



VILLAGE CHAPEL
PRESBYTERIAN

"THE VILLAGER" – APRIL 23, 2026

EIGHT WEEKS OF EASTER!

Did you know that the season of Easter lasts one week longer than Lent? The effort to prepare for the miracle of Easter seems to take forever, but when switch our focus to Jesus' resurrection, his appearances to various people, and the impact the Risen Lord has on the early church, we have a lot to talk about – so eight weeks is barely enough!

Think about how we will spend those weeks:

- We began with an egg hunt, though the greatest surprise was not candy-containing eggs, but an empty tomb!
- Then there was the account of the Risen Lord's appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, and some beautiful Easter music!
- Then we spent a whole weekend serving others (*pictures on page 2*)
- Going forward we will hear more scripture, sing more Easter hymns, and continue to witness to the good news!
- We'll also continue to serve. The food the community donated to Common Grounds will need to be shelved and organized; people will need to be signed up for the blood drive; and our doors will open for NA, the Bridge Group, the Vandalia Rotary Club, and a Book Club. Plus we've got blessing bags to hand out and a blessing box to fill!

Eight weeks is not enough to celebrate the Resurrection! *M. Todd*

SKAGGS GRANTS

Every year the Skaggs Fund group is able to make grants of \$5,000. This year they have recommended the following:

External grants

\$1,000 to Bluestone
\$750 each to Common Grounds and to aid our partnership with Chamberlain Elementary

Internal grants

\$750 each toward replacing the sanctuary computer and purchasing stones to protect the 39th side of the church
\$500 each for college/grad student books and to buy additional copies of the 75th anniversary book, *Snippets of History*

Generosity is making an impact!

WORSHIP NOTES

Join us in person or virtually for worship during April and May



April 26	Guest preacher Sallie Daugherty	
May 3		1 Peter 2:2-10
May 10		1 Peter 3:13-22
May 17	Ascension Sunday	Luke 24:44-53
May 24	Pentecost Sunday	Acts 2:1-21
May 31	Trinity Sunday	Genesis 1:2:-4a

WORSHIP GRANT

By April 25, the church will be applying for a worship grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship. We're calling it "**Building on the Bible: A Foundation for Reformed Faith**"

If we receive the grant of \$25,000, we'll spend the 2026-2027 school year exploring how scripture forms, informs, and reforms our worship.

We hope to partner with three other congregations over meals to dig into the Pentateuch, folktales/sagas, and poetry and Psalms. We also hope to bring in six scholars to teach us about other parts of the Bible over breakfast.

Along the way, we'll highlight each part of scripture's place in our worship. **Please pray we get this grant!**



Perhaps you remember the Pentecost Offering, the PCUSA's effort to fund ministries focused on children at risk, youth, and young adults. In a shake-up of the denomination's offerings, it has been discontinued, but support for those ministries will be shifted to the Christmas Joy offering. In the meantime, you can support our children and youth when they help lead worship on May 17th.

ARTS CAMP

SAVE THE DATE
ARTS CAMP 2026 will take place on
June 8, 9, 11, & 12th
Keep an eye out for more
information to come!

Save
the
Date



A graphic for a blood drive featuring a red blood drop character. The text says "Blood Drive! Thursday, May 28th 1 - 6 PM".

CHILDREN / YOUTH / GRAD SUNDAY—5/17/26
Join us on May 17th for a special service of worship, celebrating our children and youth as they share with us their year of Bible stories. We will also be recognizing Kelsey Rorrer who is graduating from Sissonville HS this Spring.

SERVICE WEEKEND 2026



EASTER 2026



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

MAY

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| 1 John Fleck | 16 Sarah Gottlieb |
| 2 Donzy Fleck | 17 Meg Green |
| 3 Kate Forman | 18 Jack Grimm |
| 4 Isaac Forman | 19 Sheila Grimm |
| 5 Nora Forman | 20 Lynne Gunnoe |
| 6 Vera Forman | 21 Judy Haddock |
| 7 Martha Foster | 22 Cindy Hanna |
| 8 Carter France | 23 Rick Hanna |
| 9 Melissa France | 24 Debbie Hanna |
| 10 Kendall France | 25 Phil Harich |
| 11 Dean France | 26 Jane Harich |
| 12 John France | 27 John Hawley |
| 13 Missy France | 28 Candy Hawley |
| 14 Vicki Frisk | 29 Bob Hiser |
| 15 Mike Frisk | 30 Tish Hodovan |
| | 31 Nelle Howard |

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.

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.

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.

April 26: Fourth Sunday of Easter -

Read Psalm 23

The fourth Sunday of Easter is often called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Psalm 23 reminds us that God takes care of us as a shepherd takes care of their sheep, providing food and water, giving them time to rest, leading them in right paths, protecting them. God is our Good Shepherd; we are God’s sheep. What does it mean to think of yourself as a sheep of God?

May 3: Fifth Sunday of Easter -

Read John 14:1-14

In verse 7, Jesus says, “if you know me, you will know my Father” What adjectives or descriptive words describe Jesus? Make a list of these; what do they say about God?

May 10: Sixth Sunday of Easter -

Read Psalm 66:8-20

Psalm 66 reminds us that through tough times God is with us. The psalmist praises God when times are bad and when they go well. Think of times when you have struggled through tough times, then think how you know God was with you. Give a prayer thanking God for God’s steadfast love.

May 17: Seventh Sunday of Easter -

Read 1 Peter 4:14:12-14, 5:6-11

Here we are told to humble ourselves under God and to cast our anxiety on God who cares for us. What anxieties are you hanging on to? Make a list of the things on which you have been worrying. Pray asking God to take care of each thing you’ve included on your list.

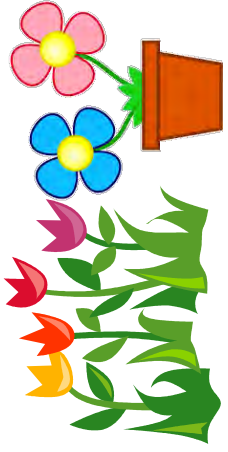
May 24: Day of Pentecost -

Read Acts 2

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon waiting disciples. Suddenly, they were speaking in languages that they didn’t know, but everyone who walked by could understand them, no matter what language they spoke. Peter then stood up and explained what was happening and shared his faith in Jesus. As Christians, it is important for us to share our faith as well as the Spirit guides us. How could you, will you share your faith today?

OFFICE
Closed
Monday,
May 25th for
Memorial Day!

STATISTICAL REPORT	4/19/26	4/12/26	4/5/26	3/29/26
In-Person Attendance	47	41	105	86
Non-Pledged	\$375	\$245	\$1,096.28	\$785
Pledged Contribution	\$1,299	\$2,394	\$10,200	\$2,835
Miscellaneous Income	\$80	\$296	\$2,627	\$562.89
Total Contributions	\$1,754	\$2,935	\$13,923.28	\$4,182.89



MAY 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

MAY BIRTHDAYS: 3 - Kate Forman; 12 - Bobby Knight; 14 - Lynne Slamick; 17 - Sara Slamick; 19 - Candy Hawley, Doug Curnutte; 20 - John Fleck; 23 - Anthony Falbo; 24 - Max Falbo; 25 - David Parks; 27 - Tina Bairefoot Knight; 31 - Jeff Smith

3 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:30 PM Choir Practice	4 10:00 AM Bridge 7:00 PM Balance w. Barb	5	6 7:00 PM - Worship Team Meeting	7 10:00 AM PW Coord. Team	8 7:00 PM NA Group	9 7:00 PM NA Group
10 HAPPY Mother's DAY 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	11 10:00 AM Bridge 7:00 PM Balance w. Barb	12 7:00 PM Choir Practice	13 7:30 AM - Rotary Club 7:00 PM - Stewardship Team Meeting	14 10:00 AM PW Circle	15 7:00 PM NA Group	16
17 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship - Children & Youth Sunday 12:15 PM Choir Practice & Membership Team Meeting	18 10:00 AM Bridge 7:00 PM Balance w. Barb	19	20 7:00 PM - Session Meeting	21 Presbytery Meeting @ Marshall University 12:00 PM PW Luncheon 7:00 PM Men's Study	22 7:00 PM NA Group	23
24 9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship	25 OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY 10:00 AM Bridge 7:00 PM Balance w. Barb	26	27 7:30 AM Rotary Club	28 Newsletter 1:00 PM Blood Drive	29 7:00 PM NA Group	30
31 9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship						