

# The SPOTLIGHT

## Bridgewater Presbyterian Church

August  
2023

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### Worship at Wildwood Park

Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

9:00 Carry-in Breakfast

9:50<sup>(ish)</sup> Worship

Communion will be shared.

The Johnson Family is leading the music.

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



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.

Transitional  
Pastor:

Rev.  
**Kate  
Rascoe**

To Know Christ and to Make Him Known

#### Please Note:

-  ▶ Pastor Kate will be on Study Leave at a conference August 1-3, and away on vacation August 6-12. If you have a pastoral need during this time, contact Bev Carver, Clerk of Session or Sally during office hours.
-  ▶ 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. 16<sup>th</sup> 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. 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

Carloshappynpo (internet)

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





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## Birthdays



Gary Adams  
John Sellers  
Junior Simon  
Emily Heatwole  
Thomas Bortolot  
Larry Elkins  
Erin Rees  
Deontè McLean  
Blake Skinner  
Scott Eichlin  
Sally Smith  
Mike Collins  
Dick Wurst  
Merrill Simon  
Joan Atkins  
Karen Leigh  
Wesley Eichlin  
Heather Sellers

## Anniversaries



12 Andrew & Jennifer Hartzler  
15 David & Charlette McQuilkin  
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. 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Chewing

## 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)



## Our Building as a Blessing

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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. Weekend backpack meals will start around September 5<sup>th</sup>.

	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	

*Think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends and very day of Christ.* -Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

# Cultivating Our Resources

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

<i>Account Balances</i> as of June 30, 2023	<i>Operating</i>	<i>Money Market</i>	<i>Payroll</i>	<i>Tax</i>	<i>Ed. Jones</i> (for stock gifts)
	\$ 33,122.74	\$ 43,882.76	\$ 1,738.77	\$ 1,143.37	\$ 0.00

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

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> to July 30<sup>th</sup>, \$14,225** has been donated so far. Session has set a goal of \$35,000 by September 1<sup>st</sup> to offset depletions from our savings and help fund our down payment. -Bev

**Update from Carroll:** 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 10<sup>th</sup> and concludes October 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



## CONFIDENT CAREGIVER CIRCLES

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](http://vpas.info/caregiver-support)**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>The Challenge of the Gospel - part 4</i> <b>30</b> 10:30 Worship	<b>31</b>	<b>AUG. 1</b> 4:30 TOPS	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Office Closed	<b>5</b>
Pastor Kate on Study Leave						
<i>The Challenge of the Gospel - part 5</i> <b>6</b> 10:30 Worship GUEST: Alex Pickell	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 4:30 TOPS	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Office Closed	<b>12</b>
Pastor Kate on Vacation						
<b>At Wildwood 13</b> <i>The Challenge of the Gospel - part 6</i> 9:00 Breakfast 9:50 Worship Communion	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 4:30 TOPS	 <b>16</b> 3:30 at Smiley's 7:00 Choir Resumes!	<b>17</b> 6:30 Session	<b>18</b> Office Closed	<b>19</b> 8:30 AM Men eat at <b>Village Inn</b> (Rt. 11 near the Fairgrounds)
Sally on Vacation—the office is closed						
<i>The Challenge of the Gospel - part 7</i> <b>20</b> 10:30 Worship 2¢-a-Meal Offering	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 4:30 TOPS	<b>23</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>24</b> 1:30-3:00 Stewardship Training by Presbytery	<b>25</b> Office Closed	<b>26</b>
<i>The Challenge of the Gospel - part 8</i> <b>27</b> 10:30 Worship	<b>28</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>29</b> 4:30 TOPS	<b>30</b> Sally off 7:00 Choir	<b>31</b>	<b>SEPT. 1</b> Office Closed	<b>2</b>
<i>The Challenge of the Gospel - finale</i> <b>3</b> 10:30 Worship	<b>LABOR DAY 4</b> Office Closed	<b>5</b> 4:30 TOPS	<b>6</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Office Closed	<b>Session 9</b> Retreat at the <b>BIG EVENT</b>

### Stewardship Workshop: A Culture of Generosity

On Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Please keep the Session in your prayers as they gather in retreat Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.