

The SPOTLIGHT

Bridgewater Presbyterian Church

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To Know Christ and to Make Him Known



Note Change of Venue:

Outdoor Worship & Breakfast on June 11th At Sandy Bottom Park

9:00 Carry-in Breakfast; bring a dish or two to share;
tableware and drinks provided
10:00 Informal Worship; bring a lawn chair if you wish;
music by Mary Kay Adams.

Invite your family, friends & neighbors!

Sandy Bottom is located at the end of East College Street.
Turn left at the entrance. Parking / picnic shelter are on the left.

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It's Always Been You

INMOTION SUMMER PRAISE 2023
Sunday, June 18th at 10:30 a.m.



The Summer Praise Dance group began during the summer of 2013 to create community within the studio, to reach out to the surrounding community in a new way, and to teach students how dancing can be used as a form of worship. Open to rising 2nd-12th graders, the group is led by Alaina Pfeiffer and her team at InMotion Dance Studio. "We love dancing together and worshipping the Lord!"

This summer's theme, *It's Always Been You*, surrounds the idea that God has always been with us in the past, citing examples found in Old and New Testament Bible stories. The program moves to a songs of thankfulness and testaments of our faith that God will be with us in our unknown future.

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Next Session
meeting is
**Thursday,
June 29th**
at 6:30 p.m.
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*Transitional
Pastor:*

Rev.
**Kate
Rascoe**

Member Care Event this Month:

Mini-golf at Sandy Bottom Park — Thursday, June 8th at 5:00 p.m.

Meet at the course for a round of fun, friendly competition! Friends and family welcome. Free with a B-Rec card; nominal fee for non-residents.

Meet at Smiley's — Wednesday, June 14th at 3:30 p.m.

Share a scoop (or two!) with your church family. This is always a good time of fellowship and catching-up so bring a friend (or two!).

Ladies to Francesco's — Thursday, June 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

All Ladies are invited to join together at Francesco's in Bridgewater for a light evening with food and fellowship.



Education

**Registration is OPEN!
Come to Changemakers Camp VBS!**

Open to all children Pre-K through Elementary, at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren on the evenings of Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, June 20-23.

Doors open at 4:45; a meal for children & their families is served from 5:00-5:50; activities, including music, games, Bible stories, & crafts happen from 6:00 until dismissal at 7:45.

Here is the link to register your child, grandchild or neighbor:

<https://forms.gle/p95WbhGFJcWjBSUs6>

Here is the link to volunteer!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044ba8ae23a3f94-changemakers#/>



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Spiritual Life

The simple phrase, “Thank you, Choir,” somehow seems inadequate. The spring cantata was wonderful, inspiring, transporting, and healing. By sharing your musical gifts that Sunday, and every week, you enhance our worship experiences and present God’s Word in unique ways. We are eternally grateful for your energy and efforts: Lacey, Brett, Phoenix, Emory, Bill, Lucy, Paige, Katie, Alison, Evie, Mary and Bev. You deserve your summer break!



If you, or someone you know, would like to provide special music one Sunday in July or August, reach out to Lacey Johnson



Thank you Linda, Judy, Gracie, Emily & Betsy!



Created by Children’s Sunday School.





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Birthdays

Matthew Adams
Sarah Simon Jordan
Bev Carver
Theodore Rees
Wyatt Skinner
Nancy Dagen
McKinley Sellers
Mike Heatwole
Brian Adams
Nancy Ballesteros
Kristen Glendye
Evan Adams
Michele Edwards
Danielle Simon



Anniversaries

2 Joe & Jane Crockett ()
8 Brian & Michele Edwards ()
9 George & Carolyn Anderson ()
13 Brett & Lacey Johnson ()
15 Tommy & Betsy Glendye ()
15 Dick & Peggy Wurst ()
20 David & Judy Rees ()
20 Nick & Hannah Leigh-Brown ()
22 Mike & Cheryl Burke ()
22 Jacob & Danielle Simon ()
27 Ryan & Jacquelyn Boshart ()



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:
June 17th 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 Tuesday from 4:30-6:00 p.m. and
- **Friends Café** (formerly *Memory Café*) gathers Tuesday, June 13th at 11:30 a.m. To RSVP / ask questions, contact Ginny Joseph at 540-246-1821 or gj12643@aol.com

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

The Book Group

We've decided to take a break for the summer and resume on **Monday, September 25th, at 7:00**, at the home of Beth Smith. It will be a social gathering 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 Mary Kay Adams, Judy Rees, or Gracie Florence.



Backpacks

Thank you for your generous and faithful support of this vital mission to the most vulnerable of our neighbors. Please, keep these families in prayer over the summer.



If you think you'd like to join the packing/delivery team this fall, contact Jyl Gamble.

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



Meet at Smiley's
Wednesday, June 14th
at 3:30
Bring a friend!

	Ushering and Greeting share duties with one at each door	Acolyte/ Bell Ringer	Lay Leader	Highlight /Flowers
4	David & Charlette McQuilkin	Emory	Charlette McQuilkin	Trinity Sunday
11	Bev Carver	—	Not needed	Worship at Sandy Bottom
18	Steve & Pat Humphreys	—	Not needed	Summer Praise Dance/Father's Day
25	Gracie Florence & Carroll Chewning	Phoenix	MJ Chewning	
7/2	Emily Heatwole & Merrill Simon	Emory	Emily Heatwole	Guest: Alex Pickell

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Resource

The financial records for 2022 were examined recently by Matthew Heatwole (CPA) and Mike Heatwole. Mike writes, "Random transactions were selected for bank reconciliations, cash disbursements, and cash receipts to account for accuracy and documentation. The results, as in the past, were excellent." **Thank you, Matthew & Mike**, for sharing your time and expertise.

Finance Reports: prepared by Bev Carver, Disbursement Treasurer

<i>Account Balances</i> as of April 30, 2023	<i>Operating</i>	<i>Money Market</i>	<i>Payroll</i>	<i>Tax</i>	<i>Ed. Jones</i> (for stock gifts)
	\$ 40,906.47	\$ 57,935.51	\$ 1,330.39	\$ 1,757.81	\$ 0

Totals as of 4/30/2023	
Income	\$36,897.49
Expense	\$44,723.30
Difference	\$ 7,825.81 (<i>deficit</i>)

Fund Balances as of March 31, 2023

- Youth Event Fund: \$6,150.93 (monies reside in Money Market)
- Backpack Ministry Fund: \$1,262.49 (monies reside in Operating Account)
- Memorial Fund: \$51,784.98 (monies reside in Money Market)



Mission & Outreach

THANK YOU!
 The Pentecost Offering totaled **\$890.**
 The 2¢-a-Meal Offering for May totaled **\$282.75**
 The next 2¢ Pour-In will be August 20th.



Part Spiritual Life - Part Mission & Outreach
 The Choir performed the spring cantata for the residents of Bridgewater Retirement Community.

Building & Grounds

From Carroll Chewning, co-Chair:

The Storm Water Drainage Upgrade Project has been completed. The purpose of the project was to alleviate water intrusion into the basement during heavy rain events. The existing underground piping carrying water from the gutter downspouts around the sanctuary portion of the building was mostly black corrugated pipe that, in places, was partially collapsed, clogged with grass, undersized, and poorly sloped. So water backed up next to the foundation wall.

New SDR 35 sewer pipe was installed. The new main line on the west side is 6" diameter and now discharges into the Town's storm water vault instead of at the curb. The new main line on the east side is 4". All branch lines to gutter downspouts are 4". Branch lines were extended to two additional future downspout locations, one on each side of the sanctuary.

A new gently sloped swale was installed on the west side, and a more durable rubber liner was placed on top of it. The existing large river rock that was holding down the old liner was saved and reused to hold down the new liner.



Hey Little Free Library Kids,

Our next LFL adventure day will be Wednesday, June 7th at Noon in the church Fellowship Hall. **Bring a bag lunch** to enjoy as we discuss the future of this group and brainstorm some ideas. After that we will clean up the library in front of the church, maybe stamp more books, select some books to restock the 2 libraries, and then.....*drum roll please*....create a fun dessert to eat.

Let MJ Chewing know if you are coming so she can plan for the most important part - dessert!



Finished bright blue! Plus a sign to deter parking in that spot. *I love how the roof is an open book.* Thank you to the adult helpers: MJ, Carroll, Pastor Kate, Gracie, & her daughter Lisa Mullen.

Thomas, Emory, Pastor Kate, Emory & Blaze apply a basecoat to the Broad Street LFL.



The annual patriotic/pops concert, *Celebrate America!*, featuring the Shenandoah Valley Choral Society, directed by Curtis Nolley, and the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Concert Band, directed by Melissa Harper, will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 1st, at Harrisonburg High School Auditorium. Listen to rousing music that prepares you for the celebration of Independence Day. Special recognition is given to veterans Bev Carver is part of the group.

Tickets are available at the door, Bridgewater Foods Supermarket (Bridgewater), Friendly City Food Co-op (Harrisonburg), and on-line at singshenandoah.org. Admission: Adults- \$12, Seniors/Students- \$10, and children 12 and under- \$5.



Using the fancy word *perichoresis* (from Greek for “around” and “contain”) may win you admiring — or strange! — looks. But since the 7th century, people have used it as a beautiful image of the Persons of the Holy Trinity containing and permeating one another. A more familiar word, *choreography*, has led to recent understandings of perichoresis as the divine and eternal dance of love.



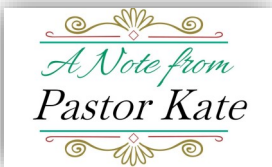
Picture three dancers’ synchronized yet independent movements. Weaving gracefully in and out, each seems to know what the others will do next. They may touch lightly but don’t constrain or impede one another. Though distinct individuals, they move so fluidly together that they are, in a sense, one entity.

Even more profound: Jesus invites us into the dance! “If you love me,” he says, “you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth. ... I will come to you. ... I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you” (John 14:15-20, ESV). As the actions of Jesus, the Father and the Spirit interweave in Scripture and in the world, may our lives too be drawn into the loving dance.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 28 Pentecost Sunday	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30	31 7:00 Choir	1	2 Office Closed	3
<i>Trinity Sunday</i> 4 10:30 Worship Music: the Choir	5	6 4:30 TOPS	7 NOON Little Free Library Kids	8 5:00 Mini-golf at Sandy Bottom 6:30 Spiritual Life	9 Office Closed	10
<u>At Sandy Bottom</u> 11 9:00 Breakfast 10:00 Worship	12 Pastor Kate gone this week	11:30 a.m. 13 Friends Café 4:30 TOPS	14 3:30 Smiley's Ice Cream! 	15	16 Office Closed	17 8:30 AM Men eat at Bob-a-Rea's
Father's Day 18 10:30 Worship Summer Praise Dance Troupe	19	20 4:30 TOPS	21	22 5:30 <i>Ladies eat at Francesco's</i>	23 Office Closed	24
Pentecost 4/Proper 7 25 10:30 Worship Music: Brett Johnson	26	27 4:30 TOPS	28	29 6:30 Session	30 Office Closed	JULY 1
Pentecost 5/Proper 8 2 10:30 Worship Guest: Alex Pickell Music: Katie McElroy	3 Pastor Kate gone this week	 4 Office Closed	5	6	7	8

VBS at BCoB



Welcome to Alex Pickell !

Alex will be assisting Pastor Kate in worship occasionally this summer. Originally from Little Rock, AR, Alex is entering her third and final year of a MDiv program at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. This summer she is serving as a Program Intern at Massanetta Springs, where she will get to try her hand at a lot of creative camp and conference endeavors. She is also looking forward to spending some time worshipping with BPC and gaining some experience here. We enthusiastically look forward to the gifts Alex will share with us!



Office Notes:

- ◆ **Pastor Kate will be away** June 11 (after worship) to June 17 and July 1-8. If you experience an emergency during her absence, please contact the Clerk, Bev Carver, at
- ◆ **The next newsletter deadline** is June 26. The Church Office will be closed on July 4th.
- ◆ **Please remember** to turn off lights & fans, check restrooms & thermostats and lock/secure all doors when you leave.