

The rose on the altar this morning is in honor of the birth of **Charlotte Elizabeth Johnson** on Nov. 8 to Caroline & Travis Johnson. Kim & Nathan Miller are her grandparents.

Today is **Laity Sunday.** We are recognizing everyone, all of us, who make up the BUMC laity





The **Thanksgiving Potluck** is today. After dinner, will be **Advent/Christmas decorating** time. It is usually finished in one hour. Join in the fun and stay as long as you can!

Celebrate the Season!
All **United Women in Faith**, please sign up for the **Christmas luncheon** at Camp Overlook on December 7 or 8. The sign-up sheet is in the breezeway.



Christmas Dinner



GALEN H. DELLINGER, WWII veteran, has been invited by American Airlines to participate in a Missions of Honor trip to Hawaii to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. He is among 85 World War II veterans being honored on this trip. During the return flight, there will be a surprise event called "Mail Call," where each veteran will receive cards of appreciation from family and friends in recognition of his service to our country. If you would like to write Galen a brief note of appreciation, please drop it off at the church office by Sunday, November 29. Thank you so much! The Dellinger Family

BUMC Financial Snapshot Month End

Year to Date Month End	General & Designated Fund Income	General & Designated Fund Expenses	Difference
10-31-26	$315,344	$412,442	($97,098)

As stated before, we have been hit with several large maintenance bills this year coupled with General Giving being down. Let's look to have a successful Consecration period. Thank you for your continued support!



Our **Charge Conference** for this year will be on November 21st at 10 AM at Vision of Hope UMC, 1723 Port Republic Road, Harrisonburg.

District Conference
Save the date for District Conference: Saturday, December 5, 2026 at Manor Memorial United Methodist Church, 9320 North Congress Street, New Market, Va 22844 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Holiday Extravaganza
dinner, decorate the bus, shop for a needy family, wrap gifts, gift exchange, ornament making, and more
Friday, December 4, 2026, 5:00 - 11:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall





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 and 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.

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Welcome to
Bridgewater
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

November 22, 2026

Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.



Matthew 25:40

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 22, 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

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

Prelude "Meditation on 'Slane'"
E. A. Krouse

* **Call to Worship** Rex Peters

***Opening Hymn** UMH 581
"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

***Opening Prayer** Ruth Peters

Children's Message Johna McFarland

Anthem "Was I Faithful"
C. Hamlin/M. McDonald

Readings Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon "What Do We Need to Do?"
Karen Cook, Lay Leader

Offertory "Salvation Is Created"
P. Tschesnokoff

***Doxology** UMH 95

Prayers of the People Cheryl Rieman

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn** UMH 428
"For the Healing of the Nations"

***Closing Prayer/Benediction**

Postlude "Firmly I Believe and Truly"
A. Giamanco

And now, the church has left the building.

In Our Prayers

Joys and Answered Prayers

Birth of Charlotte Elizabeth Johnson born Nov 8 to Caroline and Travis Johnson, Kim and Nathan Miller are grandparents
Thank you for the work of Melissa Kenney - one of TIME magazine's 100 Most Influential Climate Leaders of 2026
The baptism of Olivia Perkins Walton last Sunday
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

Kaylie Knick and Carly Demille - for their friends and family and the Broadway and Timberville communities

Current Prayer Concerns

Nancy Bryant
Cody
Raymond Houck
Kellen Gaiewski
Annette & Sonny Tongue
Sandi McGraw
Berenice Waltz
Billy Williams
Bonnie & Tom Snook
All those who are traveling over the upcoming holidays

Ongoing Prayer Needs of our Congregation

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

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

-- For faith and strength to love God, love people, and to make a difference
— 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
—That this day be good and tomorrow better (Galen Dellinger)

Serving Us in Worship

	TODAY, Nov. 22 (4th Sun)	NEXT SUN, Nov. 29 (5th Sun)
Greeters	Leach Family	Ruth Peters & Karen Cook
Ushers	Dick & Janice Harper	Paul & Johna McFarland
Reader	Joan Kenney	Joey Capuano
Audio-Visual	Sam Briggs	Scott Ridder
Acolytes	Sydney & Reese Leach	Nolan Gilkeson
Sanctuary Servers	Don & Susan Gilkeson	Sue Rexrode
Bus Driver	Dick Harper	Fontaine Canada

OUR CALENDAR

TODAY
9 AM Sunday School for all ages
10 AM Worship Service
11:15 AM Thanksgiving Potluck (Fellowship Hall)
1:30 PM Worship at White Birch Communities
3 PM Private Funeral Reception (Fellowship Hall)

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

TUE
10 AM Prayer Team (Library)
6:30 PM Reach & Relate Team (Library)

WED
Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
6 PM Handbell Practice (Mt. Solon Commons)
7 PM Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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.
Robin will need all items for the Bulletin & E-Blast by Thursday the 19th for that week

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

Attendance and Stewardship for last Sunday

Attendance: 115 Sunday School: 29 Total Giving: $6,564

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
For online giving use the QR code on the right.

—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
—For safe travels for our families and friends, for health and safety during their trips