

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.

CHILDREN AGES 3 THROUGH FIFTH GRADE

Young Explorers: Bible Study
We invite children ages 3 through fifth grade to join us at 9:30 AM in the Primary Chapel. Each week, your children will explore a key Bible verse and learn through play, interactive lessons, and practical application. We will dismiss at 10:30 AM in the Primary Chapel.

RUMMAGE SALE NEWS

Spring cleaning? We will begin to accept donations for the Annual Whale of a Sale on May 1 until May 31. Please bring your donations to the gym from 8 AM - 4 PM Monday through Friday. We are unable to accept paint, tires, automobile parts, large exercise equipment, used swimwear and underwear. Thanks in advance for your donations, this sale benefits many local missions and we couldn't do it without you! Please note the date change for the Rummage Sale.

Church members preview- Thursday, July 24 from 5-7 PM
Open to the public-
July 25 - 26 from 8 AM - 2 PM
Half price day- July 28; 8 AM -2 PM
Bag Day- July 29; 8 AM -11 AM

JOIN US FOR OUR BIBLE STUDY

on the Gospel of John. Led by Pastor Matthew, the study meets Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the back of the Sanctuary.

L.I.F.E - Living In Faith Everyday
Beginning April 27th at 12:30, at Johnson Ave, an opportunity to come together to share how we apply our faith in everyday living. If you have ever questioned, wondered, or struggled with life's challenges, you will want to join us as we deal with the realities of life. Rick Curtis will lead us, as we explore how to, "Walk by faith, not by sight," (James 5:7)

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: John 4:1-14
Monday: Matthew 5:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18
Wed.: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Thursday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Friday: Isaiah 43:16-21
Saturday: Psalm 18:1-6

Breath Prayer this Week:

Dear God, we know that we have sinned. Yet, you continue to be merciful to us and call us your children. Give us a desire to follow your will for our lives. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Adult Sunday School Classes are:
Bread of Life SS/Library/9:30AM
Faith, Family & Friends SS/Parlor/9:30AM
Youth SS/Education Building/9:30 AM
Young Explorers SS/ages 3-5th grade/ Primary Chapel/9:30 AM
Nursery Care/Infant-2year old/ Nursery/9:30 AM

LECTIONARY CLASS

Meets every Thursday from 10:00 - 11:00 am. Please join us in the Library as we study the Bible scriptures.

CONSIDER TEAMING UP WITH A FAMILY AND/OR FRIENDS TO PROVIDE A MEAL AT THE CLARKSBURG MISSION

We are responsible for providing a meal at the mission the 3rd Sunday of every month. If you are willing to help, please 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
10:45 Children's Church - ages 5-2nd grade, Children's Church Room
Large Print Hymnals at main entrance to the Sanctuary
Prayer Cards to indicate special concerns are located in the pew racks
Membership Directories are available in the Church Office.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

April 26, 2025

6:15 PM

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

GATHERING MUSIC

Max Garner

*HYMN

The Lily of the Valley

FWS 2062

*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 for regular updates.

WORD IN MUSIC

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31

MESSAGE

Shine on Me

Rick Curtis

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

We Walk by Faith

FWS 2196

PASTORAL PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN

Stay with Us

FWS 2199

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH AND POSTLUDE

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

April 27, 2025

9:45 AM

Gathering to Praise

*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation

*Scripture Choruses and Songs

Jim Harris

Growing in the Word

*Scripture

John 20:19-31

Today's Message

Shine on Me

Rick Curtis

Glorifying God Through Communion and Response

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

April 27, 2025 † 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM



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.

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDES *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns* (CONSOLATION) arr. by David Schack

I Know that My Redeemer Lives (DUKE STREET) arr. by Michael Burkhardt
In the Garden - GARDEN (10:45) C. Austin Miles; arr. Larry Sue

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

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader: Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed!

Reader: Peace be with you! The risen Christ stands among us.

ALL: He is here in our midst with hands still bearing the wounds of love.

Reader: Jesus speaks peace, shows his scars, and calls us to trust him.

ALL: We worship him for he breathes peace and brings new life.

Reader: So come, receive the breath of the Spirit and be renewed by mercy.

ALL: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Let us worship the Lord!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Reader: Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed!

Reader: Risen Christ, you come to us behind closed doors, bringing peace to our fears, hope to our doubts, and life to our weary hearts. You do not shame us for our questions, nor scold us for our slowness to believe. Instead, you show us your wounds, the signs of your love. Breathe on us now, Holy Spirit, as you breathed on the disciples long ago. Renew our faith, kindle our joy, and send us out with your peace.

ALL: We worship you, Living Lord. Amen.

*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

Christ Has Risen

FWS 2115

SONGS OF PRAISE (10:45 AM) *There's a Joy in Me* John Purifoy
Psalm 100 Dennis and Nan Allen
The B-I-B-L-E Traditional

MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

- ~ Please fill out a prayer card if desired and place it in an 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 94
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*SCRIPTURE LESSON *John 20:19-31*
 Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD IN MUSIC (10:45 AM) *Shine on Me* arr. Rollo Dilworth

MESSAGE *Jesus Keeps Showing Up* Rick Curtis

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *In the Garden* UMH 314

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 888

FROM I CORINTHIANS 15:1-6 AND COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

Leader: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

People: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

ANTHEM *He Never Failed Me Yet* Robert Ray

I will sing of God's mercy; every day, every hour, he gives me power.

I will sing and give thanks to thee

for all the dangers, toils and snares that he has brought me out.

He is my God and I'll serve him.

No matter what the test, trust and never doubt,

Jesus will surely bring you out; he never failed me yet.

I know God is able to deliver in times of storm,

and I know that he'll keep you safe from all earthly harm.

One day when my weary soul is at rest,

I'm going home to be forever blessed.

Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out;

he never failed me yet.

Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh?

And didn't he cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

When I think of what my God can do, he delivered Daniel;

I know he will deliver you.

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE MINISTRY OF OUR CHOIRS

Reader: God of resurrection and rejoicing, we give thanks today for those who lift their voices in praise – for sopranos and altos, tenors and basses; for rehearsals offered in faith and anthems sung in joy.

ALL: We thank you, Lord, for the gift of music and for the ministry of our choirs.

Reader: For melodies that open our hearts, for harmonies that point to heaven, for lyrics that carry your Word deep into our souls – we give you praise.

ALL: We thank you, Lord, for voices that proclaim your love and songs that echo your grace.

Reader: For directors who lead with wisdom, for accompanists who support with skill, and for each singer whose offering is both gift and sacrifice – we give you thanks.

ALL: We bless your name, O God, for those who serve through music and magnify your name.

Reader: May their songs continue to stir faith, to comfort the weary, to awaken joy, and to proclaim Christ risen among us.

ALL: We thank you, O God, for the ministry of music and for all who give voice to resurrection hope. Let every note resound with your Spirit, and let all our lives sing your praise. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* UMH 68

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH

Reader: Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed!

Reader: Go now in the peace of the risen Christ. As the breath of the Spirit filled the upper room, may that same breath fill your hearts with faith, your lives with praise, and your voices with joy.

ALL: Let the song of resurrection continue – in the music we make, in the love we share, in the peace we proclaim.

Reader: Go forth sent by the Risen Lord!

ALL: Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done* (VICTORY) arr. by Alec Wyton

*Indicates standing as able.

Rose on the Altar celebrates the birth of *Archer Graham Freeland*, born April 1 to Morgan Conner and Cody Freeland. Proud grandparents are Scott and Eva Conner.

Participants in Service

8:30 – Cheryl Bramble – liturgist, Brett Miller – organist/pianist, Chancel Choir, Benjamin Hughes – percussionist, Katherine Hughes - soloist, Tom Price - pianist
 10:45 – Cheryl Bramble – liturgist, Brett Miller – organist/pianist, Cherub Choir, Jubilate Singers, Seraphim Singers, Chancel Choir, Benjamin Hughes – percussionist, Youth Handbells, Youth Handchimes, Tom Price - pianist

BRIDGEPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh, Senior Pastor

Rev. George Bramble, Pastoral Care † Rev. Jim Lang, Education

Dr. Dan Hughes, Director of Chancel Choir † Joe Starkey, Director of Youth Ministries

Brett Miller, Organist † Jim Harris, Tom Price, Accompanists † Russ Francis, Treasurer

Kim Kapp, Jennifer Walker, Administrative Staff † Polly Steele, Director of Preschool

Becky Thornton, Director of Joyful Noise Afterschool Program

Dan & Katherine Hughes, Seraphim Directors † Katherine Hughes, Jubilate Director

Jennifer Lawson, Cherub Choir Director

Dorothy Prunty, Denny Owens, Cathy Hamilton, Michael Moran, Facilities

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (April 27 – May 4)

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	Young Explorers 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
4:30-5:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group	Education Building
5:00-5:30 PM	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Primary Chapel
5:00-5:30 PM	Jubilate Singers Rehearsal	Children's Church
5:30-6:00 PM	Elementary Handchimes	Children's Church
5:30-6:00 PM	Seraphim Singers Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00 PM	Mid High Youth	Education Building
7:00-7:30 PM	Youth Handbell Reh.	Balcony

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	Fowler Heritage Room
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WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM	Revive Recovery	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall

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	Fowler Heritage Room

SATURDAY

6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary
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SUNDAY, May 4

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
4:30-5:00 PM	Senior High Youth Group	Education Building
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6:00-7:00 PM	Middle School Youth Group	Education Building
7:00-7:30 PM	Youth Handbell Reh.	Balcony

TITHES & OFFERINGS



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