

The SPOTLIGHT

Bridgewater Presbyterian Church

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Thanksgiving Dinners



For the 11th year, our church family will provide a Thanksgiving meal to several needy families with children at Pence Middle School.

8 families
17 children, 20 adults, 2 infants

Find a sign-up poster on the kiosk if you want to provide certain items. The menu is traditional — turkey, gravy, stuffing, potatoes, green beans, corn, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, rolls and desserts. As always, monetary donations will allow us to purchase fresh items (butter, milk, etc.) and fill any gaps. Write ‘Thanksgiving Meals’ on the memo line of your check.

Our delivery date is Monday, Nov. 21st before 10:00 a.m. Boxes and help with packing & delivery is needed as well. Questions or to volunteer contact Gretchen Collins or Brett Johnson.

Thank You for Giving your generous support to this Mission effort!

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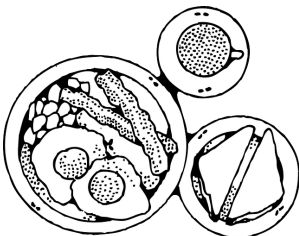
Next Session meeting is Thursday, Nov. 17th

Transitional Pastor:

Rev.
Kate Rascoe

Sunday, Nov. 6 Fall Back Breakfast 9:00 a.m.

It is back!! The MEN are cooking what is always an extraordinary culinary experience. You’ll have an extra hour that morning so rise & shine and enjoy the fellowship. Guys, meet after worship Oct. 30th to organize.



Sunday, Nov. 13 2¢-a-Meal Pour-In

By sharing only 2¢ for every meal you consume, you support the hunger efforts of Shenandoah Presbytery (75%) and Bridgewater Inter-Church Food Pantry (25%). We will also collect **boxes of cereal and flavored oatmeal** to be distributed by the Food Pantry. Please place them on the pew in the Fellowship Hall.



Sunday, Nov. 20 All Church Chat with Pastor Kate ~ plus ~ Carry-in Finger Food Lunch

Bring simple finger food to share (sandwiches, chips, veggies, crackers/cheese, cookies, etc.). Drinks and paper products provided. No signup needed.



To Know Christ and to Make Him Known



NOVEMBER FUN & FELLOWSHIP:
 Gather at Smiley’s Ice Cream on Thursday, November 10th at 3:00.

Member Care

Congratulations to Eric & LeeAnn Gardner who were joined in marriage at BPC on October Their address will be 22980. LeeAnn is the daughter of Linda West.



New Photos, Anyone? If you would like your directory or kiosk photo updated, please send us a new photo of yourself – or you and your family. Photos from your phone are fine, as long as they are high resolution with close-up views (*think head & shoulders or portrait—example in the article below*). If you prefer to have us take one for you, contact Mary Kay (Sally is also preparing an updated directory of contact information to print/email. If you have changed your phone, email, or mailing address please send it to her ASAP. bridgewaterpresbychurch@gmail.com

Christmas with Massanetta—Join us at a BPC table!

What: Dinner and a concert by ReScored, a JMU lower-voice a cappella group
 When: Saturday, December 3rd, 5:00-8:00pm
 Cost: \$25 adults, \$16 children (12 & under)
 Registration deadline: November 28th [Click here for the link](#)
 Register by the deadline at the link above. Tell Mary Kay if you want to join our table and If you are interested in carpooling (

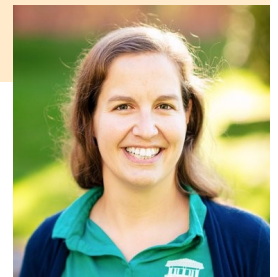


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Spiritual Life

On November 6th we will welcome the Rev. Colleen Earp to the pulpit.

She is the Program Director at Massanetta Springs. Colleen grew up in New Jersey and loves the outdoors. She has BA in Geography from University of Mary Washington and her Masters from Rutgers University. She spent several years teaching environmental geography courses, serving in a variety of youth and camping ministry roles, and volunteering in conservation fieldwork before going to South Louisiana as a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV). She completed a Masters of Divinity at Union Presbyterian Seminary in 2019. Before coming to Massanetta Springs, Colleen completed a yearlong chaplain residency at UVA Medical Center. Colleen is a member of the Presbyterian Church Camp and Conference Association and the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship Activist Council.



We will be decorating with red poinsettias again this Advent season. Watch bulletins and emails for ordering information.

Christian Education

ADULT Sunday School Schedule	
Date	Teaching
6	No class
13	Bill Florence
20	Needed
27	Start Advent Study!

Studying the Gospel of Luke

Sundays at 9:30

Learning about the Prophets

CHILDREN Sunday School Schedule	
Date	Leader & Aide
6	Judy Rees & Alex McElroy
13	Judy Rees & Dana Eichlin
20	Emily Heatwole & MJ Chewing
27	Betsy Glendye & Gretchen Collins



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Birthdays

Carolina Rascoe
 Gracie Florence
 Austin Walker
 Ellie Enterline
 Bill Florence
 Sean Eichlin
 Dick Eichlin
 Carroll Chewning
 Lance Rees
 Cheryl Burke
 Mike Boccock



Anniversaries

11 Bobby & Hillary Fields (')
 27 Blake & Julia Skinner (')



Book Group is Reading..

“Unlocked” by Karen Kingsbury
 Meet for discussion and snacks on Monday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Peggy Wurst.



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 welcome. Our next date:

November 19th 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, Nov. 8th at 11:30 a.m.
- **Katie McElroy** gives piano lessons on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:00.

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

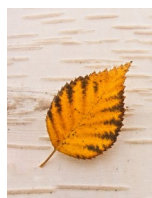


Backpacks

We are delivering **9** bags each week. You may bring items to our little corner in the kitchen and monetary donations are always welcome as we continue to secure products in bulk as well. Thanks for all your support to help our local families!

Peace & Global Witness Offering totaled \$470!

THANK YOU for your generosity to the world-wide peacemaking efforts of PCUSA and to our local outreach through *People Helping People*.



Worship at White Birch on Nov. 13

Everyone is welcome to attend this service held in the dining room at 1:30. BPC provides leadership every other month on the 2nd Sunday. Charlette McQuilkin is leading & Nancy Dagen is playing piano this time. If you would be willing to share God's Word in any way sometime, contact Charlette.

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	Steve & Pat Humphreys	Phoenix J	Bev Carver	Fall Back Breakfast at 9 AM! Guest: Rev. Colleen Earp
13	Bev Carver & Gracie Florence	Hagan E.	Carroll Chewning	2¢-a-Meal; Congregational Meeting—Elections
20	Carroll Chewning & Mary Kay Adams	McKinley S	Gracie Florence	<i>Christ the King;</i> All Church Chat Lunch
27	Emily Heatwole & Merrill Simon	Emory J	MJ Chewning	<i>1st Sunday in Advent</i> Communion

Resource

Commitment Sunday Wrap-Up

It was wonderful to see so many of you worshipping with us and fellowshiping around the dinner table on Commitment Sunday, October 2nd. Our celebration after an inspiring worship service was enjoyable. I am grateful to guest speaker Phil Helmuth and to Pastor Kate for their service preparation and meaningful messages and to Lacey and the choir for their beautiful music that created a worshipful mood. And I offer special thanks to our talented and dedicated stewardship team and support personnel for their wonderful influence on our activities. They steered the ship well. Thank you, Pam, Carroll, Jon, Bill, Judy, Bev, and Sally!

As of October 23 we have received 26 commitment cards pledging \$99,950 toward our general operating budget. In addition, many of you also indicated ways that you feel led to share your time and talents with us. Someone will contact you soon to facilitate your involvement.

If you still have a commitment card you would like to turn in, please place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church.

Most importantly, I'd like to thank each of you for taking the month-long journey with us into deepening your personal relationship with Christ. Now that stewardship season is over, I hope your relationship continues to grow as He leads you in new directions and we all share in the joy of our commitments. Blessings to our BPC family for the journey ahead!

Mary Kay Adams, Stewardship Team Chair

Finance Reports: prepared by Bev Carver, Disbursement Treasurer

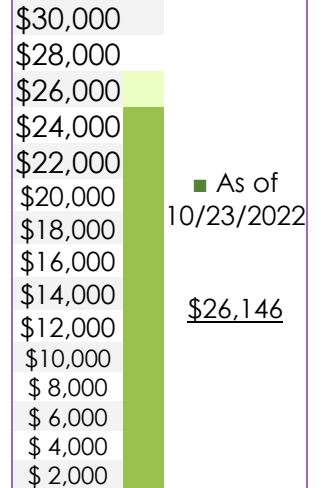
<i>Account Balances</i> as of Sept. 30, 2022	<i>Operating</i>	<i>Money Market</i>	<i>Payroll</i>	<i>Tax</i>	<i>Ed. Jones</i> (for stock gifts)
	\$57,414.39	\$50,800.05	\$654.23	\$724.91	\$17.90

Totals as of 9/30/2022	
Income	\$104,124.02
Expense	\$ 93,593.74
Difference	\$ 10,530.28

Fund Balances as of September 30, 2022

- Youth Event Fund: \$4,793.26
(monies reside in Money Market)
- Backpack Ministry Fund: \$892.64
(monies reside in Operating Account)
- Memorial Fund: \$46,006.79
(monies reside in Money Market)

Memorial Fund Challenge



Will you help us reach our goal before year's end?



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Building & Grounds



Thank you to these folks who helped with Clean Up Day: Merrill Simon, Jake Simon, Carroll Chewning, Mike Heatwole, Emily Heatwole and Tommy Glendye.

Don't wait to be asked! If you have a rake, a sunny day and the time - come gather leaves! Find bags on the east porch and just leave them on that sidewalk. I'll take care of disposal.

-Sally



It's difficult to believe that I have been with the congregation over a year now. Transitional contracts are annually renewed by the session. As expected, my contract was renewed for another year in September. How time flies when you're having fun!

I discussed much of the transitional goals in my June update. Since we have done so well on the original goals, it is time to set a few new ones. My time getting to know you has provided me some insight on what could be helpful to you as a congregation before/as you search for your next pastor. The Session will help prioritize the work we do together. The entire congregation helps in the learning and discernment process by participating in surveys, the All Church Chats, and by giving your leadership feedback.

Some of you may remember previous pastor searches that involved a comprehensive mission study, and may be wondering why we aren't doing that now. The short answer: it was a lot of work for not much help. The long answer: Congregations are constantly changing, and being faced with new challenges and opportunities. A snapshot, even a really great portrait quality one, won't tell you much about who you will become.

Some of you who have been through a pastoral transition before may be wondering why, 14 months in, we still haven't elected a Pastor Search Committee. There is nothing wrong. We are leaning into our strengths. I have served small churches for most of my career. Here's a truth I love about churches our size: Decisions are made in layers, over the course of numerous conversations, and including pertinent opinions (whether elected or not). We notice who isn't here, and we work hard to keep them involved. So, we are starting the transitional discernment process by including as many voices as possible. This is the primary intent behind the All Church Chats, which will increasingly focus on search-related topics. The hope is that most of the congregation will actively participate in this early process, so that when the Search Committee is elected, they will begin with a good feel for the congregation's needs, and the congregation will have increased trust in their continued discernment.

My hope is that BPC will continue to grow, lean into its strengths, and have a lot of fun in the process! Please reach out with any questions you may have, about the transition or otherwise.

+*Pastor Kate*



The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 13, 2022, at the end of worship for the purposes of receiving nominations and electing elders for the class of 2025 and the next Nominations Committee.

Thank you for sharing God's love

I recently received the attached card from a student who requested that I share it with the churches of Bridgewater. While this is one expression of gratitude, I know many students were touched by the prayers, cards and care packages you so generously shared with them after the events of February 1st. As Heidi put it in her card, “Thank you for sharing God's love in a tangible way.”

Wishing you peace,
Robbie Miller
Bridgewater College Chaplain

Dear Churches of Bridgewater,

Fall 2022

My name is Heidi, and I am a student at Bridgewater College. I wanted to say thank you so much for coming to campus this spring in February and again during finals week. It was a blessing that you packed snacks/goodies for us and came to campus to encourage us. I love the pencil that I was given during finals week and I use it often. Thank you also for your prayers. This spring semester was difficult, and it meant a lot to have Christians in our community pray for us. Thank you for sharing God's love in a tangible way.

May God bless you all for serving Him. Thank you again so much for being a blessing.

Love in Christ,
Heidi



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>All Saints Observance</i> 30 <i>Reformation Sunday</i> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship MEN—breakfast organizing meeting after worship	31 Trunk-or-Treat 4:30-6:30	1 4:30 TOPS	2 7:00 Choir	3	4	5 11:00 Memorial for C.M. DeVier Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour
Fall Back Breakfast 6 <u>9:00 the Men are cooking!</u> 9:30 Kids Sunday School 10:30 Worship <i>Guest: Rev. Colleen Earp</i>	7 Church office closed	8 11:30 a.m. Friends Café 4:30 TOPS Election Day VOTE!	9 7:00 Choir	10 3:00 meet at Smiley's!	11 VETERANS DAY	12
2¢-a-Meal 13 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship <i>Congregational meeting for Elections</i> 1:30 White Birch	14	15 Presbytery at Massanetta Springs 4:30 TOPS	16 7:00 Choir	17 6:30 Session	18	19 8:30 AM Men eat breakfast at Bob-a-Rea's
<i>Christ the King</i> 20 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship <i>All Church Chat</i> <i>Finger food Luncheon</i>	21 Deliver Thanksgiving Meals	22 4:30 TOPS	23 7:00 Choir	24 Thanksgiving Day 	25 Office closed	26
1st Sunday of Advent 27 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship <i>Communion</i>	28 Homebound Communion Registration deadline for Christmas with Massanetta	29 4:30 TOPS	30 7:00 Choir	DEC. 1	2	3 Christmas at Massanetta Springs (see page 2)
2nd Sunday of Advent 4 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship <i>All Church Chat</i> <i>Decorate Chrismon tree</i> Poinsettia Order deadline	5 7:00 Book Group at Peggy's	6 4:30 TOPS	7 7:00 Choir	8 <i>Poinsettias arrive</i>	9	10 Christmas parade 1:00 pm
3rd Sunday of Advent 11 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	12	13 11:30 Friends Café 4:30 TOPS	14 7:00 Choir	15	16	17
4th Sunday of Advent 18 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Cantata <i>Christmas Joy Offering</i>	19	20 4:30 TOPS	21 7:00 Longest Night Service	22	23	24 7:00 Christmas Eve Worship