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 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!

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.

JOYFUL NOISE AFTERSCHOOL **PROGRAM** is looking for help as an assistant. Hours are 2:00-5:30 PM during the school year. If you have questions or are interested in this job opportunity, please call Becky at 304-203-7959.

REVELATION BIBLE STUDY - ALL ARE WELCOME! We're diving deep

into the mysterious Book of Revelation—and you're invited to join us! Even if you haven't been with us from the start, it's never too late to jump in. Come explore scripture and hope as we journey through the middle chapters BENEDUM OPEN - THIS of this compelling book, which speaks a powerful word to Christians in every age. Thursdays at 7:00 PM in the overflow chapel (back of the sanctuary). Bring your Bible, your questions, and your curiosity!

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

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Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Monday: Philippians 4:10-13 Tuesday: Psalm 22:3-5 Wednesday: Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Thursday: Ephesians 5:15-20 Friday: Acts 8:26-40 Saturday: Matthew 10:26-31

Breath Prayer this Week:

Heavenly Father, thank you for the blessings of our younger years and for your continuing love and care as we face the future in our older years. 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/ Nurserv/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 PM

L.I.F.E. Bible Study/Johnson Ave. Campus/Sundays/ 12:30 PM will not meet til September

SUNDAY! A reminder that the United Methodist Men's Benedum Open Golf Scramble will be held this Sunday, August 10 at Bel Meadows Country Club. Thank you to all who registered to play and to those volunteering to help. We look forward to a great day of fellowship, fun, and support for youth and local ministries!

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 5-5th grade, Children's Church Room

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

6:15 PM August 9, 2025

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

GATHERING MUSIC Tom Price

*HYMN Come, Thou Almighty King

*INVOCATION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

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WORD IN MUSIC

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Job 32:1-12, 17-20

MESSAGE In the Ashes and the Whirlwind: A Journey through Job Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh What to Do with Elihu

*HYMN OF RESPONSE Near to the Heart of God **UMH 472**

PASTORAL PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN **UMH 593** Here I Am, Lord

*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

August 10, 2025

9:45 AM

UMH 61

Gathering to Praise

*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation

*Scripture Choruses and Songs

Jim Harris

Growing in the Word

*Scripture

Job 32:1-12, 17-20

Today's Message

IN THE ASHES AND THE WHIRLWIND: A JOURNEY THROUGH JOB What to Do with Elihu Rev. 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

August 10, 2025 † 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

THE NINTH 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 from Cantata No. 156 Jubilate Sinfonia

J.S. Bach G.F. Handel J.C. Bach

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service. Today's leader is Proverbs 31 Circle.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader: In a world quick to speak and slow to listen—

ALL: We come to hear God's voice.

Reader: When easy answers fail and suffering defies explanation—

ALL: We come to seek God's wisdom.

Reader: God's ways are higher than ours, yet God dwells with us—

ALL: We come to encounter the One who is both high and near.

Reader: Let us worship the God who meets us with grace and truth.

ALL: With open hands and humble hearts, we worship the Lord in awe and trust.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Reader: God of wisdom and mercy, we come before you in reverence and awe. The world is full of voices – loud, certain, and hasty with words – but amid the noise, we long to hear your still, small voice. When our suffering doesn't make sense, teach us to trust your heart even when we can't understand. When we rush to fill the silence with our opinions, slow us with your grace and fill us with your compassion. Your ways, O God, are higher than we can imagine, yet nearer than our own breath. So draw us close in this time of worship.

ALL: Open our ears to hear, our hearts to receive, and our lives to reflect the love and truth of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name 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

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

UMH 152

MUSICAL OFFERING Amazing Grace arr. Laura M. Kramer

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Job 32:1-12, 17-20

So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes. Then Elihu son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram, became angry. He was angry at Job because he justified himself rather than God; he was angry also at Job's three friends because they had found no answer, though they had declared Job to be in the wrong. Now Elihu had waited to speak to Job because they were older than he. But when Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouths of these three men, he became angry. Elihu son of Barachel the Buzite answered:

"I am young in years, and you are aged; therefore I was timid and afraid to declare my opinion to you. I said, 'Let days speak and many years teach wisdom.'

But truly it is the spirit in a mortal, the breath of the Almighty that makes for understanding.

It is not the old who are wise

nor the aged who understand what is right.

Therefore I say, 'Listen to me;

let me also declare my opinion.'

See, I waited for your words;

I listened for your wise sayings while you searched out what to say.

I gave you my attention,

but there was, in fact, no one who confuted Job, no one among you who answered his words. ...

I also will give my answer;

I also will declare my opinion.

For I am full of words;

the spirit within me constrains me.

My belly is indeed like wine that has no vent;

like new wineskins, it is ready to burst.

I must speak, so that I may find relief;

I must open my lips and answer."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE IN THE ASHES AND THE WHIRLWIND: A JOURNEY THROUGH JOB What to Do with Elihu Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

UMH 472

Near to the Heart of God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF PARDON Reader: Let us come before God with honest hearts, admitting our need for grace:

ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have often been hasty with our words and slow to listen with compassion.

Reader: We have offered quick answers when only presence was needed. We have mistaken our opinions for wisdom and spoken with more certainty than understanding. We have defended our ideas about you, yet failed to reflect your tenderness toward others.

ALL: Forgive us, O God, for the times we have misrepresented your heart and multiplied the pain of those who suffer. By your Spirit, teach us to be slow to speak, quick to listen, and rich in mercy. As we confess our sins, shape us into people whose words and actions bear the love and truth of Jesus Christ. (Silent prayer.)

Reader: Hear the good news: The God who is high and holy has come near to us in Jesus Christ. Through his life, death, and resurrection, we are forgiven, restored, and made new.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

MOMENTS OF GUIDED PRAYER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Reader: Gracious God, we thank you that your ways are higher than ours, yet you draw near to us in love. You meet us not with condemnation, but with compassion; not with silence, but with your living Word in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit, you forgive us, guide us, and stay with us in every joy and trial.

ALL: For mercy that frees us, for wisdom that shapes us, and for presence that never leaves us, we give you thanks and praise, O God, now and forever. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN Love Divine, All Loves Excelling **UMH 384**

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE Ode to St. Cecilia's Day G.F. Handel

*Indicates standing as able.

Participants in Service

Brett Miller - organist/pianist; Mountain State Saxophone Quartet -Alec Ross, Tom Goff, Phil Wyatt, and John Sullivan; Cheryl Bramble - liturgist

Christian Sympathy to Bud Coffindaffer and family on the death of his sister, Mary Greathouse.



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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (August 10 – August 17)

SUNDAY 8:30 AM Worship Service Sanctuary Bread of Life Sunday School Library 9:30 AM 9:30 AM Faith Family Friends SS Parlor 9:30 AM Young Explorers SS (Pre K3-5th) Summer Break Youth Sunday School 9:30 AM **Education Building** 9:45 AM Worship @ Johnson Ave. Johnson Ave. Campus 9:45 AM Maplewood Worship Service Maplewood 10:45 AM Worship Service Sanctuary BUM Men's Golf Scramble 3:30 PM Bel Meadow Country Club **MONDAY** 7:00 AM **AA Morning Meditation** Johnson Ave. Campus 9:00 AM Preventicare Nursery **TUESDAY** 10:00 AM Staff Meeting Fowler Heritage Room 6:00 PM BUM Men's Meeting Johnson Ave. Campus **WEDNESDAY** 6:30 PM **Revive Recovery** Johnson Ave. Campus THURSDAY Men's Prayer and Coffee 7:00 AM 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 Back of Sanctuary Bible Study FRIDAY (Office Closed) Johnson Ave. Campus 7:00 AM AA Morning Meditation Sister's Bible Study 8:30 AM **SATURDAY** Saturday Evening Service Sanctuary 6:15 PM SUNDAY, August 17 Worship Service Sanctuary 8:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship @ Johnson Ave. Johnson Ave. Campus 9:45 AM Maplewood Worship Service Maplewood 9:45 AM Worship Service Sanctuary 10:45 AM



THANK YOU FROM THE UNITED **WOMEN IN FAITH!**

Thank you to everyone who donated, served, and shopped at this year's rummage sale! What took three months to prepare came down in just three hours—a testament to your incredible teamwork. Together, we raised \$17,739.58—nearly \$4,000 more than last

year! These funds will all be shared with ministries making a difference near and far. Leftover items went to Shepherd's Corner, Clarksburg Mission, Goodwill, and others including Mustard Seed, the VA Medical Center, and ministries helping the homeless, flood victims, students—and even reaching as far as Africa. Your support turns clutter into compassion!

