

# The SPOTLIGHT

## Bridgewater Presbyterian Church

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## “I am coming to you.”

—JOHN 14:18b

**The Pentecost Offering will be received on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with *the church of the past*, continuing to inspire *the church of today*, and pointing us to *the church of the future*. Our gifts to the Pentecost Offering connect with God’s hope and future, supporting ministries with children, youth and young adults by building a life of faith. This special offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is divided four ways:

- ♥ 25% supports ministries with youth, ages 12-18, and those called to accompany them;
- ♥ 25% goes to Young Adult Volunteer experience, training and equipping volunteers to engage in mission around the world;
- ♥ 10% benefits the “Educate a Child, Transform the World” national PCUSA initiative; AND
- ♥ 40% is used by congregations to support local ministries with young people. Your Session has chosen **Church World Service in Harrisonburg** and we are thrilled to welcome **Jennifer Davis Sensenig** as our guest speaker on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Jennifer serves as the Church World Service Development Coordinator focusing on building relationships with individual and corporate donors as well as faith communities. Jennifer earned her B.A. at Carleton College in Northfield, MN and her M.Div. at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana. She has 25 years of pastoral ministry experience and is certified in Human Systems Dynamics. Jennifer and her husband, Kent, have made their home in the Shenandoah Valley since 2008.



She writes, “*Thank you Bridgewater Presbyterian Church for designating a portion of your Pentecost Offering to Church World Service in Harrisonburg! Building a partnership with you strengthens the welcome we offer to new Americans. At CWS we resettle people from around the world seeking refuge from persecution and violence. Our work with **refugee children and youth** includes school enrollment; orientation for families to navigate education and healthcare systems in the US; volunteer homework tutors; workshops for parents on special topics; summer programs and events exploring arts,*

*computer coding, business, and fun; and mentors for youth planning educational and career goals. Last year we began working with 100+ children who left unsafe situations in Central America and made a dangerous journey to the US on their own. By contributing to the CWS Children’s Fund you can provide for these children’s most pressing needs, so that they have a safe path toward the future.”*



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Next Session meeting is Thursday, May 23 at 6:30.

Transitional Pastor:

Rev. **Kate Rascoe**

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Thank you, in advance, for your generous support of the Pentecost Offering for Children at Risk, Youth and Young Adults.

Member Care

**Congratulations to Kendall West & Marcus McAlister** on the birth of their daughter, *Athena*, on . Her happy, first-time grandmother is Linda West.

A “Take Them a Meal” webpage has been organized. If you’d like to share in their joy and give them a hand (newborns are exhausting!) sign up with the link here:

Spiritual Life

**Communion will be shared during worship on May 19<sup>th</sup>.** Pastor Kate and Betsy Glendye offer to bring the elements to the homes of those unable to come to church. If you’d like them to include you in May, contact Betsy or Kate



Mission & Outreach

♥ **The 2¢-a-Meal Offering will be received on May 12<sup>th</sup>.** Remember that 25% of your coins go to the Bridgewater Inter-Church Food Pantry and 75% feeds thousands through the network of pantries and missions throughout Shenandoah Presbytery.

♥ **Thank you for your support** of the April Mission Focus on BI-CFP. We didn’t count all the items you shared, but we did get a photograph when they made the first of two pick-ups!

♥ And if you like playing in the dirt, the **Pantry Garden** always needs volunteers. If you are interested, contact Tim Kreps at



Rick Fawley (right) and Michael Chumbley (left) collecting the items donated to Bridgewater Inter-Church Food Pantry in April.

Christian Education



**The Adult Class has begun a special study, “Why Presbyterians Are Like That.”** It is a great overview of Presbyterianism, great for both life-long presbys and those new to it all! Please join us **at 9:30 a.m. through May. All Sunday School classes will break for June, July & August.**

ADULT		CHILDREN
<i>Date</i>	<i>Chapter—Teaching</i>	<i>Leader</i>
5	GRACE—Carroll Chewning	Emily Heatwole
12	RESPONSE— tbd	Emily Heatwole
19	BRAINS— tbd	Emily Heatwole
26	Deciding/catch up	Emily Heatwole



**SEEKING:  
A CHAPERONE**  
to go with the Youth to  
Massanetta Springs  
Middle School Conference  
July 16—19

Resource

## How can we honor God with good stewardship of our talents?

Please join us after worship on May 5<sup>th</sup> as we explore this question together. We will gather in the fellowship hall immediately following worship, share finger food at tables, view a video of some of our BPC stewards, hear from our Elders as they share opportunities for service, share in table discussion about these opportunities and more. We are excited to spend this time together and to hear from you!



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

Account Balances as of March 31, 2024	Operating	Money Market	Payroll	Tax	Ed. Jones (for stock gifts)	3 \$10,000 CD's
	\$43,859.60	\$41,123.59	\$3,139.55	\$1,462.49	0	\$30,000
Totals as of 3/31/2024		Fund Balances as of March 31, 2024				
Income	\$58,317.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Youth Event Fund: \$6,656.93 (monies reside in Money Market)</li> <li>■ Backpack Ministry Fund: \$532.82 (monies reside in Operating)</li> <li>■ Memorial Fund: \$40,067.96 (monies reside in Money Market)</li> <li>■ Raise the Roof Fund: \$4,398.70 (monies reside in Money Market)</li> </ul>				
Expense	\$35,849.69					
Difference	\$22,467.76					

## Building & Grounds

**'Tis the Season! The Mowing Schedule** is posted on the kiosk. Please sign up as you are able. Questions? Contact Tommy Glendye at 540-6236

**Thank you** to those who have planted new flowers around the building. The beds will need periodic weeding in the next few months. Want to take a turn? Reach out to Pam Bailey or Emily Heatwole.

**Please, remember** to lock doors, turn off lights, check bathrooms, and reset thermostats (if you touched them).

For flowers that bloom about our feet;  
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;  
For song of bird, and hum of bee;  
For all things fair we hear or see,  
Father in heaven, we thank thee!

For blue of stream and blue of sky  
For pleasant shade of branches high;  
For fragrant air and cooling breeze  
For beauty of the blooming trees,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

## A Few Items from Sally in the Church Office:

Thank you for the cards, calls, prayers, patience, and the peace lily shared with me and my family during my brother's illness and death. I am so blessed to be part of this Body of Christ. Your care ministered to me in countless ways. -Sally

The office is closed on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day. That is still the newsletter deadline.



# Serving Beyond Our Walls



**Wanted:** individuals interested in helping transport Bridgewater Retirement Community **Nursing Unit residents to Vespers** on Sundays from 3:00-5:00, May --August. This would entail going to the units and pushing someone in a wheelchair to Lantz Chapel, possibly taking multiple trips to push multiple people, staying for the service, and then returning each resident to the correct unit afterward. Scheduling around vacations and conflicts is certainly possible. Brief training would precede this activity, and BRC can train us as a group, if desired. Tom & Suzanne Mizell and Gary & Mary Kay

Adams go regularly. Mary Kay is happy to discuss this further with anyone who is willing. Just give her a call at

**Treat those you call mom on Mother's Day!** On Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> Massanetta Springs is hosting a Mother's Day Brunch from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Come enjoy a great menu at a favorite place and avoid the JMU Graduation crowds. Once you make a reservation your time is guaranteed!

Did you know? Massanetta Springs has a partnership with Church World Service to welcome refugees? We provide temporary shelter while CWS works to find permanent homes, first jobs, getting children registered for school, etc. A portion of each ticket purchased will go to support our partnership. **Not only do you get a great meal at a great place, you get to help do some good work in our community too!**

Adult Tickets (13+) are \$27, Child Tickets (4-12) are \$19, Children under 4 are free!

Shrimp & Grits  
Sausage Patties  
Bacon  
Diced Potatoes  
Scrambled Eggs  
Baked Apples

Biscuits  
Chip Beef Gravy  
Belgian Waffles  
Polish Sausage  
w/ Peppers & Onions  
Toast Bar

Fresh Fruit Bar  
Tossed Salad  
with Dressings  
Assorted Pastries  
Oreo Mousse  
Lemon Oreo Mousse



CLICK THIS LINK  
FOR TICKETS  
[Mother's Day  
Brunch —  
Massanetta  
Springs](#)

## Celebrations on the HORIZON

June 1 - Wedding of Kyle Eichlin & Surabhi Srivastava

June 2 - Baptism of Ada Eichlin, daughter of Sean & Devin, granddaughter of Scott & Dana and great-granddaughter of Dick Eichlin!

**EVERYONE IS INVITED! 1:00 p.m. at Massanetta Springs**

June 6 - last day of school in Rockingham County!

June 9 - Breakfast & Worship at Wildwood Park

June 16 - Brunch Church (Details coming)

June 30 - InMotion Summer Praise Dance Troupe returns

## May is.....



National  
Brain Tumor  
Awareness  
Month  
**Oglionation.org**  
Want more info?  
Ask Dana Eichlin

- National Cancer Research Month
- Mental Health Month
- Lou Gehrig Disease Awareness Month
- National Foster Care Month
- Lupus Awareness Month
- Healthy Vision Month
- National American Stroke Month

- National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month
- National High Blood Pressure Education Month
- National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Awareness Month
- Better Hearing and Speech Month



A New Sunday Volunteer Rotation begins June 2. If you'd like jump in, contact Sally in the church office or Judy Rees.

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### Birthdays

- Katie Morgan
- Kendall West
- Gretchen Collins
- Bryce Carter
- Blaze Johnson
- Suzanne Mizell
- Bill Gamble
- Lois Thompson
- James Enterline
- Dana Eichlin
- William Heatwole
- Emory Johnson
- Joe Price
- Ashely Armstrong
- Brett Johnson



### Anniversaries

- 14 Ben Gardner & Meg Oldman ( )
- 24 Mike & Emily Heatwole ( ' )
- 25 Mike & Gretchen Collins ( ' )



### Men Meet for Breakfast



All males are invited to breakfast at **The Galley** in Harrisonburg on the **third Saturday** of each month at 8:30 a.m. All ages & guests are welcome. Our next date: **May 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.**

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

### Book Group's Next Read:

**"Horse"** by Geraldine Brooks. Join in the discussion on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 to 11:30, at North River Library. Contact Mary Kay Adams if you have questions.



### Worship at White Birch

Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. Charlette McQuilkin, leader. Open to everyone. Held in the dining room.



### Our Building as a Blessing

A reminder that TOPS uses our building every Tuesday from 4:30-6:00 p.m. For everyone's safety and privacy, whenever possible do not come to the building during their designated times.



### Backpacks: in the Home Stretch

THANK YOU for your generous and faithful support of our special mission this school year. The final order has been purchased and stocked. We deeply appreciate our packing/delivery team: Mary Kay Adams, Tom Mizell, Carroll Chewing, and Pat & Steve Humphreys.

Our little corner will soon be empty. Please pray for these students and their families that, over the summer, their cupboards will not be bare. The weeks at home 24/7 can be a long stretch if tummies are empty.



### VPAS Café in Bridgewater

Anyone age 60+ is welcome. Programs happen on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month in the Blue Ridge Room of the Houff Community at BRC.

**Registration is required:** Call VPAS at 540-615-5341 and check online at [www.vpas.info/calendar](http://www.vpas.info/calendar)

### Guest Speaker:

On May 19<sup>th</sup> **Rev. Melissa Harmon** will preach.

**Pastor Kate will be away** on study leave **May 13-20**. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, contact Bev Carver, Clerk of Session, or Sally in the Church Office.




Meet at **Smiley's for Ice Cream** Wednesday, May 15 at 3:30

Flavor of the Month: Lemon Bar  
Of the Week: Strawberry Pretzel, Peanut Butter Cup, Vanilla Extreme

	<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>5</b>	Tommy & Betsy Glendye	Emory	Jon DeVier-Scott	CANTATA
<b>12</b>	Merrill Simon & Gracie Florence	Phoenix	MJ Chewing	Mother's Day/CWS Rep speaking
<b>19</b>	David & Charlette McQuilkin	Emory	Bev Carver	Pentecost/Communion/Guest
<b>26</b>	David & Judy Rees	Phoenix	Mary Kay Adams	Trinity Sunday

**REMINDER:** Providing flower arrangements for worship is a perfect way to honor or remember a loved one and enhance our worship experience at the same time! The calendar for 2024 is on the kiosk. Simply sign up or contact Sally in the church office. Bring a houseplant for one Sunday, or cut blooms from your yard!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2 6:30 Spiritual Life	3 Office Closed	4 11:00 <i>Cantata</i> at Lantz Chapel
<b>MAY 5</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship <b>CANTATA</b> All Church Chat	6	7 4:30 TOPS	8 7:00 Choir	9 <i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	10 Office Closed	11
<i>Mother's Day</i> 12 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship GUEST: JENNIFER FOR CWS 1:30 White Birch	13 Pastor Kate away on Study Leave thru May 20 →	14 Presbytery at Westminster Waynesboro 4:30 TOPS	15  3:30 Smiley's 7:00 Choir	16	17 Office Closed	18 8:30 AM Men eat at The Galley
<i>Pentecost</i> 19 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship GUEST: REV. MELISSA HARMON <i>Communion</i> Pentecost Offering	20	21 4:30 TOPS <i>Communion extended</i>	22 7:00 Choir	23 6:30 Session	24 Office Closed	25
<i>Trinity Sunday</i> 26 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	27 Office Closed Newsletter Deadline Memorial Day	28 4:30 TOPS	29 7:00 Choir	30	31 Office Closed	JUNE 1
10:30 Worship JUNE 2	3	4 4:30 TOPS	5	6 Last day of school for students in Rockingham	7 Office Closed	8
A+ Wildwood 9 9:00 Breakfast 10:00 Worship	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Have you tried Mobile or E-Giving? It is 'vacation proof!'</i></u></p> <p>There are 3 ways to do that!</p> <p><b>The first is by scanning our exclusive QR code.</b> Find it here or 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!</p> <p><b>The second is through the church website—</b> <a href="http://The Home of Bridgewater Presbyterian Church (bridgewaterpc.com)"><u>The Home of Bridgewater Presbyterian Church (bridgewaterpc.com)</u></a> . 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!</p> <p><b>The third is through the VANCO mobile App</b> – The app can be downloaded through either Google Play or the App Store on your mobile phone. Our Vanco Mobile code is TDD2T7</p> <p><b>From any option,</b> you can even set up recurring donations (monthly, weekly) from any of your own bank or credit card accounts. (see... vacation proof!)</p> <p>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.</p>					

