

**Pastoral Prayer**  
**Closing Hymn**

UMH 413

"A Charge to Keep I Have"

**\*Benediction**  
**Postlude**

"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"  
arr. Mark Hayes

**United Women in Faith News**

The first Circle meetings after the summer hiatus will be on September 18. Hope Circle meets at the church at 2:00 P.M. Love Circle meets at the church at 6:30 P.M. and Faith meets in a members' home at 7:00 P.M. For more information call Becky Downey at 540-383-2664.

UWF Sunday will be on September 24th

The October meeting will be a joint meeting of all the Circles on October 16 at 6:30. We will enjoy a Pot Luck Salad meal. **All women of the church are invited to attend.** Delores Reid will be our speaker, sharing information about the Medical Supply Closet serving the Harrisonburg/Rockingham area and housed at Lacey Springs UMC.



# SOUP & YOU

You are invited to  
Soup & You  
Wednesday, Sept 20 at Noon  
Come enjoy two kinds of soup,  
bread, & dessert.  
Hope to see you Wednesday!!

**BUMC FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT MONTH END**

Year to Date Month End	General & Designated Fund Income	General & Designated Fund Expenses	Difference
8-31-23	\$265,704	\$274,320	(\$8,616)

Our income for the month of August was down versus our expenses, therefore, we are showing a YTD deficit. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



**OLD NEWS:** Thank you to all who came out on Saturday to serve lunches to those experiencing homelessness! We served BBQ Chicken sandwiches, mac and cheese, green beans, brownies, and to-go lunches!

**UPCOMING NEWS:**

**Saturday, September 23: Gleaning Apples for SOSA** We will be traveling up to Winchester, VA to glean apples for Society of St. Andrew! We will take a church bus so please [SIGN UP HERE](#) to ensure we have enough seats! Our meeting time in the morning is TBD (depending on what time we need to be at the orchard) but work will be finished around noon, which means we will be back home around 1:30/ 2:00P

We're on Instagram!! I'm still setting it up, but follow us and our DUMBUM adventures @dumbumyouth. I'm hoping this will really help our youth stay up-to-date with what is going on!

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

9/9/23: Serving lunch at HBC [SIGN UP HERE](#)

9/23/23: Gleaning Apples for Society of St. Andrews [SIGN UP HERE](#)

10/6/23: Making Soup for Dayton Days

10/7/23: Dayton Days!!

10/14/23: Dayton Days Rain Date

10/26/23: Empty Bowls @ 6pm @ BRCC

**We welcome prayer requests** Please share your prayer request with us on the Prayer Request Card found in your pew. Place 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.

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Welcome to  
**Bridgewater**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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**Sept 17, 2023**

"A Crisis of Faith"

The TESTING of your  
**FAITH**  
PRODUCES  
**ENDURANCE.**

James 1:3, NRSV

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 Mary Dadisman at 540-828-0890.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

"A Crisis of Faith"  
Sept 17, 2023

UMH = The United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS = The Faith We Sing

\* = Please stand in body or spirit

Ringing the Bell

Announcements

Prelude

"Goodness of God"

Bethel Music and Jenn Johnson

Bell Choir Introit

"With a Joyful Heart"

Susan Geschke

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn

UMH 96

"Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"

Kid's Time

Whitney Reusser

All children are welcome to come forward for Kid's Time.  
Children's Church is open to ages Pre-K through Grade 2.

Hymn

(8:30 AM)

"Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

UMH 384

Handbell Anthem

(11:00 AM)

"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

arr by Bill Ingram

Scripture

Psalm 103; James 1:2-4

8:30 AM Gloria Hildebrand

11:30 AM Karen Chamblee

Sermon

Pastor Mary Dadisman

"A Crisis of Faith"

Offertory

"Humble and Kind"

arr. Lorie Line

Doxology

UMH 95

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer List

Lord in your mercy, please hear our prayers for:

Prayers for the church in Pakistan; for an end to terrorism against Christians there; for the government to take action

For peace in our families, church, community and the world

For all of us and our children to grow in wisdom, discernment, obedience, and faith

For young people, students, teachers and staff in our schools

For those struggling with depression, mental health, and addiction

People affected by natural disasters and responders giving aid

People affected by natural disasters - earthquake in Morocco, floods in Lybia, fires, floods and heat. For those helping them - help us give them safety, strength, comfort and hope

For family members who have made bad decisions - that they come to know God and their family's forgiveness

For those who are grieving, for rest for the weary.

Our Worship Servers

TODAY, Sept 17	8:30	11:00
Greeters	Gloria Hildebrand	Karen Chamblee & Kari Palmer
Ushers	Jason & Adam Gilkeson	Jim & Stephanie Higgs
Readers	Gloria Hildebrand	Karen Chamblee
Audio-Visual	Scott Ridder	Scott Ridder
Next Sunday, Sept 24		
Greeters	Chuck & Sue Rexrode	Leach Family
Ushers	Dick & Janice Harper	Chuck & Dawn Kern
Readers	Dan Plecker	Dawn Kern
Audio-Visual	Scott Ridder	Scott Ridder

OUR CALENDAR

TODAY	Worship 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
MON	2:00 PM Hope Circle (New Beginnings) 6:30 PM Love Circle meets at Church 7:00 PM Faith Circle at Karen Chamblee's home
WED	9:30 AM Prayer Group (Library) 12:00 PM Soup & You (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
THU	6:30 PM Staff Parish Meeting (New Beginnings)
NEXT SUN	United Women in Faith Sunday! Worship 8:30 AM & 11 AM

Attendance and Stewardship for last Sunday

Attendance	SS	Total Giving
129	46	\$7,565

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

♦Online Giving at BUMC Web Page  
[www.BridgewaterUMC.com/give](http://www.BridgewaterUMC.com/give)

♦App for Giving @ Tithely.com  
Download the app, find BUMC, and give!

♦Secure, locked communication box outside at Green Street entrance  
in which you can leave papers for the church

