

The UWF **Hope Circle** will be meeting on November 11 at 2 pm – 3:30 PM in the BRC Blue Ridge Room after Lunch & Conversation.

The Circle of Love would like to thank everyone who attended the annual UWF Salad Supper last Monday evening. There was a lot of great food, good fellowship, and a wonderful speaker, Susannah Lepley from Church World Service. We collected many snacks for the youth program and monetary donations of \$540. I hope next year we can have more people attend.

'Tis the Season! It's time for ordering Poinsettias and Kingsway's Apple Tree ministry. Please see the inserts in this bulletin!



Reminder: **Thanksgiving Potluck** for the church is on Sunday, Nov. 22 following service. After dinner, you are invited to stay and help put up the Advent/Christmas decorations.

Keep up with all the goings on by reading the e-Blast!



Consecration SUNDAY

8 NOV 2026



Catered lunch from



to thank everyone!



In the Fellowship Hall following the 10:00 am service.





Sign up on Commitment Cards.

United Women in Faith

It's **Operation Christmas Child** Time Again! BUMC is collecting items for Operation Christmas Child boxes. We are now collecting **"fun"** items. Items we need include **matchbox cars, small games, small balls, play dough, girls' hair items, dolls, coloring books, card games - whatever will fit inside a shoe box.**



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 appreciate everyone's support for this important service 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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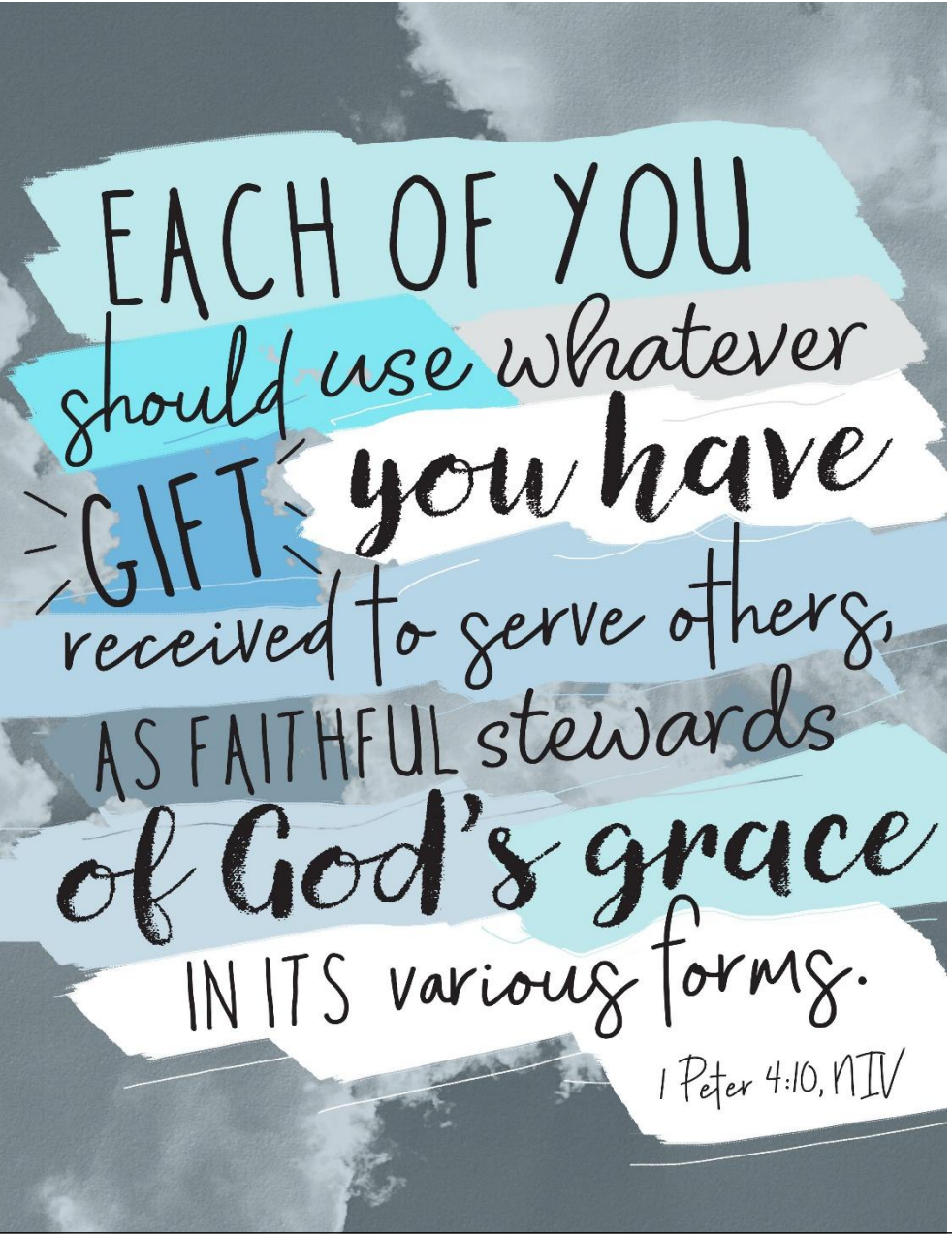
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 AM - 3 PM (Closed Friday)

Welcome to
Bridgewater
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

November 1, 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

November 1, 2026

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

TFWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

W&S = Worship & Song (Green)

* = Please stand in body or spirit

Ringling the Bell

Announcements & Birthdays/Anniversaries

***Candle Lighting** “Glory Be to the Father” (Gloria Patri) UMH 70

Prelude “O God, Thou Faithful God”
S. Karg-Elert

* Call to Worship

*Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** UMH 451
“Be Thou My Vision”

Children’s Message

Reading Matthew 6:19-21
1 Peter 4:7-11

Sermon “Stewardship Is: Loving People”
Rev. Rich Bensinger

Distribution of Commitment Cards

Offertory “There’s No Rock Gonna Shout For Me”
M Barrett

***Doxology** UMH 95

Prayers of the People

Remembering the Saints

***Hymn for the Saints** UMH 707
“Hymn of Promise”

Holy Communion (Musical Setting B)

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Prayer After Communion

***Closing Hymn** W&S 3149
“A Place at the Table”

*Closing Prayer/Benediction

Postlude “Allegro from A Festival suite”
E. Lang

And now, the church has left the building.

In Our Prayers

Joys and Answered Prayers

Karen Ridder is doing well after hand surgery
Thank you, God, for all your creatures, great and small
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

Chana Beers - Karen Cook's brother-in-law's niece
mother of Jane Wright - friend of Robin Siegel

Current Prayer Concerns

Dayton UMC	Sandy Burke
Kristen Hartman	Bonnie Snook
Karen Ridder	Nancy Bryant
Nelson Bellanger	Kelly

people on the organ transplant list; those who have received
transplants

Ongoing Prayer Needs of our Congregation

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

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

— For peace, justice and wisdom in our nation and in the world
— For peace to come in Iran, the Mid-East, Ukraine, Gaza,
Venezuela, Cuba and around the world
— For our leaders to be filled with the Holy Spirit and for your will
to be done
— For the people of our nation to turn to God and pray for guidance
— For those affected by natural disasters around the world and for
those helping them
—To bring forth ideas for your kingdom, like the Blessings Box
—To bring forth hearts, minds and hands to implement them
— For people who need love, compassion, hope and forgiveness to
find God's love through our actions
—For Bridgewater UMC to continue growing
—For our new members and all of us to grow in faith
—For foster parents and children in foster care
—For healing for the sick and calm for the anxious
—For peace and balance with work, family, and all of life
—For comfort, peace, and strength for all who are grieving loved
ones
—For victims of abuse of all kinds, and for their abusers to change
and learn
—For comfort for those dealing with illness, loss, awaiting surgery,
and undergoing treatments
—For those dealing with mental illness and addiction and those
who care for them
—For families in crisis or struggling with estrangement

Serving Us in Worship

	TODAY, Nov. 1 (1st Sun)	NEXT SUNDAY, Nov. 8 (2nd Sun)
Greeters	BJ Jenkins & Bettye Newman	Bonnie & Tom Snook/Eileen Phillips
Ushers	Ed Craun & Marc Craun	Sara & Bill Walton
Reader	Christy/Mark Kipps	Jim Tongue
Audio-Visual	Tony Mancari	Marc Craun
Acolytes	David Kipps	Taylor Family
Sanctuary Servers	Don Gilkeson & Sue Rexrode	Sara & Bill Walton
Bus Driver	Fontaine Canada	Dwight Campbell

OUR CALENDAR

TODAY	All Saints Day 9 AM Sunday School for all ages 10 AM Worship Service 6 PM Wing Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
MON	6:30 PM Bridgewater Ruritans (Fellowship Hall) 7 PM Pastor Rich’s Men’s Bible Study (Library)
TUE	10 AM Prayer Team (Library) 6:30 PM Valley R. C. Flying Club (New Beginnings)
WED	10 AM Women’s Bible Study (New Beginnings) 6 PM Handbell Practice (Mt. Solon Commons) 7 PM Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
THU	10 AM Nurture Committee (Library) 5 PM Empty Bowl Supper (BRCC)
NEXT SUNDAY	9 AM Sunday School for all ages 10 AM Worship Service

Please note that the church office will be closed for Thanksgiving
Wed, November 25 - Friday, November 27. We are grateful for our
wonderful staff.

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

Attendance and Stewardship for last Sunday

Attendance: 86 Sunday School: 30 Total Giving: \$4,462

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 @ Tithe.ly.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



—For safe travels for our families and friends, for health and safety during their trips
—That this day be good and tomorrow better (Galen Dellinger)