



VILLAGE CHAPEL
PRESBYTERIAN

"THE VILLAGER" – MAY 28, 2026

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE GRIEVING!

This past weekend saw an overlap of religious and civic holidays: Pentecost and Memorial Day. Let's be clear: the first is the birthday of the church; the other pulls at our heartstrings, but is a day set aside by America, not the Church. So how should we respond? Let me offer a suggestion:

I recently read a poem, "The Burden They Carry" written by a retired naval officer, William McRaven. He applies the title phrase to the Honor flights bearing home the coffins of those killed serving their country; but also to the weight born by the grieving families and to the burden of those who swore an oath "to support and defend."

I found myself thinking of Paul's wonderful image of the church as the body of Christ and how that implies that when one part of the body is wounded the whole body hurts. He also says elsewhere that we do not grieve as those with no hope.

So, let me suggest that as a church we are uniquely equipped to help those who are carrying what McRaven describes as a burden this Memorial Day—to offer comfort and support and hope!

Let's not get so caught up in celebrating Pentecost that we ignore those who are grieving.



WORSHIP NOTES



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

May 31st	Trintiy Sunday	Genesis 1:1-2:4a
June 7th	Communion	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
June 14th	Worship in the Park	Exodus 19:2-8a
June 21st	Kick off a 6-week series on Romans	Romans 4:13-25
June 28th		Romans 5:1-8



Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

June 8-9, 11-12 6-8 PM

Crafts + Drama + Stories + Fun
for children in preschool through grade 5

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

If you are in the habit of attending Sunday School, what will you do for theological reflection, fellowship, and Bible study during the months your class is on recess?



Come to **Coffee & Conversation** Sundays, 10 AM, in the Library & on Zoom starting on June 21st.

Articles for discussion will be emailed every Friday. If you'd like to be added to the email list, please let Leslie know!

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Village Chapel will hold its annual "Worship in the Park," on **Sunday, June 14th at Coonskin Park at 11:00 am in the Riverside Shelter**, where we were last year.



We are asking everyone to bring a side dish or your favorite dessert. **The church will provide the meat, paper goods and drinks.** After lunch, we will fellowship!

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER – LOIS CARPER



"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28

There are many scriptures that are descriptive of people who come into our hearts. Village Chapel is very fortunate to have a new member join us. Mrs. Lois Carper embodies this scripture.

She grew up in Beckley and was baptized in The Lutheran Church in Wheeling. This Church is still there and she counts herself very fortunate to have gone to the Church and see the baptistry where her parents dedicated her life to God. Her whole family was Lutheran. However, when she and her parents moved to Charleston, the family became involved with Bream Presbyterian Church.

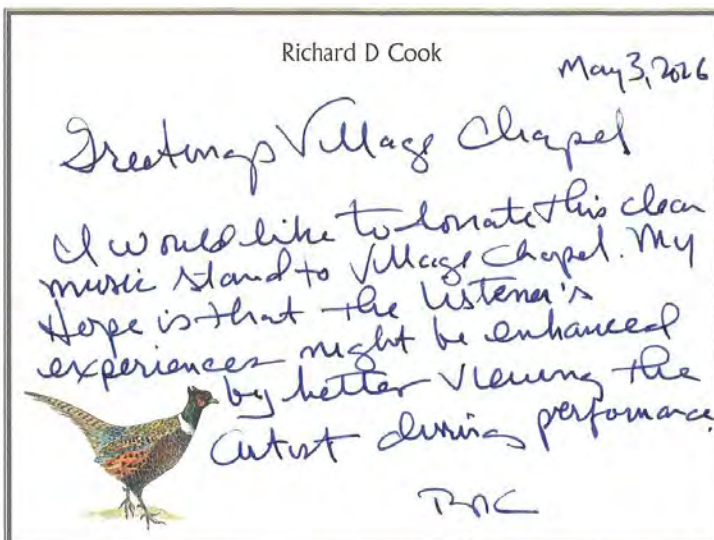
She is very faithful, teaching Sunday School, playing piano, singing in choirs. (She has a beautiful voice). She was a soprano soloist. A story that she told: as she was practicing a very complicated piece for a piano recital a child came up to her and asked, "Can you play chopsticks." (She shared this story with great humor and love—and she played chopsticks for him).

She and her husband met in Charlotte, NC at the Presbyterian Church and sang in the choir together. He attended Davidson and she attended Queens. They dated throughout college and married in 1951. They were married 2 days before Christmas! Dr. and Mrs. Carper moved to Charleston, where Dr. Carper practiced family medicine and was instrumental in developing an acclaimed focus on family medicine for Charleston and they joined Ruffner Presbyterian Church and raised their three children in the Church.

A beautiful solo was sung at their wedding from the Book of Ruth 1:16-17 "Entreat me not to leave thee, for whither thou goest, I will go and thy people shall my people and thy God my God."

A favorite story from the Bible...the story of Joseph. Her father read her Bible stories all of her growing years.

She so appreciates her welcome and would love to be involved at Village Chapel in helping to minister to children. Serving God is a lifelong commitment.



The acrylic music stand will be an asset in our worship for many years to come. Rick saw the need for the congregation to be able to see the musician to fully appreciate their music. All of who will use it will be grateful for his gift. On behalf of the congregation, thank you, Rick.

The 227th gathering of the PCUSA General Assembly will be in Milwaukee June 27th -July 2nd!



The commissioners from the PWV will include Bill Myers, First Charleston; Kari Preslar, First Dunbar, and Austyn Long, a seminary student at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA. They will be accompanied by Maureen Wright, Lead Presbyter and Stated Clerk, and Sarah Sanderson- Doughty, Connectional Presbyter.

Myers will stand for co-moderator of the PCUSA along with Rev. Dr. Barbara Barkley, pastor of the Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church in the San Francisco Bay area. With the conviction that God is already at work in often overlooked places, places from which the church needs to hear, Myers feels called to stand for co-moderator, to represent the smaller communities shaped by steady, creative and deeply resilient faith.

Please keep the work of the GA and our own folks from WV in your prayers as they seek to do God's will!

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

JUNE

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| 1 Jeff Howard | 16 Bobby Knight |
| 2 Bruce Husson | 17 Tina Bairefoot Knight |
| 3 Chris Husson | 18 Kathy Kruk |
| 4 Pat Jacobs | 19 Teresa Lawlor |
| 5 Rhonda Jacobs | 20 Bruce Lawson |
| 6 Lillie Jacobs | 21 Lisa Lawson |
| 7 Jake Jacobs | 22 Mike LeMaster |
| 8 Alan Johnston | 23 Joyce LeMaster |
| 9 Peggy Palmer | 24 Jeanne MacDonald |
| 10 Bruce King Jr. | 25 Joan Mansell |
| 11 Lori King | 26 Peter Markham |
| 12 Sam King | 27 Tara Markham |
| 13 Alexander King | 28 Addison Markham |
| 14 Martha Grace King | 29 Paul Markham |
| 15 Sharon King | 30 Susie Matulis |

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.

May 31: Trinity Sunday -

Read Genesis 1:1-2:4a
We hear the story of how God created the world in Genesis 1:1-2:4a. Be creative today! Make a drawing of the creation story using paint, markers, crayons, or another favorite tool. Or take a walk and discover all of the wonders of God's creation in your part of the world.

June 7: Second Sunday after Pentecost -

Read Genesis 12:1-9
In Genesis 12:1-9, God calls Abram to leave everything he knows behind and go to the land God would give to him, and God would bless him. What unexpected places has God called you to go? How has God blessed you?

June 14: Third Sunday after Pentecost -

Read Genesis 18:1-15
When Sarah overheard their visitors say that she was going to have a son, she laughed; she knew Abraham and she were too old to have children, it just wasn't possible. But they did have a son, Isaac. When has God surprised you so that you laughed? Share with someone else and ask them when God surprised them.

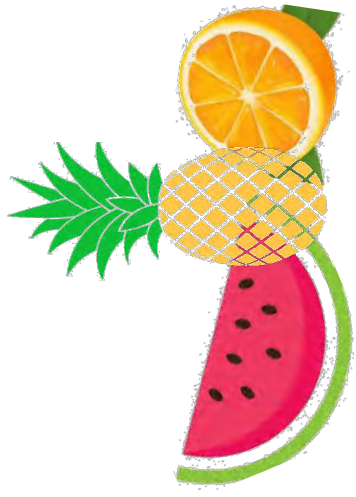
June 21: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost -

Read Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Trusting in the goodness and love of God, the psalmist prays to God for help, asking for God to save his/her life and to answer him/her in the midst of trouble. What is troubling you that you might ask for God's help, trusting God is listening and will answer?

June 28: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost -

Read Psalm 13
Psalm 13 is a psalm of lament in which the psalmist feels forgotten by God and calls upon God to answer his/her cry. As is common in psalms of lament, the psalmist also affirms God's presence and love. In the psalmist's cry, we are reminded we can bring our whole selves and all of our emotions to God, who knows what we're thinking and feeling before we even speak. Thank God for God's love that surrounds your every moment.

STATISTICAL REPORT	5/24/26	5/17/26	5/10/26	5/3/26	4/26/26
In-Person Attendance	60	52	44	49	45
Non-Pledged	\$5,210	\$805	\$170	\$1,357.24	\$70
Pledged Contribution	\$784	\$2,334	\$1,509	\$4,135	\$3,340
Miscellaneous Income	\$140.09	\$533	\$75.89	\$139	\$91
Total Contributions	\$6,134.09	\$3,672	\$1,754.89	\$5,631.24	\$3,501



JUNE 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10 AM - Bridge	2 7 PM - Men's Study	3 7 PM - Worship Team Meeting	4	5 7 PM - NA Group	6
7 11 AM Worship	8 10 AM - Bridge 6 PM - Arts Camp	9 6 PM - Arts Camp	10 7:30 AM - Rotary Club 7 PM - Stewardship Team Meeting	11 6 PM - Arts Camp	12 6 PM - Arts Camp 7 PM - NA Group	13
14 11 AM Worship in the PARK	15 10 AM - Bridge	16	17 7 PM - Session Meeting	18	19 7 PM - NA Group	20
21 10 AM Coffee & Conversation 11 AM Worship	22 10 AM - Bridge	23	24 7:30 AM - Rotary Club	25 NEWSLETTER	26 7 PM - NA Group	27
28 10 AM Coffee & Conversation 11 AM Worship	29 10 AM - Bridge	30	June Birthdays: 6 - Pat Jacobs; 9 - Howard Salisbury; 11 - Callie Jones; 12 - Sheila Grimm; 14 - Carter France, Ellen Sears; 16 - Samuel Stickler; 23 - Harriet Nottingham			