

## 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 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.

## 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.

## 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

## TITHES & OFFERINGS



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

SIMPLY SCAN THE QR CODE TO GIVE

## Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Psalm 34:15-22  
Monday: Jeremiah 29:10-14  
Tuesday: I Kings 18:22-39  
Wednesday: Psalm 121:1-8  
Thursday: I Samuel 17:38-50  
Friday: I John 2:15-17  
Saturday: Philippians 4:4-7

## Breath Prayer this Week:

Dear God, help us to remember how precious our time is and to appreciate it. Show us how to reach out to those in need. 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.

**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 through March 30. You can place them in the container in the Narthex marked Tyrand.

## SHEPHERDS CORNER

### COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Our church collects items the 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Thank you

## 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  
**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 22, 2025

6:15 PM

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

GATHERING MUSIC

Tom Price

\*HYMN

*Seek Ye First*

UMH 405

\*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

*Luke 11:1-13*

MESSAGE

*On the Road to the Cross:*

*Formed by Prayer*

Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

UMH 526

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN

*God Is So Good*

FWS 2056

\*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 23, 2025

9:45 AM

Gathering to Praise

\*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation

\*Scripture Choruses and Songs

Jim Harris

Growing in the Word

\*Scripture

*Luke 11:1-13*

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 23, 2025 † 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

THE THIRD 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

*Variations on a Southern Hymn (WONDROUS LOVE)*

Russell Schulz-Widmar

*Prelude on FOUNDATION*

Sam Batt Owens

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: Let us seek God with open hearts.

**ALL: Lord, teach us to pray as Jesus taught.**

Reader: Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find.

**ALL: We knock upon the door of grace.**

Reader: We gather in faith, trusting in God's mercy and love.

**ALL: Lord, lead us in your way!**

INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAYER

*Our Father*

Craig Courtney;

Based on Matt. 6:9-13

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. Amen.

\*HYMN OF WORSHIP

*It's Me, It's Me, O Lord  
Seek Ye First*

UMH 352 (8:30 AM)

UMH 405 (10:45 AM)

SONGS OF PRAISE (10:45 AM) **Jesus Loves Me**  
 Anna B. Warner; William B. Bradbury  
**Behold, Behold!** Based on Rev. 3:20; Traditional melody  
 Behold, behold! I stand at the door and knock, knock, knock.  
 Behold, behold! I stand at the door and knock, knock, knock.  
 If anyone hear my voice, if anyone hear my voice,  
 and will open, open, open the door, I will come in.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG **Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying** FWS 2193  
**God Is Love** Phyllis S. Miller; Traditional melody  
 God is love, God is love, God sends blessings from above.  
 Every day, in my way, I will thank God while I pray.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG **Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying** FWS 2193  
**Whisper a Prayer** Traditional

1. Whisper a pray'r in the morning; whisper a pray'r at noon;  
 whisper a pray'r in the evening, to keep your heart in tune.

2. God answers pray'r ...

**Standin' in the Need of Prayer** African-American spiritual  
 It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.  
 It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.  
 Not my father, not my mother, but it's me,  
 O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.  
 Not my sister, not my brother, but it's me,  
 O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

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** Tune: OLD 100<sup>th</sup>  
**To Father God, who guides our way,**  
**to Christ, who taught us how to pray,**  
**and to the Spirit, holy gift,**  
**all thanks and praise we humbly lift. Amen.**

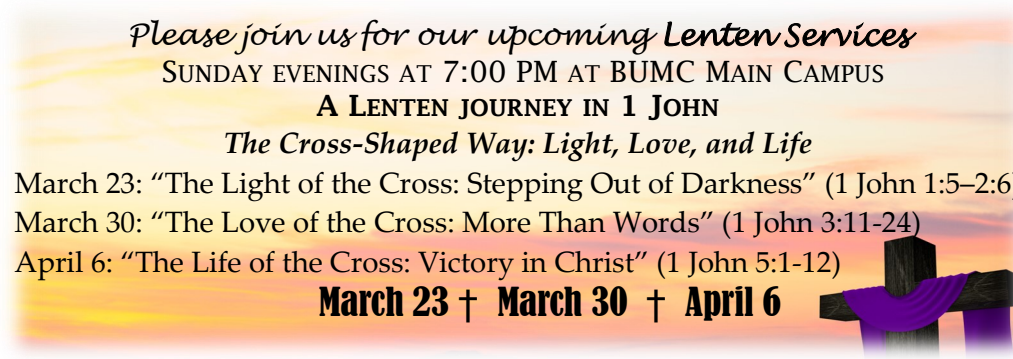
\*SCRIPTURE LESSON **Luke 11:1-13**  
 Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE **On the Road to the Cross: Formed by Prayer** Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE **Sweet Hour of Prayer** UMH 496

MOMENTS OF GUIDED PRAYER

*Please join us for our upcoming Lenten Services*  
 SUNDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00 PM AT BUMC MAIN CAMPUS  
**A LENTEN JOURNEY IN 1 JOHN**  
**The Cross-Shaped Way: Light, Love, and Life**  
 March 23: "The Light of the Cross: Stepping Out of Darkness" (1 John 1:5-2:6)  
 March 30: "The Love of the Cross: More Than Words" (1 John 3:11-24)  
 April 6: "The Life of the Cross: Victory in Christ" (1 John 5:1-12)  
**March 23 † March 30 † April 6**



\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church**  
 UMH 884

**We believe in the one God,**  
**creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations,**  
**the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,**  
**God manifest in the flesh,**  
**our teacher, example and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
**God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.**

**We believe in the forgiveness of sins,**  
**in the life of love and prayer,**  
**and in grace equal to every need.**

**We believe in the Word of God**  
**contained in the Old and New Testaments**  
**as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.**

**We believe in the church,**  
**those who are united in the living Lord**  
**for the purpose of worship and service.**

**We believe in the reign of God**  
**as the divine will realized in human society,**  
**and in the family of God,**  
**where we are all brothers and sisters.**

**We believe in the final triumph of righteousness**  
**and in the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING  
 Reader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
 Reader: Loving God, Creator of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for forming us in your image and sustaining us by your grace. You are the giver of every good and perfect gift, the One who hears us when we call.

We thank you for Jesus Christ, your Son. He taught us how to pray and showed us how to live in your ways. Through the cross, he gave his life for our redemption, and in rising again, he revealed your victory over sin and death.

Empower us by your Holy Spirit, our constant helper and guide, that we might find strength in prayer. With the assurance of your abiding presence, send us forth to bear witness to your love.

With grateful hearts, we proclaim: when we pray, you listen; when we seek, you reveal yourself; when we knock, you open the door. Thank you, O God, for your unending faithfulness.

**ALL: May our lives be a reflection of our gratitude, as we walk in love and trust in your mercy and grace until the day when Christ returns and your Kingdom comes; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

\*SENDING HYMN **Precious Name** UMH 536

\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD


POSTLUDE **Praeluidum in G-minor** Franz Tunder

\*Indicates standing as able.

**Those participating in the Service** - Brett Miller - organ, piano; Chancel Choir; Brent Kimble - liturgist; Barbara Sullivan - piano; Cherub Choir, Jubilate Singers

**Christian Sympathy** to Sarah Carr Parsons and family on the death of her mother, Sarah Carr.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (March 23 – March 30)		
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
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	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 cancelled	Balcony
7:00 PM	Lenten Service	Sanctuary
<b>MONDAY</b>		
7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
10:00 AM	Staff Meeting will not meet	Fowler Heritage Room
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
6:30 PM	Revive Recovery	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
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
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
8:30 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary
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9:30 AM	Sunday School	
9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
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7:00 PM	Lenten Service	Sanctuary

 Each year at Easter, we place lilies in our sanctuary for our Easter Services. The Worship Team will purchase enough to adorn our Sanctuary. If you would like to purchase a lily(s), in honor of or in memory of someone, please fill out the form below and mail it or drop it off at the Church Office. The price of a lily is \$12.00. The deadline for ordering a lily is **Tues., April 8.** Number of Lilies \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_