



VILLAGE CHAPEL
PRESBYTERIAN

"THE VILLAGER" – SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

NEUTRAL PULPIT!

On Sunday, September 28th, Village Chapel will serve as a neutral pulpit. What does that mean? Several things:

It means we will have a guest preacher! (Though some details are being withheld until that day to protect the process.)

He is from Ukraine. He has served as pastor in the of the Presbyterian Church of Ukraine and the Orthodox Church of Ukraine. He and his family escaped from Russian occupied territory to the Netherlands and then then to the USA. His ordination has been recognized and transferred to Eastminster Presbytery in Ohio.

He is interviewing with a church here in our presbytery, so there will be a group of folks from that church (the Pastor Nominating Committee) who will be listening to him preach and discerning whether God is calling him to serve their church.

It is not convenient for them to travel to hear him at his home church, so we are hosting them both!

(Some of you may remember that just over 16 years ago Elk Hills served as a neutral pulpit so that the members of the Village Chapel PNC could hear me preach!)

We are glad to help another church try and find their new pastor! Please pray that God's will be done!

New Tree On The Way!



On Wednesday, September 17th, the session approved a proposal from the Presbyterian Women to plant a red maple in front of the Fellowship Hall to honor 75 years of the ministry of the PW at this church!

The PW have purchased the tree and are working with the Property MT to coordinate the planting.



WORSHIP NOTES



Join us in person or virtually for worship this fall!

Sept. 28	Neutral pulpit guest preacher	Acts 17:16-34
Oct. 5	World Communion Sunday	Luke 17:5-10
Oct. 12		Luke 17:11-19
Oct. 19	Hal Hopson Music Celebration	Luke 18:9-14
Oct. 26	Reformation Day	Joel 2:23-32 and Luke 18:9-14



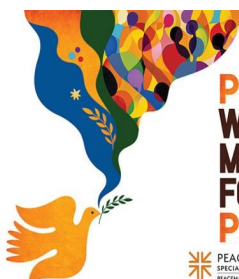
Did you know that
Blanche Chevalier
is turning **99**?

Send her a birthday card to help her celebrate! Her address is:

Charleston Gardens
800 Association Drive
Room C242
Charleston WV 25311

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – OCT. 5

We'll celebrate communion, joining with churches worldwide. The offering will support peacemaking, reconciliation and global witness.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

On Saturday, Oct. 18th, Village will host the PWV toolbox event **"Preaching the Bible for our Times"** led by Karoline Lewis, preaching professor at Luther Seminary and contributing writer for workingpreacher.org.



The event will last from 9:30-4:30 and the cost is \$40. The registration deadline is Oct. 9th. [Click here to register!](#)

PAY-IT-FORWARD

Saturday October 18th
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM



Items needed: housewares, blankets, sheets, towels, toys, seasonal decorations, coats, jackets and sweaters (please do not bring other items.)

Items may be brought to the church the week before the sale.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE

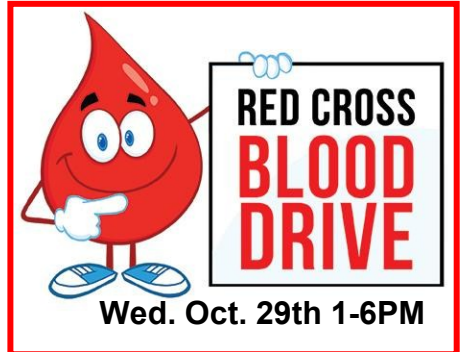
Join the Presbyterian Women for a monthly Bible Study! They meet in the parlor on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The current study Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ.



CELEBRATING THE MUSICAL LEGACY OF COMPOSER HAL HOPSON

Over the next few weeks, we will be featuring the music of Hal Hopson in our worship services, and sharing about his life and the great legacy he left behind.

Sharon Curnutte and the choir invite you to join them in **making a donation** to his Foundation in celebration of his life and gifts of music to the church. On October 19 we will dedicate the offering in a service in which all the music will be from Hopson.



ELDERS ELECTED!

The Officer Nominating Committee nominated **T'Aja Blank, Sandy Bowles, Vicki Cunningham and Raechel Chambers** to serve as elders in the class of 2028. All were unanimously elected at a meeting of the congregation on September 21st!

They will start five weeks of preparation on Sunday, Sept. 28th and be examined by the session in early December.

Please keep them in your prayers!

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

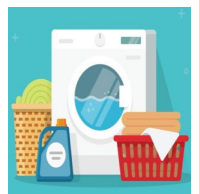
Saturday, October 25th at
GoMart Park - Registration begins at
8:30 AM and the walk begins at 9:30.

To register to join the Village Chapel team or to donate please [click here](#) or **contact Sarah Gottlieb** by phone (304) 546-7087 or email her at mamasan41@hotmail.com.



SUDS OF LOVE UPDATE

We had another successful Suds of Love Event on August 30th. We paid for 13 washers and dryers for grateful Village Apartment residents. Thank you to the Betty Skaggs Foundation who continue to fund this project!

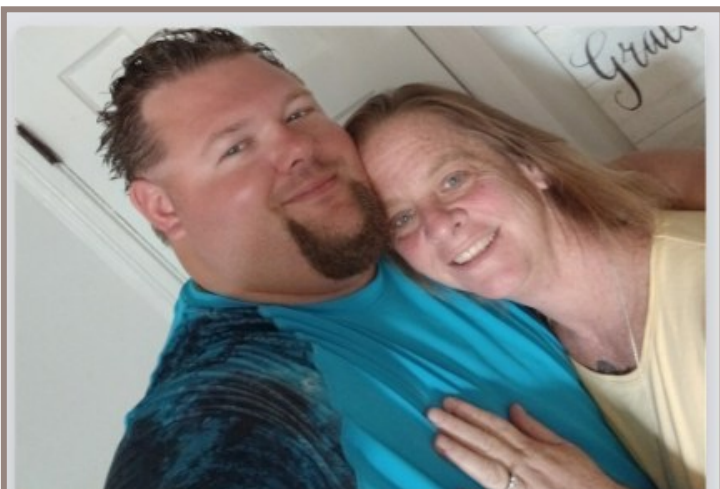


ELDER CARE ASSISTANCE

Are you looking for assistance for a loved one (getting to doctor's appointments, taking medications, cooking, cleaning, laundry...)? Please contact the church office for a name and contact information of a woman living close to the church. She has assisted elderly individuals previously, has a letter of recommendation from the family of her previous charge and references.

PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY!

October 12th is Pastor Appreciation Sunday! Join us for cake after worship! If you cannot attend, please send a note to Todd and Amy showing your gratitude for all they do for us!



Please join us for the happy
couple's wedding!

Saturday, September 27th at 4 PM
3818 Venable Ave
Charleston, WV 25304

If you're planning to attend Bobby and Tina's wedding, the couple invite you to take plenty of pictures and email them to bobbytina05@gmail.com!

PRAYER CHAIN

An important part of our caring for each other is the **Prayer Chain**.



Please let **Betsy White (betsywhite06@yahoo.com)** know of any prayer concerns you may have.

You may also contact Leslie Bremar in the church office (**304-925-7265** or **leslie@vcpresby.org**). Leslie will direct your prayer request to Betsy.

If you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain, please contact the office.

NURTURING FAITH IDEAS



I have a plant on my desk that came with clear instructions on how to nurture it – optimum sunlight, water, and temperature. ‘Wouldn’t it be nice to have similar information to help us nurture our own faith ... or that of our children or grandchildren Well, the Presbytery of WV is providing weekly ideas for nurturing faith.

October 5: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion Sunday Read Lamentations 3:9-16

Life isn’t always easy. There are times that we struggle and watch those around us struggle. Yet, even in the midst of the struggles we have reason to hope – God’s love is always with us; God’s grace never comes to an end. Sure as the sun rises, God is with us.

October 12: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Read Jeremiah 29:4-7

Jeremiah insists that God’s people living in exile look around, get to know the people and place where they are living, and contribute to its well-being. This week, look around and notice what is going on with other people in your family, neighbors, class, team... Pray for these people and do something this week that might make someone’s life better.

October 19: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Consider your Bible, the sacred writings of Christians and the Church. Does your Bible look well-used or brand new? How has it become a part of you? If the book itself fell completely apart, would you have some of it hidden inside you? This week read Psalm 91, verses 1-6 and 14-16 three times each day and memorize it to hide it inside you.

October 26: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Read Joel 2:23-32

Dreams are possibilities and ideas about what could be. Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream” speech illustrates the importance of a dream in shaping life for both individuals and communities. According to Joel, such dreams are gifts from God and therefore should be worked with and valued. What is a dream that you have for your own life and for the life of

PLEASE REMEMBER US IN YOUR PRAYERS ON THESE DATES:

OCTOBER

1 Sharon Waggy	16 Hallie Barry
2 John Waler	17 Elaine Barry
3 Rose Ann Walker	18 Jack Bland
4 Helen Warren	19 Max Bland
5 Betsy White	20 Noell Bland
6 Dreama White	21 Paula Bland
7 Sandra Wilkerson	22 Shannon Bland
8 John Willis	23 Kevin Blank
9 Fifi Wolfe	24 Shelby Blank
10 Todd Wright	25 Kyle Blank
11 Maureen Wright	26 T’Aja Blank
12 Nathan Wright	27 Kaia Blank
13 Tina Bairefoot	28 Crosley Blank
14 Heather Barry	29 Sandy Bowles
15 John Barry	30 Leslie Bremar
	31 Susan Caldwell-Bays

COMMON GROUNDS TOILET PAPER REQUEST

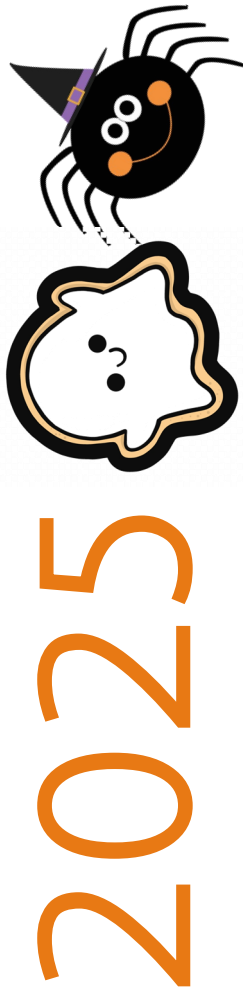
We so appreciate your dedication in donating toilet paper!



We are adjusting how we would like to continue this mission, and ask that in future you provide monetary donations for the purchase of toilet paper because we are able to buy in bulk at a lower cost.

We will have a box for donations at the back of the church that looks a lot like a toilet roll, or you can put it in the offering plate designating it for the purchase of toilet paper.

STATISTICAL REPORT	9/21/25	9/14/25	9/7/25	8/31/25
In-Person Attendance	41	52	51	35
Non-Pledged	\$400	\$145	\$120	\$873.14
Pledged Contribution	\$925	\$1,845	\$4,245	\$2,532
Miscellaneous Income	\$129	\$173	\$579.35	\$237
Total Contributions	\$1,454	\$2,163	\$4,944.35	\$3,642.14



OCTOBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS: 8 - Missy France; 10 - Alatheia Stickler; 11 - Blanche Chevalier; 12 - Maureen Wright; 15 - Noell Bland, Sherry Murray; 19 - Carolyn Perrine, Jacob Smith; 20 - Jim Smith; 22 - Jack Bland; 24 - Jeanne MacDonald, Sarah Hawley; 25 - Cherrie Sizemore, Rhonda Jacobs; 27 - Amelia Powell, 30 - John Barry, Nora Forman; 31 - Helen Warren			1	2 10 AM PW Coordinating Team	3 7 PM NA Group	4
5 9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship Service	6 10 AM Bridge 4 PM Baland w/ Barb 7 PM Worship Team Meeting	7 7 PM Choir Practice	8 7:30 AM Rotary Club	9 10 AM PW Circle	10 7 PM NA Group	11
12 9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship Service 12 PM Fellowship Time 12:15 PM Choir Practice; Officer Training #2	13 10 AM Bridge 4 PM Balance w/ Barb 7 PM Stewardship Team Meeting	14	15 7 PM Session Meeting	16 12 PM PW Luncheon	17 7 PM NA Group	18 PAY-IT-FORWARD
19 9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship Service 12:15 PM Choir Practice	20 10 AM Bridge 4 PM Balance w/ Barb	21	22 7:30 AM Rotary Club	23 NEWSLETTER	24 7 PM NA Group	25 Alzheimer's Walk
26 9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship Service	27 10 AM Bridge 4 PM Balance w/ Barb	28	29 1 PM - 6 PM Blood Drive	30	31 7 PM NA Group	