

# The SPOTLIGHT

## Bridgewater Presbyterian Church

October  
2023

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### Update on RAISE the ROOF

**Congratulations!** You have raised \$40,545 toward our goal!!! This is SUPER progress, and you've done it in such a short time. Thank you so much for your generosity! About \$14,000 is all that is left to cover the cost of replacing our roof. The light at the end of the tunnel is getting close now!

*Here's another fun way to help us reach our goal:*

### FUNDRAISING CONCERT for RAISE the ROOF

**Sunday, October 29, 3:00 – at BPC**

*reception to greet the performers following*

**Bring friends and family to enjoy the program and to help support our fundraising efforts. Help us get the word out and fill the sanctuary.**

#### Performers:

Bev Carver, emcee  
 Mary Kay Adams, cello; John Barr, piano  
 Brent Holl, guitar/vocals  
 Emory Johnson, cello; Lacey Johnson, piano  
 Phoenix Johnson, piano  
 Brenda Seal, readings of her own poetry and prose  
 Lucy Weston, guitar/fiddle/vocals; Bill Gardner, guitar/vocals  
 Christa Hoover & Becky Hunter, violins; Sharon Miller, viola; Mary Kay Adams, cello

**Tuesday, Oct. 31, 4:30—6:30 p.m.**

**Look for a sign-up on the Kiosk for the following:**

- ☞ **Supply supplies:** provide needed items, including hot dogs, buns, small bags of chips, small bottled waters, & “non-chokable” candy. Cash donations are always appreciated.
- ☞ **Spread the word:** about this and other upcoming church events! We have created door hangers. Take as many as you want to share with your neighborhood. An after worship “walk about” is in the works to canvass the streets closest to the church.
- ☞ **Have a trunk:** Decorate your vehicle and hand out treats to our guests that evening.
- ☞ **Help on the 31<sup>st</sup>:** We'll need cooks, game hosts and other helpers. Several folks are needed around 3:00 to prepare food and organize the food station.
- ☞ **Attend:** this is our 11<sup>th</sup> **Trunk-or-Treat!** Wear a “non-scary” costume or just enjoy everyone else's attire and trunks!

**Sign up on the kiosk or contact Brett Johnson. Thanks for your help and participation!**



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 Next Session  
 meeting is  
 Thursday,  
 October 19<sup>th</sup>  
 at 6:30.  
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*Transitional  
 Pastor:*

Rev.  
**Kate  
 Rascoe**

To Know Christ and to Make Him Known

Spiritual Life

The Committee meets Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

To Know Christ and to Make Him Known

**What's in a Name(Tag)?**

Recently, the BPC Spiritual Life Committee read an article in the Presbyterian Outlook reflecting on how another congregation made new connections in worship. They were surprised at the appreciation for sticky nametags, of all things: *“whether it was their first time at Chapel Church or their 20<sup>th</sup>, we created a culture of uniform inclusion. Officers and ushers had the same nametags as the rest. Everyone had a name. Everyone was an equal. Pronouns were invited. All were welcome.”*

Our BPC team is inspired. Beginning on October 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be inviting one another to this concept of “uniform inclusion”. Why? Because some of us are new. Because some of us don’t know each other (even though we’re embarrassed to admit it!). Because some of us are forgetful. Because all of us appreciate being known and recognized, and a Name(Tag) is a great way to start!

Read the article here: <https://pres-outlook.org/2023/09/four-things-to-consider-when-crafting-worship/>

**Fall Series: Glimpses of God's Realm**

As we continue our lectionary journey through Matthew, most of the Gospel readings feature Jesus teaching through parables: imaginative and surprising stories that offer a vision of God’s kingdom of righteousness, justice and peace. These parables and other lessons of Jesus have much to teach us about the mission of the Church. They provide valuable insights into the coming realm of God — where the hungry and thirsty are satisfied, where strangers are wrapped in welcome, and where the body of Christ is strengthened and set free to serve God with joy. - Pastor Kate

Oct. 8	Matthew 21:23–32	Leaders question Jesus’ authority; he answers them with a parable.
Oct. 15	Matthew 22:1–14	The kingdom is like a banquet; many are called, few are chosen.
Oct. 22	Matthew [17:24–27] 22:15–22	Pharisees test Jesus with a question about paying taxes.
Oct. 29	Matthew 22:34–46	Love the Lord your God, and love your neighbor as yourself.
Nov. 5	Matthew 5:1–12	The Beatitudes: Blessed are you; your reward is great in heaven.

**Communion** will be shared on October 1. Extended Communion will be served that week. If you or a loved one are unable to attend worship and you’d like them to bring the elements to your home, contact Kate.

Christian Education

**Youth Celebrate Wonder each Sunday!**

Creation & Faith are the topics for the first few weeks. Additional Teachers AND Aides for the youth class are always welcome! You will be blessed! Contact Joe Crockett.

Date	Leader & Lesson
1	Judy Rees / God Creates People
8	Mary Kay Adams / God Creates Helpers
15	Mary Kay Adams / Abraham & Sarah
22	Volunteer needed / Abraham’s promise
29	Judy Rees / Abraham’s visitors

**God's VOICE THUNDERS** in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding.

Job 37:5, NIV

Join the Adult Class as they read & discuss the Book of Job. Meet in the partitioned area of the Fellowship Hall each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

### Member Care

**Congratulations to Jess Eichlin & Alex Miller** who were joined in marriage on September 14<sup>th</sup>! Jess works for the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office. Alex is a baker and ceramics instructor. They live in Charleston with their dog, Octavia, and two cats, Chicory and Juniper. Their address is:

More Eichlin Family News:

**Sean & Devin** are expecting a baby girl December 6<sup>th</sup>; **Kyle & Surabhi** will be married next summer; **Dana & Scott** are living in their basement for 3 months while the rest of their house is being remodeled.



### Mission & Outreach



**Share Peace; Bring Comfort:**

The Peace & Global Witness Offering will be received on October 15<sup>th</sup> instead of the traditional World Communion Sunday. We will be sharing 25% with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's response to the victims of the wildfires in Hawaii. The other 75% is used by PCUSA at the Synod and level and around the world. Use this link if you want to see PDA is doing: [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance \(pcusa.org\)](http://PresbyterianDisasterAssistance.org)

From Session, Gretchen, Dana & Sally



*Introducing Mobile / E-Giving Options for BPC*

We have partnered with the Presbyterian Foundation to bring a new method of giving to BPC. The 'traditional' ways still work, of course – cash or check in the offering plate or through the mail.

But the cash/check option is no longer the most popular way of doing business. Many of you use a credit/debit card or electronic funds transfer for everything and we wanted to give you the ability to contribute to BPC in that fashion.

There are 3 ways to do that!

**The first is by scanning our exclusive QR code.** Find it here and is on the colorful pew card. Simply scan the QR code with your smart phone. You'll open a page where you can establish a profile, choose what fund(s) to which you wish to donate, pick a payment method, and submit!

**The second is through the church website–** [The Home of Bridgewater Presbyterian Church \(bridgewaterpc.com\)](http://TheHomeofBridgewaterPresbyterianChurch.com). There, go to the Giving Page and you will find a "GIVE NOW" button that takes you to the place to establish a profile, what fund(s) to which you wish to donate, pick a payment method and submit!

**The third is through the VANCO mobile App** – This app can be downloaded through either Google Play or the App Store on your mobile phone. Our Vanco Mobile code is TDD2T7

**From any option,** you can even set up recurring donations (monthly, weekly) from any of your own bank or credit card accounts.

You'll see the name "Vanco" at some point. We are partnered with the Foundation, but the platform is provided by Vanco, a leading online payment processing service for faith organizations, K-12 schools, community education organizations, and nonprofits.

If you give it a try, let Sally or Dana know. They are the administrators/ recorders for all donations. They'd love your feedback on the experience and can answer questions.



## Building & Grounds

### Roof Update from Carroll:

Our new asphalt roof was completed on September 8<sup>th</sup>, and the new flat roof over the exterior steps to the basement was completed the same week. The two additional downspouts from the sanctuary gutters were installed on September 12<sup>th</sup>, but Valley Roofing still needs to come back and adjust the slope of the gutters to accommodate the new downspout locations. Thank you to everyone for being flexible during the construction.

New Oyster Gray shingles being installed over new black synthetic underlayment.



## Resource & Stewardship



I would like to thank our wonderful stewardship team –

**Judy Rees, Tom Mizell, Jim Enterline, and Pastor Kate Rascoe** – for their tremendous work in producing an enriching and fun stewardship season. It was an honor to serve with these dedicated, creative folks who sincerely love the Lord and our church. The wisdom and messages offered by each of them guided us well in our understanding of stewardship. We have all been blessed by their involvement. Thank you!

**-Mary Kay Adams**  
Chair

### Finance Reports: prepared by Bev Carver, Disbursement Treasurer

<i>Account Balances</i> as of August 31, 2023	<i>Operating</i>	<i>Money Market</i>	<i>Payroll</i>	<i>Tax</i>	<i>Ed. Jones</i> (for stock gifts)
	\$28,113.12	\$52,038.33	\$2,147.16	\$528.91	0.00

Budget Totals as of 8/31/2023	
Income	\$70,805.96
Expense	\$90,770.67
Difference	\$19,964.71

#### Fund Balances as of August 31, 2023

- Youth Event Fund: \$5,291.93  
(monies reside in Money Market)
- Backpack Ministry Fund: \$1,459.98  
(monies reside in Operating)

Amount Contributed to the Raise the Roof Fund as of September 30 — \$40,545



# October '23

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## Birthdays

Peggy Wurst  
 Danny Adams  
 Tommy Mizell  
 J.C. Enterline  
 Tommy Glendye  
 Joe Meslovich  
 Nancy Spencer  
 Eric Gardner  
 David McQuilkin



## Anniversaries

2 Elizabeth Engleking & Joe Meslovich (°)  
 5 Sean & Devin Eichlin (°)  
 17 Scott & Dana Eichlin (°)  
 26 Andrew & Ashely Armstrong (°)  
 22 Katherin & Michael Carter (°)  
 22 Eric & LeeAnn Gardner (°)



## Men Meet for Breakfast

Males of all ages and guests are invited to **Breakfast at Village Inn** on Rt. 11 South on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** of each month at 8:30 a.m.

Our next date:  
 October 21<sup>st</sup> at **8:30 a.m.**

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



## Our Building as a Blessing

A reminder that others use our facility during the week:

- **TOPS** meets every Tuesday from 4:30-6:00 p.m. and
- **Friends Café** is gathering outside while it is still warm. Ask Sally for leader contact info.

## Book Group's Next Read

When: Monday, Oct. 23, 7:00 pm,  
 Where: Jane Crockett's house  
 Book: *Cleopatra: A Life* by Stacy Schiff  
 If you're interested in joining the group, talk to Jane, Judy, or Peggy; or just read the book and come!



## Backpacks

We started delivering backpacks on September 13<sup>th</sup> and are supplying weekend food for **10** John Wayland Elementary students! Thanks for your support for this mission!  
 Needed: CLEAN plastic grocery bags



## MEMBER CARE Fellowship Opportunities in October



Meet for **ice cream at Smiley's** on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Friends welcome! Flavors of the month are Pumpkin Pie & Apple Pie!



**All Ladies** are invited to gather for **Dinner at El Charro** in Bridgewater on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Let Pam Baily know by Oct. 22 if you plan to attend so she can make a reservation.

## Flowers for Worship:

Thank you to the Simon & Echlin families for recently sharing a bouquet in memory of Laurie and to Emily Heatwole for sharing blooms from her yard. There is a sign-up on the kiosk if you'd like to honor someone and enhance worship at the same time.



## VPAS Café in Bridgewater

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.vpas.info/calendar)



	<b>Ushering and Greeting</b> share duties with one at each door	<b>Acolyte/ Bell Ringer</b>	<b>Lay Leader</b>	<b>Highlight /Flowers</b>
<b>1</b>	David & Judy Rees	Phoenix	Mary Kay Adams	Commitment Sunday/Communion
<b>8</b>	Carroll Chewing & Mary Kay Adams	Emory	Bev Carver	
<b>15</b>	Tommy & Betsy Glendye	Phoenix	Jon DeVier-Scott	Peace & Global Witness Offering
<b>22</b>	Emily Heatwole & Merrill Simon	Emory	Betsy Glendye	
<b>29</b>	Bev Carver & Gracie Florence	Phoenix	Joe Crockett	Reformation Sunday

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Commitment Sunday</i> <b>1</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship <b>Communion</b> Meal after worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Office Closed	<b>4</b>
<i>'Glimpses' part 1</i> <b>8</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:30 Spiritual Life	<b>13</b> Office Closed	<b>14</b>
<i>'Glimpses' part 2</i> <b>15</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship <i>Peace &amp; Global Witness</i> <i>Offering Received</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	 <b>19</b> 4:00 <i>Smiley's</i> 6:30 Session	<b>20</b> Office Closed	<b>21</b> 8:30 AM Men eat at Village Inn
<i>'Glimpses' part 3</i> <b>22</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 3-5 Sanctuary reserved	<b>23</b> Newsletter Deadline 7:00 Book Group at Jane's	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Office Closed	<b>28</b>
<i>'Glimpses' part 4</i> <b>29</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship <b>3:00 Raise the Roof CONCERT</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 4:30-6:30 <i>Trunk- or-Treat</i>	<b>Nov. 1</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>2</b> 2:00-3:00 <i>Alzheimer's Walk at Oasis</i>	<b>3</b> Office Closed	<b>4</b> Presbytery at Opequon Turn clocks back 1 hr.
<i>'Glimpses' part 5</i> <b>5</b> <b>9:00 Fall Back Breakfast</b> No Sunday School 10:30 Worship <i>All Saints' Observance</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>Election Day 7</b> 4:30 TOPS	<b>8</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>9</b> 6:30 Spiritual Life	<b>10</b> Office Closed	<b>11</b> <b>VETERANS DAY</b>
All meetings held at the church unless otherwise noted. Church Office Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The office is closed every Friday.						

### A Message from Mary Kay Adams:

Gary and I invite you to join us and the Bridgewater Retirement Community team for the annual

**Walk to End Alzheimer's**  
**Thursday, Nov. 2, 2:00-3:00**  
 at BRC's Oasis Pavilion

We would also appreciate your financial support for this walk. Donations provide research funds for all types of dementia and resources to help affected families navigate their difficult journey. To donate online or to download a mail-in form, use this link: <http://act.alz.org/goto/mkadams>

Thank you for your prayers and your generosity!

