



Congratulations to all of our 2026 graduates!

Today during worship we will recognize our college graduates.

The **Circle of Love** is selling **carnations** as their **annual fundraiser**. Purchase a carnation in memory (white) or in honor (red) of your mother or other special women in your life. There will be a table in the breezeway with order forms and envelopes. Please place your order with payment in the envelope and place it in the basket. The carnations are \$2.00 each, paid by cash or checks made out to BUWF (Bridgewater United Women in Faith). May 4 is the last day you can order. The carnations will be in the church on Mother's Day, May 10. Thank you. —



SPRC Announcement

In late June, we will say goodbye to our dear Pastor Mary with prayers as she answers God's call to minister to St. John's UMC in Buena Vista. A blessing breakfast will be held in June. Details to come soon.

At the beginning of July, we will welcome Pastor Richard Bensinger (Pastor Rich) and his wife, Rebecca Musgrave, to Bridgewater UMC. The SPRC will be discussing ways for the church to meet and get to know them. Look for information in future church communications. Below is some information about him and Rebecca.

Pastor Rich is a third generation UMC pastor. He heard his first calling while in middle school. Life intervened and he spent 25 years in the Air Force, and another 20 in the Aerospace industry before going to seminary. He has a daughter, Alison, who lives in the Boston area and is an emergency room RN.

In 2017, he met his wife, Rebecca Musgrave, and began following his ministry calling. He attended Divinity School in Sioux Falls, SD and received a Master of Divinity and became a Certified Spiritual Director. His first church service was in Oklahoma, and he then served in the New England Conference before returning to serve in Northern Virginia in 2022. In 2024 he was called back to SD to serve First UMC in Rapid City.

Returning to Northern Virginia in late 2025 he currently attends Evergreen UMC and Mt Zion UMC in Leesburg. His spiritual gifts include congregational caring, theology and Christian education for all ages. Rebecca works alongside Pastor Rich as a congregational care and prayer leader.

Kits for Conference

This year UMCOR will be collecting 3 kinds of kits: Hygiene Kits, Cleaning Buckets, & Feminine Hygiene Kits. Lists are on the Reading Cart of needed items. The last day is **May 24**. Any questions? Ask Kathi Hemmis. Thank you your help!



Youth Group Announcements



Upcoming Youth Events:

Today! - Lunch, Devotion & Mission Day
Lunch at church
Devotion time
Local mission activity
Fun post activity (Optional)

Sunday, May 31st - Youth Service
Share a 3-minute year recap testimony from each youth,
Join in 2 group songs, serve as an acolyte,
read Scripture, or perform a solo or duet!

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 gracenkelley123@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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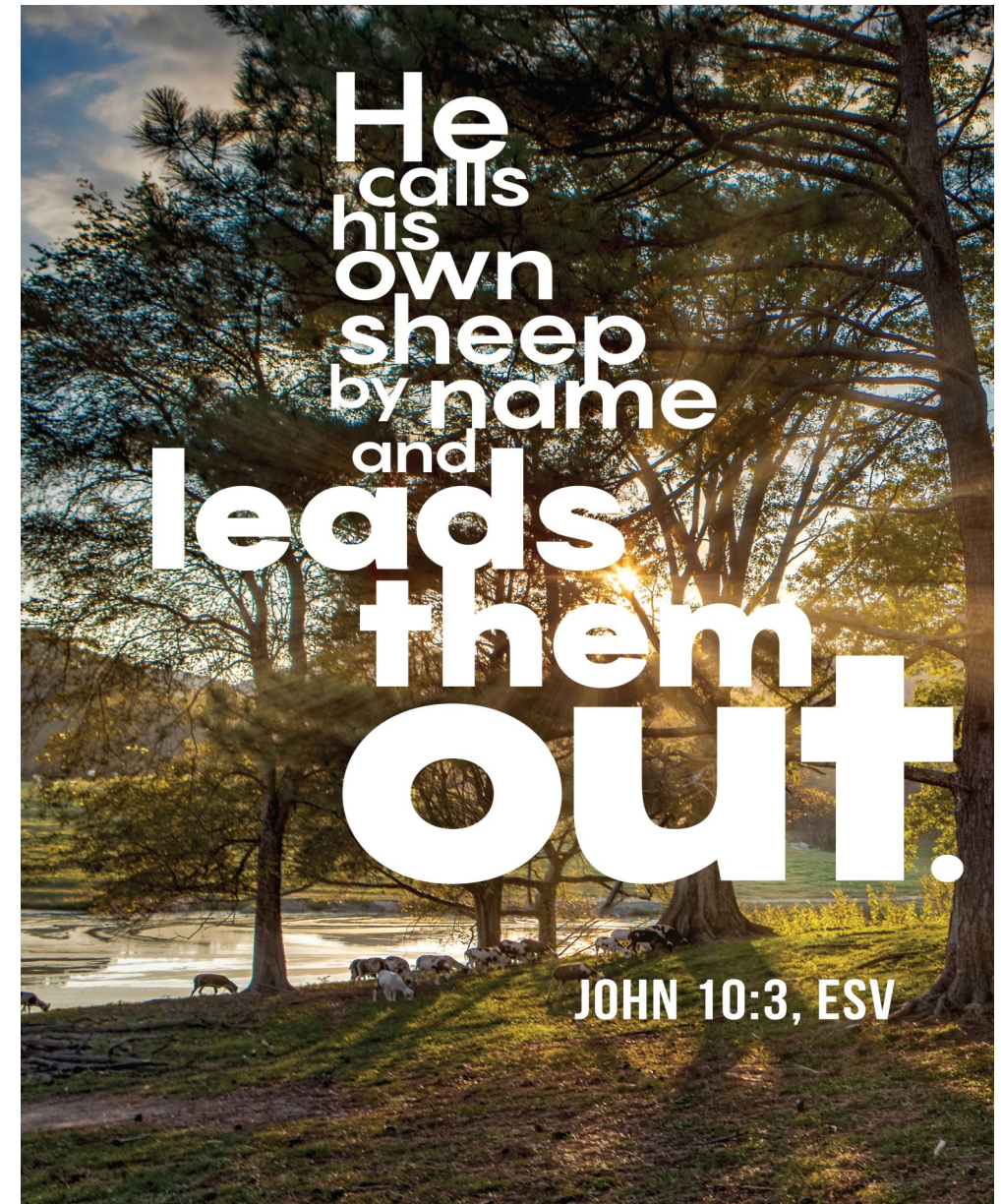
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 AM - 3 PM (Closed Friday)

Welcome to **Bridgewater**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

April 26, 2026



JOHN 10:3, ESV

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

April 26, 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 "O Lamb of God Most Holy"
E. L. Diemer

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn** TFWS 2022
"Great is the Lord"

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Anthem "Like a River Glorious"
Arr. J. Raney

Scripture Reading John 10:1-10

Sermon "Called by Name"
Rev. Mary Dadisman

Offertory "At the Cross, Her Station Keeping"
R. Hebble

***Doxology** UMH 64 vs 4
"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn** UMH 338
"Where He Leads Me"

*Benediction

Postlude "Postlude on "Hashivenu"
C. Harmon



In Our Prayers

Joys and Answered Prayers

Jim Tongue's procedure went well and he is feeling good
Russell Wilson Carter was born 4/9. He is Tony & Laura Mancari's grandson

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

Ben Goodman - Karen Chamblee's niece's husband
Carla Reams—friend of Gloria & Rodney Hildebrand

Current Prayer Concerns

Rev. John Vest Jeff Pfister
Marie Chaplin Sam Clem
Linda Gajda

Ongoing Prayer Needs of our Congregation

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

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

- Peace in my life, my family, with our neighbors, and the world
- For peace in Iran, Mid-East, Ukraine, Gaza, Venezuela, Cuba, and around the world
- For our nation to step back from greed, injustice, fear, hatred
- For our government leaders to act with love
- For wisdom for all our leaders, especially our president,
- For protection for our elected officials, especially for 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 grow in 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
- For those dealing with mental illness and addiction and those who care for them
- For families in crisis or struggling with estrangement
- That this day be good and tomorrow better

Serving Us in Worship

	TODAY, Apr. 26 (4th Sun)	NEXT SUNDAY, May 3 (1st Sun)
Greeters	Chuck & Sue Rexrode	B.J. Jenkins & Bettye Newman
Ushers	Kathi Hemmis & Johna McFarland	Ed Craun & Marc Craun
Reader	Stephany Plecker	Christy/Mark Kipps
Audio-Visual	Sam Briggs	Tony Mancari
Acolytes	Sydney & Reese Leach	David Kipps
Sanctuary Servers	Don & Sue Gilkeson	Don Gilkeson & Sue Rexrode
Bus Driver	Fontaine Canada	Dwight Campbell

OUR CALENDAR

TODAY	9 AM Sunday School for all ages 9:30 AM 4th Sunday Coffee 10 AM Worship Service College Graduate Recognition!! 11:30 AM Youth Event 1:30 PM Worship at White Birch Communities 6:45 PM Prayer for Youth / 7 PM Youth Check-in
WED	10 AM Prayer Team (Library) 11 AM BRCC Exam Week Outreach (BRCC S build.) 6 PM Handbell Practice (Mt. Solon Commons) 7 PM Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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Welcome home Pastor Mary!



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

Attendance and Stewardship for last Sunday

Attendance: 83 Sunday School: 36 Total Giving: \$9,561

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

