



VILLAGE CHAPEL
PRESBYTERIAN

"THE VILLAGER" – OCTOBER 23, 2025

TREE DEDICATION!

Perhaps you've seen the beautiful red maple that appeared in our front yard since the last newsletter!

The truth is it didn't magically appear— it is the result of the generosity of the Presbyterian Women and the hard work of many other people.

On Sunday, October 26th, after the worship service, the gathered congregation is invited outside to dedicate the new tree given by the PW to honor their 75 years of study and service at Village Chapel!

So what will we be doing?

We'll read from Shel Silverstein's book *The Giving Tree*, and reflect a moment on all the giving the PW has done. Then we'll say a prayer and go back inside for a fellowship time.

But more importantly we'll be admitting that trees are part of God's good creation and a reminder of how God works in the world — designing plants that convert sunlight into energy, that clean our air and provide shade, and bless us with beauty!

Come join the celebration!



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GIVING TUESDAY

Village Chapel is participating in Giving Tuesday - Dec. 2nd

The goal is to foster a wave of generosity that lasts well beyond the day and touches every person on the planet!

GIVING
TUESDAY

We are raising support for:
Common Grounds & Chamberlain Elementary!

You can help by contributing...

- cans of tuna, a key source of protein included in the food boxes given out by Common Grounds. Our goal is 100 cans! (Jars of peanut butter are good too!)
- snacks for the classes at Chamberlain elementary. Target, Kroger, and Walmart all sell large containers of pretzels, cheeseballs, and animal crackers that can be distributed by the teachers. (No nuts please.)

We hope to deliver donations by 12/12!

WORSHIP NOTES

Join us in person or virtually for worship this fall!

Oct. 26	Reformation Day	Joel 2:23-32 and Luke 18:9-14
Nov. 2	All Saints Sunday	Luke 6:20-31
Nov. 9	Dedication Sunday	Luke 19:1-10
Nov. 16		2 Thes. 3:6-13
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Sunday	Psalms 100 and Phil. 4:4-9
Nov. 30	First Sunday in Advent	Isaiah 2:1-5 and Romans 13:11-14

COMMON GROUNDS THANKSGIVING BOXES

We have already signed up 90 people for Thanksgiving boxes and have through 10/31 to sign up more clients.



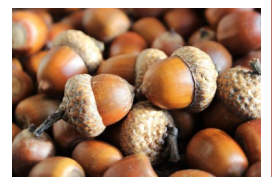
We are requesting the following items to be donated between now and November 10th and left at the back of the church. This will defray some of the costs that impact our budget.

Items needed: cranberry sauce, stuffing, gravy, corn, beans, yams.

We so appreciate your support of this important ministry!!
Betsy White and Sheila Danzer

DEDICATION SUNDAY

You'll receive a "letter" soon with thoughts from the committee for the stewardship season, but on Sunday, November 19th, during worship, you will be able to bring your pledge to support God's work through our congregation in 2026 down front and place it in a basket!



We've done a lot of good stewardship during 2025 but we are hoping for a "mast year" in 2026!

(A what? Read the letter!)

JOINT THANKSGIVING SERVICE

This year's Thanksgiving service will be hosted by St. Agnes Catholic! We'll gather on Sunday, November 23rd, at 7 PM, along with our hosts and Morris Memorial UMC!

TAILGATE FELLOWSHIP TIME

Join us for a TAILGATE themed fellowship time following worship on Sunday, October 26th! Bring in your favorite tailgate dish to share with a crowd!



WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

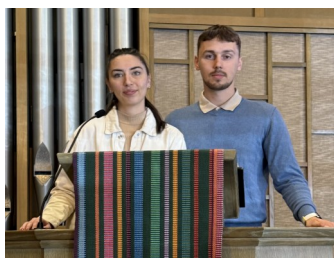
Saturday, October 25th at GoMart Park - Registration begins at 8:30 AM and the walk begins at 9:30.

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.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

On World Communion Sunday, October 5th, two young people from the Ukraine with whom Sandy Bowles and Bob Hiser have worked with over the past two years helping them with English as a Second Language (ESL), participated in our Church service. Nastya Baklanova and Yarik Khitsan have been living and working in the Princeton, WV area under the sponsorship of Travis Pace, a local insurance agent and businessman. Yarik shared a bit about what brought them to the US, some of the activities they have been engaged with, and their hopes for the future. As part of the Worship Service, Nastya read the Scripture in English and Ukrainian, thus expanding the "World" input into this



MAGNIFY THE MESSAGE

Introducing Magnify the Message, a monthly publication of the Presbytery of West Virginia that recognizes the good work people within our churches are doing, with the hope that they inspire others to share the love of God. Magnify the Message will be shared the third week of each month. To view it, [CLICK HERE!](#) To see a printed copy, please contact the church office.



IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD

Sunday, November 2nd
Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 23rd
Decorate the Church for Advent

Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th
Office Closed for Thanksgiving



All Saints Sunday - November 2nd

We will remember those "saints" who have died over the past 12 months.



So who are the saints? In the Christian tradition, "saints" refers to those who have kept the faith. Saints don't have to have lived perfect lives. In fact, when they haven't, their lives are a demonstration of God's grace! That means that everyone qualifies! Saints will have blessed the people they have lived, worked, and played with in countless ways!

So come to worship ready to remember some of the saints who have impacted you. If you'd like to submit their names, we will receive them as part of worship that day, or you can send them in to the church office.

KANAWHA VALLEY SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM

Kanawha Valley Senior Services (KVSS) was created in 1967 to provide program and services to individuals age 60 and up in Kanawha Valley. **If you would like to know more about this**

valuable program, please join us in the Fellowship Hall on November 16 after worship to hear Executive Director, Melanie Hirst, explain what KVSS has to offer. Her presentation will include information on recreational, educational, economic, and healthful benefits readily available to seniors. Refreshments will also be served (simple refreshments from those planning to attend would be welcomed). The program will last for only an hour. The Membership Team hopes for a good turnout.



VOLUNTEER WITH THE RED CROSS

The Red Cross would like to use Village Chapel as a possible emergency shelter location. Examples for potential use are a local chemical spill or an apartment building fire. Our building meets their physical requirement (they'd supply portable showers) We're looking for 6-8 volunteers to be trained on how to host people/families needing emergency shelter. The training (about 2 hrs.) will be provided by the Red Cross either online or in person, depending on our wishes. If you're interested in this opportunity please let Todd, Sarah Gottlieb or Heather Barry know! Thank you in advance for agreeing to help others during an incredibly stressful time.



American Red Cross

Kindness
is in your blood.

Donate at VC
on Wednesday
Oct. 29th 1-6 PM



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

@ VILLAGE CHAPEL

OCTOBER 26

CELEBRATING GOD'S CREATION

and the beauty of the fall season

Pumpkin Decorating!

NOVEMBER

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Food Collection and helping our neighbors

at Common Grounds!

NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER

WELCOME ADVENT

Exploring the Advent Season

with weekly art activities & lessons

DECEMBER

REMEMBERING VETERANS

Preparing small bags

of candies & mints



PAY-IT-FORWARD THANK YOU

"I just wanted to send you and your congregation a note of thanks for all of the household items I was able to get during your event last weekend. My mother-in-law and daughter attend your church and told me about the event. I recently returned from an about 7-month long visit to California and I was in desperate need of a few things to make my house feel like home. I made a list of things I'd like to have and I actually was able to mark most of those things off my list as I found them at your event. I wouldn't have been able to afford them otherwise. So from the bottom of my heart I say Thank You so much for the love you have for the community! You really made a huge difference to me and my family! God really does provide a way!"

Lots of love,
The Kelly Family



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

NOVEMBER

- 1 Richard Callard

2 Sharon Callard

3 Bob Campbell

4 Lois Carper

5 Matthew Chambers

6 Raechel Chambers

7 Blanche Chevalier

8 Erin Chiparo

9 Mike Chiparo

10 Antonio Chiparo

11 Charlotte Chiparo

12 Jeff Chiparo

13 Beth Chiparo

14 Sandra Copeland
- 15 Vicki Cunningham

16 Doug Curnutte

17 Sharon Curnutte

18 Warren Danzer

19 Sheila Danzer

20 Joyce Dunlap

21 Dianne Ellis

22 Grace Falbo

23 Anthony Falbo

24 Max Falbo

25 Eva Falbo

26 John Fleck

27 Donzy Fleck

28 Kate Forman

29 Isaac Forman

30 Nora Forman

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.

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 the world?

November 2: Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Read Psalm 119:137-144

This longest psalm in the Bible is an acrostic poem about God’s law. There are twenty-two sections in the psalm, and the lines in each section all begin with the same letter of the Hebrew alphabet in order of the alphabet. Write your own acrostic psalm praising God this week, each line starting with a different letter of the English alphabet in order from A to Z.

November 9: Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Read Psalm 98

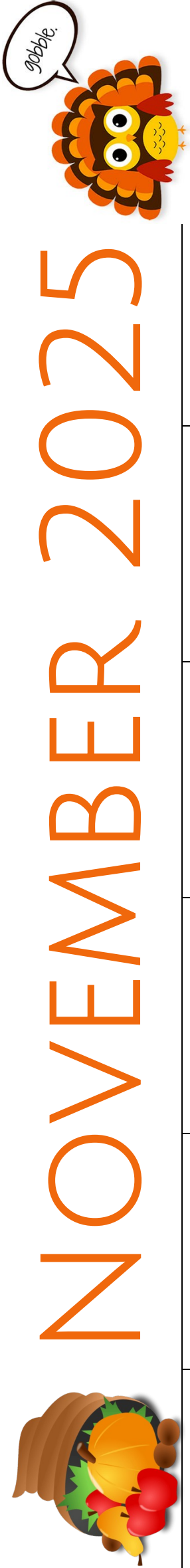
The psalmist calls upon God’s people to sing praises to God for God “has done marvelous things.” Hymnals are filled with all sorts of song that praise God. What is your favorite hymn? Share it with someone else and tell them why it’s your favorite.

November 16: Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Read Isaiah 65:17-25

Here we have Isaiah’s picture of the new heavens and earth that God is creating. It is a vision of shalom, or peace that ends with peace. What images in this passage speak to your hopes and dreams? How do we join God in working toward this vision of peace in our world today?

STATISTICAL REPORT	10/19/25	10/12/25	10/5/25	9/28/25
In-Person Attendance	42	48	53	60
Non-Pledged	\$2000	\$150	\$781.55	\$50
Pledged Contribution	\$2,040	\$2,535	\$7,772	\$1,110
Miscellaneous Income	\$740	\$90	\$1,973.89	\$380.50
Total Contributions	\$4,780	\$2,775	\$10,527.44	\$1,540.50



NOVEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS: 6 - Nancy Trotter; 7 - Rona Smith; 11 - Butch Singleton; 13 - Gaby Velasco, Susan Caldwell-Bays; 21 - Bob Campbell, Bob Pogue; 23 - Jack Grimm; 24 - Greg Rader; 25 - Jared Hawley; 28 - Charlie Stebbins						
2 9:45 AM - Sunday School 11 AM - Worship Service 12:15 PM - Choir Practice	3 10 AM - Bridge 4 PM - Balance w/ Barb	4	5 7 PM - Worship Team Meeting	6 10 AM - PW Coordinating Team	7 7:00 PM - NA Group	8
9 9:45 AM - Sunday School 11 AM - Worship	10 10 AM - Bridge 4 PM - Balance w/ Barb	11 7 PM - Choir Practice	12 7:30 AM - Rotary Club 7 PM - Stewardship Team Meeting	13 10 AM - PW Circle	14 7:00 PM - NA Group	15 Presbytery Meeting at Old Stone Presbyterian Church
16 9:45 AM - Sunday School 11 AM - Worship Service 12:30 PM - Senior Program with KVSS	17 10 AM - Bridge	18 7 PM - Choir Practice	19 7 PM - Session Meeting	20 12 PM - PW Luncheon NEWSLETTER	21 7:00 PM - NA Group	22
23 9:45 AM - Sunday School 11 AM - Worship Service 12 PM - Fellowship Time 7 PM - Joint Thanksgiving Service	24 10 AM - Bridge	25	26 7:30 AM - Rotary Club Meeting	27 Thanksgiving Day - OFFICE CLOSED	28 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM - NA Group	29
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