

The rose on the altar this morning is in honor of the birth on September 9th of **Chandler Tate Hanifee**, daughter of Brenan & Cana Hanifee; great-granddaughter of Chuck & Sue Rexrode.



Raffle for Operation Christmas
Child Shipping Costs

Featuring collectibles and homemade items!



Sunday, September 27th, 2026
Begins during Fourth Sunday Coffee
Open to the public from 2:00 - 3:40 pm
Prizes drawn at 3:45 pm

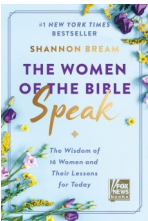
You do not need to be present to win!

Raffle items will be donated and include craft items, baked goods, art work and the like. Tickets will be 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, and 10 for \$20. Each item will have a jar with it. If you are interested in an item(s), put your tickets in its jar(s). Whoever's ticket is drawn will win that item. All money raised will go toward the shipping costs for our Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes



Pizza & Painting for the Blessing Box after service on 9/27. Youth and kids are invited to paint the Blessing Box to get it ready for use. RSVP to Mark Kipps (540.383.5498).

Women's Bible Study
"The Women of the Bible Speak: the Wisdom of 16 Women and Their Lessons for Today" by Shannon Bream.
Will meet on Wednesday mornings from 10—11 AM starting September 30



BUMC Financial Snapshot Month End

Year to Date Month End	General & Designated Fund Income	General & Designated Fund Expenses	Difference
8-31-26	\$262,628	\$354,948	(\$92,320)

The large expense driver for August was the elevator repair downpayment. We have been hit with several large maintenance bills this year. Thank you for your continued support!

It's **Operation Christmas Child** Time Again! BUMC is collecting items for Operation Christmas Child boxes. This month, since it's back to school time, there are loads of good deals on school supplies right now, so we'll start again with collecting school supplies. While you're shopping for your students, please consider buying some extra of these supplies so we may include them in our Christmas boxes.



We're collecting: **pencils, black ink pens, rulers, small note pads, markers, colored pencils, square erasers, glue sticks, stickers, small scissors, post it notes.** A collection area is set up in the breezeway. The shopping cart is available for your donations. Larger amounts can be put under the table. We are having an raffle next Sunday to help us raise the money for shipping!

As always, we thank you for your help with this important mission project!
Johna McFarland, OCC Coordinator



Join us for Children's Church every Sunday! Children's Church is worship & Christian education for kids during part of the worship service. It is led by our amazing leaders Gracen & Rea. 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

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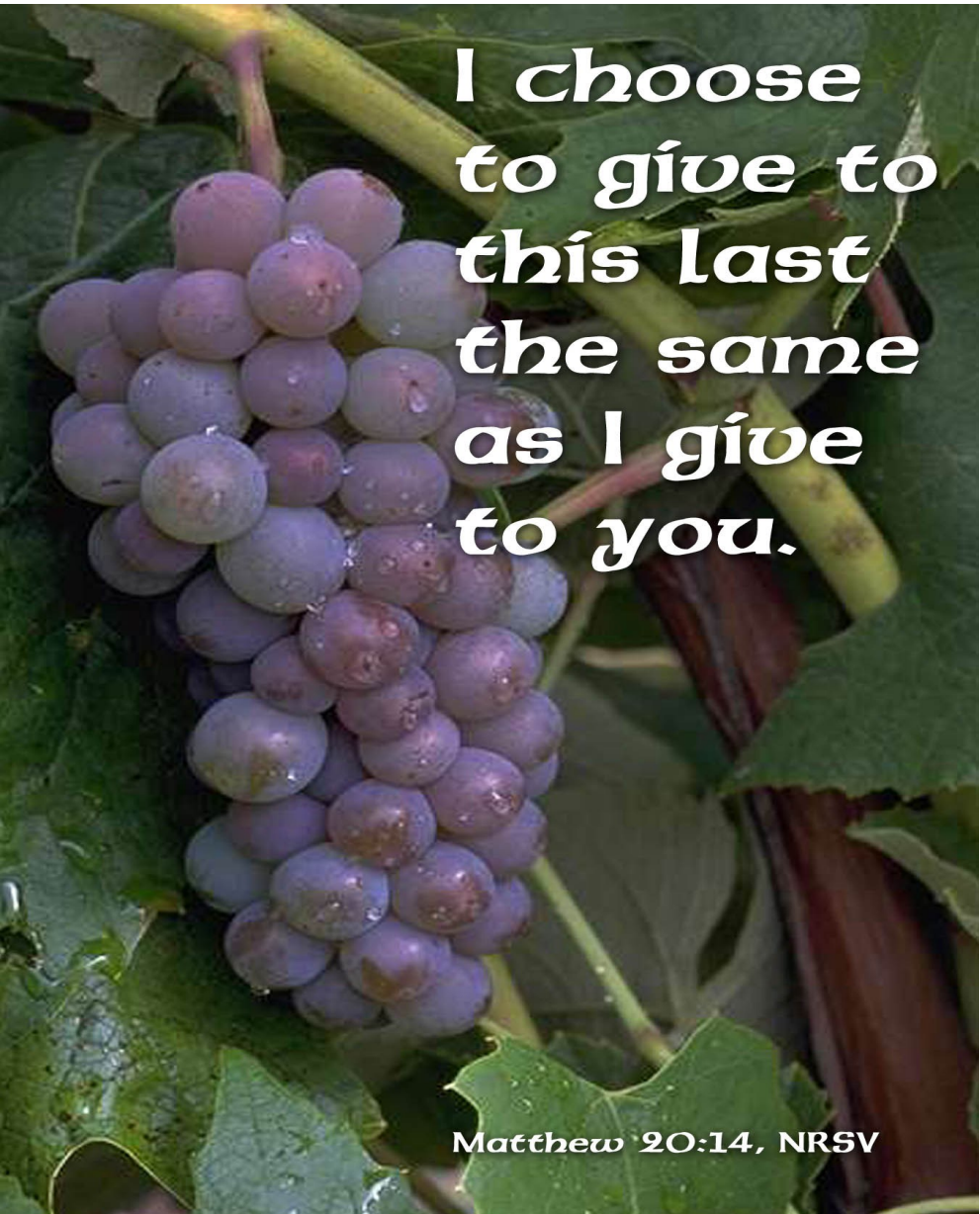
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 AM - 3 PM (Closed Friday)

Welcome to
Bridgewater
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

September 20, 2026



Matthew 20:14, NRSV

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

September 20, 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 “Amazing Grace”
Arr. M. Hayes
Joey Capuano, piano

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn UMH 396
“O Jesus, I have Promised”

*Opening Prayer

Children’s Message

Anthem “Ring Praise, O My Soul”
M. R. Tucker

Reading Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon “Grace at the End Of the Day”

Welcoming New Members

Offertory “Remembrance”
G. Tritant

*Doxology UMH 95

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

*Closing Hymn TFWS 2197
“Lord of All Hopefulness”

*Closing Prayer/Benediction

Postlude “Allegro in D Minor”
J. Vockner

In Our Prayers

Joys and Answered Prayers

Chandler Tate Haniffee was born on September 9. Her parents are Brenan & Cana Haniffee; great grandparents are Chuck & Sue Rexrode

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

Bettye Newman Kim Miller
Alison Cochicki Greg Smith
Michelle

Ongoing Prayer Needs of our Congregation

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

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

- For those affected by the floods in Nepal and around the world, and the earthquakes in Columbia, Indonesia, 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 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 wisdom and love
- 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 Bridgewater and other college students , and students of all grades, - for a good start to the semester
- 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, Sept. 20 (3rd Sun)	NEXT SUNDAY, Sept. 27 (4th Sun)
Greeters	Gloria & Rodney Hildebrand	Leach Family
Ushers	Higgs Family	Dick & Janice Harper
Reader	Gloria Hildebrand	Joan Kenney
Audio-Visual	Mark Kipps	Sam Briggs
Acolytes	Nolan Gilkeson	Sydney & Reese Leach
Sanctuary Servers	Laura & Tony Mancari	Don & Sue Gilkeson
Bus Driver	Chuck Rexrode	Dwight Campbell

OUR CALENDAR

TODAY	9 AM Sunday School for all ages 10 AM Worship Service— Welcoming New Members 11:15 AM Staff Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 5 PM Faith Bible Sunday School Class Picnic (Wildwood Park)
MON	2 PM UWF Hope Circle (BRC Smith Room) 6:30 PM UWF Love Circle (New Beginnings) 7 PM Pastor Rich’s Men’s Bible Study (Library)
TUE	10 AM Prayer Team (Library) 6:30 PM SPRC Meeting (New Beginnings)
WED	6 PM Handbell Practice (Mt. Solon Commons) 7 PM Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
NEXT	9 AM Sunday School for all ages 9:30 AM 4th Sunday Coffee & OCC Raffle (Fellowship Hall) 10 AM Worship Service 11:15 Pizza & Painting—Blessing Box (Outside) 1:30 PM Worship at White Birch 2 PM OCC Raffle Continues (Fellowship Hall) 3:45 PM OCC Raffle Drawing (Fellowship Hall)

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

Attendance and Stewardship for last Sunday

Attendance: 118 Sunday School: 39 Total Giving: \$9,263

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

