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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. 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.

PLEASE JOIN THE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

as we celebrate the Christmas season. We will gather on Sunday, December 8 at 2PM in the fellowship hall! Come enjoy fellowship, devotional time, games, as well as some delicious cookies and punch! Please bring a wrapped ornament for an exchange. We also will be collecting socks (all sizes) for the needy and new children's (all sizes) pajamas and underwear for CASA.

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

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

Membership Directories are available in the Church Office.

Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: John 1:1-5

Monday: Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday: Philippians 3:7-14

Wednesday: I John 3:16-24

Thursday: Matthew 6:25-34

Friday: Psalm 149:1-9

Saturday: John 15:1-8

Breath Prayer this Week:

Dear Lord, give us strength to follow your example. Help us to love those around us. Amen.

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.

ALL YOUTH AND CHILDREN

(Pre K 3-12th grade) ARE INVITED

to participate in our program December 15th during the 10:45 Worship Service

"HOW GREAT OUR JOY!"

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 1 Children 4:30-5:30 PM

Youth Seraphim - 5:30-6:00 PM

Sunday, Dec. 8, 4:30-6:00 PM **DRESS**

REHEARSAL ALL ATTEND

Sunday, Dec. 15 **"HOW GREAT OUR**

JOY!" presented at the 10:45 AM

Worship Service.

CONFIRMATION We are excited to announce that our weekly schedule for Youth Meetings has changed. Our

Senior High School Youth will meet at 4:30-5:30 pm each Sunday, and our Middle School Youth and Confirmation Class will meet at 6:00-7:00 pm each Sunday. Our new schedule will offer an opportunity for our High School students to dig deep into God's Word and will create space for us to provide a more comprehensive Confirmation program. Confirmation refers to the first public occasion in which a person affirms his or her personal response to God's grace and proclaims faith in Christ. Our Confirmation program is available to individuals in 6th grade and older. In our Confirmation classes, we will foster learning and spiritual disciplines, culminating in an opportunity to respond to Jesus' call to be a disciple. If you have not been confirmed (or even if you just would like a refresher!), join us each Sunday at 6:00 pm or contact the Church office for more information. All Youth and Confirmation meetings will be held in the Education Building.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

November 30, 2024

6:15 PM

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

GATHERING MUSIC

Jim Harris

*HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

UMH 196

*INVOCATION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

ADVENT LITANY AND CANDLE LIGHTING

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.

WORD IN MUSIC

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

MESSAGE **Raising Up Righteousness with Jeremiah** Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn of Promise

UMH 707

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN

Song of Hope

FWS 2186

*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

December 1, 2024

9:45 AM

Gathering to Praise

*Scripture Choruses and Songs

Jim Harris

*Prayer of Invocation and Invitation

Growing in the Word

Advent Litany and Candle Lighting

The Word in Music

*Scripture

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Today's Message **Raising Up Righteousness with Jeremiah** Rev. Dr. Paugh

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

*Indicates standing as able.

BRIDGEPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

251 WORTHINGTON DRIVE, BRIDGEPORT, WV

December 1, 2024 † 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Chant and Meditation on "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!"
(VENI EMMANUEL)

John Behnke

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

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader: We come from a world of darkness

ALL: into Christ's world of light.

Reader: We come from a world of weariness

ALL: into God's strength and hope.

Reader: We come from a slumbering world.

ALL: Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls and watch for the coming of Christ.

*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

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

UMH 196

ADVENT LITANY AND CANDLE LIGHTING

Reader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

ALL: those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

Reader: We join with sisters and brothers around the world, lighting candles to mark our steps in this Advent journey.

ALL: Today, we light the candle of hope.

(Reader lights the first purple Advent candle.)

Reader: This candle is a symbol of the hope we have in the promise of our Lord's coming.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Reader: For the Lord will fulfill his promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah: a righteous Branch will spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

ADVENT HYMN *In This Time of Waiting*

In this time of waiting, we will sing of hope:

Hope in Jesus, who alone makes whole.

In our expectation, we will sing of hope;

Hearts of longing, we will sing of hope.

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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 *Doxology for Advent* (Tune: VENI EMMANUEL)

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD IN MUSIC *O Dayspring*

Karen Marroli

MESSAGE *Preparing for Christmas with the Prophets:*

Raising Up Righteousness with Jeremiah Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* UMH 203

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, who speaks through the prophets and promises days of justice and righteousness, we have strayed from your ways and doubted your promises. We have sought fulfillment in fleeting things instead of trusting in your steadfast love. We have failed to make room in our hearts and lives for your reign of righteousness. We have neglected the poor, the hurting, and the lonely.

Forgive us, O Lord. As we await the coming of your Righteous Branch, fill us with hope and shape our lives to reflect your light in the darkness, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord ... we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty ...

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ...

all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy meal, a foretaste of the kingdom promised through your Righteous Branch, Jesus Christ. As we wait in hope this Advent, strengthen us to walk in your ways, that we may bear your light and love to the world. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN *Hymn of Promise* UMH 707

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Wake, Awake! For Night Is Flying (WACHET AUF)*


Johann Gottfried Walther

*Indicates standing as able.

Those participating in the Service - Brett Miller - organist, pianist; Chancel Choir.

The Rose on the Altar celebrates the birth of Wesley Parker Myers, son of Chris and Jenna Myers, born on November 21. The proud grandparents are Tom and Beverly Fogg.

Christian Sympathy to the Family of Richard Davis.



Each year at Christmas we place poinsettias on the altar and in the sanctuary. The Worship Team will purchase enough to adorn our Sanctuary and the remaining monies will go to support hunger ministries within our area. If you would like to place a poinsettia(s) in memory of or in honor of someone special to you, you can place an order by filling out an envelope found in the Narthex and placing it in the offering basket. Deadline to place your order is **Dec. 12. Price is \$12.00.** Make Checks payable to BUMC.

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

GIVEN BY _____

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (December 1 – December 8)

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	Christmas Program Reh.PK3-5th	Watch for signs on porch
4:30-5:30 PM	High School Youth Fellowship	Education Building
5:30-6:00 PM	Elementary Handbells	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	Middle School Youth Fellowship	Education Building
7:00-7:30 PM	Youth Handbell Rehearsal	Children's Church Room

MONDAY

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
7:00 PM	Proverbs 31 Circle Meeting	Johnson Ave. Campus

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	Fowler Heritage Room
10:30 AM	Esther Ruth Circle Meeting	Fellowship Hall

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 will not meet	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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SUNDAY, December 8

8:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
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
2:00-4:00 PM	Women in Faith Christmas Cel.	Fellowship Hall
4:30-6:00 PM	Christmas Program Dress Reh.	Watch for signs on porch
6:00-7:00 PM	Adult Handbell Rehearsal	Balcony
6:00-7:00 PM	Middle School Youth Fellowship	Education Building
7:00-7:30 PM	Youth Handbell Rehearsal	TBD



You are invited to come and see the Children's Christmas Pageant

"HOW GREAT OUR JOY!"

Sunday, December 15

at the 10:45 AM Worship Service