

**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](http://www.bridgeportumc.org) and click “Watch Online”.

**REVIVE RECOVERY AT JOHNSON AVENUE WORSHIP AT 6:30 PM**  
Revive Recovery meets 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 are accepting donations for the Annual Whale of a Sale 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. **Help needed!** If you have a heart for service or seek fellowship or have a few free hours we need you. Consider helping the United Women in Faith sorting and pricing now till we are finished **AND** during the sale. Contact the Church Office or Cheryl Bramble for more info if you are willing to help. 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**  
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**  
meets every Sunday at 12:30 PM, at our Johnson Ave. Campus. This is an opportunity to come together to share how we apply our faith in everyday living. If you have ever questioned, or struggled with life's challenges, you will want to join us as we deal with the real-

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Romans 5:1-11  
Monday: Psalm 130:1-8  
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 6:14-18  
Wednesday: Isaiah 52:7-10  
Thursday: Matthew 8:23-27  
Friday: Mark 9:14-24  
Saturday: Luke 11:1-13

**Breath Prayer this Week:**  
Dear Lord, give us the desire and the humility to come to you first, trusting that you will guide our way.  
Amen.

ities of life. Rick Curtis will lead us, as we explore how to, "Walk by faith, not by sight" (James 5:7).

**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-2 year old/ Nursery/9:30 AM

**SHEPHERDS CORNER COLLECTION NEXT WEEK**  
Our church collects items the 4th Sunday of each month. If you would like to donate any non-perishable food items, cleaning products, laundry detergent, toothpaste, and shampoo, it will be of great help. You can place them in the Narthex or drop them off at Shepherd's Corner Tues.-Thurs. 10 AM -2 PM. Thank you.

**FAMILY SUPPORT MINISTRY**  
Interested in hearing more about how you can help foster, adoptive, kinship, and primary families in our community? Please fill out the survey at [https://www. bridgepor-tumc.org/family-support-ministry](https://www.bridgeportumc.org/family-support-ministry) or scan the QR code. For more information, contact Beth Gregg via phone or text at 304.322.0233.



**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 5-2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Children’s Church Room

**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**

May 17, 2025 6:15 PM

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT  
GATHERING MUSIC Renee Warner  
\*HYMN *Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise* FWS 2084  
\*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](http://bridgeportumc.org) for regular updates.  
WORD IN MUSIC  
\*SCRIPTURE LESSON *John 13:31-35*  
MESSAGE *Resurrection Living* Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh  
*Loving As Christ Loves*  
\*HYMN OF RESPONSE *They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* FWS 2223  
PASTORAL PRAYER  
\*CLOSING HYMN *We Will Rejoice in Love* (inside of bulletin)  
\*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**

May 18, 2025 9:45 AM

**Gathering to Praise**  
\*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation  
\*Scripture Choruses and Songs Jim Harris  
**Growing in the Word**  
\*Scripture *John 13:31-35*  
Today’s Message *Resurrection Living* Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh  
*Loving As Christ Loves*  
**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

May 18, 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  
PRELUDE  
As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.  
Today’s leader is Nancy McClure.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD  
\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
Reader: Christ is risen!  
**ALL: Christ is risen indeed!**  
Reader: The Risen One calls us to love – not with words alone, but with lives shaped by grace.  
**ALL: We are called to love as Christ loved us.**  
Reader: In a world of fractured relationships and divided hearts, Christ gathers us into one body, one Spirit, one hope.  
**ALL: As Christ’s disciples, we come to worship, to be renewed in love, and to live in the power of his resurrection.**  
Reader: Let us worship the God who is love, whose glory is shown in a basin, a towel, and a cross.  
**ALL: Let us love as we have been loved!**

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION  
Reader: Christ is risen!  
**ALL: Christ is risen indeed!**  
Reader: Risen Christ, you stooped to wash feet. You stretched out your arms on the cross. You have loved us to the end and beyond. In this time of worship, reshape our lives and loves by your grace. Empower us to love as you love. Where we’re weary, revive us. Where we’re scattered, gather us. Where we’re cold, warm us with your Spirit. Teach us again what glory looks like. Make us a people whose love bears your name.  
**ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, who loved us to the end and rose triumphant from the dead, we pray. 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 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384

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](http://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 13:31-35*  
Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD IN MUSIC *A Blessing* Based on John 14:27  
Sara Teasdale; David N. Childs

MESSAGE *Resurrection Living* Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh  
*Loving as Christ Loves*

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE *We Will Rejoice in Love* David Bjorlin; Mark A. Miller

1. We will re - joice in love, lift up our  
2. We will re - pent in love, raise our la -

voice in love, make ev - 'ry choice in  
ment in love, dare to dis - sent in

love, we will up - hold your world in love.  
love, we will up - hold your world in love.

We will de - light in love, share and in -  
We will per - sist in love, choose to re -

vite in love, till all u - nite in love,  
sist in love, and co - ex - ist in love,

we will en - fold your world in love.  
we will en - fold your world in love.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Modern Affirmation* UMH 885  
Pastor: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:  
**All: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all His works, and whose will is ever directed to His children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE (10:45) *God So Loved the World* Based on John 3:16-17  
John Stainer, arr. James Webb

RECOGNITION OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES *The Class of 2025*  
A PRAYER FOR OUR GRADUATES  
Reader: Risen Christ – you who walked with your disciples, called them by name, taught them to love, and sent them into the world – we thank you for walking with these graduates.  
**ALL: You have been their companion through seasons of growth, challenges overcome, friendships forged, and wisdom gained.**

Reader: We give you thanks for families, teachers, mentors, and friends who have encouraged them along the way.  
**ALL: Now, Lord, as they stand on the edge of new beginnings, fill them with resurrection hope.**  
Reader: Take away fear of the unknown, and stir up in them holy curiosity and courage.  
**ALL: Let your love – bold and humble, listening and lifting, serving and sacrificing – be their compass.**  
Reader: Root them in grace, shape them with mercy, and send them to live not for themselves alone, but for the flourishing of all creation.  
**ALL: O God, bless and keep them in every step they take.**  
Reader: May their lives reflect the light of the Risen Christ, in whose name we pray.  
**ALL: Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING  
Reader: Christ is risen!  
**ALL: Christ is risen indeed!**  
Reader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
Reader: We give you our thanks and praise, O God, for in the beginning, you formed us from the dust and breathed into us the breath of life. Creating God, you shaped the world in love and called it good. We give thanks for your steadfast love that sustains us still.  
Risen Christ, we thank you for love that kneels to wash feet, that embraces the world on a cross, and that rises to demonstrate your victory over death. In you, we see the true nature of glory: not power displayed, but love poured out. Not control taken, but life given. Not distance kept, but mercy made flesh.  
Holy Spirit, rekindle our hope, renew our hearts, and reshape our lives and loves by your power. Bind us together in love, so that words become action, worship becomes service, and love becomes our lasting witness.  
**ALL: We offer this prayer in the name of the Triune God – Maker, Savior, and Sustainer – one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\*SENDING HYMN *Christ Is Alive* UMH 318  
\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD  
\*SENDING FORTH  
POSTLUDE

\*Indicates standing as able.  
**Participants in Service**  
Tom Price – organist/pianist; Sarah Looker – flutist; Sarah Yearego – soloist;  
Chancel Choir; Seraphim Singers (10:45); Rick Curtis – liturgist (8:30);  
Youth Liturgists (10:45)

**Christian Sympathy to** Matt Straley on the death of his grandmother, JoAnn Dobbins.  
Amy Allen on the death of her mother, Patricia Ann Ash Reasinger.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (May 18 – May 25)		
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
12:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus
4:30-5:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group	Education Building
6:00-7:00 PM	Mid High Youth	Education Building
MONDAY		
7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
TUESDAY		
10:00 AM	Staff Meeting will not meet	Fowler Heritage Room
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	Balcony
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer Meeting	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Bible Study will not meet	Back of Sanctuary
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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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
12:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus
4:30-5:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group	Education Building
6:00-7:00 PM	Middle School Youth Group	Education Building

TITHES & OFFERINGS

FIRST TIME USERS,  
**SIGN UP FOR AN ACCOUNT.**  
ESTABLISHED USERS  
**LOGIN.**  
THOUGHTFULLY **GIVE.**