

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 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. Revive Recovery is a program specifically for dealing with the troubles we face in this challenging culture and time. Revive Recovery is, in fact, for all hurts, habits, or hang-ups. Only 1 in 3 are there for substance issues. Sign up to help by preparing a light supper served at 6 PM. Sign up on bulletin board in the main entry.

COME JOIN ONE OF OUR CHOIRS!

Chancel Choir - Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7 PM on the Stage in Fellowship Hall. Text or Call Sarah Carr Parsons at 304- 669-3466.

Adult Handbell Choir - Rehearsals are on Sunday evenings 6PM - 7PM in the balcony. Text or Call Brenda Howard at 304-871-2190.

YOUTH Choirs meet on Sundays

Seraphim Singers - for youth in 6th - 12th grade on the stage in Fellowship Hall from 5:30-6:00 PM. Call or text Katherine Hughes at 646-879-8552.

Cherub Choir - for children age 3 -1st grade downstairs in Primary Chapel from 5:00-5:30 PM. Call or email Jenny Lawson 304-669-0618

or blawson@ma.rr.com.

Jubilate Singers - for children in 2nd - 5th grade in the Children's Church Room from 5:00-5:30 PM. Call or text Katherine Hughes at 646-879-8552.

Youth Handbells - Sundays from 5:00-5:30 in the Balcony.

Elementary Handbells (2nd-5th grade) Sundays from 5:30—6:00 PM in the Children's Church Room.

JOIN US FOR OUR BIBLE STUDY on the Gospel of John and the book's unique portrait of Jesus. Led by Pastor Matthew, the study meets Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the back of the Sanctuary.

UMCOR United Committee on Relief 100 percent of what you give goes to enable emergency grants and supplies immediately after a disaster. If you would like to donate, please make your check to BUMC and in the memo write UMCOR.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Psalm 23:1-6

Monday: Matthew 11:28-30

Tuesday: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Wednesday: Psalm 34:8-18

Thursday: Proverbs 3:1-6

Friday: Psalm 145:1-16

Saturday: 1 Peter 4:7-11

Breath Prayer this Week:

Heavenly Father, guide our words and actions as we work with others in unity to further your kingdom. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

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

OUR ANNUAL CHARGE

CONFERENCE will be held TODAY, October 13, following the 10:45 Worship Service in the Main Campus Sanctuary. District Superintendent Neil Leftwich will lead this annual meeting of the Administrative Board as we receive reports and approve officers for the coming year. All are welcome to attend.

THE BRIDGEPORT UNITED

METHODIST MEN would like to wish the children attending Bridgeport United Methodist Church a "Happy and Safe Halloween" with a bag of candy each child can pick up on their way out today.

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

Children's Bulletin available on table in the back of the Sanctuary

10:45 Children's Church - ages 5-2nd grade, Children's Church Room

Large Print Hymnals at main entrance to the Sanctuary

Extra Copies of Our Newsletter, "Steeple Talk" available in the Narthex

Prayer Cards to indicate special concerns are located in the pew racks

Membership Directories are available in the Church Office.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

October 12, 2024

6:15 PM

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

GATHERING MUSIC

Renee Warner

*HYMN *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* FWS 2223

*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 for regular updates.

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS *Walk In Love* Darrell Moorhead

WORD IN MUSIC

*SCRIPTURE LESSON *John 8:1-3*

MESSAGE *They Did What!* Rick Curtis

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *God, How Can We Forgive* FWS 2169

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* FWS 2146

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH AND POSTLUDE

FWS-Faith We Sing Hymnal UMH-United Methodist Hymnal
WS-Worship and Song Hymnal

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

October 13, 2024

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 *John 8:1-3*

Today's Message *They Did What!* 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

Stewardship Emphasis *Walk In Love* Darrell Moorhead

*Closing Song

*Benediction and Sending Forth

*Indicates standing as able.

BRIDGEPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

251 WORTHINGTON DRIVE, BRIDGEPORT, WV

October 13, 2024 † 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM



THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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.

PRELUDE *"Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"* (LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER)
Arr. By David Cherwien and Paul Manz

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

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Hebrews 1:3; 4:16; 10:23; and 12:28)

Reader: Praise be to our Lord Jesus Christ, the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being.

ALL: He sustains all things by his powerful word.

Reader: When he had made purification for sins, Jesus sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

ALL: Therefore, let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering.

Reader: And let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy.

ALL: Let us give thanks and offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe.

*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 *Thy Word Is a Lamp* UMH 601

SONGS OF WORSHIP *Jesus Loves Me
The B-I-B-L-E*

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.)

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS *Walk In Love* Darrell Moorhead

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*SCRIPTURE LESSON *Hebrews 4:12-16*

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

WORD IN MUSIC *Your Word, O Lord, Is Gentle Dew* Barry L. Bobb

Your Word, O Lord, is gentle dew to stuffing hearts that want it;
Oh, shed your heavn'ly balm anew, to all your garden grant it.
Refreshed by you, may every tree bud forth and blossom gaily.

And fruit and seed bring daily.

Your Word is like a flaming sword, a sharp and mighty arrow.

A wedge that cleaves the rock; that Word can pierce through heart and marrow.

Oh, send it over all the earth, to purge unrighteous leaven

And cleanse all hearts for heaven.

Your Word, a wondrous star, supplies true guidance when we need it;

It points to Christ and so makes wise all simple hearts that heed it;

Let not its light e'er sink in night, but keep it brightly burning,

And fill our deepest yearning.

MESSAGE *Condemnation or Comfort?* Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

HYMN OF REPSONSE *Hallelujah! What a Savior* UMH 165



*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH 884

**We believe in the one God,
creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations,
the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God manifest in the flesh,
our teacher, example and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.
We believe in the forgiveness of sins,
in the life of love and prayer,
and in grace equal to every need.
We believe in the Word of God
contained in the Old and New Testaments
as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.
We believe in the church,
those who are united in the living Lord
for the purpose of worship and service.
We believe in the reign of God
as the divine will realized in human society,
and in the family of God,
where we are all brothers and sisters.
We believe in the final triumph of righteousness
and in the life everlasting. Amen**

BIBLE PRESENTATION (10:45 AM)



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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

Reader: We give you all thanks and praise, O God, for you have suffered with us and tasted despair that we might taste mercy and grace.

Your living and active Word created all things; and everything lies exposed before your eyes. When our forebears put their trust in you, you rescued them, for all things are possible for you.

You sent your Son, Jesus, into the world, preaching your message and calling everyone to follow. His word cuts to the core of all things, exposing the addictions that bind us and blind us and hold us back from investing all we have in serving you. When Jesus was brought down to the dust of death, you raised him to life again, and through him we have the confidence to come into your presence and look to your grace for our life.

ALL: Therefore, with our hearts lifted high, we 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.

*HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

UMH 529

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH AND POSTLUDE *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word*

*Indicates standing as able.

Arr. By Paul Manz

Those participating in the Service - Brett Miller - organist, pianist; Chancel Choir, Barbara Sullivan, Cherub Choir, Jubilate Singers.

Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Doyle and Imogene Paugh, given by Jean Ray.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (October 13– October 20)

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
11:45 AM	Charge Conference	Sanctuary
5:00-5:30 PM	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Primary Chapel
5:00-5:30 PM	Jubilate Choir Rehearsal	Children's Church Room
5:00-5:30 PM	Youth Handbells cancelled	Balcony
5:30-6:00 PM	Elementary Handbells cancelled	Children's Church Room
5:30-6:00 PM	Seraphim Singers	Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00 PM	Adult Handbell Rehearsal	Balcony
6:00-7:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Education Building

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
7:30 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
6:00 PM	Trustees Meeting	Fowler Heritage Room
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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Children ages 3 through Fifth Grade

Young Explorers: Bible Study

Discovering God's Love through Relationship, Experience, and Wonder

This fall 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. Together, with our team of volunteers they will discover the different aspects of God's love. We will dismiss at 10:30 AM in the Primary Chapel.