

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*An inclusive family of faith seeking to follow Jesus
and live the love of God.*

Our Mission...

As an inclusive community of faith, we commit ourselves to embody the love of God and to share our diverse lives and gifts with each other and the world. Through faith formation, worship, mission, and fellowship we boldly proclaim the peace and love of Christ. Together we work for justice, extend grace, and partner with God to offer abundant life, healing, and hope to our community and the world.

Our Values...

*Sharing life together and including all persons in our common life.
Growing in faith, compassion, and understanding.
Serving one another and our neighbor's good.
Sharing the love of God and the God that is love.*

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You cannot serve God
and wealth

Text for today: "Then Jesus said to the disciples, . . . No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. *You cannot serve God and wealth*" (Luke 16:1, 13, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13 (13).

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September 18, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Live at 8:30 a.m.

Live and Streaming on YouTube – 11:00 a.m.

Gathering Music (11:00) *Variations on "Our Father"* Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome

Prelude (11:00) *Lantana* Percy Whitlock

***Call to Worship** (Congregation reads bold)

As we gather this day, each of us brings something to worship –

We bring the burdens of the week.

We bring prayers of hope, and prayers of anguish.

We bring our voices, our offerings, and our questions.

We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.

We bring all this to each other and to God,

whom we worship today.

Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

***Hymn #86** *Now thank we all our God*

Children's Story (11:00)

Baptismal Vows and New Member Kyle Evick & Nancy Keplinger

Introductory Words

Vows

Prayer

***Congregational Response**

Kyle and Nancy, we receive you with joy as part of this congregation. By your promises of faith in Christ, we reaffirm our own vows of faith. We promise to surround you with the love and encouragement that you may grow strong in compassion, service, and hope. May God bless you on this journey.

***Hymn #420** (vv. 1-2) *Heart with loving heart united*

Prayers

Prayers of the People

Song - #627 *There is a balm in Gilead*

Morning Prayer

Anthem *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. V. Johnson

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 & Luke 19:41-42

Please keep a time of silence following the readings

Testimony In a time of Grief David R. Miller

Reflections (8:30)

Music for contemplation, followed by conversation

***Hymn #362** *Help us to help each other*

***Benediction**

***Postlude** (11:00) *Caprice* Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

**Rise as able in body and spirit*

In Ministry with You

Worship Leaders – Erin Dalrymple & David Miller

Organist – Larry Taylor

Pianist – Mary Beth Flory

Early Service Musician – Katherine Shrader

Children's Storyteller – Josh Eye

Hospitality Desk – Mike Fike

Head Usher – Palmer Lee Berry

A-V Volunteers – Skip Edger & David Lineweaver

Music Director – Curtis Nolley

Decorators – Linda Dean & Bea Miller

September Deacon Caregivers – Dave and Lori Lineweaver

Bulletin Delivery to BRC – Gladys Remnant

Crisis Care Pastor week of Sept. 19-25 – Pastor Erin Dalrymple

Announcements:

The All-Church Picnic is today! Following the 11 a.m. worship service, **everyone** is welcome to join us. Tables and chairs are set up both in the social hall and in the churchyard. Recycling containers will be available. Pork BBQ, hotdogs, chicken, and veggie burgers are on the menu. Cosmic Smoke-N-BBQ is the caterer. Drinks on offer are lemonade, sweet and unsweet tea, coffee, and water. If you did not bring a dish, do not despair. There will be plenty. Join us.

Children's Choir and YORFF practice. Children's Choir is open to children age 5 through 5th grade and will practice from 6:00-6:30 pm. YORFF is open to 3rd through 8th graders and will practice from 6:30-7:15 pm. Both groups practice in Room #30 (Agape Room).

Regular rehearsals for the Sanctus Choir each Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. If you have interest in singing, contact Curtis Nolley at 540-433-3031, email at carnolley@hotmail.com, or contact any Sanctus Choir member.

Crisis Care Pastor: The pastors are experimenting with a new pastoral care model. Since you have three co-pastors, who do you call for emergency pastoral care? To clarify that decision we offer this holy experiment - the Crisis Care Pastor.

We will name the Crisis Care pastor each week in the Bulletin Board Email and the Sunday Bulletin. You would call this pastor if there were an accident, a medical emergency, a mental health crisis, a death, etc. This pastor will respond with care day or night. Pastors David, Erin, and Jen will all take turns being on call.

Here is the schedule for the next three weeks:

Week of Sept 19th - Erin

Week of Sept 26th - Jen

Week of Oct 3rd - David

All three pastors remain available for regular pastoral care all week long. We are looking forward to trying this new model. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Wednesday Night Meal & Bible Study. Beginning Wednesday, September 28, the congregation is invited to a mid-week meal at 5:30 pm and a forty minute Bible Study on stories from the Book of Numbers starting at 6:15. Not so sure about the Book of Numbers? Think again! These are some wild and crazy stories. The Wednesday night meals will run through November 9. We are accepting donations for some of the meals. On September 28, the meal is coming from Bridgewater Foods. Sign-up sheets are at the hospitality desk or online via the link in the Friday email. By signing-up, you help us plan for the meal. Hope to see you there!

Attendance Last Sunday

8:30am: 18 11:00am: 133
Virtually: 73 unique devices

Treasurer's Report 9/9 - 9/15

\$14,612.52 to the church budget

Specific Funds

\$ 34.00

\$800.00

Food Pantry

Improvement Fund

Now thank we all our God 86

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT 67. 67. 66. 66

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be giv - en,

who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es,
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en,

who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blessed us on our way
 and keep us safe in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore,

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinckart, *Nun danket alle Gott, Jesu Herz-Büchlein*, 1636; tr. Catherine Winkworth, *Lyra Germanica II*, 1858
 Music: Johann Crüger, *Praxis Pietatis Melica*, 4th ed., 1647; harmonized by Felix Mendelssohn, *Symphony No. 2, "Lobgesang,"*
 Op. 52, 1840

420 Heart with loving heart united

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1 Heartwith lov - ing heart u - nit - ed, met to know God's ho - ly will.
 2 May we all so love each oth - er and all self - ish claims de - ny,
 3 Since, O Lord, you have de - mand - ed that our lives your loveshould show,

Let his love in us ig - nit - ed more and more our spir - its fill.
 so that each one for the oth - er will not hes - i - tate to die.
 so we wait to be com - mand - ed forth in - to your world to go.

He the head, we are his mem - bers, we re - flect the light he is.
 Ev - en so our Lord has loved us, for our lives he gave his life.
 Kin - dle in us love's com - pas - sion so that ev - ry - one may see

He the mas - ter, we dis - ci - ples, he is ours and we are his.
 Still he grieves and still he suf - fers, for our self - ish - ness and strife.
 in our fel - low - ship the prom - ise of a new hu - man - i - ty.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, *Herz und Herz vereint zusammen*, 1723, *Die letzten Reden unseres Herrn*, 1725
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 Music: *Manuscript Chorale Book*, 1735

Help us to help each other 362

BALERMA CM

1 Help us to help each oth - er, Lord, each
2 Help us to build each oth - er up, your
3 To - geth - er make us free in - deed - your
4 Drawn by the mag - net of your love we.

oth - er's load to bear, that all may live in
strength with - in us prove. In - crease our faith, con -
life with - in us show, and in - to you, our
find our hearts made new. Near - er each oth - er

true ac - cord, our joys and pains to share.
firm our hope, and fill us with your love.
liv - ing Head, let us in all things grow.
let us move, and near - er still to you.

Text: Charles Wesley, *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, 1742. Revised *Hymns for Today's Church*, 1982
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Music: François H. Barthélémon; adapted by Robert Simpson, *A Selection of Original Sacred Music*, 1833