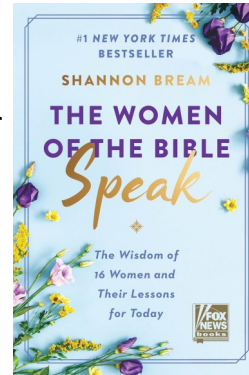


Reminder: The office will be closed tomorrow,
Monday, September 7, for the Labor Day holiday.



There is a
Worship Committee Meeting
Scheduled for this Tuesday
September 8 at 6 PM
in the library



Any Women interested in a
Women's Bible Study
There is an interest sign up sheet in the
breezeway. Please sign up and note your
time preference.
The Bible study is planned to begin in
October.
The chosen study is "**The Women of
the Bible Speak: the Wisdom of 16
Women and Their Lessons for
Today**" by Shannon Bream.

**Please be aware that the deadline to register for
the Spiritual Retreat is this Friday.**

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

It's **Operation Christmas Child** Time
Again!
BUMC will begin collecting items for
Operation Christmas Child boxes this
month. Since it's back to school time,
there are loads of good deals on school
supplies right now, so we'll start again
with collecting school supplies. While
you're shopping for your students, please
consider buying some extra of these supplies so we may include
them in our Christmas boxes.



We're collecting: **pencils, black ink pens, rulers, small note
pads, markers, colored pencils, square erasers, glue
sticks, stickers, small scissors, post it notes.** A collection
area will be set up in the breezeway. The shopping cart is
available for your donations. Larger amounts can be put under
the table.

We are planning activities to help us raise the money for
shipping - more info coming soon!
As always, we thank you for your help with this important
mission project!



The Back to School Brunch has been rescheduled
for Sunday, September 13. Please join us!

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
Email: gracenkelley123@gmail.com
Call or 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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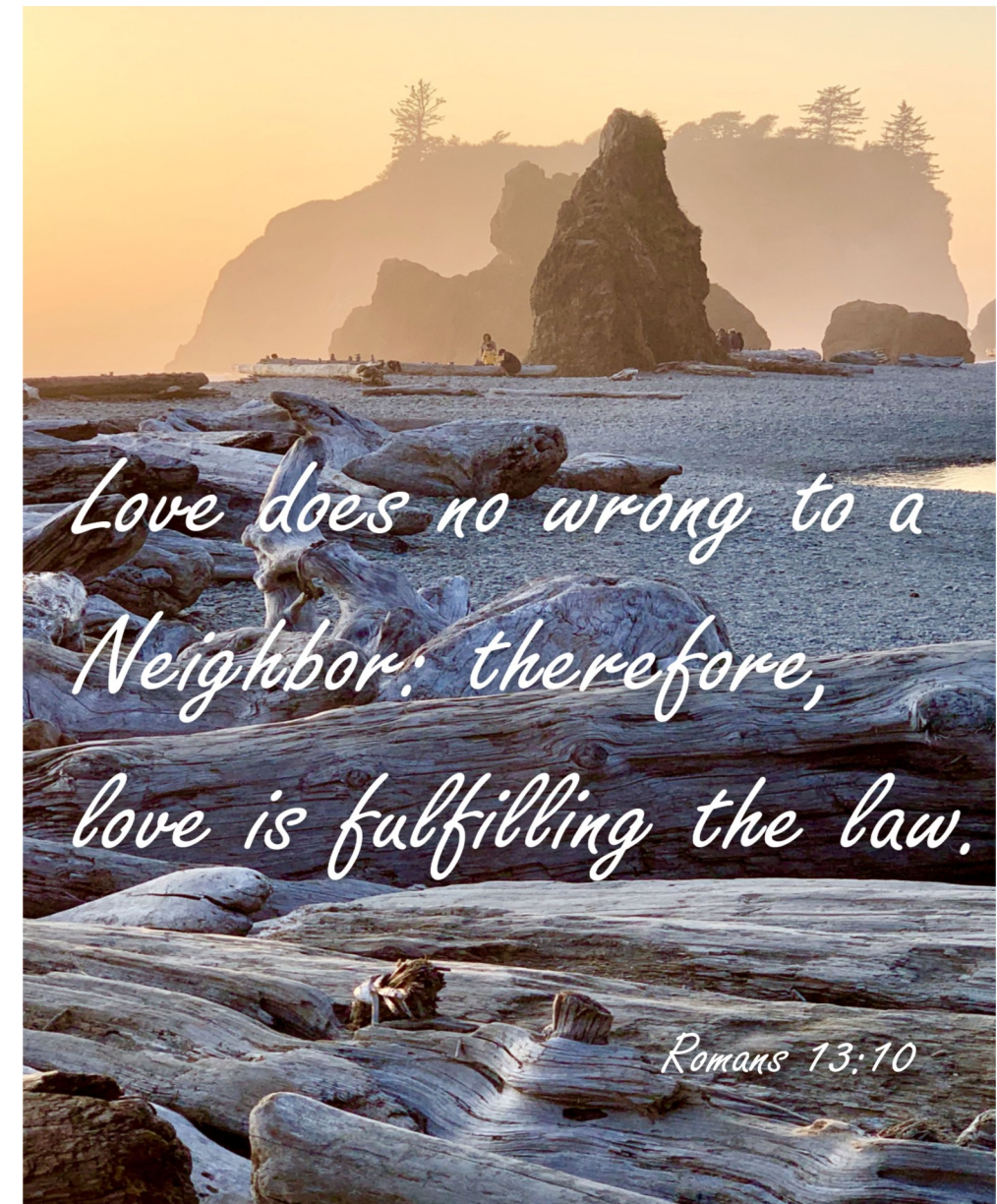
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 AM - 3 PM (Closed Friday)

Welcome to
Bridgewater
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



219 N. Main Street Bridgewater, VA 22812
540-828-0890 www.bridgewaterumc.com

September 6, 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 Rich Bensinger** at 703-402-0287.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 6, 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 & Birthdays/Anniversaries

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

Prelude

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

J. Barr

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

UMH 206

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

*Opening Prayer

Children’s Message

Reading

Romans 13:8-14 (CEB)

Mission Moment

Sermon

“When Love Gets Real—Part 2”

Offertory

“This is My Song”

L. Leatherman

*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

W&S 3149

“A Place at the Table”

*Closing Prayer/Benediction

Postlude

Fantasia in C”

G. F. Handel/L. Smith

In Our Prayers

Joys and Answered Prayers

Thanksgiving for the marriage of Paul Cook and Karen Chamblee
Pam Abbot, Judy Tongue's sister, is doing well
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
Christopher Craun
Glen Turman
Gracen Kelley's grandmother

Current Prayer Concerns
Bettye Newman Kim Miller
Alex Little Jim & Judy Tongue (travelling)

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 those affected by the floods in Nepal and around the world and the earthquakes in Columbia, Indonesia, Japan and Venezuela, and 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 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 wisdom and love
—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 Bridgewater and other college students , and students of all grades, - for a good start to the semester
—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, Sept. 6 (1stSun)

NEXT SUNDAY, Sept. 13 (2nd Sun)

Greeters

B.J. Jenkins & Bettye Newman

Bonnie & Tom Snook/Eileen Phillips

Ushers

Ed Craun & Marc Craun

Sara & Bill Walton

Reader

Christy/Mark Kipps

Jim Tongue

Audio-Visual

Tony Mancari

Marc Craun

Acolytes

David Kipps

Taylor Family

Sanctuary Servers

Don Gilkeson & Sue Rexrode

Sara & Bill Walton

Bus Driver

Fontaine Canada

Dick Harper

OUR CALENDAR

TODAY

9 AM Sunday School for all ages
10 AM Worship Service

MON

Labor Day Holiday—Office Closed
7 PM Pastor Rich’s Men’s Bible Study (Library)

TUE

10 AM Prayer Team (Library)
6 PM Worship Committee (Library)
7 PM Prayer and Message Time (Sanctuary)

WED

12 PM Lunch & Conversation (BRC Blue Ridge Room)
6 PM Handbell Practice (Mt. Solon Commons)
7 PM Chior Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

NEXT SUNDAY

9 AM Sunday School for all ages
10 AM Worship Service

Please send Robin announcements for the Bulletin/Slides/E-Blast by

Attendance and Stewardship for last Sunday

Attendance: 100 Sunday School: 31 Total Giving: \$3,802

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

