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Bridgeton Methodist Church **extends an invitation** to you and your family to join us for Sunday worship. Our goal is to provide an atmosphere of loving acceptance, where people grow spiritually through earnest worship, honest friendships, caring fellowship and compassionate concern for the world. So if you are a spiritual seeker just beginning your walk toward God, or a committed believer continuing your journey with Him, you can find a home at Bridgeton Methodist Church. The common thread is we are all committed to growing in Christ.

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Though our size is small our roots are deep. Our calendar is located on our church website:

[Online Calendar: \[Month view: 7/22\] \(localendar.com\)](#)

**USHERS**

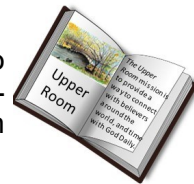
Many thanks to all who have volunteered as ushers. If anyone is interested in serving as an usher, please see Steve Burton.

**TRUSTEE NEWS—NANCY ROBINSON, SECRETARY**

LET IT SHINE: The Trustees Committee will be hosting a "clean the Church" day on Saturday, April 22, from 8:30 to when completed. If we do a good job, lunch might be provided! Items that are in need of attention are: Good cleaning of the stove to include taking down hood for though cleaning; clean out refrigerator; general clean up of other kitchen areas; wash down floor in Fellowship Hall; a couple of painting areas need attention; power washing outside; cleaning up closets-some boxing up needed; pews need waxing. Any areas you feel need 'cleaning' attention, please let me know. PLEASE help us out, this is our Church, we all need to pitch in – even if you can only provide an hour.

**FRUSTRATION—JIM ROBINSON , LAY LEADER**

Jesus walked with his disciples for three years. In all of his teachings the disciples failed to grasp what He was saying. Even after His death they doubted His word. We are His disciples, still trying to understand. Think about how Frustrated He must be. But, if we stay in prayer, keep Him in our heart and strive to do His will we can ease His frustration with us.



**BRIDGETON WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP - CORRINE BURTON**

“Busy Hands make Happy Hearts” and that’s just what our BWF is all about. We are partnering with the Boy’s Methodist Transitional Home in helping them prepare and plant a vegetable garden. Our annual bake sale at Poor Charlie’s is scheduled for May 6 from 9am to noon with a meeting day on May 5 to price the baked goods. Baked goods can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall any time between 8am and 10am on May 5. Once again we will be honoring all the men on Father’s Day June 18 by making gifts and conducting the entire service. Please note that is no April meeting.

Upcoming events include a Celebration of life service and luncheon for Steve Dauerbach on Aug 12; yard sale on Sept. 16; assembling fishing kits for Samaritan’s Purse in Oct; Christmas Cookie Tray sale Nov. 18; and Epic baby bottles in the fall. More details on the upcoming events will be in future Anchor Newsletters.



**EASTER SUNRISE BREAKFAST**

As per tradition we are joining with the Bridgeton Christian Church in celebrating the resurrection of Jesus at our church at 7:30am immediately after the service. Pastor Alan from Bridgeton Christian Church will be delivering the message and we will be hosting the breakfast. Donations of breakfast casseroles/quiche, fresh fruit, muffins, bread (banana, zucchini etc) is greatly appreciated. Coffee, bagels, orange juice and tea will be provided.



**COUNTERS—PAT WILLIAMS**

Do you have a talent at counting? Counters of the donations is performed every Sunday and more hands/minds are always welcomed!



**CHURCH FLOWERS**

Be on the look out about Easter Lillys to be purchased and brought to the Church on Easter Morning. An order sheet will be prepared for you to complete in the bulletin—look for it!



Thank you to all the folks who have signed up to donate flowers for the alter. This is a lovely addition to our service and God cares about details! Doris Gerard.

**SECOND SUNDAY LUNCHEON — CORRINE BURTON**

There will be no 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Luncheon in April or May due to Easter Sunday and Mother’s Day ( May 14). But fear not we cannot let 2 months go by without a luncheon so we will have a 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Luncheon on May 21 instead. The main course of chicken and beef **will be provided**. Side dishes and desserts are welcome.

**MUSIC NOTES: BETSY HALL, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**



Our church choir is blessing the congregation with more and more inspirational music, every week. We have performed stirring renditions of ‘ONE CANDLE’, ‘OLD IRISH BLESSING’ and processed to favorite gospel hymns. Next to come is our Easter Cantata by Mary Parks, ‘BECAUSE HE LIVES’. This cantata incorporates known hymns with narration and original arrangements. Janet Helm will play the organ trumpet and Pat Williams will be narrating.

We continue to look for musical talent of any kind. Do you play an instrument, do you just enjoy singing, do you dance? Let us know as we are growing our musical program. Do you know of children who want to sing? We are hoping to start a children’s chorus group and, of course, need the children.

Let’s consider an Old Time Gospel Hymn fest. How fun would it be to join your fellow church members and just sing our favorite hymns? The choir will be organizing such an affair...so let us know what you think. What time is best and when? Let’s all get together and praise the Lord in song.

**RCS MONTHLY MEAL—KIM ALEXANDER**

We provide a dinner to RCS every Tuesday. We have two teams so it is only a responsibility every other month. There is always room for more people to share preparing a dish and serving. The Bridgeton Women’s Fellowship provides the paper supplies each month. We have our servers first say a prayer, then serve the food, and then eat with the guests at RCS. The feedback is amazing and the people participating feel they are blessed more than they give each and every time. Please contact Kim Alexander if you would like to participate in some way.



**OUTREACH COMMITTEE – CORRINE BURTON**



It has been a tradition of our church to host a blueberry pancake/waffle breakfast during the Bridgeton Blueberry Festival, but time is quickly approaching and the Administrative Council decided that we would put our efforts into having a table filled with blueberry baked goods at the festival this year. If you are interested in being on the blueberry committee, please contact Corrine Burton 845 701 -1101, or [corrineburton188@gmail.com](mailto:corrineburton188@gmail.com) , or see her at church.



**JOY’S BLOG**

**Winner’s Creed**

If you think you are beaten, you are;  
If you think you dare not, you don’t  
If you’d like to win, but think you can’t,  
It’s almost a cinch you won’t.

If you think you’ll lose, you’re lost,  
For out in the world we find  
Success begins with a person’s faith;  
It’s all in the state of mind.

Life’s battles don’t always go  
To the stronger or faster hand;  
They go to the one who trusts in God  
And always thinks “I can.”

Author Unknown  
Submitted by Joy Pikor

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE - JOY PIKOR AND BETSY HALL, WORSHIP LEADERS**

Easter is fast approaching and the Journey To The Cross series is nearing its end. The readers enjoyed participating. It was noted that the first hymns had been so sad. Yes – Success. That is what we tried to show. That Jesus was on the way to His death for us. During the lenten season this drama is a small reminder of the price He paid for us – so we never forget.

Our church is hosting the Sunrise service on Easter Sunday at 7:30 a.m. along with our regular service at 11 a.m.

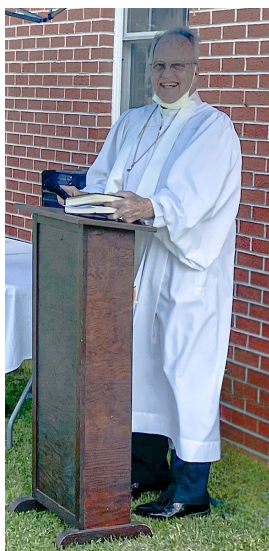
Now we will be involved with what needs to be done to continue our worship service as usual after the official disaffiliation is completed on July 1<sup>st</sup>. We have not had a meeting while going through this process but will have one as we gather more information on our needs. We don't anticipate any worship service changes. We are still Methodists. We are still in our own Bridgeton Church.



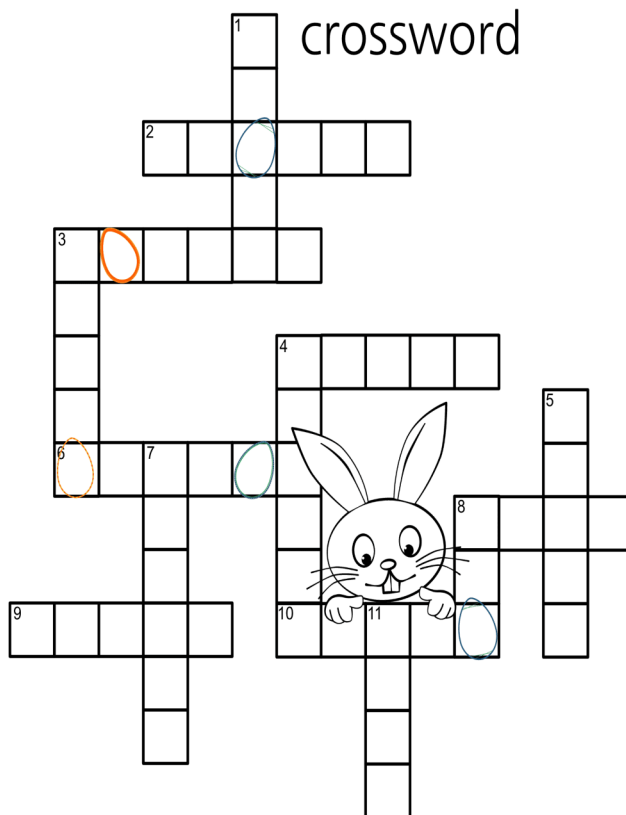
**OUR PASTOR—TONY MORELLO, PPRC**

Our dear beloved Pastor Rev. Dave is entrusted to watch over the entire congregation, small group, Sunday school group, men's bible class, trunk or treat etc. This can be a very overwhelming task and one that can lead to a lot of stress, late nights, and coffee. Leaders have a tendency to serve whether it is within their ministry or outside of the church walls, He simply loves to serve and meet the needs of others. Whether it be time, money, meals, encouragement, He loves to lend a hand. It is important to notice everything that your Pastor does for the congregation but what most people don't realize is that they are not given back to very often. They easily slip through the cracks and we assume that they are doing fine and they are getting their needs met. If everyone had this mentality then no one would be giving back to their Pastor.

We should all appreciate or learn to appreciate our Pastors or Leaders and encourage them as much as they encourage each of us. Remember, your congregation out numbers leadership. Imagine if everyone did their part and served consistently. At the end of the day, your Pastor is still a part of the body of Christ just like us and they should be treated in the same way we treat our other brothers and sisters.



**EASTER**  
crossword



- Down**
1. Jesus has \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. They rolled away the \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. What a rabbit likes to eat
  5. A baby rabbit
  8. A Bunny may not walk but he can \_\_\_\_\_.
  7. The day of the week we celebrate Easter
  11. A baby sheep
- Across**
2. What you carry to gather eggs
  3. The season we celebrate Easter
  4. A newly hatched bird
  6. The day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus
  8. An Easter Egg \_\_\_\_\_.
  9. A tasty treat you may find in Easter eggs
  10. A flower that grows from a bulb

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.” John 3:16-17 NLT



### **WHY DID JESUS FOLD THE LINEN NAPKIN/ FACE CLOTH?**

Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His resurrection? I never noticed this....

The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded, and was placed separate from the grave clothes. Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, 'They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!' Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see.. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in.

Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side.

Was that important? Absolutely!

Is it really significant? Yes!

In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition.

When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it...

The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table, until the master was finished. Now, if the master were done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table.

The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, 'I'm done.'

But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because..... The folded napkin meant, 'I'm coming back!'

**HE IS COMING BACK!**

