The SPOTLIGHT

Bridgewater Presbyterian Church

August 2023

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9:50^(ish) Worship

Communion will be shared.

The Johnson Family is leading the music.

Bring a dish to share, a lawn chair and your friends!

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Years ago, around this time of year, I heard an exhausted educator say, "I always want to begin the year with a fresh box of crayons, but this year all I have is nubs!"

Whether you are gliding into August refreshed from extended sabbath, or on fumes from an agenda-packed summer,

the routine of fall is right around the corner. I have already put cross country meets and golf lessons on the family calendar. I have also jotted down bible studies, choir practice, and a stewardship conference I would like to attend. The return of routine in our congregation's life brings me joy!

Until then, I hope to use the few remaining weeks of summer to soak up the beauty of God's Creation, the gathering of family, and experiencing Church in a few unique settings. What are you doing (or not doing) for your soul's care? How are you being renewed for the call of Christ? How are you making connections to stay engaged with our neighbors and the Spirit at work in the world? Who is helping you with your box of crayons? Who are you helping?

I hope to see you soon, siblings in Christ. Meanwhile, I am praying for fresh boxes of crayons, or at least a decent sharpener.

+Pastor Kate

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Next Session
meeting is
Thursday,
August 17
6:30 p.m.

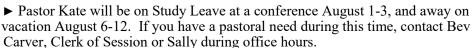
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Transitional Pastor:

Rev.

Kate Rascoe

Please Note:



► The Church Office will be closed the week of August 14 -18 while Sally is on vacation. Please contact Clerk Bev or Pastor Kate directly with any urgent needs.

Member Care

- ♦ Please keep *the Burke family* in prayer as Mike transitions to hospice care.
- ♦ We express our sympathy to *Betsy Glendye* on the death of her uncle Tony Caltagirone.
- ♦ *Tommy Glendye'*s brother, Gary, passed away July 31. He and Betsy deeply appreciate your recent and continued prayers for their family members.

Spiritual Life

- ♦ *Choir practice* resumes on *Wednesday Aug. 16th at 7:00 p.m.* in the sanctuary. ALL voices are welcome! No music reading ability required.
- We start a new rotation of greeters/ushers, lay leaders & acolytes in September. If you are interested in becoming part of the Sunday Morning Volunteer Team, contact Sally in the church office!
- ♦ *Thank you* to everyone who provided music this summer.
- ♦ *We love flowers* in worship! If your yard is in bloom, feel free to share. We have containers you can use.

Mission & Outreach

♦ The 2¢-a-Meal Offering will be received on Sunday, Aug. 20th Remember to share 2¢ for every meal you consume to support hunger efforts throughout Presbytery (75%) and Bridgewater Interchurch Food Pantry (25%).

Building & Grounds

- ♦ *Thanks to everyone* who is stepping up to do the yard work! Check the kiosk to see if there are any open spots.
- ♦ *The exterior door* at the top of the ramp is repaired! Thank you, Carroll! (have him tell you about it; it is a story of blessing!)

Christian Education

♦ *Classes resume in September!* Watch for more information.



Don't gather around the name of Jesus while ignoring the ways of Jesus.

Love your neighbor
Remember the poor
Feed the hungry
Welcome the stranger
Deliver the oppressed
Care for the sick
Visit the prisoner
And rise
for the marginalized.

Jesus waits for us there.

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The Challenge of the Gospel sermon series continues through Sept. 3.

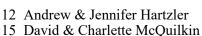


August 23









23 Gary & Mary Kay Adams

Book Group

We've decided to take a summer break. We hope everyone will come to our kick-off gathering on **Monday, Sept. 25th**, at 7:00, at the home of Beth Smith This will be a social time to catch-up, make welcome any new reading enthusiasts, and to choose a book for October.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us — more book lovers are always welcome!

If you have questions, reach out to Judy Rees, Mary Kay Adams, or Gracie Florence.



LOCATION CHANGE!! Men Meet for Breakfast

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All males are invited to
The Village Inn on
August 19th at 8:30 a.m.

(Rt. 11 near the Fairgrounds)

All ages and guests are welcome. If you need a ride, or can provide one, contact
Carroll Chewning

<u>Our Building as a</u> Blessin<u>a</u>

A reminder that two groups & one member use our building during the week:

- **TOPS** meets every Tuesday from 4:30-6:00 p.m. and
- Friends Café (formerly Memory Café) is gathering other places this summer.
- Katie McElroy is taking break from teaching piano lessons this summer.

For everyone's safety and privacy, whenever possible do not come to the building during their designated times.



Meet at Smiley's on Wednesday, August 16th at 3:30! Flavor of the month is Peach.

That week's featured flavors are Raspberry Cheesecake & Cherry Extreme.



Rockingham County Schools resume on Wednesday, August 23rd. Weekend backpack meals

will start around September 5th.

VPAS Café in Bridgewater

When: 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Where: Houff Community
Center at Bridgewater
Retirement Comm.
(Blue Ridge Room)

Who: anyone age 60+

What: programs, lunch and exercise; do all or some *New programs each month.*

Registration is required:
Call VPAS at 540-615-5341
and check online at
Www.vpas.info/calendar



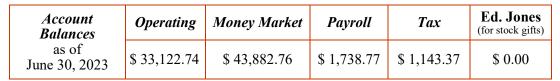
	Ushering and Greeting share duties with one at each door	Acolyte/ Bell Ringer	Lay Leader	Highlight /Flowers
6	David & Charlette McQuilkin	Phoenix	Gracie Florence	Guest: Alex Pickell
13	Steve & Pat Humphreys	_		At Wildwood / Communion
20	Tommy & Betsy Glendye	Emory	Mary Kay Adams	2¢-a-Meal
27	David & Judy Rees	Phoenix	Judy Rees	



Cultivating Our Resources

Finance Reports: prepared by Bev Carver, Disbursement Treasurer







Totals as of 6/30/23					
Income	\$50,316.49				
Expense	\$66,687.97				
Difference	\$16,371.43 (deficit)				

Fund Balances as of June 30, 2023

- Youth Event Fund: \$5,291.93 (monies reside in Money Market)
- Backpack Ministry Fund: \$1,327.49 (monies reside in Operating Account)
- Memorial Fund: \$38,590.83 (monies reside in Money Market)



Raise the Roof Fund: A new fund (separate from the Memorial Fund) to track donations for the new roof will be created in July. From July 1st to July 30th, \$14,225 has been donated so far. Session has set a goal of \$35,000 by September 1st to offset depletions from our savings and help fund our down payment. -Bev

<u>Update from Carroll:</u> Bids have been received from all five roofing contractors asked to bid. They are lower than I previously predicted. Though important, price is not the only consideration. I am awaiting responses from several bidders to the questions I asked in order to be able to compare apples to apples. My plan is to make a recommendation to the Session in the next week or so and then obtain final approval from the Session on August 17 to award a contract.

Carroll Chewning, Building & Grounds

Stewardship

BPC's stewardship season begins September 10th and concludes October 1st with *Commitment Sunday and Stewardship Celebration*. As we prepare our hearts and minds for this important time in the life of our church, we can rejoice and be thankful for God's wondrous gifts. Let us seek His guidance to determine our personal response to His call.

What shall we return to the Lord? Nothing can equal what God has given us. Let us therefore give our money, our time and our energy with the generous joy of children, presenting gifts to make God smile.

God of surprises, take these gifts and astound us by what they do. Through the work of your church, restore a broken world into the beloved community you dream of for us. Show us how to take these offerings and use them "to love each other deeply from the heart." In your grace we trust. Amen.

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SAVE THE DATE!

OCTOBER 1

COMMITMENT SUNDAY & STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION

10:30 Worship Service at church, followed by a potluck celebration meal and fellowship



String Trio 7/30: Phoenix, Emory & Mary Kay

Pizza Picnic at Oasis Pavilion on July 22.











Learn how to take better care of yourself and your loved one as you meet other caregivers on the same journey!

When:

Mondays, Oct. 23-Nov. 27, 2023 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Where:

North River Library 118 Mt. Crawford Ave Bridgewater, VA 22812

Topics include:

- stress management
- physical activity and preventing injury
- medication management
- planning for the future, and more

Participants will also receive a "Building Better Caregivers" text. Register now, space is limited: 540-615-5341 or vpas.info/caregiver-support









SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
The Challenge of the Gospel - part 4 10:30 Worship	31	AUG. 1 4:30 TOPS	2	3	4 Office Closed	5	
		Pastor					
The Challenge of the Gospel - part 5 10:30 Worship GUEST: Alex Pickell	7	4:3 <u>0 TO</u> PS	9	10	11 Office Closed	12	
		Pasto	r Kate on Vaca	tion			
At Wildwood 13 The Challenge of the Gospel - part 6 9:00 Breakfast 9:50 Worship	14	4:3 <u>0 TO</u> PS	3:30 at Smiley's 7:00 Choir Resumes!	6:30 Session	18 Office Closed	8:30 AM Men eat at Village Inn (Rt. 11 near the Fairgrounds)	
Communion	Sally on Vacation—the office is closed						
The Challenge of 20 the Gospel - part 7 10:30 Worship 2¢-a-Meal Offering	21	4:3 <u>0</u> TOPS	23 7:00 Choir	24 1:30-3:00 Stewardship Training by Presbytery	25 Office Closed	26	
The Challenge of 27 the Gospel - part 8 10:30 Worship	28 Newsletter Deadline	4:30 TOPS	30 Sally off 7:00 Choir	31	SEPT. 1 Office Closed	2	
The Challenge of the Gospel - finalè 10:30 Worship	LABOR DAY 4 Office Closed	4:3 <u>0 TOPS</u>	7:00 Choir	7	8 Office Closed	Session 9 Retreat at the BIG EVENT	

Stewardship Workshop: A Culture of Generosity

On Thursday, August 24th, BPC is hosting Presbytery's Stewardship Workshop. Olanda Carr and Rev. Sandra Moon, of the Presbyterian Foundation, will be leading "A Culture of Generosity" beginning at 1:30 p.m. All are invited: pastoral leaders, elders, members, those who serve on finance, and those who just want to know more!

Olanda Carr is the Senior Ministry Relations Officer serving the East Region. He works with congregations to create a culture of generosity, offers seminars and workshops, develops gifts and fundraising plans for ministries, and provides coaching to finance, stewardship and endowment committees.

Rev. Sandra Moon, JD, serves as the Ministry Relations officer for the Cumberland Region (KY, TN, VA). Sandra is an experienced civil attorney specializing in estate planning, probate, and real estate.

To register, please go to the Shenandoah Presbytery registration page: https://shenpres.org/registrations/ and choose a workshop.