

**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. We need volunteers to provide a meal. If you can provide a meal on one of the available Wednesday evenings, please sign up in the Narthex. Thanks!

**RUMMAGE SALE NEWS**  
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

**GOLF SCRAMBLE** United Methodist Men want to invite golfers and all "hackers" to their annual BENEDUM OPEN ON AUGUST 10 at 3:30 PM at Bel Meadows Country Club. The time is now to sign up your four-person team for this nine-hole event that supports our UNITED METHODIST YOUTH. The format will be a scramble (participants can form their own teams) followed by picnic style refreshments on the patio. The evening will conclude with the awards ceremony and a devotion. The fee is \$40 per person and checks can be made out to Bridgeport United Methodist Men and mailed to Russell Francis at 112 Ventura Drive, Bridgeport, WV 26330 or call 304-842-5895 to reserve your spot.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** (ages 5 thru 5th grade) **\*NOTE AGE CHANGE\*** Every Sunday during 10:45 AM Worship Service for children to learn more about God's word and the wonderful teachings of Jesus. Explore how we can live the life intended for us in service for God and to grow in His guidance.

TITHES & OFFERINGS



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Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Job 26:7-14  
Monday: Hosea 6:1-3  
Tuesday: 1 Kings 19:19-21  
Wednesday: Isaiah 65:17-25  
Thursday: Luke 7:11-17  
Friday: Isaiah 40:26-31  
Saturday: Colossians 3:12-17

Breath Prayer this Week:  
Dear heavenly Father, thank you for your word and the example of faithful people like Elisha. Show us what we need to give up so that we may draw closer to you.  
Amen.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES**  
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  
**will not meet through Summer.**  
Nursery Care/Infant-2 year old/ Nursery/9:30 AM  
Lectionary Bible Study/Thursdays/ Library/10:00 AM  
Children's Church Ages 5 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade/10:45 AM/Children's Church room, back of Sanctuary  
Revelation Bible Study/Sanctuary overflow/Thursdays/7 PM  
L.I.F.E. Bible Study/Johnson Ave. Campus/Sundays/ 12:30 PM

**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 5-5<sup>th</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.

**SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday thru Thursday 9:00—3:00  
Friday Closed

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

June 28, 20256:15 PM

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

GATHERING MUSICTom Price

\*HYMNShine, Jesus, ShineFWS 2173

\*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 LESSONMark 4:3-20

MESSAGESeeds Went EverywhereRick Curtis

\*HYMN OF RESPONSEI Love to Tell the StoryUMH 156

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMNGrace AloneFWS 2162

\*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

June 29, 20259:45 AM

Gathering to Praise

\*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation

\*Scripture Choruses and SongsJim Harris

Growing in the Word

\*ScriptureJob 1:1-12

Today's Message

IN THE ASHES AND THE WHIRLWIND: A JOURNEY THROUGH JOB The WagerRev. 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 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  
June 29, 2025 † 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM



**The Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
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  
*Arioso* Noel Rawsthorne  
*Elegy* John Marsh  
As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.  
Today's leader is Jay Larry.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD  
\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
Reader: When the sun is shining and blessings overflow, we come to worship the Lord.  
**ALL: When the path grows dark and answers are few, we come to worship the Lord.**  
Reader: We come to worship not for gain nor out of fear of loss, but because God is worthy – always!  
**ALL: We come to worship with reverence and joy, with honesty and hope, simply because God is God.**

\*HYMN OF WORSHIP *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* UMH 175  
\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION  
Reader: Gracious God, you are worthy of praise – not only because of what you give or the mighty things you've done, but because of who you are. We confess how often our faith depends on comfort, our trust relies on answers, and our love expects blessing. Yet today, by your grace, we seek a deeper love – a love that holds fast in the dark, a faith that endures without reward, a trust that rests in your character alone. Meet us here in the power of your Spirit and form us into people who worship simply because you are God – now and always.  
**ALL: In the name of the One who is ever faithful, Jesus Christ our 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.**



THE WORD IN MUSIC      *There Is a Balm in Gilead*      arr. by Howard Helvey  
Lyrics: UMH 375 verses 1 and 3

**Children’s Church Dismissal**  
(10:45 Children K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade only may leave for Children’s Church.  
Younger children see back of bulletin for locations of nurseries.)

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON      *Job 1:1-12*

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. There were born to him seven sons and three daughters. He had seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred donkeys, and very many servants, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the East. His sons used to go and hold feasts in one another’s houses in turn, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. And when the feast days had run their course, Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all, for Job said, “It may be that my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts.” This is what Job always did.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and the accuser also came among them. The Lord said to the accuser, “Where have you come from?” The accuser answered the Lord, “From going to and fro on the earth and from walking up and down on it.” The Lord said to the accuser, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil.” Then the accuser answered the Lord, “Does Job fear God for nothing? Have you not put a fence around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But stretch out your hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face.” The Lord said to the accuser, “Very well, all that he has is in your power; only do not stretch out your hand against him!” So the accuser went out from the presence of the Lord.

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

\*HYMN OF PRAISE      *All I Need Is You*      FWS 2080  
MESSAGE      *IN THE ASHES AND THE WHIRLWIND: A JOURNEY THROUGH JOB*

*The Wager*      Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh  
\*HYMN OF RESPONSE      *My God, I Love Thee*      UMH 470

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
Reader: Do you believe in God the Father?  
**ALL: We believe in God, Maker of heaven and earth, who is holy and just and worthy of all praise.**

Reader: Do you believe in God the Son?  
**ALL: We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, who walked the path of loss and sorrow, died without blame on the cross, and rose in victory to make all things new. He ascended into heaven and will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

Reader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
**ALL: We believe in the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Advocate, who strengthens us to trust, empowers us to worship without fear, and forms in us a faith that endures.**

Reader: What do you believe about our faith?  
**ALL: We believe that true faith holds on, even when answers do not come, even when blessings disappear. We believe that love for God is not about reward or fear, but about grace and trust. So in gain or loss, in joy or pain, we say with Job: “Blessed be the name of the Lord.”**

MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES  
~ Please fill out a prayer card if desired and place it in an offering basket.  
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\*DOXOLOGY      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*      UMH 95  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*  
*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*  
*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;*  
*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

MOMENTS OF GUIDED PRAYER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING  
Reader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**ALL: It is good to give God thanks and praise.**  
Reader: We give you thanks, faithful God, not only for the gifts that fill our lives, but for your presence that sustains us when those gifts are gone.

We thank you for moments of joy and seasons of abundance, but we also thank you for holding us in the dark. You are faithful in joy and in sorrow, in plenty and in pain.

We thank you for Jesus Christ, who bore our griefs and carried our sorrows. Through his cross and resurrection, you have shown us that love endures, even when all else falls away.

We thank you for your Holy Spirit, who breathes strength into our weary hearts.

**ALL: With our hearts lifted high, we offer you thanks and praise at all times through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

\*SENDING HYMN      *Give Me Jesus*      W&S 3140

1. In the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise,  
give me Jesus.  
**Refrain:** Give me Jesus,  
give me Jesus,  
you may have all this world,  
give me Jesus.

2. I heard my mother say,  
I heard my mother say,  
I heard my mother say,  
give me Jesus. **[Refrain]**

3. Dark midnight was my cry,  
dark midnight was my cry,  
dark midnight was my cry,  
give me Jesus. **[Refrain]**

4 Oh, when I come to die,  
oh, when I come to die,  
oh, when I come to die,  
give me Jesus. **[Refrain]**


\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING FORTH  
POSTLUDE      *Ricercare*      Johann Jakob Froberger

\*Indicates standing as able.


**Participants in Service**  
Brett Miller – organist/pianist/soloist  
Dan Kimble - liturgist

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (June 29 – July 6)		
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)	Summer Break
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
MONDAY		
7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
TUESDAY		
10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	Fowler Heritage Room
WEDNESDAY		
6:30 PM	Revive Recovery	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
6:00 PM	Sweet Hour of Prayer Meeting	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Back of Sanctuary
FRIDAY (Office Closed)		
7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
8:30 AM	Sister’s Bible Study	
SATURDAY		
6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, July 6		
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



**Waves of Wonder**

Vacation Bible School  
July 20-23 • 6:00-8:00 PM



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**“WAVES OF WONDER”!**

**July 20–23 • 6:00–8:00 PM**

Get ready to make waves! We need your help to make our Vacation Bible School a joyful, faith-filled adventure for our kids. This year's theme, “Waves of Wonder,” will take children on a journey through stories of creation, wilderness, stormy seas, and the river of life — all pointing to God's power, presence, and love. We're looking for volunteers in a variety of roles — whether you can serve all four nights or just one, your presence can make a big difference. No experience necessary — just a heart for kids and a willingness to dive in! To sign up, complete a paper form available in the Narthex, or go to our website, [www.bridgeportumc.org](http://www.bridgeportumc.org) and fill out the form, or contact the Church Office at [info@bridgeportumc.org](mailto:info@bridgeportumc.org) or 304.842.6284. Let's make some holy waves together!