

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. **Visit the Church Website** at www.bridgeportumc.org and click “Watch Online”.

REVIVE RECOVERY Join us every Wednesday at the Johnson Avenue Campus for dinner, worship, fellowship, and hope. Dinner begins at 6:00 PM, followed by worship at 6:30 PM. Revive Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery ministry for anyone facing hurts, habits, or hang-ups.

TEE OFF FOR A GREAT CAUSE

The Benedum Open Golf Scramble will be held on Sunday, August 9, at 3:30 PM at Bel Meadows Country Club. Every swing helps support Youth Ministry and the opportunities our young people have to grow in faith, serve others, and build lasting friendships. Gather a foursome or sign up as an individual, and join us for an afternoon of golf, fellowship, and fun.



Cost to register is \$40. Register via the online form, by scanning the QR code, or by contacting Russell Francis at 304.842.5895.

FLOOD RELIEF COLLECTION

Our partners at the Upshur Parish House continue to serve families affected by the recent flooding. At this time, there is an urgent need for **cleaning supplies**.

Requested Items:

- Liquid concentrate household cleaner (no spray cleaners)
- Bottled dish soap
- Please do not donate Clorox or other bleach-based products.

We are also continuing to collect personal hygiene items, including shampoo, body wash, deodorant, combs and brushes, feminine hygiene products, and other personal care items.

Donations may be placed in the collection area in the church Narthex. You may also support flood relief financially:

Upshur Parish House: Write "Upshur Parish House" on the memo line of your check, your giving envelope, or in the Other section of online giving.

WV Annual Conference Disaster

Response: Write "WV Flood Relief" on the memo line, your giving envelope, or in the Other section of online giving. Thank you for helping our neighbors as they begin the long journey of recovery. Every gift makes a difference.

Weekly Devotional Reading

- Sunday: Proverbs 10:6-14
Monday: Psalm 27:1-3, 13-14
Tuesday: Hebrews 1:7-14
Wednesday: John 14:5-11
Thursday: Judges 4:4-9, 14
Friday: 1 Peter 5:6-11
Saturday: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-10

Breath Prayer This Week
Faithful God, give us the strength and ability to endure and overcome our challenges as we walk the path of faith. 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 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 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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Friday - Closed

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

August 1, 2026 6:15 PM

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC Jim Harris, pianist
*OPENING HYMNS *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* FWS 2193
Where the Spirit of the Lord Is FWS 2119
*INVOCATION
*THE LORD’S PRAYER
LIVING THE MISSION
• Visit our website at bridgeportumc.org for ministry updates, events, and opportunities to connect.
• Prayer cards are available and may be placed in an offering basket.
• You may give online, mail your donation to the church, or place your offering in a basket at the entryway.
THE WORD IN MUSIC
*SCRIPTURE LESSON *Romans 8:18-30*
MESSAGE
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT: YOU WERE MADE FOR THIS (ROMANS 8)
Groaning for Glory Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh
*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Healer of Our Every Ill* FWS 2213
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
*SENDING HYMN *Joy to the World* UMH 246
*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD
*SENDING FORTH
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 2, 2026 9:45 AM

Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs Jim Harris
Growing in the Word
*Scripture *Romans 8:18-30*
Message **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT: YOU WERE MADE FOR THIS (ROMANS 8)**
Groaning for Glory 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 his grace anew.)
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 2, 2026 † 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT:
YOU WERE MADE FOR THIS (ROMANS 8)
“Groaning for Glory”



WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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.

PRELUDES *Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire* arr. by Paul Manz
Whate’er my God Wouldst Have Befall arr. by Gilbert Martin
Jerusalem, My Happy Home (LAND OF REST) arr. by Robert Lau
As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today’s leader is Rick Curtis.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader: All creation groans as it waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.

ALL: We ourselves groan as we wait in hope for what we do not yet see — the glory that will be revealed in us.

Reader: Even the Holy Spirit groans, praying in us and for us, giving voice to our wordless hopes and longings before God.

ALL: That same Spirit is at work within us, conforming us to the image of God’s Son, Jesus Christ.

Reader: Therefore, let us offer our praise and prayers to God!

ALL: We come before God to worship with eager longing and expectant hope.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN OF WORSHIP *This Is My Father’s World* UMH 144



