



VILLAGE CHAPEL
PRESBYTERIAN

“THE VILLAGER” – JANUARY 22, 2026

HOSTING THE PWV MEETING

Normally the February 21st PWV meeting would have been held virtually to avoid bad weather, but since the Connectional Presbyter, the last staff member to be hired, will be voted on and welcomed, the decision was made to switch it to a hybrid meeting. That required a host church and Village Chapel session agreed!

This will be an opportunity to show our hospitality!

The PW have agreed to provide a mid-day meal of soup and crackers and desserts. South Park will pitch in with morning refreshments. Amy will run tech and Sharon will coordinate music for worship. But there are several roles we will need to fill:

Parking: While we are working with local businesses to allow us to use their parking lots, we will need people to help shuttle people to the church and back.

Welcoming: We will need people to greet and direct guests as well as sell lunch tickets.

Worship: We will need elders to assist with communion and ushers to collect the offering and dismiss people for communion.

Childcare: We'll need two adults to keep the nursery. Interested? Please contact Leslie.

ELDER RETREAT SUMMARY

The Session met January 9-10 for a retreat. We spent Friday night at the house next door to get a look at the new site for Common Grounds. Dinner was made using the supplies from same food box given to hungry families. We worshipped together and did a little business: electing Rose Ann Walker, Greg and Terri Rader and Leslie Bremar to continue as Clerk of Session, co-treasurers, and assistant treasurer, respectively. We elected Sheila Danzer as the president of the corporation and joyfully welcomed the class of 2028 elders!

On Saturday we assessed VC's ministry in 2025, reflected on the impact of Thriving Congregations and next steps, and made plans for hosting the PWV meeting on Feb. 21st. (The mission collection that day will be for Common Grounds and Chamberlain.) We passed a balanced budget for 2026 that includes a 1% COLA for staff – made possible by the generosity of the congregation! We drafted people to serve on ministry teams and dreamed a little about what we might do in 2026.

There will be a **meeting of the congregation on January 25** to present the budget, vote on changes to the terms of Todd's call, and share MT reports. Unless the snow forces us to switch to virtual worship, in which case we will postpone it to Feb. 1, so we can meet (mostly) in person.

WORSHIP NOTES

Join us in person or virtually for worship during January and February . . .

Jan. 25		Matthew 4:12-23
Feb. 1	Guest Preacher Doug Minnerly; Communion	
Feb. 8		Matthew 5:13-20
Feb. 15	Transfiguration Sunday	Exodus 24:12-18 and Matthew 17:1-9
Feb. 18	Ash Wednesday	Isaiah 58:1-12 and Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Feb. 22	1st Sunday in Lent, Communion	Matthew 21:18-22 and Luke 19:41-44



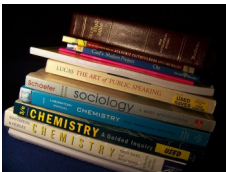
February 18th
Ash Wednesday Service
7 PM.

So come and start the season of Lent with scripture and prayer and as part of a community of faith!



MONEY FOR TEXTBOOKS

Thanks to a grant from the Skaggs Fund, we have \$400 total available to help our college/grad students defray the expense of their textbooks.



If you are interested, please contact Leslie (Leslie@vcpresby.org) by Feb. 10th.

MEN'S DINNER

Attention all Village Chapel men of the church!



The next "men of the church" dinner will be Wednesday, February 24th at China Buffet in Kanawha City.

Pancake Tuesday



PANCAKE SUPPER
17 FEBRUARY 2026
5PM - 7PM

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper:
Feb. 17th 5pm-7pm

Free Pancakes!


Bring a friend and we will have some games for kids/families and friends to play at the tables.

ANNUAL TEACHER TRAINING

January 25, 2026
12:15-1:00 pm
Polly Dodson Classroom

This annual training is for adults 18 years and over who are interested in volunteering with Children/Youth (Sunday School, Arts Camp or other activity).

This training reviews our Child Protection and Disciplinary Policies. If you have questions, please contact Patti Salisbury or Kathy Kruk.



THIS SEASON IN HISTORY

The **1998** Lenten Season began with a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Worship service. Frank Mansell led a Bible Study on “The Great Ends of the Church” and special services were planned for Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday.


On Ash Wednesday, **February 18, 2015**, the Church offered “Ashes to Go” at the Town Center Mall. “God does not exist only in sanctuaries or only meet us in church. God comes to us in the midst of life, anywhere and everywhere.” Ashes To Go provides opportunity to offer an experience of the mysterious presence of God to those who will not or cannot attend a worship service on Ash Wednesday. In **2014** ashes were imposed on about 30 people at the Town Center during lunch hour.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The **Souper Bowl of Caring** was founded by a Presbyterian youth group and has been helping feed the hungry for over 30 years! While the movement has expanded beyond the faith community, it continues to be fueled by people coming together to worship and make a difference in their community. People like you!

Nationwide, nearly \$200 million has been donated to local food charities! At our church, we will receive the offering on **February 8th!** We don’t know yet who will be in the Super Bowl, but you can give cans or cash to support whichever is your favorite team! All we collect will go to **Common Grounds** to help feed our hungry neighbors.

Please give generously!





SOUPER BOWL CHILI COOK-OFF

Join the Ultimate Chili Showdown!

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS
vote for the best chili!

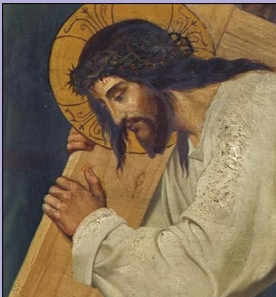
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN
THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us in the Fellowship Hall following Worship!
Anyone is welcome to enter by bringing in their favorite chili recipe!

LENTEN SUPPER & STUDY

6:30 PM – MONDAYS IN LENT
(FEBRUARY 23 – MARCH 30)

Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week



In this study author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine leads us in an exploration of the events of Holy Week. She shows us how these stories raise ethical and spiritual questions and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.

This study will be *in person only*.

Sign-up for the program is necessary for meal-planning, so please let us know if you wish to participate.

For more information, registration, or if you have questions, contact the office, Amy Parker, or Todd Wright.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE
FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR
PRAYERS ON THESE DATES:

FEBRUARY

- 1 Rona Smith

2 Jacob Smith

3 Payne Smith

4 Barbara Smith

5 Jim Smith

6 Maddy Smith

7 Bailey Messer

8 Ellen Ann Sockman

9 Jule Sockman

10 Rita Sockman

11 Roger Sockman

12 Rick Staton

13 Charlie Stebbins

14 Sarah Stebbins

15 Alethia Stickler
- 16 Nathan Stickler

17 Samuel Stickler

18 Joey Stonestreet

19 Brendan Stump

20 Nimal Suhir

21 Barbara Tabaretti

22 Joan Thomson

23 Nancy Trotter

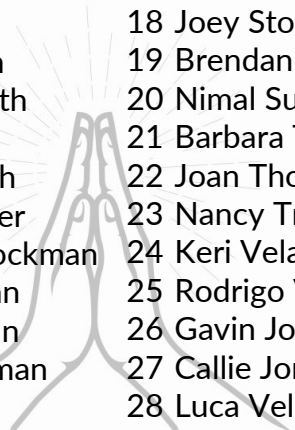
24 Keri Velasco

25 Rodrigo Velasco

26 Gavin Jones

27 Callie Jones

28 Luca Velasco



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.

CG 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.

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.



January 25: Third Sunday after Epiphany

Read Matthew 4:12-23

This is Matthew's story of Jesus calling his first disciples, somewhat different from John's story last week. Here, Jesus invites Peter, Andrew, James, and John to follow him and do something different – fish for people. They left behind their boats and their work, the way of life they were used to, and followed him. What makes your life different as you follow Jesus?

February 1: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Read Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus was a teacher. Throughout his life, he taught his disciples, and those in the crowds that gathered around them, about God and God's ways. Here he speaks a word of hope to those in difficult circumstances as he teaches about how God's ways and will are different from how we as human beings think. Who is a teacher who has helped you understand more about God?

February 8: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Read Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus tells his disciples they are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Salt changes things, particularly how they taste and are preserved, and light brightens things around us up, taking away some of the scariness. How, as a follower of Jesus, are you changing things around you for the good and making things less scary?

February 15: Transfiguration of the Lord

Read Matthew 17:1-9

Here we find the story of Jesus' transfiguration while he was on the mountaintop with the disciples Peter, James, and John. There they heard a voice from heaven say, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." How do you think the disciples felt when they heard the voice? How would you have felt? How do you listen to Jesus today?

STATISTICAL REPORT	1/18/26	1/11/26	1/4/26	12/28/25	12/21/25
In-Person Attendance	57	43	46	33	68
Non-Pledged	\$730	\$200	\$695	\$6,541.24	\$150
Pledged Contribution	\$8,839	\$5,298	\$535	\$1,503	\$1,480
Miscellaneous Income	\$264.37	\$121.35	\$220	\$1,488.99	\$958
Total Contributions	\$9,833.37	\$5,619.35	\$1,450	\$9,533.23	\$2,588



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1	9:45 AM - Sunday School 11 AM - Worship 12:30 PM - Choir Practice	2	10 AM - Bridge	3	10:30 AM - Staff Meeting	4	7 PM - Worship Team Meeting	5	10 AM – PW Coord.	6	7 PM - NA Meeting	7		
8	9:45 AM - Sunday School 11 AM - Worship Service 12:15 PM - Chillfest Fellowship Time	9	10 AM - Bridge	10	12 PM - Staff Lunch 7 PM - Choir Practice	11	7:30 AM - Rotary Club 7 PM - Stewardship Team Meeting	12	10 AM - PW Circle	13	7 PM - NA Meeting	14		
15	9:45 AM - Sunday School 11 AM - Worship 12:30 PM - Choir Practice	16	10 AM - Bridge	17	10:30 AM - Staff Meeting 5-7 PM - Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper	18	7 PM - Ash Wednesday Worship Service	19	NEWSLETTER 12 PM - PW Luncheon	20	7 PM - NA Meeting	21		Presbytery of WV Meeting @ Village Chapel and via Zoom
22	9:45 AM - Sunday School 11 AM - Worship	23	10 AM - Bridge 6:30 PM - Lenten Bible Study & Dinner	24	10:30 AM - Staff Meeting	25	7:30 AM - Rotary Club 7 PM - Session Meeting	26		27	7 PM - NA Meeting	28		
February Birthdays: 5 - Josie Lawson; 11 - Tonja Parsons; 13 - Steve Murray; 15 - Hallie Barry; 17 - Alan Johnston; Melissa France; Samantha Rorrer; 20 - Jane Harich, John Walker; 23 - Rita Sockman; 28 - Kyle Blank, Sharon Curnutte														