

WATCH BRIDGEPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ONLINE
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REVIVE RECOVERY meets each Wednesday at 6:30 PM at our Johnson Avenue Campus.

YOUNG EXPLORERS SUNDAY SCHOOL (ages 3–5th grade) meets at 9:30 AM in the Primary Chapel. Each week, children will explore God’s love through Relationships, Experience, and Wonder with interactive Bible lessons, play based learning, and caring volunteers who help faith come alive.

THE FAITH, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS Sunday School class will meet in the Parlor at 9:30 AM for a 6 week Bible study, Creed: What Christians Believe and Why, by Adam Hamilton. All are welcome!

L.I.F.E. (Living in Faith Everyday)
Looking for a place to connect, share, and grow in how faith meets real life? Join us for L.I.F.E. (Living in Faith Everyday), a small group designed to help us apply our faith to the challenges and questions we all face. Whether you’re curious, wrestling with questions, or simply seeking encouragement, you’ll find a welcoming space for honest conversation and support. We will meet Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm at the Johnson Ave Campus. Come discover how to live out faith in everyday life — together.

ATTENTION YOUTH: DON’T MISS FALL WORKSHOP 2025! NOVEMBER 14–16 AT CAMP COWEN
Get ready for a weekend packed with worship, friends, campfires, laughter, and life-changing moments! Fall Workshop brings together youth (grades 6–12) from across the West Virginia Conference to grow in faith and have serious fun. All BUMC students will receive cost assistance, and transportation is available. Questions? Contact Rev. Sarita Robinson or visit wvumc.org/2025-fall-workshop.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Psalm 13:1-6
Monday: Exodus 14:1-18
Tuesday: Psalm 119:18-20
Wednesday: Jeremiah 29:10-13
Thursday: Matthew 14:25-31
Friday: Romans 5:1-5
Saturday: 2 Corinthians 3:12-18

Breath Prayer This Week
Thank you, Lord, for giving us hope in our darkest moments with your assurance that you know the plan you have for us and that it is good.
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
Revelation 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

October 25, 2025 6:15 PM

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

GATHERING MUSIC Tom Price

*HYMN *Shine, Jesus, Shine* FWS 2173

*INVOCATION

*THE LORD’S PRAYER

MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

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WORD IN MUSIC

*SCRIPTURE LESSON *Colossians 3:18-4:1* Rick Curtis
MESSAGE *Submission and Subversion: ROOTED IN RELATIONSHIPS SHAPED BY CHRIST*

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *The Servant Song* FWS 2222

PASTORAL PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN *Bind Us Together* FWS 2226

*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

October 26, 2025 9:45 AM

Gathering to Praise

*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation

*Scripture Choruses and Songs Jim Harris

Growing in the Word

*Scripture *Colossians 3:18-4:1* Rick Curtis
Today’s Message *Submission and Subversion: ROOTED IN RELATIONSHIPS SHAPED BY CHRIST*

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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TO GIVE

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

Bridgeport United Methodist Church
October 26, 2025 † 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**SUBMISSION AND SUBVERSION:
ROOTED RELATIONSHIPS SHAPED BY CHRIST**

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 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* arr. by David Lasky
BEACH SPRING arr. by Wilbur Held
Strengthen for Service, Lord by J.S. Bach/David Johnson
As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today’s leader is Cheryl Bramble.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Reader: Christ calls us into a new way of living.
ALL: A kingdom where love, not power, leads the way.
Reader: Form our homes and our hearts in your cruciform love, O God.
ALL: Come, Lord Jesus – reign in us today.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
Reader: Loving God, you are making all things new – including us, including our relationships. Gather us into your presence and center us in your love. Let the cross shape our character, let the resurrection shape our hope, and let your Spirit shape our life together.
ALL: Make our community a living sign of your kingdom – where love serves, grace abounds, and Christ is Lord of all. Come, Holy Spirit, and make us one. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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 *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* UMH 581



WORD IN MUSIC **O Love** George Matheson; Elaine Hagenberg
Lyrics – UMH 480

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Colossians 3:18-4:1**

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly.

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is your acceptable duty in the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, or they may lose heart. Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything, not only while being watched and in order to please them, but wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord. Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters, since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ. For the wrongdoer will be paid back for whatever wrong has been done, and there is no partiality.

Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, for you know that you also have a Master in heaven.

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

*HYMN OF RESPONSE **Make Me a Servant** FWS 2176
(10:45 Children K-5th Grade only may leave for Children’s Church.
Younger children see back of bulletin for locations of nurseries.)

MESSAGE **Submission and Subversion:** Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh
ROOTED IN RELATIONSHIPS SHAPED BY CHRIST

*HYMN OF REPSONSE **The Servant Song** FWS 2222

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF PARDON

Reader: Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You see the places where our love is shallow, our patience wears thin, and our pride builds walls. We confess that in our relationships we have often chosen the way of self over the way of Christ. When we could have listened, we defended. When we could have served, we demanded. When we could have forgiven, we clung to hurt. Have mercy on us, Lord.

ALL: Clothe us again in compassion and kindness. Teach us the humility of Christ and the patience of the Spirit, that our lives together may reflect your love. Transform our hearts and make us one in Christ.

Silent prayer

Reader: Hear the good news: in Christ, we are a new creation. The old has gone; the new has come. Christ is our peace – he has reconciled us to God and to one another through the cross.

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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*DOXOLOGY **Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow** UMH 95

SONG OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Reader: Almighty God, you created us for love – love for you and love for one another. Yet we turned from your ways. We grasped for power, clung to pride, and wounded one another through selfishness and sin. Still, your mercy never failed, and your love never let us go.

In the fullness of time, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ. In him, we see your heart and our true humanity. He humbled himself, taking the form of a servant. He loved without limits and laid down his life upon the cross.

By his resurrection, you shattered the old order of sin and death and raised up a new creation where Christ is all and in all. By your Spirit, shape us into a community of cruciform love. Teach us to submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Let humility soften pride, let justice guide our strength, and let forgiveness heal our wounds. Form our homes, our friendships, and our life together so that your kingdom may be seen in us.

ALL: And whatever we do – in our relationships, in our work, and in our homes – we will do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to you through him. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN **Sent in Love** TUNE: HYMN TO JOY

*1. Sent in love to live for Jesus,
shaped and formed by grace we share;
called to serve and walk in mercy,
showing Christ in how we care.
Homes and friendships, work and witness—
every place and every day;
Christ before us, Christ within us,
Christ through all we do and say.*

*2. Humble hearts that choose Christ’s kingdom,
hands that serve and lives that bless;
freely given, freely giving,
loving as we’ve first been loved.
Spirit, make us one in mission,
let our zeal for you increase;
send us out with joy and courage,
till all know your love and peace.*

*3. Make us, Lord, a shining witness,
sign and foretaste of your reign;
till the broken find your healing,
and the weary hope again.
Glory be to you unending,
Father, Spirit, risen Son.
As you send us, we will praise you,
now and ever, Three-in-One.*

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE **They’ll Know We Are Christians** arr. by Wilbur Held

*Indicates standing as able.

Participants in the Service: Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Chancel Choir; Vitalie and Lena Sudarenko; Rick Curtis – liturgist

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (October 26– November 2)		
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
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children’s Church Room
5:30 PM	Children’s Handbells	Children’s Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00–7:00 PM	Mid/Sr. High Youth will not meet	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
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 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
SUNDAY, November 2		
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
12:00 PM	Administration Board Meeting	Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers	Children’s Church Room
5:30 PM	Children’s Handbells	Children’s Church Room
5:30 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00 PM	Mid and Sr. High Youth Group	Education Building

BRIDGEPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh, Senior Pastor † Rev. Sarita Robinson, Associate Pastor
Rev. George Bramble, Pastoral Care † Rev. Jim Lang, Education
Dr. Dan Hughes, Director of Chancel Choir † 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