



Special Music this morning:

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Thank you to the vocal group, the Vocal Chords for joining us for this morning's service. This local ensemble debuted in April 2010 as a quartet [The Valley Brethren Four]. They later doubled in size [2016] and renamed as The Vocal Chords. Members include: Jim Benedict [director], Joe Crockett, David Holl, Jim Miller, Wil Nolen, Curtis Nolley, Richard Phillips, Grayson Preece, Dick Stutzman, Fred Swartz, with Kathy Scrader [pianist].

The **Nurture Committee** would like to thank everyone who attended the picnic on Sunday evening. We had 59 attend and lots of wonderful food and fellowship, plus the weather was perfect.



The Nurture Committee will have the first Soup and You on September 16th, so mark your calendars now.

Meet the Pastor

There is 1 more **small group session** planned to **meet with Pastor Rich** to get to know him better. The sign up sheet is in the breezeway if you wish to participate in the last group meeting: **There are still a few openings on August 11 at 10:30 AM** at the Walton's.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST MEN



2026 SPIRITUAL RETREAT

September 18 - September 19, 2026

- Check in begins at 3:00 PM on Friday, September 18
- Concludes at 3:00 PM on Saturday, September 19

Retreat Theme: B1, Inspire1

Men of Faith, Sharing their Faith

- **Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown** will be our keynote speaker
- Topics include discipleship, mentoring, and prayer life
- All men of the VA Conference and beyond are invited
- Breakout sessions, fellowship time, and gospel singing
- All registrations include dinner, breakfast and lunch
- \$150 registration with overnight lodging
- \$65 registration without overnight lodging
- Registration deadline is 9/11/26 - click link or QR code

www.vaumc.org/ummretreat



Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center
712 Massanetta Springs Road
Harrisonburg, VA 22801



REGISTER



Youth Group Announcements



Bridgewater UMC Youth Update & Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to the congregation of Bridgewater United Methodist Church for your generous support of our recent youth mission trip. Our team had the opportunity to assist with a local Bible Camp Spelling Bee. During camp the children memorized Scripture, learned Bible lessons, created crafts, enjoyed fun activities, and were encouraged to grow in their love for Jesus Christ.

Thank you, Bridgewater UMC, for all you do to invest in the lives of our youth and children.

Don't forget! Every Sunday

Zoom Prayer @ 6:45 PM, & Youth Check in @ 7 PM
Blessings, Jomo (240) 328-5847 dumbumyouth@gmail.com



Join us for Children's Church every Sunday! Children's Church is worship & Christian education for kids during part of the worship service. It is led by our amazing leaders Gracen & Rea. 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
gracenkelley123@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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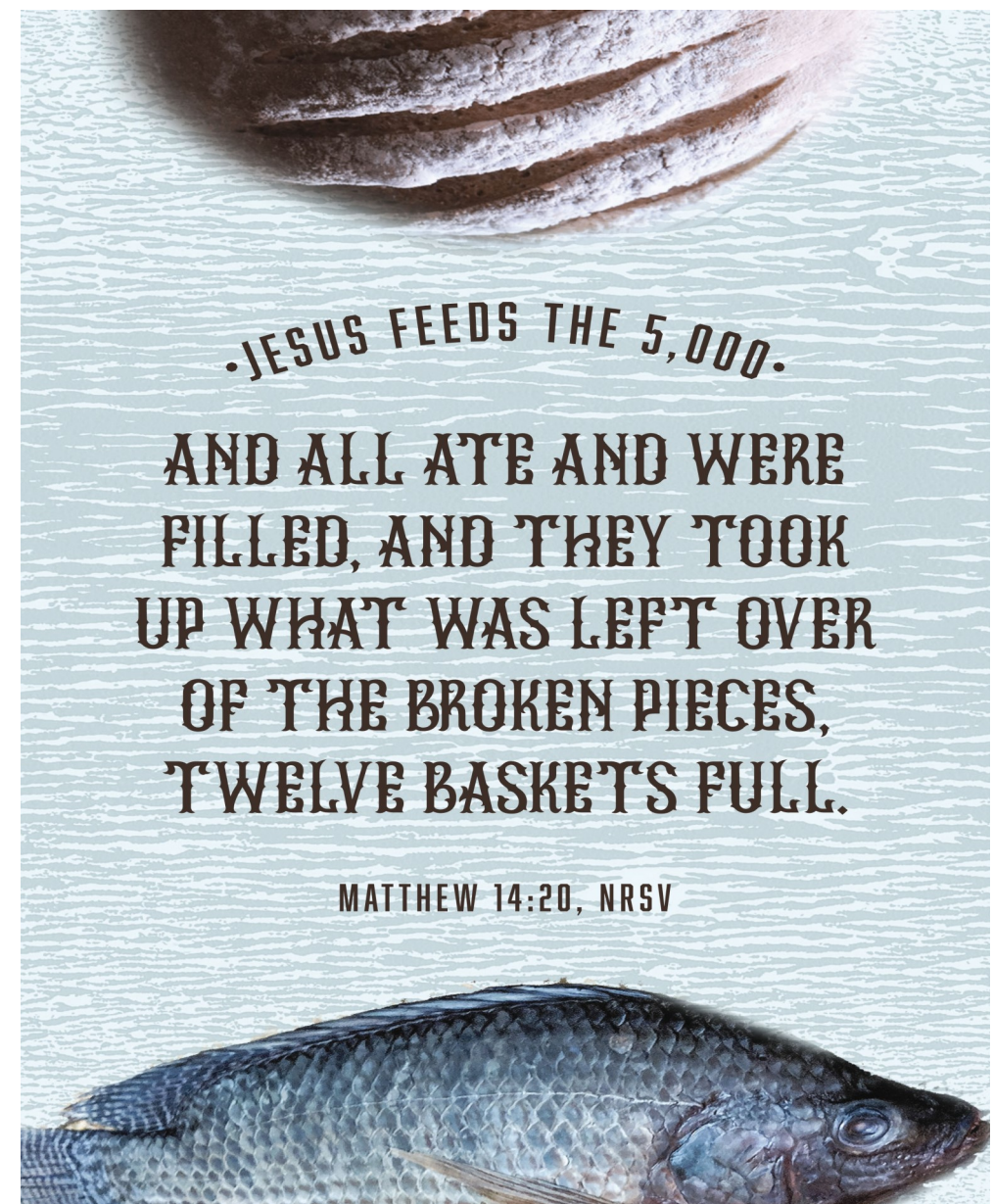
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 AM - 3 PM (Closed Friday)

Welcome to Bridgewater UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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August 2, 2026



JESUS FEEDS THE 5,000.

AND ALL ATE AND WERE FILLED, AND THEY TOOK UP WHAT WAS LEFT OVER OF THE BROKEN PIECES, TWELVE BASKETS FULL.

MATTHEW 14:20, NRSV

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 Rich Bensinger** at 703-402-0287.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 2, 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 & Happy Birthday/Anniversary

Candle Lighting “Glory Be to the Father” (Gloria Patri) UMH 70

Prelude “I Will Be a Child of Peace”
E. Hagenberg
Performed by the Vocal Chords

*Call to Worship

Anthem “Soon and Very Soon”
A. Crouch
Performed by the Vocal Chords

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn UMH 398
“Jesus Calls Us”

Children’s Message

Reading Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon “The Crowd Is Still Hungry”

Offertory “Prayer of the Morning”
G. Peterson

*Doxology UMH 95

Prayers of the People

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Sharing the Bread & the Cup

Prayer After Communion

*Closing Hymn TFWS 2129
“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

*Benediction

Postlude “Hail the Lord of All Creation”
F. Ritter

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

Prayers of Sympathy for the Families of

Ray Michael

Current Prayer Concerns

Yvonne Flory Camille Young
Kevin & Marie Menard

Ongoing Prayer Needs of our Congregation

Grace Fishback	Dorothy Lion	Nancy Thomas
Betty Foley	Shirley Creekbaum	Marcia & Gary
Dorice Graham	Kim Miller	Tyeryar
Rodney Hildebrand	Mitzi Puffenbarger	Donald & Ginger
Deidra Hill	Joanne Simpkins	Usry
Judy Hulvey	Bonnie & Tom Snook	Doris Waters
Barbara Kiracofe	Sandra Stroud	

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

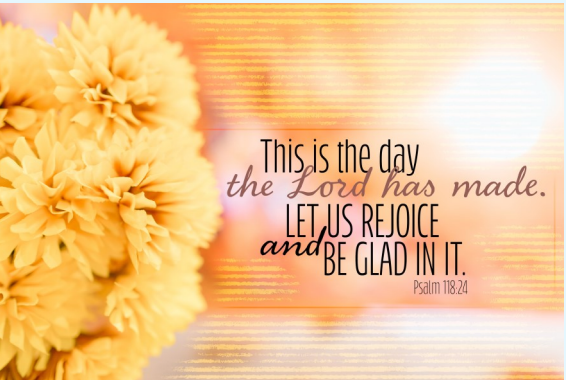
- For those affected by the earthquakes in Japan and Venezuela , and for the fires around the world, and for those helping.
- For those affected by disease outbreaks—Ebola, measles, and Cyclosporiasis
- For protection for all Houses of Worship of all faiths
- For pastors and congregations with new congregations and pastors
- Peace in our lives, our families, with our neighbors, and throughout the world
- For peace in Iran, Mid-East, Ukraine, Gaza, Venezuela, Cuba, and around the world
- For our nation to step back from greed, injustice, fear, hatred
- For our government leaders to act with love
- For wisdom for all our leaders, especially our president
- For protection for our government officials, & for our President
- For your will, not our will, to be done
- For those who cannot read
- For those who are struggling with financial problems
- Help us be servants to each other, our neighbors, & world
- Help us become better people & Christians; and grow in faith
- That our families will become closer to God; for clarity in seeing God's will
- For all students preparing to go back to school
- For safe travels for our families
- For strength, health, & healing for those who are sick
- For victims of abuse of all kinds and for their abusers to change and learn
- For comfort for those dealing with illness, loss, those awaiting surgery, & having treatments
- For those dealing with mental illness and addiction and those who care for them
- For families in crisis or struggling with estrangement
- That this day be good and tomorrow better

Serving Us in Worship

	TODAY, Aug 2 (1st Sun)	NEXT SUNDAY, Aug. 9 (2nd Sun)
Greeters	Gloria Roller & Kathi Hemmis	Paul & Johna McFarland
Ushers	Mark Kipps & Claude Martell	Taylor Family
Reader	Johna McFarland	Ed Craun
Audio-Visual	Tony Mancari	Marc Craun
Acolytes	David Kipps	Taylor Family
Sanctuary Servers	Laura & Tony Mancari	Chuck & Sue Rexrode
Bus Driver	Dick Harper	Fontaine Canada

OUR CALENDAR

TODAY	9 AM Sunday School for all ages 10 AM Worship Service 6:45 PM Prayer for Youth 7 PM Youth Check-in
MON	6:30 PM Bridgewater Ruritans (Fellowship Hall) 7 PM Pastor Rich’s Men’s Bible Study (Library)
TUE	10 AM Prayer Team (Library) 6 PM Worship Committee (Library) 6:30 PM Valley R. C. Flying Club (New Beginnings)
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Please send Robin announcements for the Bulletin/Slides/E-Blast by Wednesday to adminasst@bridgewaterumc.com.

Attendance and Stewardship for last Sunday

Attendance: 98 Sunday School: 32 Total Giving: \$3,010

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
- ♦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

