

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 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!

THANKSGIVING ADOPT A FAMILY MINISTRY FOOD BASKET is an opportunity to help members of our community by providing a complete Thanksgiving Adopt a Family Basket for one of the many families in need. Look for the display in the Narthex detailing the household size and the items needed. Drop off for the basket will be November 24 from 9:30 AM—11:00 AM.

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.

OUR ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE will be held on TODAY, Sunday, November 9, following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service in the Main Campus Sanctuary. District Superintendent Neil Leftwich will preside as we receive ministry reports and approve officers for the coming year. All are welcome to attend.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Mark 8:34-37
Monday: 2 Corinthians 8:1-5
Tuesday: Matthew 25:31-40
Wednesday: Exodus 16:11-19
Thursday: 2 Chronicles 24:1-14
Friday: Lamentations 3:19-26
Saturday: Ephesians 4:29-32

Breath Prayer This Week
Dear God, thank you for walking with us through the depths of sorrow. We trust that you will go with us through every circumstance. 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

November 8, 2025 **6:15 PM**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC Renee Warner
*HYMN *Come and Find the Quiet Center* FWS 2128
*INVOCATION
*THE LORD’S PRAYER
MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES
~ Use the e-giving tab on the website, mail in your donation, or place it in the baskets at the entryways.
~ Please visit our website, bridgeportumc.org for regular updates.
WORD IN MUSIC
*SCRIPTURE LESSON *Colossians 4:2-6*
MESSAGE *Eyes Wide Open:* Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh
ROOTED IN THE MISSION OF CHRIST
*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Here I Am, Lord* UMH 593
PASTORAL PRAYER
*CLOSING HYMN *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* FWS 2153
*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

November 9, 2025 **9:45 AM**

Gathering to Praise
*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation
*Scripture Choruses and Songs Jim Harris
Growing in the Word
*Scripture *Colossians 4:2-6*
Today’s Message *Eyes Wide Open:* Rick Curtis
ROOTED IN THE MISSION OF 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
November 9, 2025 † 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM
THE TWENTY-SECOND 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 *Heavenly Father, Hear Our Prayer* arr. by David Cherwien
Now Thank We All Our God arr. by Robert Hobby
As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today’s leader is Matthew Paugh.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Reader: Awake, beloved of God! Christ is here and at work among us!
ALL: We open our eyes to God’s presence and our hearts to God’s call.
Reader: Let us pray, give thanks, and walk in wisdom’s way.
ALL: Rooted in Christ’s mission—we are ready to love, ready to serve, ready to share God’s grace!

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

SONG OF PRAISE (10:45) *This Little Light of Mine* Trad.; arr. George Mabry



Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray for us as well, that God will open to us a door for the word, that we may declare the mystery of Christ, for which I am in prison, so that I may reveal it clearly, as I should.

Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone.

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

WORD IN MUSIC *Sweet Hour of Prayer*
W.W. Walford; William Bradbury; arr. Earlene Rentz
Lyrics UMH 496

*HYMN OF PRAYER *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* FWS 2193

MESSAGE *Eyes Wide Open:* Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh
ROOTED IN THE MISSION OF CHRIST

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Give Me the Faith Which Can Remove* UMH 650

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Reader: This we believe:
ALL: We believe in God, the Maker of heaven and earth,
Reader: whose light shines through all creation and who opens our eyes to glory all around us.

ALL: We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh—crucified, risen, and coming again—
Reader: who opens the door of grace, calls us to walk in wisdom, and teaches us to speak with kindness and truth.

ALL: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God within and among us,
Reader: who keeps us alert in prayer, fills our hearts with thanksgiving, and sends us into the world to love as we have been loved.

ALL: We believe in the holy, universal, and apostolic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Reader: And we believe that Christ's mission is our mission: to live with eyes wide open— to see as God sees, to serve as Christ serves, and to shine with the light of God's redeeming love until Christ comes again.

ALL: Amen.

MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES
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~ Use the e-giving tab on the website, mail in your donation, or place it in the baskets at the entryways.
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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

MOMENTS OF GUIDED PRAYER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Reader: Gracious and ever-present God, we give you thanks for opening our eyes to your glory all around us – in the light of a new morning, in the faces of those who worship beside us, in the quiet moments when your Spirit whispers peace.

You have called us to live alert to your presence – to see what you see, to love whom you love, to notice the doors you are opening before us. Keep us awake to grace, O Lord. Let our prayers rise not as escape from the world, but as engagement with it – joining your work of healing, forgiveness, and renewal.

For every gift of mercy, for every opportunity to serve, for the mystery of Christ made known among us, we give you thanks. Root us again in your mission, that our words may be gracious, our steps wise, and our hearts full of praise.

ALL: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who opens our eyes and sends us in love, we pray. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* FWS 2153

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH
POSTLUDE *Songs of Thanksgiving and Praise* (SALZBURG) arr. by Hal Hopson
*Indicates standing as able.

Ministering in the Service: Brett Miller – organist/pianist; Barbara Sullivan – pianist (10:45); Chancel Choir; Cherub Choir (10:45); Jubilate Singers (10:45); Rev. Sarita Robinson – Associate Pastor; Rev. Dr. Ken Ramsey – liturgist

Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of all the Veterans of Bridgeport United Methodist Church given by Vicki Baker.

Christian Sympathy to Joe Hickman on the death of his mother, Patti Hickman.
The Family of Mary Clifton.
Amy Straley on the death of her mother, Helen Linger.



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



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
12:00 Noon	Charge Conference	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	Education Building

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery

TUESDAY (Office Closed)

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting will not meet	Fowler Heritage Room
6:00 PM	BUM Men's Meeting	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 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
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SUNDAY, November 16

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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

SHEPHERDS CORNER

Due to the recent increase of need at this time the Shepherd's Corner is in great need of dried mashed potatoes and jelly. Also they are in need of sheets and blankets, either new or gently used. You can drop these items off at Shepherd's Corner at 119 Pennsylvania Ave., in Bridgeport, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 10 AM –2 PM Or in the baskets in the Church Narthex.

Thanks!

