

## 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** meets each Wednesday at 6:30 PM at our Johnson Avenue Campus.

**NEW BIBLE STUDY — THE BOOK OF ACTS:** Join us for a new Bible study on the Book of Acts beginning this Thursday, February 5, 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.

## SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY RETURNS

Bridgeport United Methodist Men will host Souper Bowl Sunday on February 8 following the 10:45 AM Worship Service in the

Fellowship Hall. Sign up to bring your favorite soup. Then show up to donate to your winning Super Bowl team and enjoy the soups and fellowship! Stick around to see which team raises the most donations and wins the Souper Bowl! All donations will benefit Open Heart Ministries in Clarksburg.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**  
Join us on February 18 at 7:00 PM for our Ash Wednesday Service.

**PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST**  
Sunday, February 15 from 9:30-10:30 AM (During the Sunday School hour)  
Start your Sunday with warm pancakes, good coffee, and great company. Everyone is invited to this relaxed, come-as-you-are breakfast for the whole church. Enjoy food and fellowship and learn about meaningful, life-giving ways to grow in faith during the Lenten season at BUMC. No pressure—just a simple meal and a gentle invitation to begin the season together. Sponsored by the Faith, Family, and Friends Sunday School Class

## Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Psalm 96:1-6  
Monday: II Corinthians 12:9-10  
Tuesday: Acts 1:1-5  
Wednesday: Matthew 20:1-16  
Thursday: Psalm 111:1-10  
Friday: Matthew 6:5-15  
Saturday: I Kings 17:8-16

**Breath Prayer This Week**  
Father God, help us to serve someone in need today and to do it with a willing and generous spirit.  
Amen.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND BIBLE STUDIES

Adult Sunday School Classes:  
Bread of Life SS/Library/9:30 AM  
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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5-5<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.

## SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

**January 31, 2026**

**6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT  
GATHERING MUSIC Max Garner

\*HYMNS *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UMH 400

\*INVOCATION

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

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~ Please visit our website, [bridgeportumc.org](http://bridgeportumc.org) for regular updates.

WORD IN MUSIC

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON *Psalm 36*

**SEEING GOD CLEARLY: AN EPIPHANY SERIES IN THE PSALMS**

MESSAGE *Bright Colors on a Dark Background* Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*CLOSING HYMN *Thy Holy Wings, O Savior* UMH 502

\*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

**February 1, 2026**

**9:45 AM**

**Gathering to Praise**

\*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation

\*Scripture Choruses and Songs

Jim Harris

**Growing in the Word**

\*Scripture

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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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## Bridgeport United Methodist Church

February 1, 2026 † 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

*Your love, O Lord  
reaches to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the skies.  
Psalm 36:5*

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

*He Leadeth Me  
Poor, Wayfaring Stranger*

arr. by W. Elmo Mercer  
arr. by Don Hustad

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.  
Today's leader is Shawn Morgan.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Based on Psalm 36:5-10)

Reader: No matter how far we wander from you, O God,  
**ALL: your steadfast love pursues us.**

Reader: No matter how unjust the world appears, O God,  
**ALL: your steadfast righteousness sustains us.**

Reader: No matter how vulnerable our lives may seem, O God,  
**ALL: your steadfast presence gives us hope.**

Reader: No matter how unseen or unloved we may feel, O God,  
**ALL: you hear our cries and answer our prayers.**

Thanks be to God!

(Based on Psalm 36:7-9)

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Reader: O God, in your steadfast love, you invite all people to take refuge in the shadow of your wings, to feast on the abundance of your house, and to drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light, we see light. Therefore, as we gather by the grace of your Holy Spirit, illumine us, that we may serve as your guiding light to the nations.

**ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, 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

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140

WORD IN MUSIC

*O Love* Elaine Hagenberg, text by George Matheson  
(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

**Psalm 36**

Transgression speaks to the wicked  
deep in their hearts; there is no fear of God before their eyes.  
For they flatter themselves in their own eyes  
that their iniquity cannot be found out and hated.  
The words of their mouths are mischief and deceit;  
they have ceased to act wisely and do good.  
They plot mischief while on their beds;  
they are set on a way that is not good; they do not reject evil.  
Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.  
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;  
your judgments are like the great deep;  
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.  
How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.  
They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.  
For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.  
O continue your steadfast love to those who know you  
and your salvation to the upright of heart!  
Do not let the foot of the arrogant tread on me  
or the hand of the wicked drive me away.  
There the evildoers lie prostrate; they are thrust down, unable to rise.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

**Forever**

W&S 3023

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King;  
His love endures forever!  
For He is good, He is above all things;  
His love endures forever!  
Sing praise, sing praise.  
With a mighty hand and an outstretched  
arm,  
His love endures forever!  
For the life that's been reborn,  
His love endures forever!  
Sing praise, sing praise;  
Sing praise, sing praise.

**Chorus:** Forever God is faithful;  
Forever God is strong;  
Forever God is with us;  
Forever, forever.  
From the rising to the setting sun,  
His love endures forever.  
And by the grace of God, we will carry on;  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise;  
Sing praise, sing praise. *[Chorus]*

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**SEEING GOD CLEARLY: AN EPIPHANY SERIES IN THE PSALMS**

MESSAGE **Bright Colors on a Dark Background** Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE **Jesus, Lover of My Soul** UMH 479

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF PARDON

Reader: Merciful God, we confess that we have listened to voices that are  
not yours.

**ALL: We have trusted our own wisdom more than your truth.**

Reader: We have flattered ourselves and excused what should be healed.

**ALL: We have spoken words that wound and chosen paths that are  
not good.**

Reader: We have forgotten that with you is the fountain of life and that in your  
light we see light.

**ALL: Forgive us, O God. Quiet the voice of transgression within us.  
Restore in us a holy awe of your presence and lead us again in your  
way of life.**

*(Silent prayer.)*

Reader: Hear the good news: God's steadfast love extends to the heavens.  
God's faithfulness reaches to the clouds. In Jesus Christ, that love has  
reached even us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

- ~ Please fill out a prayer card if desired and place it in an offering basket.
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- ~ Please visit our website, bridgeportumc.org to check for regular updates.

\*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**

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, ...  
And so, with angels and archangels,  
with saints in every generation,  
with all creation that reflects your glory,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**



Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ ...  
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, ...  
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

**Gracious God, we thank you that at this table you have fed us with  
the bread of life and given us drink from your river of delight. Now send us  
forth as people made new by your steadfast love. Let the light of Christ shine  
in us and through us, that we may bear mercy into hard places, truth into  
confusion, and hope into shadow; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*SENDING HYMN **How Vast Is God's Unfailing Love** (Tune: AZMON)

- 1. How vast is God's unfailing love  
to those by grace forgiven!  
It reaches to the skies above  
and scales the heights of heaven.**
- 2. What loving-kindness is ours,  
what steadfast love is this!  
For mountain-high his wisdom towers  
and deep as the abyss.**
- 3. And bird and beast and humankind,  
with all created things,  
beneath his hand their shelter find,  
the shadow of his wings.**
- 4. His children, precious in his sight,  
receive what love imparts,  
to drink from rivers of delight,  
to feast with joyful hearts.**

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (February 1– February 8)

**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
11:45 AM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
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
6:00–7:00 PM	Mid/Sr. High Youth	Education Building

**MONDAY**

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle will not meet	Library

**TUESDAY**

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	Fowler Heritage Room
10:30 AM	Esther Ruth Circle will not meet	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Finance Meeting	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	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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**SUNDAY, February 8**

8:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:30 AM	Sunday School	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:45 AM	Maplewood Worship Service	Maplewood
10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:45 AM	Souper Bowl Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
11:45 AM	Seraphim Singers	Primary Chapel
5:00 PM	Cherub Choir will not meet	Children's Church Room
5:00 PM	Jubilate Singers will not meet	Children's Church Room
5:30 PM	Children's Handbells will not meet	Education Building
6:00–7:00 PM	Mid/Sr. High Youth will not meet	

\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE <b>Prelude from Prelude, Fugue, and Adagio, BWV 998</b>	by J.S. Bach
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\*Indicates standing as able.

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