

WATCH BRIDGEPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ONLINE

The service is streamed live at 10:45 AM, on Sundays, and is archived online for later viewing as well. Share this with persons you know who are out of town or unable to attend our Worship Service in person. **Visit the Church Website at** www.bridgeportumc.org and click "Watch Online".

REVIVE RECOVERY AT JOHNSON AVENUE WORSHIP AT 6:30 PM

Revive Recovery continues to meet each Wednesday evening at our Johnson Avenue campus. Revive Recovery is a program specifically for dealing with the troubles we face in this challenging culture and time. Revive Recovery is, in fact, for all hurts, habits, or hang-ups. Only 1 in 3 are there for substance issues. Sign up to help by preparing a light supper served at 6 PM. Sign up on bulletin board in the main entry

THE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH Rummage Sale Last Days

- Monday, Aug. 5, 9 AM-3 PM
half price day
- Tuesday, Aug. 6, 9AM-11AM
bag day

We are in need of strong arms to help break down on Tuesday. If you are able to help, please see Cheryl Bramble.

"Sunny Days of Faith" Sunday School Program!

This summer, we invite all children Ages 3 years old through Fifth Grade (as of this past school year) to join us on an exciting and faith-filled journey with our "Sunny Days of Faith" Sunday School Program!

Throughout the summer, our young explorers will dive into captivating Bible stories, discover the wonders of God's love, and learn about the power of peace, belonging, and courage. Each week, children will engage in fun activities, crafts, songs, and meaningful discussions that help them grow in their faith and understand how they can shine God's light in their daily lives. Each Sunday, we will meet at 9:30am in the Primary Chapel located at the lower door (beside the Preschool Flower Garden – right across the street from Simpson Elementary School) and dismiss from that room as well. We are happy to see our friends any day they get to come! We would love to have adults to help, too. The lessons are prepared in advance, and it is a very enjoyable time with some very bright children!!

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Matthew 7:13-14

Monday: Psalm 139:13-24

Tuesday: Judges 16:4-22

Wednesday: Matthew 12:33-37

Thursday: Luke 5:17-26

Friday: Psalm 119:9-16

Saturday: Psalm 84:1-12

Breath Prayer this Week:

Loving God, draw us often to your word so that we can more closely follow your will. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Adult Sunday School Classes are:
Bread of Life SS/Library/9:30AM
Faith, Family & Friends SS/Parlor/
9:30AM

JOYFUL NOISE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

is looking for two part-time helpers needed Monday thru Friday, 2:00-5:30 PM during the school year. Please call Becky @ 304-203-7959.

GOLF SCRAMBLE United Methodist Men want to invite golfers and all "hackers" to their **Annual BENEDUM OPEN ON AUGUST 11** at 4 PM at Bel Meadows Country Club. The time is now to sign up your four-person team for this nine-hole event that supports our UNITED METHODIST YOUTH. The format will be a scramble (participants can form their own teams) followed by picnic style refreshments on the patio. The evening will conclude with the awards ceremony and a devotion. The fee is \$40 per person and checks can be mailed to Russell Francis at 112 Ventura Drive, Bridgeport, WV 26330 or call 304-842-5895 to reserve your spot. There is also a sign up in the Narthex.

AVAILABLE SERVICES—ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE

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

10:45 Service Childcare - infants-2 years,
Nursery, hallway by back Chapel

10:45 Service Childcare for 2, 3 & 4 yr. olds,
Educ. Bldg. - 1st room on right
Children's Bulletin available on table in the back of the Sanctuary

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

Large Print Hymnals at main entrance to the Sanctuary

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

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

August 3, 2024

6:15 PM

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

GATHERING MUSIC

*HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Tom Price

UMH 474

*INVOCATION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

~ Use the e-giving tab on the website, mail in your donation, or place it in the baskets at the entryways.

~ Please visit our website, bridgeportumc.org, to register for weekly devotional e-mails from our pastors.

WORD IN MUSIC

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

II Samuel 18:4-15, 21, 31-33

MESSAGE

Where Does It Begin?

Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Let Us Break Bread Together

UMH 618

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN

Healer of Our Every Ill

FWS 2213

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH AND POSTLUDE

FWS-Faith We Sing Hymnal UMH-United Methodist Hymnal
WS-Worship and Song Hymnal

Child Care is available for infants – 5 years old in the Nursery in the back hallway by the Chapel

*Indicates standing as able.

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ JOHNSON AVENUE

August 4, 2024

9:45 AM

Gathering to Praise

*Scripture Choruses and Songs

Jim Harris

*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation

Growing in the Word

The Word in Music

*Scripture

II Samuel 18:4-15, 21, 31-33

Today's Message

Where Does It Begin?

Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

Glorifying God Through Response to the Word

The Baptismal Covenant

Holy Communion

(This sacrament or "Holy Covenant" is a way of visibly remembering God's Sacrificial Love given in Christ Jesus and receiving anew His grace.)

Going Forth to Share and Serve

Ministry Stewardship and Opportunities

*Closing Song

*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

BRIDGEPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

251 WORTHINGTON DRIVE, BRIDGEPORT, WV

August 4, 2024 † 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM



THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WORSHIP CELEBRATION

WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE VISION OF "MATTHEW 25"

We are a community of faith focused on being in ministry with and for the least, the last, the lonely, and the left out. Jesus said, "When you do it to the least of these, you do it unto me." (Matthew 25:40) This is our primary work. Please join us as we strengthen ourselves for the task in worship, prayer, and study and then go forth to serve in Matthew 25 Ministries.

PRELUDE

Aria

by Charles Callahan

Come, Sweet Death from Musicalisches Gesangbuch, BWV 478
by J.S. Bach

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Jay Larry.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 130

Reader: Lift up your voice and call out to God.

ALL: We cry out, believing that God hears us.

Reader: Come together and wait for God.

ALL: We come together, trusting that God still speaks.

Reader: Surely God's presence is here with us now.

ALL: We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.

Reader: Come, worship the Lord.

ALL: We celebrate the power of God that restores us.

*INVOCATION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

*HYMN OF WORSHIP

Abide with Me

UMH 700

MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

~ Please fill out a prayer card if desired and place it in the offering basket.

~ Use the e-giving tab on the website, mail in your donation, or place it in the baskets at the entryways.

~ Please visit our website, bridgeportumc.org to check for regular updates.

(10:45 Children K-2nd Grade only may leave for Children's Church.

Please meet with your leader in the back of the Sanctuary.

Younger children see back of bulletin for locations of nurseries.)

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*SCRIPTURE LESSON *II Samuel 18:4-15, 21, 31-33*

King David stood at the side of the gate, while all the army marched out by hundreds and by thousands. The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.

So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. A man saw it, and told Joab, "I saw Absalom hanging in an oak." Joab said to the man who told him, "What, you saw him! Why then did you not strike him there to the ground? I would have been glad to give you ten pieces of silver and a belt." But the man said to Joab, "Even if I felt in my hand the weight of a thousand pieces of silver, I would not raise my hand against the king's son; for in our hearing the king commanded you... saying: For my sake protect the young man Absalom! On the other hand, if I had dealt treacherously against his life (and there is nothing hidden from the king), then you yourself would have stood aloof." Joab said, "I will not waste time like this with you." He took three spears in his hand, and thrust them into the heart of Absalom, while he was still alive in the oak. And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. ...

Then Joab said to a Cushite, "Go, tell the king what you have seen." The Cushite bowed before Joab, and ran. ... Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would that I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

WORD IN MUSIC *O Love* George Matheson; Elaine Hagenberg

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
O Joy that seeks me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

MESSAGE *Where Does It Begin?* Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* UMH 474

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT (10:45 AM)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* UMH 881

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic**
church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

** "universal"

TAKING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Almighty God, ...

And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ. ...

And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, ...

Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy Church, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER ALL HAVE BEEN SERVED

Gracious God, thank you for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. As we go from this table, may your grace sustain us. Help us to trust in your steadfast love, to find comfort in your presence, and to extend compassion to those who are hurting in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN *Be Still, My Soul* UMH 534

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *O Save Me God, and Hear My Cry* (DETROIT) arr. by Wilbur Held

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (August 4 - August 11)

SUNDAY

8:30 AM Worship Service Sanctuary
9:30 AM Bread of Life Sunday School Library
9:30 AM Faith Family Friends SS Parlor
9:30 AM WOW Children's SS (Pre K3-5th) Primary Chapel
9:30 AM Youth Sunday School Education Building
9:45 AM Worship @ Johnson Ave. Johnson Ave. Campus
9:45 AM Maplewood Worship Service Maplewood
10:45 AM Worship Service Sanctuary

MONDAY

7:00 AM AA Morning Meditation Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM Preventicare Nursery
9 AM - 3 PM Rummage Sale Gym
7:00 PM Proverbs 31 Circle Meeting Johnson Ave. Campus

TUESDAY

9 AM -11 AM Rummage Sale Gym
10:00 AM Staff Meeting Fowler Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM Revive Recovery Johnson Ave. Campus

THURSDAY

7:00 AM Men's Prayer and Coffee Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM PreventiCare Nursery
10:00 AM Lectionary Class Library
6:00 PM Sweet Hour of Prayer Meeting Johnson Ave. Campus

FRIDAY

7:00 AM AA Morning Meditation Johnson Ave. Campus
8:30 AM Sister's Bible Study

SATURDAY

6:15 PM Saturday Evening Service Sanctuary

SUNDAY, August 11

8:30 AM Worship Service Sanctuary
9:30 AM Sunday School
9:45 AM Worship @ Johnson Ave. Johnson Ave. Campus
9:45 AM Maplewood Worship Service Maplewood
10:45 AM Worship Service Sanctuary
4:00 PM Men's Golf Tournament Bel Meadows Golf Course

Those participating in the Service - Brett Miller -organ, Dan, Katherine, Amelia and Ben Hughes

Christian Sympathy to Danyelle Schoonmaker and Family on the death of her husband, Matthew Schoonmaker.

*Indicates standing as able.



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