



**★PICTORIAL DIRECTORY★**

**New Pictorial Directory by The Portrait Café**

Sign up now to schedule your photo shoot for our \*new\* pictorial directory. Times are available for February 23, 2026! Registration pages are located in the breezeway. Many thanks!

**Prayer Ornaments**

The baskets of ornaments & markers in the breezeway near the three Christmas trees are Prayer Ornaments. Please take an ornament & write a short prayer, or the name of a loved one in memory or honor. Say a prayer & hang your ornament on the trees. Let's share our prayers for the world and each other this Advent & Christmas season. ~ The Worship Committee



**Seeking a Music Director/Sanctuary Choir Director**

Joan Kenney is retiring as our Music Director & Sanctuary Choir Director effective Dec 31, 2025. If you know anyone who may be interested, please contact SPRC Chairs Courtney Leach, Amanda Taylor or the Church office.



**Hats, Gloves and Mittens for the Children's Clothes Closet**

The Circle of Hope is collecting hats, gloves & mittens for children for the Clothes Closet at Mission Central! All sizes needed, toddler to teen. Place donations in the pink tub in the main hallway under the quilts. Also, gently used children's clothing is appreciated especially coats & pajamas this time of year. Thank you for your support of this important ministry. ??'s, see Carolyn VanDyck

**NEW Sunday School Class in 2026! "Joyful Journeys"**

Join us Next Sunday at 9:10 AM in the New Beginnings Classroom for an open, welcoming, all-ages NEW discussion group that explores how Scripture connects to real-world issues, everyday challenges, & modern life. Bring your questions, your experiences, & your coffee—this is a Sunday school class built on honest conversation, community, & practical faith. We hope to see you there!



**Youth Group Announcements**



**After-Church Lunch, Trivia & Interactive Bible Study**  
**Sunday, January 11**  
**11:15 AM - 12:30 PM**  
**Lunch Provided**  
**RSVP Required**

Join us immediately after church for a relaxed and engaging time of food, fellowship, fun trivia, and interactive Bible study. This gathering is designed for conversation, connection, and meaningful discussion in a welcoming environment.

Please RSVP so we can plan food and seating accordingly. (For more information please see the E-Blast)

**Don't forget! Every Sunday**  
**Zoom Prayer @ 6:45 PM, & Youth Check in @ 7 PM**

Blessings, Jomo (240) 328-5847 [dumbumyouth@gmail.com](mailto:dumbumyouth@gmail.com)



**Dear Children & Families,**

**Happy New Year 2026!**

**God will be with us as we head back to school from Christmas break!**  
**Watch this space for upcoming activities!**  
**Jesus loves you and so do we!**

Contact Gracen through the BUMC Kids Group Me, [gracenkelley123@gmail.com](mailto:gracenkelley123@gmail.com) or phone (call, text) 804-867-6143  
 See the E-blast or Group Me more information & updates!

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

**Bridgewater UMC Church Staff**

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| Children's Church & Nursery | Gracen Kelley, Reanna Ahnen, Malachi Benjamin  |

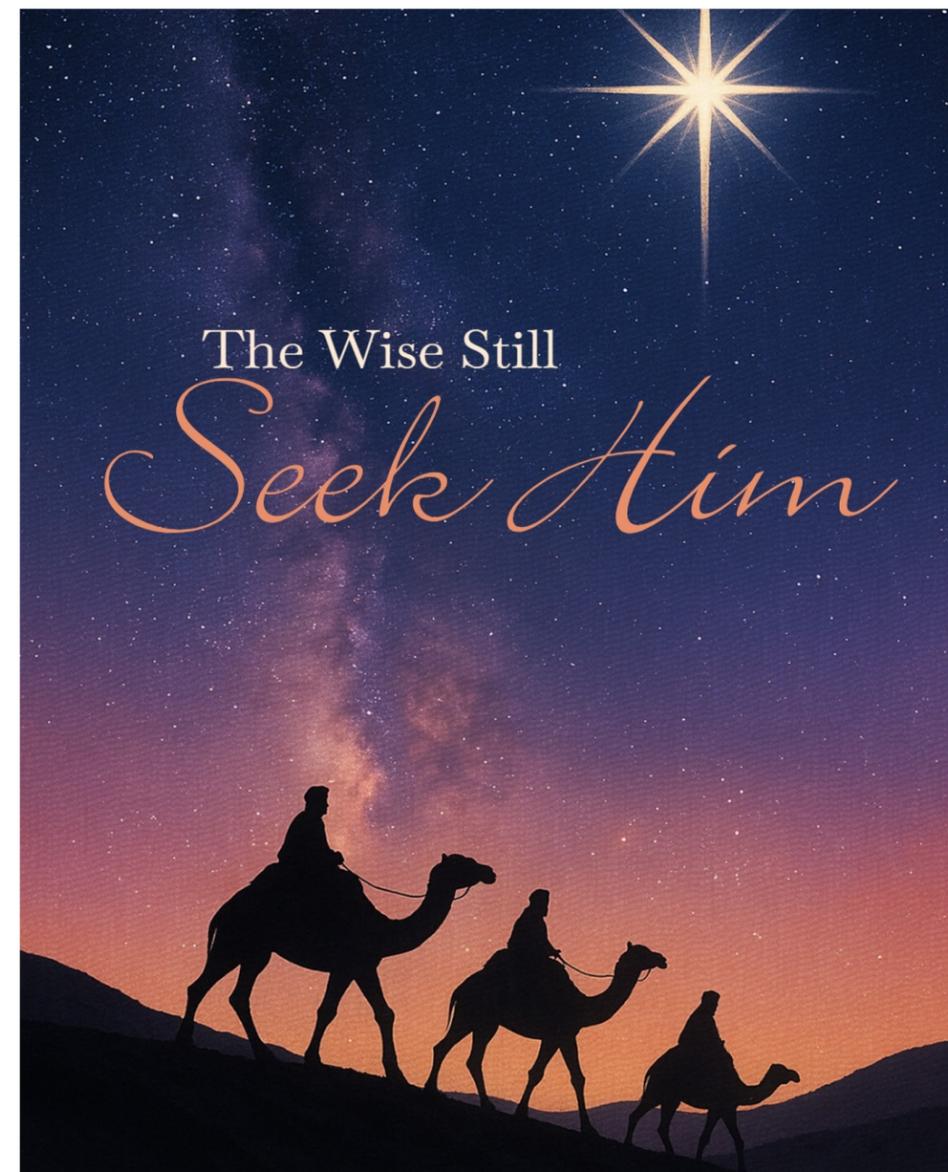
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 AM - 3 PM (Closed Friday)

Welcome to **Bridgewater**  
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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 540-828-0890 [www.bridgewaterumc.com](http://www.bridgewaterumc.com)

**January 4, 2026**



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

January 4, 2026

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

TFWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

W&S = Worship & Song (Green)

\* = Please stand in body or spirit

## Ring the Bell

## Announcements and "Happy Birthday"

**Prelude** "Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light"  
J. S. Bach

## Call to Worship

**\*Opening Hymn** "We Three Kings" UMH 254

## Opening Prayer

## Children's Message

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 2:1-12

**Sermon** "The Good Lookers"

**Offertory** "One King"  
M. Barrett & D. Angerman

**\*Doxology** UMH 87, v. 3

## Prayers of the People

### Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving

## The Lord's Prayer

## Sharing the Bread & the Cup

## Communion Hymns

## Prayer After Communion

**\*Closing Hymn** "We Would See Jesus" UMH 256

## \*Benediction

**Postlude** "Song for a New Year"  
G. M. Martin



# In Our Prayers

## Joys and Answered Prayers

For a New Year 2026!  
Thank you God for the love of Jesus, for our church, our families and our friends  
We give thanks for God's grace and mercy

## Prayers of Sympathy for the families of

Larry Harmon, Melissa McCormick's father; friend of Rhonda Johnson  
Georgia Lee Byerly  
Letitia Lam  
Jenny Rieman  
Judy Capuano—Joey Capuano's grandmother

## Current Prayer Concerns

Matthew Walton—son of Sara and Bill Walton  
Debbie Harris—Jim Harris's wife  
Doris Waters  
Bonnie and Tom Snook  
Dick Boyd  
Nancy Shugart—Karen Chamblee's cousin  
Robbie Moss—Kathi Hemmis' brother  
Tammy & Donnie Ervine— lost everything in a house fire  
Mary Ann Glendye—Kemper Dadisman's sister

## Ongoing Prayer Needs of our Congregation

### Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for...

Betty Coakley	Judy Hulvey	Sandra Stroud
Grace Fishback	Barbara Kiracofe	Vic Taylor
Betty Foley	Dorothy Lion	Nancy Thomas
Henry & Dorice	Shirley Creekbaum	Marcia & Gary
Graham	Ray Michael	Tyeryar
Casey Hartman	Kim Miller	Donald & Ginger
Rodney Hildebrand	Mitzi Puffenbarger	Usry
Deidra Hill	Joanne Simpkins	

—Bridgewater UMC - for growth in spirit, faith, & love  
—For us to put you first in everything we do  
—Patience & strength to spread the gospel even when it's hard  
—People affected by natural disasters, & the responders.  
—Those affected by the mass shootings in the U.S., especially those injured & killed, and their families  
—For the safety of all involved in the protests, immigration raids, & National Guard deployments around the country.  
—Peace in our cities & nation  
—For the United States, the decisions of the administration, congress & the courts; may God bless & guide America  
—A just peace in Ukraine & Middle East, and for food, medicine, and shelter for the people of Gaza.  
—Let there to be peace on earth; let it begin with us  
—All members of our armed forces, National Guard, veterans, & first responders  
—Better health, more strength, & successful medical treatments  
—Those who think you have deserted them amid today's world circumstances

## Serving Us in Worship

	TODAY, Jan 4 (1st Sun)	NEXT SUNDAY, Jan. 11 (2nd Sun)
Greeters	B.J. Jenkins & Bettye Newman	Bonnie & Tom Snook
Ushers	Ed Craun & Marc Craun	Sara & Bill Walton
Reader	Christy/Mark Kipps	Jim Tongue
Audio-Visual	Tony Mancari	Marc Craun
Acolytes	David Kipps	Taylor Family
Sanctuary Servers	Don Gilkeson & Sue Rexrode	Sara & Bill Walton
Bus Driver	Fontaine Canada	Dick Harper

## OUR CALENDAR

<b>TODAY</b>	9 AM Sunday School for all ages 10 AM Worship Service 6:45 PM Prayer for Youth/ 7 PM Youth Check-in
<b>TUE</b>	10 AM Advent Bible Study concludes 6:30 PM Valley RC Flying Club (New Beginnings)
<b>WED</b>	10 AM Prayer Team (Library) 12 PM Lunch & Conversation (BRC Shenandoah Rm) 6 PM Handbell Practice (Mt. Solon Commons) 7 PM Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	9 AM Sunday School for all ages 10 AM Worship Service 12:15 PM Youth Lunch & Trivia 6:45 PM Prayer for Youth/ 7 PM Youth Check-in



### Attendance and Stewardship for last Sunday

Attendance: 100 Sunday School: 28 Total Giving: \$6,671

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

