Inspire!
Men of Faith, Sharing their Faith

- **Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown** will be our keynote speaker
- Topics include discipleship, mentoring, and prayer life
- All men of the VA Conference and beyond are invited
- Breakout sessions, fellowship time, and gospel singing
- All registrations include dinner, breakfast and lunch
- \$150 registration with overnight lodging
- \$65 registration without overnight lodging
- Registration deadline is 9/11/26 - click link or QR code

www.vaumc.org/ummretreat



Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center
712 Massanetta Springs Road
Harrisonburg, VA 22801



REGISTER



Youth Group Announcements



Interest Inquiry: Youth Ministry Fall Retreat

Would any families with teens like to go to Massanetta Springs for a weekend of connection, faith, and intergenerational community on **September 25-27?**

Cost: \$175 per person; Deadline to register: 9/4/26.
If interested or need more details, please Contact Jomo

INFO LINK: <https://endhunger.org/get-involved/overnight-camps/>

For more information please see the e-Blast

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



We are so excited for back to school season. On August 16th, we will have the blessing of the backpacks. Students of any age, teachers, and any school employees. Please bring your school bags on next Sunday, August 16th

On August 30th after the sermon, our children's ministry will be having a back to school brunch.
There will be more information coming soon!
Join us for Children's Church every Sunday!

Contact Gracen
Email: gracenkelley123@gmail.com
Call or 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



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

August 9, 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

August 9, 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

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

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

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn UMH 57, V 1-4
"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Anthem "By the Waters of Babylon"
Arr. W. Schmid

Reading Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon "Enough Faith for the Boat"

Offertory "Sweet Hour of Prayer"
R. J. Powell

*Doxology UMH 95

*Affirmation of Faith UMH 881

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn W&S 3105
"In Christ Alone"

*Benediction

Postlude "Sinfonia"
G. F. Handel

In Our Prayers

Joys and Answered 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

Current Prayer Concerns

Kevin & Marie Menard

Ongoing Prayer Needs of our Congregation

Grace Fishback Dorothy Lion Nancy Thomas
Betty Foley Shirley Creekbaum Marcia & Gary
Dorice Graham Kim Miller Tyeryar
Rodney Hildebrand Mitzi Puffenbarger Donald & Ginger
Deidra Hill Joanne Simpkins Usry
Judy Hulvey Bonnie & Tom Snook Doris Waters
Barbara Kiracofe Sandra Stroud

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

—For those affected by the earthquakes in Japan and
Venezuela , and the fires around the world, and for
those helping
—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 all students preparing to go back to school
—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

Table with 3 columns: Role, TODAY, Aug 9 (2nd Sun), and NEXT SUNDAY, Aug. 16 (3rd Sun). Rows include Greeters, Ushers, Reader, Audio-Visual, Acolytes, Sanctuary Servers, and Bus Driver.

OUR CALENDAR

TODAY 9 AM Sunday School for all ages
10 AM Worship Service
6:45 PM Prayer for Youth
7 PM Youth Check-in
MON 6 PM Mission/Service Committee (Fellowship Hall)
7 PM Pastor Rich's Men's Bible Study (Library)
TUE 9:30 AM Prayer Team (Library)
(Please note time change for this week only)
10:30 AM Meeting with Pastor Rich (Walton's)
WED 12 PM Lunch & Conversation (BRC Blue Ridge Room)
THU Robin out of office for training
NEXT SUNDAY 9 AM Sunday School for all ages
10 AM Worship Service—
Blessing of the Backpacks
6:45 PM Prayer for Youth
7 PM Youth Check-in

Please get everything needed for the bulletin and
E-Blast to me by Tuesday this week due to my
being out on Thursday. I must complete
everything before I leave on Wednesday at 3 PM.
Thank you! Robin

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

Attendance and Stewardship for last Sunday
Attendance: 95 Sunday School: 25 Total Giving: \$6,463
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

