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REVIVE RECOVERY meets each Wednesday at 6:30 PM at our Johnson Avenue Campus.

BIBLE STUDY — THE BOOK OF ACTS: Join us for our Bible study on the Book of Acts on Thursdays, at 7:00 PM in the Intermediate Chapel (Sanctuary Overflow area). We'll explore how the early church was formed, challenged, and sent into the world—and what this Spirit-led story means for the church today. Whether you are new to Bible study or looking to go deeper, you are welcome.

SPECIAL LENTEN SERVICES
Sundays, March 15, 22 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

IN HOLY WEEK we walk with Jesus—from the cheers of Palm Sunday, to the intimacy of the Upper Room, to the shadow of the cross. On Easter, we stand before the empty tomb and hear again the announcement that changes everything: Christ is risen. We invite you to join us:

† **PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION**
March 28 at 6:15 pm
March 29 at 8:30 am, 9:45 am (Johnson Campus), and 10:45 am
† **HOLY WEEK MIDDAY EUCHARIST**
Monday–Wednesday, March 30–April 1 at 12:00 noon
Intermediate Chapel (Sanctuary Overflow)

Pause in the midst of Holy Week for a quiet service of Scripture, brief reflection, and Holy Communion. Each day we will follow the movement of the week—Jesus in the temple, Jesus teaching, and the shadow of betrayal—as we prepare our hearts for the cross. These simple 30-minute services will offer space for prayer, stillness, and the grace of the Table.

† **MAUNDY THURSDAY** - April 2 at 7:00 pm
† **GOOD FRIDAY** - April 3
BUMC Campus/12:00 noon
Simpson Creek Baptist Church/6 PM
† **THE FIRST SERVICE OF EASTER** - Saturday, April 4 at 6:15 pm
EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP - Sunday, April 5 at 7:00 am
EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATION - Sunday, April 5 at 8:30 am & 10:45 AM and 9:45 am (Johnson Campus)

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Job 4:1-6
Monday: Jeremiah 29:4-7
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Wednesday: Galatians 5:16-26
Thursday: John 13:1-17
Friday: Psalm 119:105-112
Saturday: Luke 6:27-36

Breath Prayer This Week
Lord Jesus, help us to love others even when it is challenging to do so. May we treat others with respect and care. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES

Adult Sunday School Classes:
Bread of Life SS/Library/9:30AM
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 2, 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

March 14, 2026 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

GATHERING MUSIC

Renee Warner

*HYMN

*Holy Ground
I Love You, Lord*

FWS 2272
FWS 2068

*INVOCATION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

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WORD IN MUSIC

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 9:1-41

LENTEN SERIES-ENCOUNTER: MEETING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

MESSAGE *Can You See the Bottom Line?*

Rev. Dr. Ken Ramsey

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Open Our Eyes

FWS 2086

PASTORAL PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

*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 15, 2026 **9:45 AM**

Gathering to Praise

*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation

*Scripture Choruses and Songs

Jim Harris

Growing in the Word

Scripture

John 9:1-41

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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 his grace anew.)

Going Forth to Share and Serve

Ministry Stewardship and Opportunities

*Closing Song

*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

TITHES & OFFERINGS



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

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

March 15, 2026 † 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.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

PRELUDES

Amazing Grace

arr. by Lee Evans

Morning Has Broken (BUNESSAN) arr. by John Carter

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.

Today's leader is Jay Larry.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

HEAR THE GOSPEL

John 9:1-11

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight."

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader: We gather to have our eyes opened to the wonders of God.

ALL: We come opening ourselves to the One who gives true sight.

Reader: We gather to experience firsthand the Jesus who heals.

ALL: May the Spirit of God give us ears to hear and hearts to receive.

*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

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH 454

MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

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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
 (10:45 Children K-5th Grade only may leave for Children's Church.
 Younger children see back of bulletin for locations of nurseries.)

*HEAR THE GOSPEL **John 9:24-34**
 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

THE WORD IN MUSIC **Amazing Grace**
 American melody; arr. by Francisco J. Núñez
 Lyrics – UMH 378

HEAR THE GOSPEL **John 9:35-41**
 Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

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

LENTEN SERIES - ENCOUNTER: MEETING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
 MESSAGE **Can You See the Bottom Line?** Rev. Dr. Ken Ramsey
 1. _____ precedes seeing.
 2. The _____ of self-centered religion.
 3. The _____ presence of The Great I AM.

RESPONSE
 PRAYER OF CONFESSION
 Reader: Forgive us, O God, for keeping our eyes closed and refusing to see all that You would have us see.
ALL: Have mercy upon us, O Lord. Our sin is evident, and we miss the mark often.
 Reader: When we prefer the ideologies of this world over the Way of Jesus Christ,
ALL: Have mercy and forgive us, O God.
 Reader: When we replace the teaching of Jesus with our own self-centered agendas,
ALL: Have mercy and forgive us, O Lord.
 Reader: Turn us again in the direction of Your love and Your Kingdom—that our words and deeds may align with Jesus Christ.
ALL: Give us new eyes and new ears O Lord. Place a new and right spirit within us according to Your steadfast love. Amen
Moments of Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF PARDON
 Reader: Hear the Good News: God hears our prayers and offers His mercy in abundance. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
ALL: Glory be to God. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Let us Live as His representatives.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE **Open Our Eyes** FWS 2086
 MOMENTS OF GUIDED PRAYER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
 Reader: Let us give thanks to the Lord!
ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.
 Reader: For the gift of Your Son who opens eyes and hearts,
ALL: We give you thanks and praise, O Lord.
 Reader: For the blessedness of living close to You,
ALL: We give you thanks and praise, O Lord.
 Reader: Strengthen our vision so that we can see more clearly the least, the last, the lonely, and the left out.
ALL: We give you thanks for the blessing of sharing in Your work in our world. Show us the way to live for Your Kingdom, and help us to heed Your call to live a worship-filled life each day. Amen

*SENDING HYMN **Be Thou My Vision** UMH 451
 *TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD
 *SENDING FORTH
 POSTLUDE **O Sing to God Above** (ROSAS) arr. by Rachel Chapin

*Indicates standing as able.

Ministering in the Service: Rick Curtis – liturgist; Brett Miller – pianist; Chancel Choir; Seraphim Singers

Lenten Services
 Lent is a season of reflection, repentance, and renewed devotion. But why do we observe it? How does it shape us as followers of Christ? Join us for two special Sunday evening services as we explore the theme "Why Lent?":
 March 15 – Rev. Melissa Paugh
 March 22 – Rev. Dr. Paul Rebelo, Pastor, Chapel Hill United Methodist Church (Buckhannon)
 Each service begins at 7:00 pm. Come for worship, reflection, and preparation as we journey toward the cross and the hope of Easter.

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., March 24**. Number of Lilies _____ Amt. Enclosed \$ _____
 In Memory of _____
 In Honor of _____
 Given by _____

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (March 15– March 22)		
SUNDAY		
8:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:30 AM	Bread of Life SS	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 PM	Confirmation Class will not meet	Educational Building
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Children's Handbells will not meet	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers will not meet	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Balcony
6:00–7:00 PM	Mid/Sr. High Youth	Education Building
7:00 PM	Lenten Service	Sanctuary
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
6:00 PM	United Methodist Men Mtg	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:30 PM	L.I.F.E.	Johnson Ave. Campus
WEDNESDAY		
6:30 PM	Revive Recovery	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir	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	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Sanctuary Overflow
FRIDAY		
7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Sister's Bible Study	Fowler Heritage Room
SATURDAY		
6:15 PM	Saturday Evening Service	Sanctuary
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