

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.

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.

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.

UMCOR United Committee on Relief 100 percent of what you give goes to enable emergency grants and supplies immediately after a disaster. If you would like to donate, please make your check to BUMC and in the memo write UMCOR.

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

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Matthew 26:36-46
Monday: Genesis 8:1-5
Tuesday: Philippians 2:12-18
Wednesday: I Peter 2:9-10
Thursday: Psalm 46:1-11
Friday: Matthew 7:13-14
Saturday: Romans 5:1-5

Breath Prayer this Week:

Dear Jesus, your words make us uncomfortable. Help us to get past our discomfort so we can recognize the resources you provide for the road ahead. 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

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

YOUTH ARE COLLECTING peanut butter, jelly and spaghetti sauce for the Tyrand Cooperative Ministries and will be delivering these items when they go on their mission trip to Tyrand. Donations will be collected for the next two weeks. You can place them in the container in the Narthex marked Tyrand.

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

March 15, 2025

6:15 PM

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

GATHERING MUSIC

Max Garner

*HYMN

Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

FWS 2034

*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

Luke 13:31-35

MESSAGE

On the Road to the Cross:

Guided By Triple A

Rev. Dr. Ken Ramsey

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

O How He Loves You and Me

FWS 2108

PASTORAL PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN

The Summons

FWS 2130

*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

March 16, 2025

9:45 AM

Gathering to Praise

*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation

*Scripture Choruses and Songs

Jim Harris

Growing in the Word

*Scripture

Luke 13:31-35

Today's Message

On the Road to the Cross:

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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

March 16, 2025 † 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

A SEASON OF
REFLECTION,
RENEWAL
AND PREPARATION



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 leaders are Jay Larry and Heidi Griffith.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader: Come, all who seek the Lord, for God is our refuge and strength.

ALL: We come to find shelter in the shadow of God's wings.

Reader: Jesus longs to gather us together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings.

ALL: Trusting in Christ's mercy, we open our hearts to his embrace.

Reader: Let us follow Jesus on the road to the cross as we walk in faith and love.

ALL: We will follow Jesus, the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

*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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH 139

SONG OF PRAISE

Be Thou My Vision

Eleanor H. Hull; trans. Mary E Byrne
arr. Alice Parker; Lyrics – UMH 451

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

Doxology for Lent
*Praise God who leads through forty days;
glory to Christ, who shows God's ways;
and to the Spirit, source of grace;
one Triune God, we now embrace. Amen.*

Tune: OLD 100th

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 13:31-35

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' ³² He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work." ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.'" ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD IN MUSIC

Wondrous Love

arr. Eric H. Thiman
Lyrics – UMH 292

MESSAGE

**On the Road to the Cross:
Guided by Triple A**

Rev. Dr. Ken Ramsey

Jesus was guided by His: 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

A Charge to Keep I Have

UMH 413

*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"

MOMENTS OF GUIDED PRAYER



"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem..."

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Written by St. Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109)

Reader: Let us give thanks to the Lord!

ALL: Let us give thanks to Christ, who gathers us in love, heals us with mercy, and leads us to new life.

Reader: Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you: You are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

ALL: Often you weep over our sins and our pride: tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.

Reader: You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds: in sickness you nurse us, and with pure milk you feed us.

ALL: Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life: by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.

Reader: Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness: through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.

ALL: Your warmth gives life to the dead: your touch makes sinners righteous.

Reader: Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us: in your love and tenderness remake us.

ALL: In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness: for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

The Summons

FWS 2130

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Indicates standing as able.

Those participating in the Service - Tom Price - organ, piano; Chancel Choir; Cheryl Bramble - liturgist (8:30 AM), Olivia Corder, Audrey Corder, Zach Hickman, Bianca Hicks, Daniel Yearego, Kaitlyn Kimble - liturgists (10:45 AM)



Please join us for our
upcoming *Lenten Services*
Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM at
BUMC Main Campus
March 23 † March 30 † April 6

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

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (March 16– March 23)

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
11:45 AM	Senior and Mid High Youth	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 Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
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
7:00 PM	Bible Study	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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SUNDAY, March 23

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
4:30-5:30 PM	Senior High Youth	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 Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00 PM	Mid High Youth Group	Education Building
7:00-7:30 PM	Youth Handbell Rehearsal	Balcony

TITHES & OFFERINGS



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

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