

Bridgeport United Methodist Church
251 Worthington Drive
Bridgeport, West Virginia

THOSE ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

Greeters: Art & Nancy Helmick
Rick Haney

8:30 Infant Nursery: Becky Abbate

10:45 Infant Nursery: JoAnn Munger

10:45 Infant Nursery Youth Helper: Danielle Funk

2, 3, & 4 Year Old Nursery: Lisa Povroznik

Youth Helpers 2, 3, & 4 year olds: Kelsey Musgrave, Lindsay Malenich

Children's Church Leader: Julie Barrick

Saturday Evening Ushers: John Dawkins, Dennis Hathaway

8:30 Ushers: Al Stone, Penni Day Rexrode, Libby Davis,
Annabel Luebbe, Norma Ladd, and John Wilson

10:45 Ushers: Bob Malenich, Gary Stanley, Steve Furbee, Jim Gerst, Charlie
Roberts and Bill Phillips

Counters: Randy Shearer, Tim Sheppard, David Rexroad

AVAILABLE SERVICES—ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE

8:30 Service Childcare - infants-5 years, Nursery, hallway by back chapel

10:45 Service Childcare - infants-24 mos., Nursery, hallway by back chapel

10:45 Service Childcare for 2, 3 & 4 yr. olds, Educ. Bldg. - 1st room on right

Children's Activity Packets for children available (back of sanctuary)

10:45 Children's Church - ages 5-2nd grade, Children's Church Room

Large Print Bulletins and Hymnals at main entrance to the sanctuary

Personal FM Receivers are available for sound amplification

Extra Copies of Our Newsletter "Steeple Talk" available in the Narthex

Prayer Cards to indicate special concerns are located in the pew racks

DVD's (\$1.00) of the 10:45 worship service-call the church office (842-6284).

Van Transportation available for 10:45 Worship. Call the office (842-6284).

Our Prayers of sympathy and concern are extended to:

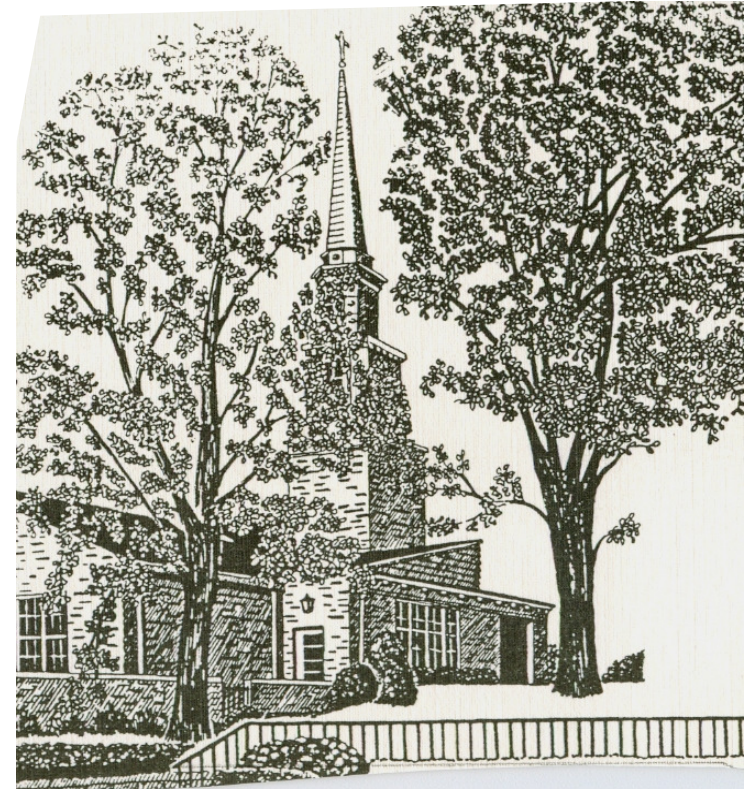
Mike and Carol Fulks on the death of her sister

Jon and Heide Griffith on the death of her grandfather, Joe Pitrolo

Marsha Jones on the death of her aunt, Clara Wells

Flowers on the altar are in celebration of Paul & Charlotte Cathell's
51st wedding anniversary.

Flowers in front of the sanctuary are in celebration of Bob & Pat
Mark's 60th wedding anniversary.



Rev. Steven Dorsey..... Senior Minister
Rev. Jim Lang..... Minister of Visitation
Rev. Steve Engle..... Minister of Worship
Nathan Price..... Director of Youth & Communications
Sarah Carr Parsons..... Director of Music Ministry
Becky Mearns..... Director of Children's Ministry

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15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 5, 2010

8:30 & 10:45 A.M.

Welcome to the Bridgeport United Methodist Church. As we gather for worship on this Labor Day Weekend, let us be grateful to God for the opportunities we have to work and make a living. Let us also give thanks for the men and women who make this country great through their hard work and industrious spirit.

The Community Gathers For Worship

GATHERING

Bringing in the Light -The Acolytes
Parish Announcements -Please sign the friendship register
Prelude -Christy Hickman

*CALL TO WORSHIP -Rev. Steve Engle, Worship Leader

Leader: If we dedicate our days and our work to the Lord, our labors and our life will find fulfillment.

People: **Let us thank the Lord for his steadfast love, and for his wonderful works to the sons of men.**

Leader: "Come to me," says the Lord, "all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."

People: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Come into his presence with singing, and serve him with gladness.**

*OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King" 61

*OPENING PRAYER (together)

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, we have come this morning to experience anew the touch of your presence and love. Come close to us in these moments of prayer and praise so that our lives might be spiritually refreshed. Help us to put aside the worries and concerns of life and instead focus on your love and amazing grace. In this hour of worship please accept our expressions of gratitude and thanksgiving. Enable us to hear your Word and allow it to remold and change our lives. Deepen our faith and fill our hearts with hope and encouragement. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS OF GREETING

(8:30) SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM Page 39

Isabelle Ann Schoffler

Daughter of Timothy and Cassandra Schoffler

DUET "Heal Our Land" -Rebekah & Cindy James

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

Holy God, you have called us to be disciples of Christ. Yet, too often, we have become mired in so many activities and obligations that we haven't had time to do the spiritual things we wanted to do. Our priorities have been misplaced and we have resorted to using excuses why we haven't been committed to Christ and his church. Forgive us for our failure to be the persons you have called us to be. Restore us so that we might truly be salt and light to the world. Cleanse and refresh our hearts, and fill our lives with greater faith. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (sing twice) 349

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING

Offertory
(During the offertory, our prayer stewards will collect your prayer request cards and offer prayers of intercession at the altar.)
*Doxology 95
*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN "Lift High the Cross" 159

10:45) Children 5 years-2nd Grade may leave for Children's Church. Please meet your leader, Julie Barrick, in the back of the Sanctuary.

SCRIPTURE LESSON (Page 78) Luke 14:25-33

MESSAGE -Rev. Steven Dorsey

THE HIGH COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION 13

You are invited to gather at the Table of our Lord in remembrance of Him. All persons who want to live a Christian life are invited to come forward at this time and receive this Holy Sacrament. After the Pastors and those assisting in communion have communed, the congregation will come forward as directed by the ushers. You will receive the bread and then dip it into the cup and then partake of the Sacrament. An offering for helping the poor and needy may be left at the Communion railing.

*CLOSING HYMN "Shalom to You" 666

*CARRYING OUT THE LIGHT

*BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (SEPT. 5-SEPT 11)

TODAY

Worship: 8:30 AM, Sanctuary

Trustee Meeting: 12:00 Noon, Fowler Heritage Room

Worship: 10:45 AM, Sanctuary

MONDAY

Church Office Closed for Labor Day

Preventicare: will not meet

TUESDAY

Qi Gong/Balance, Breathe, Pray: 8:30-9:30 AM, Children's Chapel

United Methodist Women Circle Meetings:

Evelyn Carter Circle: 2:15 PM, Meadowview Manor Nursing Home

Hope Rampp Circle: 1:00 PM, Heritage Nursing Home

(Meet in Church parking lot to travel to the Heritage)

Kathryn Payne Circle: 1:00 PM, Library

Jubilate Choir: 3:00-4:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Cherub Choir: 3:30-4:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Lay Leadership Committee Nominations Meeting: 7:00 PM, Fowler HR

WEDNESDAY

Matin Ringers: 8:30-9:30 AM, Intermediate Chapel

Seraphim Make-up Rehearsals: 3:00-3:30 PM, Children's Chapel

Youth Meeting: 3:00-4:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Chancel Choir: 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Parish Youth Leaders Meeting: 7:00 PM, Intermediate Chapel

THURSDAY

Preventicare: 9:00 AM, Nursery

Lectionary Study: 10:15-11:15 AM, Library

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 5:00 PM, Parlor

UM Women Rummage Sale: Members only: 5:30-8:00 PM, Gym

Qi Gong Class: 6:00-7:00 PM, Children's Chapel

FRIDAY

Angel Food Deadline: 9:00 AM, Church Office

UM Women Rummage Sale: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, Gym

SATURDAY

UM Women Rummage Sale: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, Gym

Evening Worship: 6:15 PM, Sanctuary

UPCOMING BUMC EVENTS:

Qi Gong Class (Balance, Breathe, Pray Class) Sign Up in Narthex

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 8:30 AM –9:30 AM (CHILDREN'S CHAPEL)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 6:00 PM-7:00 PM (CHILDREN'S CHAPEL)

UPCOMING BUMC EVENTS:

United Methodist Women Rummage Sale

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM (1/2 PRICE DAY)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 9:00 AM-12 NOON (BAG DAY)

Are you interested in a cedar armoire, cherry TV stand and occasional tables? Don't miss this sale!

Marriage Enrichment Course

BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 9:30 AM, CHURCH PARLOR

If you're newly married, remarried, or wanting to improve your relationship, this study will offer Biblical and practical teaching to give you tools to live intentionally and love Biblically. The class will be led by Nathan Price.

Church Leadership Development Course

BEGINNING THURSDAY, SEPT. 16, 7:00 PM, FOWLER H. ROOM

"Right Now: The Mission of the Church Matters," is a six-week study designed to inspire and equip persons to lead people out of the walls of the church and into the world that is hurting. This class is ideal for those who serve in any Lay Leadership Position within the church. The class will be led by Nathan Price.

Senior High Youth: Zipline Tour

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, NEW RIVER GORGE

The Senior High Youth Group will take on a three and a half hour zipline adventure high above the rugged terrain of the New River Gorge campus on Saturday, October 16. Cost for the trip is \$76 per person (price includes ticket and lunch). Parents are welcome to join us too! **A \$38 deposit is due on Sunday, September 12.** Please make check payable to BUMC. The remaining \$38 is due on the day of the trip. Permission Forms are available now. Please see Nathan Price for more details.

Spaghetti Dinner

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, FOLLOWING WORSHIP

This dinner is to benefit the WV Wesleyan Swim Team. The cost is a donation. Take-outs will be available.

Pianist David Nevue to Perform in Concert

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 4:00 PM, OUR SANCTUARY

Nevue says his biggest musical influence is his relationship with God, and that being a deeply emotional person causes his brain to be "always on the go." "It is my faith that holds me steady!" Don't miss this concert!

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Living Proof Life featuring Beth Moore via Simulcast

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, SIMPSON CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

9:30-5:00 PM. Contact Jennie Dorsey for tickets by September 10.

Tickets are \$20.

Angel Food Ministries Order Deadline: September 10, 9:00 AM
Distribution Day: Saturday, Sept. 18, 8:30-9:30 AM Fellowship Hall.
Order Forms for Sept can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex. You can also go online: www.bridgportumc.org/html/angel_food_ministries.html



SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION SUNDAY September 5, 2010

Sunday School is a time where you can learn more about God in a small group and a chance to express yourself as you grow in faith. Our theme this year is, **“Just look UP for an adventure that will send your spirits soaring.”**

Like Carl in Pixar's movie "UP", we are all a bit of a dreamer and looking for adventure. Like Russell, most children are overeager when it comes to adventure. Sometimes life's biggest adventures aren't the ones we set out looking for. To find out where you can find life's biggest adventure and for an adventure that will send your spirits soaring, **join us for Sunday School this fall and just look UP!** Today we celebrate Promotion Sunday. This is a time where children advance to their new classes. We have several opportunities during Sunday School. We invite you to join us in one of our many classes.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

These are all located in the Education Building except the Nursery

Infant to 3 years old - Nursery with paid staff

3 & 4 year olds - Room 24 (must be 3 years old by Sept. 1)

Kindergarten - Room 24

1st & 2nd Grade - Room 30

3rd Grade - Room 52

4th & 5th Grade - Room 26

Mid-High (6th-8th Grades) - Room 11

Senior High (9th - 12th Grades) - Room 10

Youth Confirmation Class (Lent only) - Parlor

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Adult Bible Study

Jim Lang's Class

Family Focus

Men's Bible Class

Young Adult Bible Study

20/30 Vision Class

Membership Class

interested in joining our church will be held today through September.)

Children's Chapel

Library

Upper Balcony

Fowler Heritage Room

Education Building

Parlor

Parlor (for youth and adults who are

**Join us for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday Mornings to find
life's biggest adventure that will send your spirits soaring!**

COME JOIN THE EXPLORER'S CLUB

*“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart”
Jeremiah 29:13*

This year in the Children's Sunday School program, we are going to have an explorers club. Anyone can become a member, but you must be an explorer. We will be using a special adventure book (Bible). It not only tells us about adventures we can have, but about adventures of other people like Deborah, Hannah, Samuel, King Saul and David. We are going to learn about some of their adventures this year. There is a special place that these adventures will lead us all to (heaven) and we are going to learn what we have to do to make sure we can get there. Along the way, children will be earning badges. These badges will be awarded for completing steps in their adventure. For instance, participation in Sunday School, learning the 23rd Psalm, memorizing the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge to the Bible. Throughout their adventures, children will be learning how their spirits can soar with God in their lives.

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION SEPTEMBER 12, 2010

On Sunday, September 12, during our 10:45 a.m. service, we will be presenting Bibles to the Third Grade church members. If you know of a 3rd grader who regularly attends our Church and would like to participate in a special study of *“Learning How To Use Your Bible”*, please contact Becky Mearns by leaving a message in the Church Office (304.842.6284). In acceptance of the Bibles, the children will also be committing to attend a special study during the months of October and November. This eight- week study will take place during the Sunday School hour on Sunday mornings beginning October 3. Children will be presented with a Bible from the Adult Bible Study Sunday School Class on September 12 that they will use for the study.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2010

On September 12, we will recognize and honor all Christian Education teachers and leaders. We encourage you to say a special "Thank You" to those who have made a difference in your life and who have dedicated their time and talents in service of the Church and God. Following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service, please join us on the porch for a reception to thank teachers and leaders who have faithfully served the past year and to welcome new teachers and leaders who are willing to serve as a part of our Christian Education team.