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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. We will dismiss at 10:30 AM in the Primary Chapel.

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.

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.



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Weekly Devotional Reading

Sunday: Daniel 3:24-30
Monday: Exodus 3:1-12
Tuesday: Psalm 121:1-8
Wednesday: Luke 6:32-36
Thursday: Mark 4:35-41
Friday: Psalm 146:1-10
Saturday: Deuteronomy 11:8-15

Breath Prayer this Week:

Dear Lord, Thank you for your providence. Comfort us when we grieve, and guide us to pray for and help those in need of comfort. 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

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 5-2nd 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

February 1, 2025

6:15 PM

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT
GATHERING MUSIC Tom Price
*HYMN *The Gift of Love* UMH 408
*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.
WORD IN MUSIC
*SCRIPTURE LESSON *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*
MESSAGE *What's Love Got to Do with It?* Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh
*HYMN OF RESPONSE *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* UMH 298
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
*CLOSING HYMN *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* UMH 371
*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

February 2, 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 *1 Corinthians 13:1-3*
Today's Message *What's Love Got to Do with It?* Rev. Dr. Matthew 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

February 2, 2025 † 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

DO THIS IN
Remembrance
OF ME.

I CORINTHIANS 11:24



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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 *Communion in E minor, Op. 39, No. 5* by Alexandre Guilmant
Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord (OLD 124TH) arr. by David Schack
As we gather, we are mindful of our Maplewood Worship Service.
Today's leader is Jay Larry.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on 1 Cor. 13:1-7; 1 Jn. 4:7-8)
Reader: Without it, we are like clanging cymbals.
ALL: Love!
Reader: We can speak like prophets, but without it we are nothing.
ALL: Love!
Reader: It is patient and kind; it is not envious or boastful or rude.
ALL: Love!
Reader: It doesn't insist on its own way or rejoice in wrongdoing.
ALL: Love!
Reader: It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things!
ALL: Love!
Reader: It comes from God because God is...
ALL: Love!

*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 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384

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 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 **1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

WORD IN MUSIC **O Love** George Matheson; Elaine Hagenberg
Lyrics – UMH 480

MESSAGE **What's Love Got to Do with It?** Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE **The Gift of Love** UMH 408

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF PARDON

Gracious and Loving God, you have shown us the more excellent way—the way of love. Yet we confess that our love is often impatient and unkind. We envy, we boast, and we cling to pride. We are quick to anger and slow to forgive. We keep a record of wrongs and fail to rejoice in the truth. Forgive us for the ways we have not loved as you have called us to love. Soften our hearts, renew our spirits, and lead us to reflect your perfect love—bearing all things, believing all things, hoping all things, and enduring all things. In the name of Jesus, Love Incarnate, we pray. Amen.

Hear the good news: God's love never fails and never ends. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and empowered to walk in love.

Thanks be to God! 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.

We give you all thanks and praise, O God, for your great love! ...
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

Holy are you, O God, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. ...
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, ...
Because love is patient...

**Help us to be slow to judge, but quick to listen, hesitant to criticize,
but eager to encourage, remembering your endless patience with us.**

Because love is kind...

Help our words to be gentle and our actions to be thoughtful.

Because love does not envy or boast, and it is not proud...

Help us to have hearts that are humble and that see the good in others.

Because love is not rude or self-seeking...

Help us to speak words that are easy on the ear and on the heart.

**When we're tempted to get wrapped up in our own little world,
remind us there's a big world out there full of needs and hurts.**

Because love is not easily angered and keeps no record of wrongs...

**Help us to forgive others as you have forgiven us. When we want to hold onto
a grudge, gently help us release it, so we can reach out with a hand of love
instead.**

Because love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth...

Help us stand up for what is right and good.

May we defend the defenseless, and help the helpless.

Because love always protects and always trusts...

Help us to be a refuge for those around us.

**When the world outside is harsh and cold,
may our hearts be places of acceptance and warmth.**

And because love always perseveres...

Help our hearts to continually beat with love for you and for others.

Thank you, O God, for showing us what the word "love" really means. ...
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

HYMN OF INVITATION **Come to the Table of Grace** W & S 3168

- 1. Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table,
it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.**
- 2. Come to the table of love ...**
- 3. Come to the table of peace ...**

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of Perfect Love, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which
you have filled us with your love. May this gift strengthen us to live with
patience and kindness and to bear all things, believe all things, hope all
things, and endure all things. Send us into the world, guided by your Spirit, to
love as Christ has loved us. Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN **God, Whose Love is Reigning o'er Us** UMH 100

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE **O Love, How Deep (DEO GRACIAS)** arr. by Frank Ferko

*Indicates standing as able.

Those participating in the Service - Brett Miller - organ, piano; Chancel Choir;
Rev. Dr. Ken Ramsey - liturgist

Christian Sympathy to the Family of Wade Dotson.
Polly Steele on the death of her mother, Lois Holbert.
Nicole Wilson on the death of her mother.
Lillian Crites on the death of her son-in-law.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK (February 2 – February 9)

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

7:00 AM	AA Morning Meditation	Johnson Ave. Campus
9:00 AM	Preventicare	Nursery
10:30 AM	Lydia Circle Meeting	Library
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	Brides Room

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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SUNDAY, February 9

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
3:30-4:30 PM	Middle School Youth Group	Education Building
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	Youth Handbell Rehearsal	Education Building

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