

**A big Welcome and Thank you to our guest pastor
Kathleen Overby-Webster!**

Kathleen is a graduate of William & Mary and The Divinity School of Duke University. As an Elder in the VA Conference she pastored churches with memberships of 12-1000. She served two terms as District superintendent. She has contributed to the Society of St. Andrew devotionals, loves reading novels, slow mornings, and observing backyard wildlife.



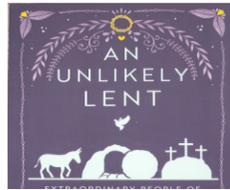
Don't forget that **Daylight Savings Time** begins **Next Sunday, February 8th**. Remember to set your clocks forward next Saturday night so you don't miss church!!

Help us welcome our new Staff Members

Welcome to Wyatt Smith, our new Director of Music, and James Kiser, our new Choir Director! We are looking forward to all they bring to our worship and church life!

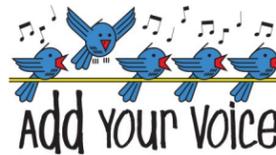
These Words of Mine

Jim Tongue will be leading a study focused on the teachings of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew. WE are meeting every Sunday at 11:15AM in the Fellowship Bible Classroom.



Our Lent Bible Study is **An Unlikely Lent: Extraordinary People of the Easter Story** by Rachel Billups. We are meeting on Tuesday at 10:30 AM in the Library. This will give you a new perspective on Lent

Greetings from our New Choir Director
Beginning on Feb 25, the Choir will begin working on music for the Easter season. We invite anyone interested in participating in an **"Easter Choir"** to join us! Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7pm. Please reach out to James Kiser at lyricbaritonejames@gmail.com for more information. We welcome anyone looking to share their love of music and faith. Thank you. —James Kiser



Notes of **THANKS**

From Janice Harper:

Words cannot adequately express how much I appreciated all the cards, calls, texts, food, flowers and visits so very much since my recent illness as well as during the past year. Thank you so very much for your many acts of love and kindness. Your expressions of concern during my recovery will never be forgotten.

From Tony & Laura Mancari: Thank you for sweet acts of Christian love and kindness, many contacts and assistance provided during my recovery from my heart attack & stenting. I continue to recover in cardiac rehab and am getting stronger.

Thank you from Shadrach Baako-Amponsah: I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude for the generous support that helped cover my tuition and your support of my education. My account balance is now fully resolved. This has lifted my financial burden and allows me to focus on my schooling.



Youth Group Announcements



Upcoming Meeting: March 15

Please mark your calendars for our gathering:

Sunday, March 15: Lunch & Fun Activity
After Church: Lunch at Greedy's Grill.
12:00 PM - 1:15 PM: Fun Activity (TBD)

SUMMER MISSION TRIP.

I know that summer is super busy, so I want to share 3 options for shorter trips. 1. Harvest of Hope - 4 day (July 12-15th) 2. Teens Opposing Poverty - Woodbridge, VA - 1 day with 1 day DC hangout layover. (So 2 days total) 3. If any one knows of any other opportunities or ideas, please let me know.

Don't forget! Every Sunday
Zoom Prayer @ 6:45 PM, & Youth Check in @ 7 PM
Blessings, Jomo (240) 328-5847 dumbumyouth@gmail.com



Join us for Children's Church every Sunday! Children's Church is worship & activities for kids during part of the worship service. It is led by our amazing leaders Gracen, Rea, & Malachi. Children may attend worship through the Children's Message & then go to Children's Church on the first floor with our leaders. ~OR~ Children are always welcome to stay in the sanctuary with their family.

Contact Gracen at gracenkelly123@gmail.com or phone (call, text) 804-867-6143

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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Senior Pastor	Mary Dadisman SeniorPastor@BridgewaterUMC.com
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Children's Church & Nursery	Gracen Kelley, Reanna Ahnen, Malachi Benjamin

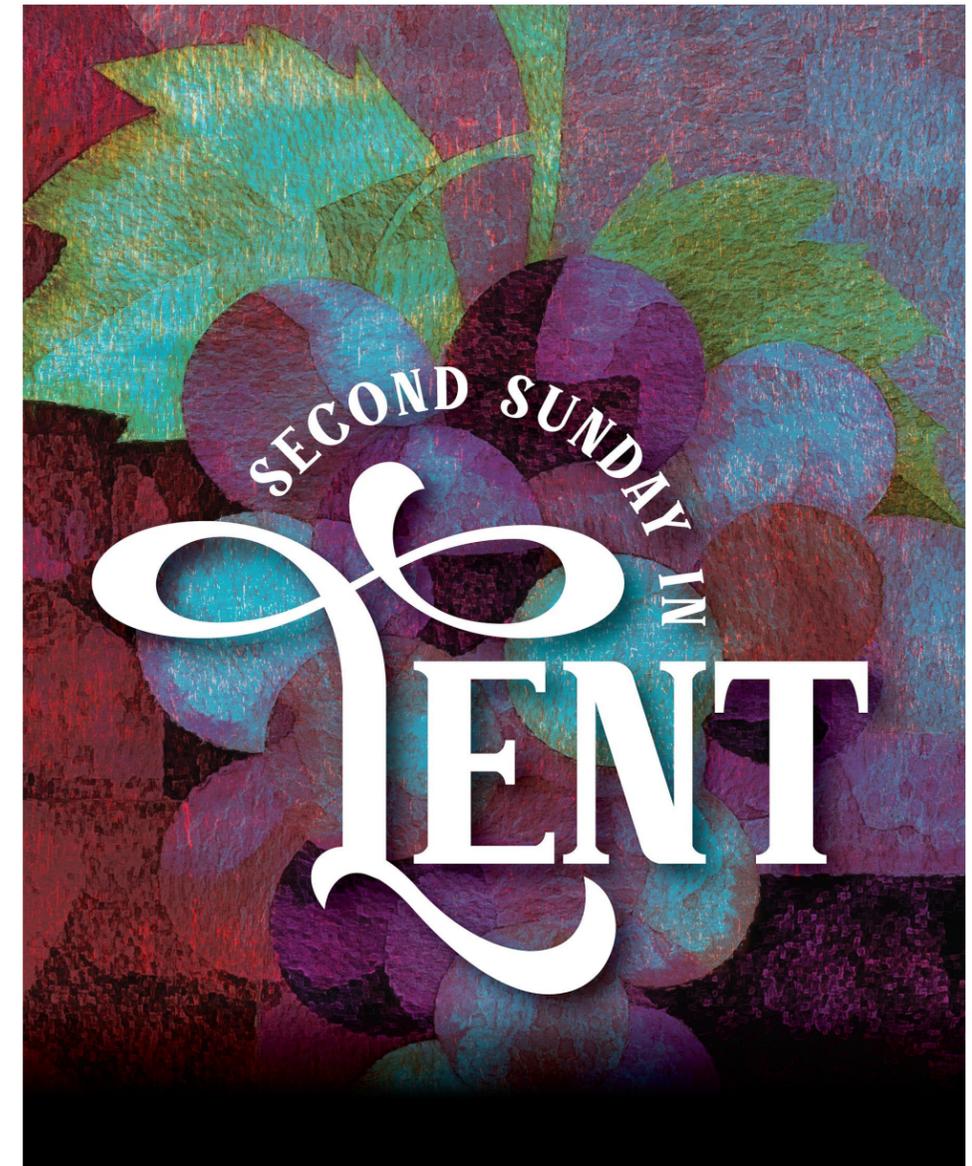
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 AM - 3 PM (Closed Friday)

Welcome to
Bridgewater
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



219 N. Main Street Bridgewater, VA 22812
540-828-0890 www.bridgewaterumc.com

March 1, 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

March 1, 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

Prelude "How Beautiful"
T. Paris

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn** UMH 453
"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Scripture Reading John 3:1-17

Sermon "For the World"
Rev. Kathleen Overby-Webster

Offertory "Ain't that Good News"
Traditional Spiritual, Arr. R. Dilworth

***Doxology** UMH 405
"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

Prayers of the People

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & the Cup

Communion Hymns

"Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast" UMH 339 (Vs. 1, 3, 5)

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" UMH 349 (2X)

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea" UMH 357 (VS. 1, 3, 6)

"I Surrender All" UMH 354 (all Vs.)

Prayer After Communion

***Closing Hymn** UMH 395
"Take Time to Be Holy"

*Benediction

Postlude "Te Deum"
M. Charpentier.

In Our Prayers

Joys and Answered Prayers

Mary and her friend made it safely to Italy
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

Polly Hiess
Richard Miller
Tony Hill

Current Prayer Concerns

Rodney Hildebrand Judy Sale
Bobby Tumer **Kim Miller**
Jeff Higgs **Ray Michael**
Carla Reames Ruth Brown

Donald and Ginger Usry

Ongoing Prayer Needs of our Congregation

Dick Boyd	Judy Hulvey	Bonnie & Tom Snook
Betty Coakley	Barbara Kiracofe	Edward Stoops
Grace Fishback	Chloe Leach	Sandra Stroud
Betty Foley	Dorothy Lion	Vic Taylor
Henry & Dorice	Tony Mancari	Nancy Thomas
Graham	Shirley Creekbaum	Marcia & Gary
Casey Hartman	Mitzi Puffenbarger	Tyeryar
Deidra Hill	Joanne Simpkins	Doris Waters

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

—Peace in my life, my family, with our neighbors and the world
—For our nation to step back from greed, injustice, fear, and hatred
—For our government leaders to act with love
—For wisdom for all our leaders, especially our president
—For protection for our elected officials, to protect President Trump and his family
—For your will, not our will, to be done
—For those who cannot read
—For those who are struggling with financial problems
—Help us to be servants to each other, our neighbors, & world
—Help us to become better people and Christians and to have more faith
—That our families will become closer to God and for clarity in seeing God's will
—For Bridgewater and other college students - for discipline and for those taking exams
—For safe travels for our families
—For strength, health, & healing for our families, for those who are sick
—For victims of abuse of all kinds
—For comfort for those dealing with illness and loss and those awaiting surgery



Serving Us in Worship

	TODAY, Mar. 1 (1st Sun)	NEXT SUNDAY, Mar. 8 (2nd Sun)
Greeters	B.J. Jenkins & Bettye Newman	Bonnie & Tom Snook/Eileen Phillips
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	Dwight Campbell	Dick Harper

OUR CALENDAR

TODAY 9 AM Sunday School for all ages
9:30 AM Children's Choir Practice (Choir Room)
10 AM Worship Service
Guest Speaker Rev. Kathleen Overby-Webster
11:15 AM 'These Words of Mine' Bible Study
(Fellowship Bible Classroom)
6:45 PM Prayer for Youth/ 7 PM Youth Check-in

MON 6:30 PM Bridgewater Ruritan Club (Fellowship Hall)

TUE 10:30 AM An Unlikely Lent Bible Study (Library)
6:30 PM Valley Radio Control Flying Club
(New Beginnings Classroom)

WED 10 AM Prayer Team (Library)
12 PM Lunch & Conversation (BRC Shenandoah Rm)
6 PM Handbell Practice (Mt. Solon Commons)
7 PM Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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Note: Pastor Mary will be on vacation Mon, Feb 23 to Thur, Mar 5. If you have a pastoral care need, contact Karen Chamblee, our Lay Leader. She can direct you to the pastor on call. The office will be open. Robin will be in Mon-Thurs 10AM to 3PM.

Please send Robin announcements for the Bulletin/Slides/E-Blast by Wednesday to adminasst@bridgewaterumc.com.

Attendance and Stewardship for last Sunday

Attendance: 78 Sunday School: 21 Total Giving: \$4,836

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

◆ 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

