

## 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](http://www.bridgeportumc.org) and click "Watch Online".

## REVIVE RECOVERY AT JOHNSON AVENUE WORSHIP AT 6:30 PM

Revive Recovery continues to meet each Wednesday evening at our Johnson Avenue campus.

## CHILDREN AGES 3 THROUGH FIFTH GRADE

**Young Explorers: Bible Study**  
We invite children ages 3 through fifth grade to join us at 9:30 AM in the Primary Chapel. Each week, your children will explore a key Bible verse and learn through play, interactive lessons, and practical application. We will dismiss at 10:30 AM in the Primary Chapel.

## CHILI COOK OFF IN JANUARY

Next Sunday, January 26 after the 10:45 am service. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for this tenth annual event. We are still in need of chefs to vie for this year's title. See the signup sheet in the Narthex to compete.

## JOIN US FOR OUR BIBLE STUDY

on the Gospel of John. Led by Pastor Matthew, the study meets Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the back of the Sanctuary.

## CONSIDER TEAMING UP WITH A FAMILY AND/OR FRIENDS TO PROVIDE A MEAL AT THE CLARKSBURG MISSION

We are responsible for providing a meal at the mission the 3rd Sunday of every month. If you are willing to help, please sign up in the Narthex.

## Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Psalms 23:1-6  
Monday: Matthew 6:19-21  
Tuesday: John 14:25-31  
Wednesday: Psalm 46:8-11  
Thursday: Ephesians 1:3-14  
Friday: Genesis 1:1-12  
Saturday: Matthew 5:1-12

## Breath Prayer this Week:

Dear Lord, help us to understand that you are with us in all situations. Increase our faith, and help us to trust you fully. In Jesus' mighty name. Amen.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Adult Sunday School Classes are:  
Bread of Life SS/Library/9:30AM  
Faith, Family & Friends SS/Parlor/9:30AM

## MUSIC PROGRAMS HAVE BEGUN!

All are welcome!  
(please refer to Calendar for rehearsal times)

**Adult Chancel Choir** contact Dr. Dan Hughes

**Seraphim Singers** (Mid Hi - Senior Hi) contact Dr. Dan or Katherine Hughes

**Jubilate Singers** (2nd grade - 5th grade) contact Katherine Hughes

**Cherub Choir** (ages 3 years - 1st grade) contact Jenny Lawson

**Elementary Handbells** (2nd grade - 5th) contact Jennifer Murray

**Youth Handbells** (Mid Hi - Senior Hi) contact Jennifer Murray

**Adult Handbells** contact Brenda Howard (date TBA)

## AVAILABLE SERVICES—ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE

**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 5-2<sup>nd</sup> 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

January 18, 2025

6:15 PM

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

GATHERING MUSIC

Max Garner

\*HYMN

*As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

FWS 2237

\*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](http://bridgeportumc.org) for regular updates.

WORD IN MUSIC

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON

*I Corinthians 12:1-11, 18, 27-31*

MESSAGE

*Just Like God Planned*

Rick Curtis

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

FWS 2223

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN

*We Are the Church*

UMH 558

\*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

January 19, 2025

9:45 AM

Gathering to Praise

\*Scripture Choruses and Songs

Jim Harris

\*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation

Growing in the Word

The Word in Music

\*Scripture

*I Corinthians 12:1-11, 18, 27-31*

Today's Message

*Just Like God Planned*

Rick Curtis

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 anew His grace.)

Going Forth to Share and Serve

Ministry Stewardship and Opportunities

\*Closing Song

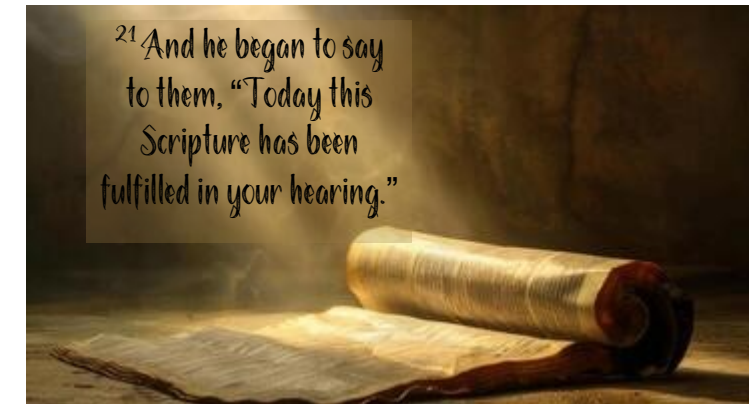
\*Benediction and Sending Forth

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## BRIDGEPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

251 WORTHINGTON DRIVE, BRIDGEPORT, WV

January 19, 2025 † 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM



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

PRELUDE

As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.  
Today's leader is Nancy McClure.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Luke 4:14-21

Reader: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!

**ALL: God has anointed us to bring good news to the poor.**

Reader: God sends us to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,

**ALL: to set the oppressed free and proclaim the year of the Lord's favor!**

Reader: Let us worship God with joy and boldness!

**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit, and empower us to live out your good news!**

\*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 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (verses 1-5) UMH 57

SONG OF PRAISE *It Is Good to Give Thanks to the Lord* Ps. 92:1-2, 4  
Dan Forrest

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
and to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night, O Most High.  
For You, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;  
at the work of your hands I sing for joy!



## GIVE ONLINE

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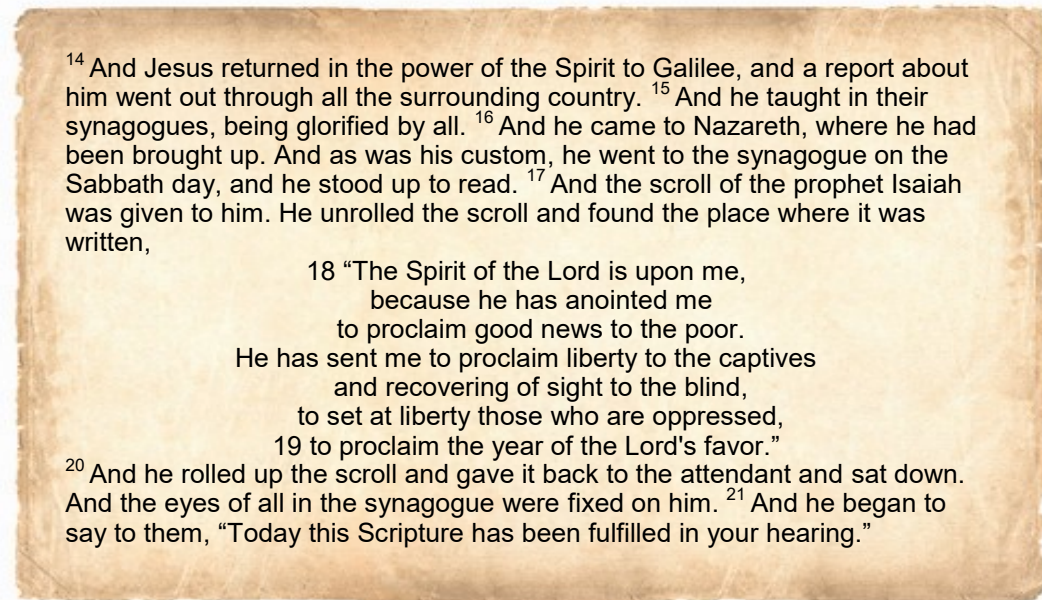


MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

- ~ Please fill out a prayer card if desired and place it in an offering basket.
- ~ 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 to check for regular updates. (10:45 Children K-2nd Grade only may leave for Children's Church. Please meet with your leader in the back of the Sanctuary. Younger children see back of bulletin for locations of nurseries.)

\*DOXOLOGY **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow** UMH 95  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON **Luke 4:14-21**



Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE **An Inaugural Address for the Ages** Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE **We Are Called** FWS 2172

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **A Statement of Faith** UMH 883

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen**

MOMENTS OF GUIDED PRAYER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Reader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Reader: Almighty God, we give you thanks and praise, for you have created us in your image, breathing life into us and calling us to reflect your love, justice, and mercy in the world. You formed us to live in relationship with you and with one another. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast, and through the ages, you called prophets to proclaim justice and mercy and promised a day when peace would reign.

In Jesus Christ, the image of the invisible God, you walked among us. Filled with the Holy Spirit, he proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. We praise you for his life, his sacrificial love, and his resurrection that brings us new life and hope.

Through Your Spirit, you continue to move in and through the Church. You empower us to carry Christ's mission forward—to proclaim your grace, to seek justice, and to love boldly. We give thanks for this calling to share in your work of healing and reconciliation until that day when your kingdom will come on earth even as it is in heaven.

**ALL: And with our hearts lifted high, we will offer you thanks and praise at all times through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

\*SENDING HYMN **The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve** FWS 2241

\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

\*Indicates standing as able.

**Those participating in the Service** - Tom Price - organ, piano; Chancel Choir  
 Liturgist - Cheryl Bramble

**Christian Sympathy to** The family of Mable Somerville.

The Family of Carol Curtis.

The family of Susan Decker Kinney.

**The Rose on the Altar** celebrates birth of *August James MacDonald* born on December 19, 2024, to Korrie and Derek MacDonald. Grandmother is Karen Barton. The aunt is Kelcie Barton.

*Peyton Shepherd Green* born on January 3, 2025, to Erik and Sarah Green.



**Youth Sunday - January 26th**

Sunday, January 26th, is Youth Sunday, a wonderful opportunity for youth to participate in the service. If there are any youth who do not normally attend our evening youth services but are interested in participating, please encourage them to reach out to Joe Starkey at (304) 629-4360 or via email at Jstarkeybumc@gmail.com.

**Youth Fellowship Update**

We are adjusting the youth schedule for Sunday, January 26th. Following the chili cook-off, we will have a time of Youth Fellowship in the gym from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. During this time, we will set up 9 Square in the gym, and the youth will have the opportunity to enjoy fellowship and fun together.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (January 19 – January 26)**

**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
4:30-5:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group	Education Building
5:00-5:30 PM	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Primary Chapel
5:00-5:30 PM	Jubilate Singers Rehearsal	Children's Church
5:30-6:00 PM	Elementary Handbells	Children's Church
5:30-6:00 PM	Seraphim Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00 PM	Middle School Youth Group	Education Building
7:00-7:30 PM	Youth Handbell Rehearsal	Balcony

**MONDAY Office Closed**

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

**TUESDAY**

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting will not meet	Fowler Heritage Room
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**WEDNESDAY**

6:30 PM	Revive Recovery	Johnson Ave. Campus
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	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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9:30 AM	Sunday School	
9:45 AM	Worship @ Johnson Ave.	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:45 AM	Maplewood Worship Service	Maplewood
10:45 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:45 AM	Chili Cook-Off	Fellowship Hall
1:00-2:00 PM	Senior & Mid High Youth Group	Gym
5:00-5:30 PM	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Primary Chapel
5:00-5:30 PM	Jubilate Singers Rehearsal	Children's Church
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**BRIDGEPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh, Senior Pastor  
 Rev. George Bramble, Rev. Jim Lang, Pastoral Care † Dr. Dan Hughes, Director of Chancel Choir † Joe Starkey, Director of Youth Ministries † 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