

**Easter Dedications**

Lilies or Tulips can be purchased for \$12 each, or donations can be made toward the Backpack Ministry or the Roof Fund. They can be dedicated in Honor or in Memory of whomever you choose. Please see the bulletin insert and return completed forms by **Sunday, March 22.**



**Easter Candy Donations Needed**  
For our Easter Egg Hunt and Fun Day. (Details TBA)

Please Bring your candy donations by Wednesday, March 25 and put them in the box on the lower shelf below the quilts. We will also need volunteers to help stuff Easter Eggs on Thursday, March 26, during office hours. Please let Robin or Pastor Mary know if you are able to help. Thank you!

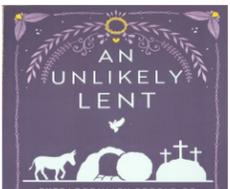


**Name Tags**—Pastor Mary has encouraged everyone wearing their name tags on Sundays for the sake of new members and visitors. Since a number of names were missing, I have made new ones to replace them and they are all on the board and alphabetized to enable locating them easily.

If anyone is still missing a name tag, please let me know and I will make you one. –Robin

**These Words of Mine**

Jim Tongue is leading a study focused on the teachings of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew. We are meeting every Sunday at 11:15AM in the Fellowship Bible Classroom.



Our Lent Bible Study is **An Unlikely Lent: Extraordinary People of the Easter Story** by Rachel Billups. We are meeting on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM in the Library. This will give you a new perspective on Lent

**Please note the time change to 10:30 AM!**

Notes of **THANKS**

**From Jeff Wine, Treasurer, Bridgewater Food Pantry**

On behalf of the volunteers & clients, thank you for your donations to the Bridgewater Food Pantry in 2025. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, & made a difference to those in need.



**Kits for Conference**  
This year UMCOR will be collecting 3 kinds of kits: Hygiene Kits, Cleaning Buckets, and Hygiene Kits. There are lists on

the reading cart of items needed for these kits. The last day to donate any items will be May 24. Any questions? Ask Kathy Hemmis. Thank you for helping with this important mission.



**Youth Group Announcements**



**Teen Outing: Lunch & Escape Room Today After Church!**

We are heading to **Escapism** for an afternoon of team-building and fun. We will leave together immediately following the service. We'll stop at **Cook Out** for a meal and a short time of fellowship and devotion before the main event. **The Event:** Solving the mystery at **Escapism VA.**

**SUMMER MISSION TRIP:**

I know that summer is super busy, so I want to share 3 options for shorter trips. 1. Harvest of Hope - 4 day (July 12-15th) 2. Teens Opposing Poverty - Woodbridge, VA - 1 day with 1 day DC hangout layover. (So 2 days total) 3. If any one knows of any other opportunities or ideas, please let me know.

**Don't forget! Every Sunday**  
**Zoom Prayer @ 6:45 PM, & Youth Check in @ 7 PM**  
Blessings, Jomo (240) 328-5847 [dumbumyouth@gmail.com](mailto:dumbumyouth@gmail.com)



Join us for Children's Church every Sunday! Children's Church is worship & activities for kids during part of the worship service. It is led by our amazing leaders Gracen, Rea, & Malachi. Children may attend worship through the Children's Message & then go to Children's Church on the first floor with our leaders. ~OR~ Children are always welcome to stay in the sanctuary with their family.

Contact Gracen at [gracenkelly123@gmail.com](mailto:gracenkelly123@gmail.com) or phone (call, text) 804-867-6143

**We welcome prayer requests**

Please share your prayer request with us on the Prayer Request Card found in your pew. Place the card in the offering plate.

**Prayer Chain**

If you would like to be one of our prayer chain partners, please contact the church office at 540-828-0890.

*Bridgewater UMC Church Staff*

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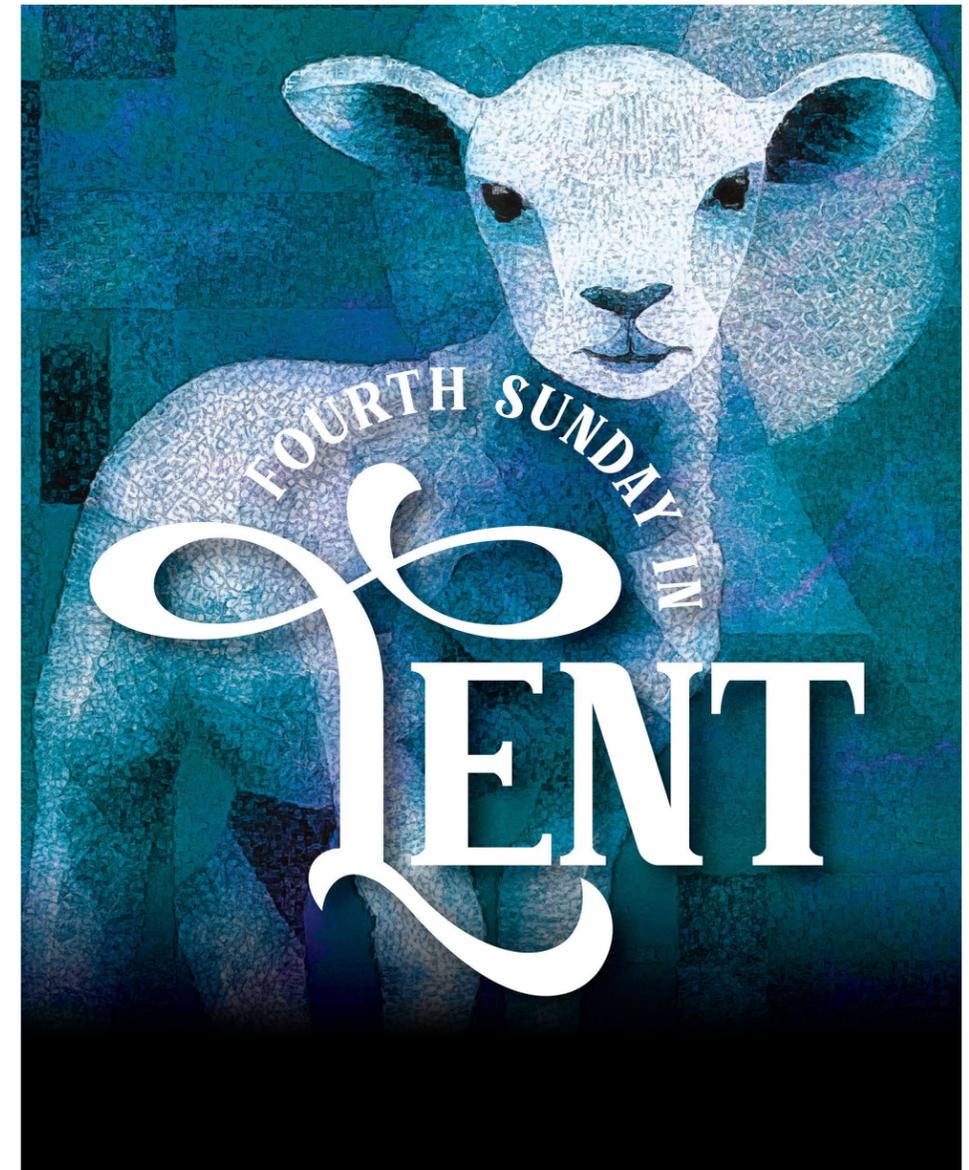
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 AM - 3 PM (Closed Friday)

Welcome to **Bridgewater**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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**March 15, 2026**



Greetings from the congregation of Bridgewater UMC! We are certainly blessed to have you worship with us. We pray that you will feel welcomed and loved. Do you need assistance today? Please speak with any of our worship leaders or ushers. If you have questions during the week about the church, please call **Pastor Mary Dadisman at 540-828-0890.**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 15, 2026

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

TFWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

W&S = Worship & Song (Green)

\* = Please stand in body or spirit

## Ring the Bell

## Announcements

**Prelude** "No Greater Love"  
I. Berge/Arr. J. A. Behnke

## Call to Worship

**\*Opening Hymn** UMH 128  
"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"

## Opening Prayer

## Children's Message

**Anthem** "Blessed Assurance/Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"  
Arr. C. Dobrinski

**Scripture Reading** John 9:1-41

**Sermon** "Now I See"  
Rev. Mary K. Dadisman

**Offertory** "Humble and Kind"  
Arr. L. Line

**\*Doxology** UMH 405  
"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

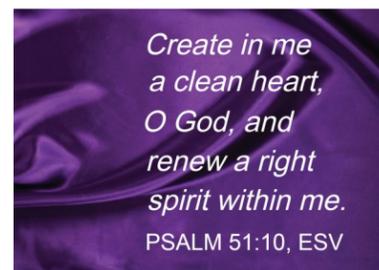
## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

**\*Closing Hymn** TFWS 2173  
"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

## \*Benediction

**Postlude** "How Can I Keep From Singing"  
Arr. J. Vogt



# In Our Prayers

## Joys and Answered Prayers

Thank you, God, for the love of Jesus, for our church, our families, and our friends  
We give thanks for God's grace and mercy

## Current Prayer Concerns

<b>Andrew</b>	Pam Abbott
Melody Baron	<b>Betty Coakley</b>
Mary Ann Glendye	Ricky Jessee
Beverly Smith	<b>Donald and Ginger Usry</b>

## Ongoing Prayer Needs of our Congregation

Dick Boyd	Chloe Leach	Bonnie & Tom Snook
Grace Fishback	Dorothy Lion	Edward Stoops
Betty Foley	Tony Mancari	Sandra Stroud
Henry & Dorice	Ray Michael	Vic Taylor
Graham	Shirley Creekbaum	Nancy Thomas
Rodney Hildebrand	Kim Miller	Marcia & Gary
Deidra Hill	Mitzi Puffenbarger	Tyeryar
Judy Hulvey	Joanne Simpkins	Doris Waters
Barbara Kiracofe		

## Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for...

—Peace in my life, my family, with our neighbors and the world  
—For our nation to step back from greed, injustice, fear, and hatred  
—For our government leaders to act with love  
—For wisdom for all our leaders, especially our president  
—For protection for our elected officials, to protect President Trump and his family  
—For your will, not our will, to be done  
—For those who cannot read  
—For those who are struggling with financial problems  
—Help us to be servants to each other, our neighbors, & world  
—Help us to become better people and Christians and to have more faith  
—That our families will become closer to God and for clarity in seeing God's will  
—For Bridgewater and other college students - for discipline and for those taking exams  
—For safe travels for our families  
—For strength, health, & healing for our families, for those who are sick  
—For victims of abuse of all kinds  
—For comfort for those dealing with illness and loss and those awaiting surgery  
—For those dealing with mental illness and addiction and those who care for them  
—For our families and families in our community in crisis or struggling with estrangement  
—For those who are mourning or afraid and for all those fighting cancer  
—That this day be good and tomorrow better

## Serving Us in Worship

	TODAY, Mar. 15 (3rdSun)	NEXT SUNDAY, Mar. 22 (4th Sun)
Greeters	Gloria & Rodney Hildebrand	Leach Family
Ushers	Higgs Family	Dick & Janice Harper
Reader	Gloria Hildebrand	Joan Kenney
Audio-Visual	Mark Kipps	Sam Briggs
Acolytes	Madelyn & Nolan Gilkeson	Sydney & Reese Leach
Sanctuary Servers	Laura & Tony Mancari	Don & Sue Gilkeson
Bus Driver	Chuck Rexrode	Dwight Campbell

## OUR CALENDAR

<b>TODAY</b>	9 AM Sunday School for all ages 9:30 AM Children's Choir (Choir Room) 10 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM <i>These Words of Mine</i> Bible Study (Fellowship Class—2nd floor) 11:15 AM Youth Event 6 PM Wing Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall) 6:45 PM Prayer for Youth/ 7 PM Youth Check-in
<b>MON</b>	2 PM UWF Hope Circle Meeting (BRC Smith Room) 6:30 PM Church Council & Finance Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 PM UWF Love Circle (New Beginnings Class)
<b>TUE</b>	10:30 AM <i>An Unlikely Lent</i> Bible Study (Library)
<b>WED</b>	10 AM Prayer Team (Library) 12 PM Soup & You (Fellowship Hall) 6 PM Handbell Practice (Mt. Solon Commons) 7 PM Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	9 AM Sunday School for all ages 9:30 AM 4th Sunday Coffee (Fellowship Hall) 9:30 AM Children's Choir Practice (Choir Room) 10 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM <i>These Words of Mine</i> Bible Study (Fellowship Class - 2nd floor) 1:30 PM Worship at White Birch 6:45 PM Prayer for Youth/ 7 PM Youth Check-in

Please send Robin announcements for the Bulletin/Slides/E-Blast by Wednesday to [adminasst@bridgewaterumc.com](mailto:adminasst@bridgewaterumc.com).

## Attendance and Stewardship for last Sunday

Attendance: 67 Sunday School: 34 Total Giving: \$3,872

We welcome you, and as an act of hospitality, we offer several ways for you to participate in giving. Please find the most comfortable way for you.

◆ Offering Plate is passed during Sunday Worship Services

◆ Drop off or mail a check to the church at BUMC, 219 North Main St., Bridgewater VA 22812

◆ Online Giving at BUMC Web Page [www.BridgewaterUMC.com/give](http://www.BridgewaterUMC.com/give)

◆ App for Giving @ Tithely.com  
Download the app, find BUMC, and give!

◆ Secure, locked communication box outside at Green Street entrance in which you can leave papers for the church

