

The SPOTLIGHT

Bridgewater Presbyterian Church

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A Blessing for the Seekers:

Blessed are you who
walk and seek and
turn over every stone,
pointing out all the
corners and colors
that God lives in.
Blessed are you. Amen.

Poem by
Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed
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*Is this the fast that I choose? Who will you listen to? How do we begin again?
Will you give me a drink? WHO SINNED? Can these bones live?
Who are you looking for?*



Thanking everyone (in advance) for your support of the **Yard Sale on March 4th**. If you can help with set-up, come Friday evening. We'll start about 3:30 p.m. If you can help with clean-up and/or delivery of the left overs to Gift & Thrift, come Saturday at 11:15 a.m. Extra points if you have a truck! Want to help during the Yard Sale? Contact Brett at

Seeking: Honest Questions for a Deeper Faith Additional lanterns and search lights for our Lenten journey

- ~ **No-prep Bible Study** with Pastor Kate
Wednesdays, 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.
for a first look at Sunday's scriptures on *Seeking*.
- ~ **A book study is offered twice each week:**
Sundays at 9:30 in the Adult Classroom and
Thursdays at the Dayton Market from 10:30-11:30.
"Jesus Is the Question: The 307 Questions Jesus
Asked and the 3 He Answered" by Martin Copenhaver
is the book. Pick up a copy from the Fellowship Hall
(\$15 suggested donation).
- ~ **Be a voice in our daily social media devotions:**
Please let Pastor Kate know if you would be willing to be
recorded reading a poem.
- ~ **Weekly digital devotional:**
Scan this QR code or get the link from
Sally in the office.
A limited number of printed copies are
available for those not equipped for
e-reading. Find them on the purple
table in the Fellowship Hall or
contact the church office.



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Next Session
meeting is
Thursday,
March 16th
at 6:30 pm

Transitional
Pastor:

Rev.
**Kate
Rascoe**



All Church Chat

Sunday, March 5th
hosted by Spiritual Life.
"Seeking" is the theme.
Snacks provided.

Feeding the Guests of Open Doors on April 1

BPC has committed to providing supper on the evening of Saturday, April 1st when Open Doors will be operating from Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. If you'd like to help prepare and/or deliver meals for approximately 45 guests, reach out to Brett Johnson, Mission & Outreach Chair or the church office.



**SERVING MEALS
TO THE HOMELESS**

To Know Christ and to Make Him Known

Member Care

Your Shepherds met and will be checking with their ‘flocks’ very soon. Remember, if you experience any of life’s struggles (illness, loss, crisis), a change in contact information (move, email, phone), or have a joy to share (we love those!), reach out to your Shepherd, Pastor Kate or the church office. Today, please join us in lifting up our church family

...In Sorrow —

Sam Dagen died on February 20th. We express our deepest sympathy to his wife Nancy, their daughters, Sharon & Shirley, and their families.

...In Prayer —

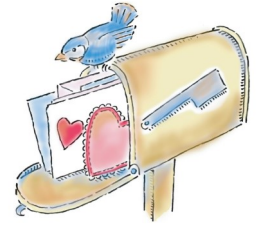
Tom Mizell writes, “Our plan is for Suzanne to become a member of Joy House, Bridgewater Home, on Monday, March 6. Our dear church family has journeyed with us in many different ways and I wanted you to know what will be happening soon. We appreciate your prayers both now and during the transition. Thank you for all you have done. We have had wonderful support and I don’t think we could be at this point without you. You each are a blessing to us.”

...In Appreciation —

“I wish to thank each of you for remembering me in so many special ways for my 80th birthday. God bless you all!” - **Darlene Newman**

...In Joy —

We celebrate **Susie Nalker**’s engagement to Cleveland Benedict of Lewisburg, WV. Cleve is a life-long family friend and retired farmer. The wedding will be held at the end of April at St. James Episcopal Church in Lewisburg.



Member Care ISO: Card Ministry Coordinator

We are seeking an individual or duo to oversee our card outreach to friends of the church who no longer live nearby. Cards will be mailed two or three times annually, can be provided, and will be signed by those present in worship. For details see Pastor Kate or Jyl Gamble.



Dinner Groups are Springing Up!

“... breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God...” -Acts 2: 46-47

Be a host or a guest! Hosts provide the main entrée and drinks; guests bring side, salad, dessert, or appetizer. A sign-up will be posted on the kiosk where you can indicate which you want to be! Groups will be formed and everyone will be notified of details a week before the event. Saturday, March 25th is the tentative date.

Christian Education

Alex McElroy & Thomas Adams in Sunday School



ADULT Sunday School	
Date	Teaching
5	Bill Florence
12	Gracie Florence
19	Needed
26	Mary Kay Adams
4/2	Needed

Lenten Book: “Jesus Is the Question: The 307 Questions Jesus Asked and the 3 He Answered”

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

During Lent, lessons with the “Seeking” theme

CHILDREN Sunday School	
Date	Leader & Aide
5	Mary Kay Adams
12	Mary Kay Adams
19	Needed
26	Needed
4/2	Needed



Birthdays

Benjamin Meslovich
George Anderson
Pat Humphreys
Benjamin Leigh
Taylor Heatwole
Devin Eichlin
Matt Gardner
Mary DeVier-Scott
Katherin Carter
Susie Nalker
Hillary R. Fields
Charlie Enterline
Jacob Simon, Sr.



Anniversaries

15 Vern & Cheryl Fairchilds
31 Mike & Martha Bocock (')



Book Group's Next Read

"The Rose Code: a novel" by
Kate Quinn. Gather at the home of
Gracie Florence on Monday,
March 27th at 7:00 p.m.



Men Meet for Breakfast

All males are invited to
breakfast at Bob-a-Rea's on
the **3rd Saturday** of each
month at 8:30 a.m.

All ages and guests are
welcome. Our next date:
March 18th at 8:30 a.m.

If you need a ride, or can
provide one, contact
Carroll Chewning



Our Building as a Blessing

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

- **TOPS** meets every Tues-
day from 4:30-6:00 p.m. and

- **Friends Café** (formerly
Memory Café) gathers Tues-
day, March 14th at 11:30 a.m.
RSVP to Ginny Joseph

- **Katie McElroy** gives piano
lessons on Wednesdays from
4:30 to 6:00.



Backpacks

Thanks to your faithful
generosity, we had funds
to purchase supplies to
last through March. Please keep
these children and their families in
prayer during spring break, March
13—17.

At White Birch

**Sunday, March 12th at
1:30 p.m.** Everyone is
welcome. Meet in the din-
ing room. This month, Mary Kay
Adams will share the message and
George Anderson is playing piano.



Meet for Ice Cream

Join the fun & fellowship
at Smiley's on **Wednes-
day, March 15th at 3:30.**
Mint Oreo is the flavor of
the month.

Spiritual Life meeting:

Thursday, March 9th at 6:30 at
the church to plan Holy Week.
All interested persons are invited
to attend.

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
5	David & Charlette McQuilkin	Emory J	Gracie Florence	Lent #2; All Church Chat
12	Emily Heatwole & Bev Carver	Phoenix J	Emily Heatwole	Lent #3; TIME CHANGE
19	David & Judy Rees	Emory J	Judy Rees	Lent #4
26	Gracie Florence & Mary Kay Adams	Phoenix J	Charlette McQuilkin	Lent #5
4/2	Steve & Pat Humphreys	Emory J	MJ Chewning	Palm Sunday; Communion

Cultivating Our Resources

Finance Reports: prepared by Bev Carver, Disbursement Treasurer

<i>Account Balances</i> as of January 31, 2023	<i>Operating</i>	<i>Money Market</i>	<i>Payroll</i>	<i>Tax</i>	Ed. Jones (for stock gifts)
	\$43,491.60	\$ 56,451.84	\$3,717.84	\$2,593.93	\$ 17.90

Totals as of 1/31/2023	
Income	\$ 9,324.00
Expense	\$10,913.18
Difference	\$ 1,589.18

Fund Balances as of January 31, 2023

- Youth Event Fund: : \$4,793.26 (monies reside in Money Market)
- Backpack Ministry Fund: \$726.70 (monies reside in Operating Account)
- Memorial Fund: 51,658.10 (monies reside in Money Market)



Mission & Outreach



Providing **RELIEF** from natural disasters,
FOOD for the hungry, and **SUPPORT**
for the poor and oppressed.

One Great Hour of Sharing—Easter Sunday

Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

Three programs are supported by this special offering of the PCUSA:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA),
- the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP), and
- Self-Development of People (SDOP).

All work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

- PDA works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural of human-caused disasters, and support of refugees. They receive 32% of funds raised.
- PHP takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed. They received 36% of funds raised.
- SDOP invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of thee issues. They receives 32% of funds raised.



Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps to improve the lives of people living in challenging situations. It provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. The offering will be received on April 9th, Easter Sunday.



Recent Special Offering Totals:

- ⇒ Souper Bowl of Caring— 26 food items collected and \$269 donated
- ⇒ 2¢-a-Meal—\$113.40. Next pour-in is May 14

Thank You!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 26 <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>	27	28	1 6:00 Lenten Bible Study 7:00 Choir	2 10:30 Book Study at Dayton Market	Office closed 3 3:30 'til Yard Sale Set Up	7—Noon 4 YARD SALE
<i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> 5 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 All Church Chat with Spiritual Life	6	7 4:30 TOPS	8 6:00 Lenten Bible Study 7:00 Choir	9 10:30 Book Study at Dayton Market 6:30 Spiritual Life	10 Office closed	11  Turn Clocks FORWARD 1 hour at bedtime
<i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> 12 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 1:30 Worship at White Birch	13	14 11:30 a.m. Friends Café 4:30 TOPS	15 3:30 Meet at Smiley's  6:00 Lenten Bible Study 7:00 Choir	16 10:30 Book Study at Dayton Market 6:30 Session	17 Office closed	18 8:30 AM Men eat at Bob-a-Rea's
<i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> 19 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	20	21 4:30 TOPS	22 6:00 Lenten Bible Study 7:00 Choir	23 10:30 Book Study at Dayton Market	24 Office closed	25 DINNER GROUPS?
<i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> 26 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	27 7:00 Book Group at Gracie's	28 4:30 TOPS	29 6:00 Lenten Bible Study 7:00 Choir	30 10:30 Book Study at Dayton Market	31 Office closed	APRIL 1 FEED OPEN DOORS
<i>Palm Sunday</i> 2 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Communion <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-top: 10px;"> Holy Week </div>	3	4 4:30 TOPS	5 6:00 Lenten Bible Study 7:00 Choir	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6 10:30 Book Study; Dayton Market Worship w/ Communion	Office closed 7 <i>Good Friday</i> Noon Community Walk with the Cross	8
<i>Easter Day</i> 9 7:00 Sunrise at Glendyes 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	10	11 11:30 a.m. Friends Café 4:30 TOPS	12 7:00 Choir	13	14 Office closed	15 8:30 AM Men eat at Bob-a-Rea's

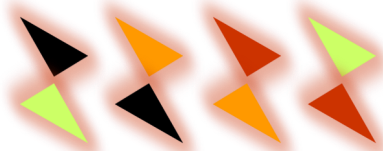
In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
Band and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.



Written by John Bowring, 1825.
He also wrote "Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night." Read about him at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Bowring



Did you notice?
The signs have been updated!
Be sure to thank
Emily Heatwole for serving
as the white knight of
this project.



June White's
birthday celebration
was so much fun!

She thanks Judy, Jyl,
Dana, Mary Kay,
Betsy, & Pastor Kate
for making it happen.
Her son, Dubby, got
to come, too!

Photos by Betsy Glendye



Tom & Suzanne Mizell celebrating
their 55th wedding anniversary on
February

Photo by Dana with Tom's phone



Remembering....

Nancy & Sam Dagen reading for
the Christmas Eve virtual worship
service in 2020.

