

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of **Olivia Walton**'s baptism and second birthday by her family.

The rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of Charlotte Elizabeth Johnson on Nov. 8 to Caroline & Travis Johnson. Kim & Nathan Miller are her grandparents.





'Tis the Season! It's time for ordering Poinsettias and Kingsway's Apple Tree ministry. Please see the inserts in this bulletin!





Reminder: **Thanksgiving Potluck** for the church is on Sunday, Nov. 22 following service. After dinner, you are invited to stay and help put up the Advent/Christmas decorations.

Celebrate the Season!
All **United Women in Faith**, please sign up for the **Christmas luncheon** at Camp Overlook on December 7 or 8. The sign-up sheet is in the breezeway.



Christmas Dinner

Soup & You is next Wednesday.
It's a time of good food and great fellowship



BUMC Financial Snapshot Month End

Year to Date Month End	General & Designated Fund Income	General & Designated Fund Expenses	Difference
10-31-26	$315,344	$412,442	($97,098)

As stated before, we have been hit with several large maintenance bills this year coupled with General Giving being down. Let's look to have a successful Consecration period. Thank you for your continued support!



Our **Charge Conference** for this year will be on November 21st at 10 AM at Vision of Hope UMC, 1723 Port Republic Road, Harrisonburg.

It's **Operation Christmas Child** Time Again!
We greatly appreciate all of the congregation's donations this year for our Operation Christmas Child project.
We held our **Packing Party** Yesterday. A big **Thank you** to everyone who helped!
Johna McFarland, OCC Coordinator





We have our **Friendsgiving** event **this evening from 5-7**. Please bring guests and your families! We will be asking people to bring in their favorite thanksgiving dishes and desserts. We will have some crafts and activities for everyone to take part in. Hope to see you there!

Join us for Children's Church every Sunday!

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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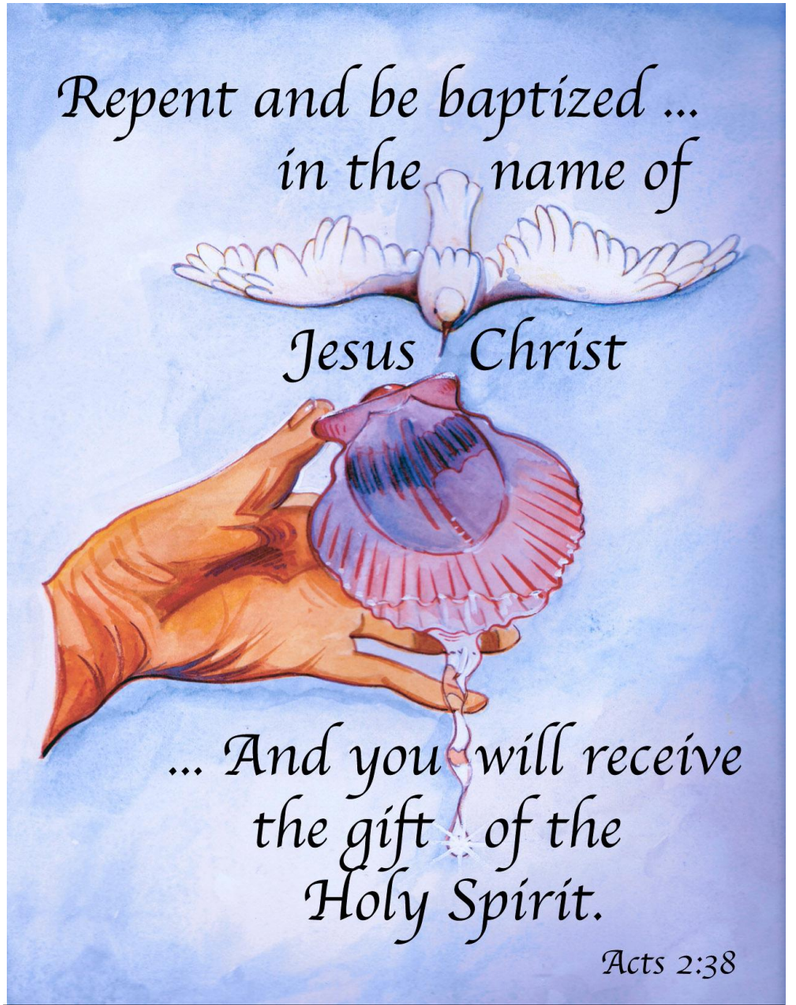
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Welcome to
Bridgewater
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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November 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 Rich Bensinger at 703-402-0287.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 15, 2026

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)
TFWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)
W&S = Worship & Song (Green)
** = Please stand in body or spirit*

Ringing the Bell

Announcements

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

Prelude "Thanks Be to Thee"
Handel/Linker/McFadden

*** Call to Worship**

***Opening Hymn** UMH 89
"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

***Opening Prayer**

Children's Message

Readings Matthew 28:16-20
Acts 2:37-42
Acts 16:13-15

Sermon "Entering the Family of Faith"
Rev. Rich Bensinger

Mission Statement:
"Loving God, Loving People, Making a Difference"

Sacrament of Baptism
Rev. Rich Bensinger &
Rev. Scott Showalter, Truth & Grace Ministries, Broadway, VA

***Post Baptism Hymn** TFWS 2249
"God Claims You"

Offertory "God of Wonders"
M. Byrd/S. Hindalong/arr. B. Wolaver

***Doxology** UMH 95

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn** UMH 400
"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

***Closing Prayer/Benediction**

Postlude "Kingsfold"
D. Christiensen

And now, the church has left the building.

In Our Prayers

Joys and Answered Prayers

Birth of Charlotte Elizabeth Johnson born Nov 8 to Caroline and Travis Johnson, Kim and Nathan miller are grandparents
Thank you, God, for all who have served this country
Thank you for the work of Melissa Kenney - one of TIME magazine's 100 Most Influential Climate Leaders of 2026
Thank you, God, for all your creatures, great and small
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

Nancy Bryant
Bonnie & Tom Snook
Annette & Sonny Tongue
Sandi McGraw

Ongoing Prayer Needs of our Congregation

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

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

-- For faith and strength to love God, love people, and to make a difference
— For peace, justice and wisdom in our nation and in the world
— For peace to come in Iran, the Mid-East, Ukraine, Gaza, Venezuela, Cuba and around the world
— For our leaders to be filled with the Holy Spirit and for your will to be done
— For the people of our nation to turn to God and pray for guidance
— For those affected by natural disasters around the world and for those helping them
—To bring forth ideas for your kingdom, like the Blessings Box
—To bring forth hearts, minds and hands to implement them
— For people who need love, compassion, hope and forgiveness to find God's love through our actions
—For Bridgewater UMC to continue growing
—For our new members and all of us to grow in faith
—For foster parents and children in foster care
—For healing for the sick and calm for the anxious
—For peace and balance with work, family, and all of life
—For comfort, peace, and strength for all who are grieving loved ones
—For victims of abuse of all kinds, and for their abusers to change and learn
—For comfort for those dealing with illness, loss, awaiting surgery, and undergoing 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 (Galen Dellinger)

Serving Us in Worship

	TODAY, Nov. 15 (3rd Sun)	NEXT SUN, Nov. 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	Nolan Gilkeson	Sydney & Reese Leach
Sanctuary Servers	Laura & Tony Mancari	Don & Susan Gilkeson
Bus Driver	Chuck Rexrode	Dick Harper

OUR CALENDAR

TODAY
9 AM Sunday School for all ages
10 AM Worship Service
5 PM Friendsgiving (Fellowship Hall)

MON
6:30 PM UWF Love Circle (New Beginnings)
7 PM Pastor Rich's Men's Bible Study (Library)

TUE
10 AM Prayer Team (Library)
6:30 PM SPRC Meeting (New Beginnings)

WED
10 AM Women's Bible Study (New Beginnings)
12 PM Soup & You (Fellowship Hall)
6 PM Handbell Practice (Mt. Solon Commons)
7 PM Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

NEXT SUNDAY
9 AM Sunday School for all ages
10 AM Worship Service
11:15 AM Thanksgiving Potluck (Fellowship Hall)
1:30 PM Worship at White Birch

Please note that the church office will be closed for Thanksgiving Wed, November 25 - Friday, November 27. We are grateful for our wonderful staff.
Robin will need all items for the Bulletin & E-Blast by Thursday the 19th for that week

Please send Robin announcements for the Bulletin/Slides/E-Blast by Wednesday to adminasst@bridgewaterumc.com.

Attendance and Stewardship for last Sunday

Attendance: 92 Sunday School: 29 Total Giving: $3,619

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
For online giving use the QR code on the right.

—For safe travels for our families and friends, for health and safety during their trips