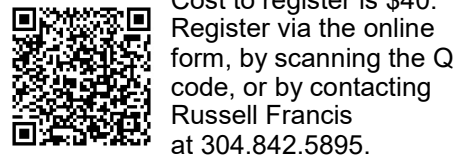


WATCH BRIDGEPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ONLINE
The service is streamed live at 10:45 AM on Sundays, and is archived online for later viewing as well. **Visit the Church Website at** www.bridgeportumc.org and click “Watch Online”.

REVIVE RECOVERY Join us every Wednesday at the Johnson Avenue Campus for dinner, worship, fellowship, and hope. Dinner begins at 6:00 PM, followed by worship at 6:30 PM. Revive Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery ministry for anyone facing hurts, habits, or hang-ups.

TEE OFF FOR A GREAT CAUSE
The Benedum Open Golf Scramble will be held on Sunday, August 9, at 3:30 PM at Bel Meadows Country Club. Every swing helps support Youth Ministry and the opportunities our young people have to grow in faith, serve others, and build lasting friendships. Gather a foursome or sign up as an individual, and join us for an afternoon of golf, fellowship, and fun.



Cost to register is \$40. Register via the online form, by scanning the QR code, or by contacting Russell Francis at 304.842.5895.

VBS Begins Tonight!
Today is the day! Vacation Bible School begins this evening and runs through Wednesday, **July 19-22, from 6:00-8:00 pm.** Join us as we go **On the Case to Discover God’s Amazing Love** as we explore Bible stories, music, crafts, games, snacks, and more. There’s still time to register online or at the door.



Please pray for our children, families, and volunteers as we begin this special week together!

Help Make the Whale of a Sale Possible! Volunteers are needed to help serve as cashiers and baggers during the sale. We also need help with breakdown and cleanup after Bag Day on Tuesday, July 28. Whether you can serve for one shift or several, your help will make a difference! To sign up, please complete the online form at bridgeportumc.org/rummage-sale.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Friday - Closed

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Daniel 6:16-23
Monday: 2 Corinthians 1:1-7
Tuesday: Amos 7:1-9
Wednesday: Psalm 30:4-12
Thursday: Ephesians 2:1-10
Friday: Hebrews 6:17-20
Saturday: 2 Samuel 18:12-18

Breath Prayer This Week

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for embracing us with your peace.
Help us remember that your light shines through even in our darkest moments. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES

Adult Sunday School Classes:
Bread of Life SS/Library/9:30 AM
Faith, Family, Friends/Parlor/9:30 AM
Youth SS/Education Building/9:30 AM
Young Explorers SS/ages 3-5th grade/
Primary Chapel/9:30 AM
Nursery Care/Infant-2 year old/
Nursery/9:30 AM
Children’s Church Ages 5 thru 5th
grade/10:45 AM/Children’s
Church room, back of
Sanctuary
Lectionary Bible Study/Thursdays/
Library/10:00 AM
Bible Study/Sanctuary overflow/
Thursdays/7:00 PM
L.I.F.E. Bible Study/Johnson Ave.
Campus/Tuesdays/7:30 PM

AVAILABLE SERVICES—ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE

6:15 PM SATURDAY EVENINGS, infants through age 5, Nursery, hallway by back Chapel
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 3 & 4 yr. olds, Educ. Bldg. - 1st room on right
10:45 Children’s Church - ages 5-5th 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

July 18, 2026 6:15 PM

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC Renee Warner, pianist
*OPENING HYMN **Victory in Jesus** UMH 370
*INVOCATION
*THE LORD’S PRAYER
LIVING THE MISSION
• Visit our website at bridgeportumc.org for ministry updates, events, and opportunities to connect.
• Prayer cards are available and may be placed in an offering basket.
• You may give online, mail your donation to the church, or place your offering in a basket at the entryway.
THE WORD IN MUSIC
*SCRIPTURE LESSON MESSAGE **Romans 8:1-11**
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT: YOU WERE MADE FOR THIS (ROMANS 8)
Case Closed-Now What? Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh
*HYMN OF RESPONSE **Grace Greater than Our Sin** UMH 365
PASTORAL PRAYER
*SENDING HYMN **In Christ Alone** (see inside of bulletin) W&S 3105
*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD
*SENDING FORTH
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

July 19, 2026 9:45 AM

Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs Jim Harris
Growing in the Word
*Scripture **Romans 8:1-11**
Message **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT: YOU WERE MADE FOR THIS (ROMANS 8)**
Case Closed-Now What? Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh
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 his grace anew.)
Going Forth to Share and Serve
Ministry Stewardship and Opportunities
*Closing Song
*Benediction and Sending Forth
*Indicates standing as able.

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

July 19, 2026 † 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

THE EIGHTH 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.

PRELUDES **Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ** (ADORO TE DEVOTE) arr. by Charles Callahan
Jesus Sinners Will Receive arr. by Mark Sedio
Holy Spirit, Truth Divine (SONG 13) arr. by Alfred V. Fedak
As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today’s leader is Shawn Morgan.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Reader: There is good news for the people of God.
ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are welcomed by grace.
Reader: We come not because we have everything figured out, and not because we have made ourselves worthy.
ALL: We come because God has called us here.
Reader: The case is closed: God’s mercy is greater than our sin.
ALL: So now what?
Reader: Now we worship. Now we listen.
Now we open ourselves to the life God gives.
ALL: Come, Holy Spirit, and lead us in worship.

*PRAYER OF 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 **To God Be the Glory** UMH 98
WORD IN MUSIC **Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether** Harold W. Friedell
Lyrics — UMH 632

*At 10:45, children in grades K–5 are invited to Children’s Church during the Word in Music.
Nursery care and classroom locations are listed in the bulletin announcements.*

*SCRIPTURE LESSON *Romans 8:1-11*

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* UMH 420

MESSAGE **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT: YOU WERE MADE FOR THIS (ROMANS 8)**
Case Closed—Now What? Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *And Can It Be that I Should Gain* (vs. 1, 3, & 4) UMH 363

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF PARDON
ALL: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not always lived as people set free by your grace.
We have carried guilt you have already forgiven.
We have returned to old patterns of sin and selfishness.
We have trusted our own strength instead of the life-giving power of your Spirit.
Forgive us, we pray.
Set our hearts and minds on Christ.
Renew us by your Spirit,
and lead us in the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Moments of Silent Prayer
Reader: Hear the good news:
“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, set free, and made new.
ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN *And Can It Be that I Should Gain* (verse 5) UMH 363

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*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!

THANKSGIVING FOR GIFTS RECEIVED AND SHARED
IN REMEMBRANCE OF MICHAEL LATE BENEDUM

Reader: Every good and generous gift comes from God.
ALL: We give thanks for gifts received, gifts shared, and gifts entrusted to us.

Reader: Today, on the Sunday closest to his birthday, we remember Michael Late Benedum, whose generosity helped make possible the sanctuary in which we worship.
ALL: We thank God for his vision, his stewardship, and his love for this community.

Reader: But this sacred space is not only a gift from the past. It is also a calling for the present.
ALL: May we offer our lives to God with grateful and generous hearts.

Reader: As we give thanks for those whose faithfulness has blessed us, may we also ask: what will we do with the grace we have received?
ALL: By the power of the Holy Spirit, make us faithful in worship, generous in service, and alive in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF REFLECTION *My Home Among the Hills*
Each year, our congregation pauses near the birthday of Michael Late Benedum to give thanks for his generosity and for the sanctuary made possible through his gift.
As we remember his legacy, we give thanks for this place we call home, for the people who have worshiped and served here before us, and for the God who continues to meet us here and send us out in love.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Reader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Reader: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
ALL: Thanks be to God!

Reader: Merciful God, we give you thanks for setting us free from the power of sin and death. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have done what we could not do for ourselves: you have condemned the sin that condemns us and given us the Spirit of life. By the power of your Holy Spirit, shape our lives after the pattern of Jesus. As people who belong to Christ, send us out as witnesses of hope, messengers of grace, bearers of life, and servants of peace.
ALL: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN *In Christ Alone* W&S 3105

1. In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song. This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.	3. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again. And as He stands in victory, Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
2. In Christ alone who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. ‘Til on the cross as Jesus died The love of God was magnified, For ev’ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live. © 2001 Thankyou Music	4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow’r of Christ in me. From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow’r of hell, no scheme or plan, Can ever pluck me from His hand. ‘Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand! Words and Music by Keith Getty; Stuart Townend

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Come, God, Creator, Holy Ghost* by Marcel Dupre

*Indicates standing as able.

Ministering in the Service: Brent Kimble – liturgist; Brett Miller – organist and pianist and vocalist; Dan, Katherine, and Amelia Hughes - vocalists

Flowers in front of the Sanctuary are in celebration of the life of Michael Late Benedum.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (July 19 – July 26)		
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
6:00-8:00 PM	Vacation Bible School	Sanctuary
MONDAY		
7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
6:00-8:00 PM	Vacation Bible School	Sanctuary
TUESDAY		
10:00 AM	Staff Meeting will not meet	Fowler Heritage Room
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:00-8:00 PM	Vacation Bible School	Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY		
6:00-8:00 PM	Vacation Bible School	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Revive Recovery Dinner	Johnson Ave. Campus
6:30 PM	Revive Recovery Service	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
5:00-7:00 PM	Rummage Sale Family Night	Gym
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow
FRIDAY (Office Closed)		
7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
8:00 AM-2 PM	Rummage Sale	Gym
SATURDAY		
8:00 AM-2 PM	Rummage Sale	Gym
6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary
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9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:45 AM	Maplewood Worship Service	Maplewood
10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary



Church members preview:
Thursday, July 23 from 5-7 PM

Open to the public:
Friday-Saturday, July 24-25 8 AM-2 PM

Half-Price Day —
Monday, July 27 8 AM-2 PM

Bag Day —
Tuesday, July 28 8 AM-11 AM

