



VILLAGE CHAPEL  
PRESBYTERIAN

## "THE VILLAGER" – FEBRUARY 27, 2025

### LESS THAN A MONTH TO OUR 75TH!

The task force planning our celebration has invited Frank Mansell III (the son of our last installed pastor) to be our guest preacher on March 23rd! In February we had Nelle Howard, Dan Bowles, and Kari Preslar as guest preachers! They've all shown how this congregation has nurtured faith.

That day will also include a meal catered by Café Appalachia—please RSVP by March 9th. A \$20 donation per adult is suggested. Kids eat free!

We've worked with Wallace Metal Works to design an new cross for the communion table that includes copper from the steeple. It was paid for with a special gift from Sarah and Charlie Stebbins and will be unveiled on the 23rd.

We'll also have scrapbooks filled with pictures thanks to Rita Sockman and a new history thanks to Sandy Bowles!

Finally, Shannon Bland is leading an effort to collect canned goods for Common Grounds in honor of our anniversary. He'll work with others to get things ready on 3/6; volunteers will drop them off throughout Kanawha City on Saturday 3/8 and collect them on 3/15. If you'd like to help, contact Shannon.

I hope you'll join us

### LENT 2025

MARCH 5, 2025  
AT BREAM CHURCH  
ASH WEDNESDAY  
Simple Soup Dinner @ 6 PM  
Worship service @ 7 PM  
(in the chapel)

MARCH 5–APRIL 20  
LENTEN DEVOTIONS  
Daily Emails  
"Grieving Change & Loss :  
An unpredictable, non-linear,  
faith-filled journey  
toward resurrection."

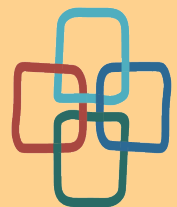
MARCH 10–APRIL 14  
MONDAYS @ 6:30 PM  
Lenten Meal & Study  
"An Acceptable Fast"

Please see the page 4 for  
more complete information  
on these programs.

### WORSHIP NOTES

Join us in person or virtually for worship during March. . .

March 2	Transfiguration Sunday	Luke 9:28-36
March 5	Ash Wednesday (at Bream)	
March 9	First Sunday in Lent	Luke 4:1-13
March 16		Luke 13:31-35
March 23	75th Anniversary	Guest Preacher Frank Mansell III
March 30		Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



### COMMON GROUNDS MOVE!

We are so excited that our move is under way! We cannot thank all the volunteers from our three churches enough for their hard work and muscle power in moving furniture, food, and working to make the house perfect for our Grand Opening on March 4th. I think the biggest blessing of this mission is the fact that St Agnes, Morris Memorial, and Village Chapel have worked together to provide such an important mission to the people of eastern Kanawha County. We are so thankful that Village Chapel offered this space for us to use. Once we are settled in, we will have an Open House so that you can see where and what we do. Feel free to stop by on any Tuesday or Thursday 10am -2pm and if you are moved to help, please contact Betsy White or Sheila Danzer.

### HOW DO YOU CELEBRATE A 102nd BIRTHDAY??

Well, if you are Jule Sockman,  
with bagpipes and your  
church family!"

Come help Jule  
celebrate on  
March 2nd  
with a special  
reception after  
the worship  
service!



## 2025 FESTIVAL OF FAITH



Presbytery of West Virginia's  
**Festival of Faith**  
*Journeying with Our Creator*

Saturday, March 22, 2025  
First Presbyterian Church, Charleston  
9:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

**Keynote: "Journey to Serve:  
The State of the Church from our C.A.R. Window"**  
(Communication, Alignment with God's Will, Relationships)  
WITH

**CECE ARMSTRONG AND TONY LARSON**

Co-Moderators of the 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the PC(U.S.A.)

Registration forms are available at <https://wvpresbytery.org/fof-2025/>  
For questions, please contact Susan Sharp Campbell at 304-667-9428 or [susan\\_sharp\\_campbell@hotmail.com](mailto:susan_sharp_campbell@hotmail.com). Advance registration and lunch orders must be received by the Presbytery by March 3rd!

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

We raised \$275 and collected 51 canned items to TACKLE HUNGER in our area! The proceeds will go to Common Grounds to serve our community!

Great work and a big THANK YOU!



## NEW CUSTODIAN

Acting on the recommendation of the Personnel Ministry Team, the Session has hired Dave McGee to be our new custodian! Dave is kin to our previous custodian, Doris Buggs and also works for the State Auditors office here in Kanawha City. He'll be working for us for about six hours a week.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

In the Gospel of Matthew (11: 28-30) it is written: "Come unto me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Tina and Bobby do so much together, that a joint interview seemed to be most appropriate. During one of the first snows in Charleston, they made "snow angels" on the Church property. Tina and Bobby are both from South Carolina but actually met on-line. They worked in a carnival, but wanted something better for their life together.



Feeling VERY STRONGLY THAT GOD ALWAYS PROVIDES, they wanted to returned to church. Bobby had lived in West Virginia before, so they came to Charleston in August where they briefly worked at Bob Evans. Tina now works 10-12 hour days at Husson's Pizza, while Bobby goes to school in a program that prepares him for better employment, They live in Kanawha Village Apartments, have joined Village Chapel and have started meeting the congregation. THEY GOT ENGAGED CHRISTMAS DAY!



## WAY TO GO VILLAGE!

The students at Chamberlain and Piedmont Elementary Schools were blessed by our members who provided "50" boxes of Valentine's Day cards. Thank you for your generous donations to help out both of these deserving schools. We exceeded our goal of 20 boxes! We are hoping this will become an annual giving opportunity. The Membership/Service/Education Sub-Committees really appreciate opening your

## MANNA MEAL EMPTY BOWLS

On **February 27**, Empty Bowls is BACK, and here's the deal: You get an incredible meal (yes, it will be delicious), a one-of-a-kind, hand-crafted ceramic bowl to keep (which officially makes you fancy), and you fight hunger in our community (this is the part that really matters). Early bird orders are just \$30—so get yours now before prices go up! Come hungry, leave fulfilled. We'll save a bowl for ya! [For more information, click here!](#)



## Children's Sunday School March 9, 2025

*The meaning  
and practice of  
ASHES on Ash Wednesday  
with Amy Parker.*



## DRIVERS NEEDED

Can you help disburse bags to the local community on March 8th and help pick them back up on March 15th?

Willing to shuttle folks to/from the auxiliary parking on March 23rd for the 75th Anniversary celebration worship service and reception?

If you're able, please contact Leslie in the church office! 304-925-7265 [Leslie@vcpresby.org](mailto:Leslie@vcpresby.org)





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75<sup>TH</sup> 1950 - 2025  
ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025  
11 AM WORSHIP  
followed by  
A LUNCHEON IN THE  
JULE SOCKMAN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
catered by *Café Appalachia, a non-profit  
with a mission to offer meaningful  
employment for women in recovery.*

A DONATION OF \$20 PER PERSON IS SUGGESTED, IF YOU ARE ABLE.

RSVP BY MARCH 9, 2025

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*Contributions can be made toward the 75th Anniversary events and celebration by mailing a check to the church at 3818 Venable Avenue, Charleston, WV 25304. Please mark 75th Anniversary in the memo line.*



At the February 20th meeting of the Presbytery of WV, a transitional plan for Bluestone Conference Center was given a first reading. It will be voted on at the next meeting, on May 15 at First Logan.

The plan recommends the necessary steps for Bluestone to become functionally and organizationally independent from the operations and oversight of the PWV, and commits the PWV to as much as \$950,404 over five years to make that possible.

If you want to read it for yourself, [click here](#) and scroll down to page 12 of the packet.

On February 19th, the session voted to support a Guns to Gardens event for a second year. The event, which will take place on Saturday May 3rd at St. Marks UMC, is an opportunity for people to voluntarily surrender weapons which will be cut up and used by RAWtools to create garden tools and jewelry. The session also approved a special offering, which will be on April 6th, to help defray expenses for the event.



## GRATITUDE

*Thank you all so much for your expressions of care and support during my mother's illness and after her death. I have been very blessed by the many cards and kindness I have received from you. I am especially grateful for your understanding and patience as my work schedule and attention were affected over the past four months. As always, I am so blessed to be part of this VCPC family.*  
Love,  
Amy

# KEEPING A HOLY LENT

WORSHIP - DEVOTION - STUDY- FELLOWSHIP

## ASH WEDNESDAY @ BREAM CHURCH MARCH 5, 2025 6 PM Simple Soup Dinner 7 PM Worship in the Chapel

We hope you will join us and our Bream friends for a simple supper of soup and fellowship in their dining room before the worship service in the chapel.

Rev. Dr. Amy Parker of Village Chapel & Rev. Dawn Adamy of Bream Church will lead this special service of scripture, music, confession, and the imposition of ashes to start us on the journey of Lent.

## LENTEN DEVOTIONS

"Grieving Change & Loss :

An unpredictable, non-linear, faith-filled journey toward resurrection."

Grief touches every corner of our lives — not just in moments of death but in quiet farewells, conflict, and lost health. These devotions will invite you to embrace the wilderness of loss and rediscover the horizon of hope offered by Christ's resurrection.

*Look for these daily devotions to arrive in your email inbox*

## LENTEN SUPPER & STUDY

6:30 PM – MONDAYS IN LENT  
(MARCH 10–APRIL 14)

### Study: "AN ACCEPTABLE FAST"

This study, written by Old Testament scholar Patricia Tull, will lead us through examining biblical verses about fasting in their original context, exploring a key Lenten theme related to the text, and ending with a meditation on how the text speaks to our modern situation. Themes include: voice gratitude, take the long view, choose well, accept responsibility, welcome the future and trust God in times of conflict. 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.

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

MARCH

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

PRAYER CHAIN

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

Please let **Betsy White**  
([betsywhite06@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 NEW  
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. We are able to buy in bulk at a  
lower cost. We made this decision after  
reviewing donations versus costs for 2024. 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.

March 2: Transfiguration of the Lord

Read Luke 9:28-36  
Peter, James, and John had a "mountaintop  
experience" as they witnessed Jesus'  
transfiguration, or transformation, and heard a  
voice from a cloud, God, say, "This is my Son,  
my Chosen; listen to him!" How do we listen to  
Jesus today? What might Jesus be saying to  
you?

March 9: First Sunday in Lent

Read Luke 4:1-12  
The Gospel reading for the First Sunday in Lent  
always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in  
the wilderness. We, too, are tempted like Jesus  
was, and we have to choose what we are going  
to do, whether we are going to follow God or  
follow another. With others around your table  
or email, share a decision you have made that  
you think pleased God.

March 16: Second Sunday in Lent

Psalms 27  
Life isn't always easy. People can be mean.  
Circumstances can be challenging. We struggle  
with work or school. We feel like we don't  
belong, or we aren't important, or we're  
insignificant. But God is there for us. The  
psalmist reminds us that God is our light when  
life seems dark, and God provides us  
protection, so we don't need to be afraid.

March 23: Third Sunday in Lent

Read Isaiah 55:6-9  
The season of Lent is a time to reflect on our  
lives as we prepare for Jesus' death and  
resurrection. This is a good time to consider  
where we have failed to be faithful and  
obedient to God's ways. When we confess our  
sins, admit our wrongs, we do so without fear  
for God is gracious and quick to forgive. Is there  
anything you need to ask forgiveness for? God  
is ready to hear your prayer.



STATISTICAL REPORT	2-23-25	2-16-25	2-9-25	2-2-25	1-26-25
In-Person Attendance	55	46	54	57	43
Non-Pledged	\$70	\$130	\$599	\$50	\$455
Pledged Contribution	\$11,120	\$3,195	\$2,827	\$6,095	\$13,225
Miscellaneous Income	\$413.44	\$1,180	\$691	\$306	\$96
Total Contributions	\$11,603.44	\$4,505	\$4,117	\$6,451	\$13,776



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# MARCH 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>March Birthdays:</b> 1- Sandra Zubick; 2 - Charlotte Chiparo; 3 - Julie Sockman; 4 - Mike McClung; 7- Janet Kinzer, Joan Myers; 10 - Sharon Callard; 11- Elaine Barry; 13 - Maggie Powell;14 - Maddy Smith; 20 - Antonio Chiparo, Jake Jacobs; 24 - Judy Haddock, Katie Parks; 25 - David Salisbury; 26 - Roger Sockman, Tyler Zubick, 28 - Betsy White, Heather Parks						
<b>2</b> 9:45 AM - Sunday School 11AM - Worship 12PM - Choir Practice 12:15 PM - Julie Sockman's 102 birthday celebration!	<b>3</b> 10:30 AM - Bridge 7 PM - Service Team Meeting	<b>4</b> 10:30 AM - Staff Meeting	<b>5</b> 6 PM - Ash Wednesday Dinner & Worship Service @ Bream Memorial	<b>6</b> 10 AM - PW Coord. Team Meeting	<b>7</b> 7 PM - NA Group	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:45 AM - Sunday School 11 AM - Worship 12 PM - Fellowship Time 12:15 PM - Choir Practice; 75th Anniversary Meeting	<b>10</b> 10:30 AM - Bridge 6:30 PM - Lenten Study	<b>11</b> 10:30 AM - Staff Meeting 7 PM Choir Practice	<b>12</b> 7:30 AM - Rotary Club 7 PM - Stew. Team Meeting	<b>13</b> 10 AM - PW Circle	<b>14</b> 7 PM - NA Group	<b>15</b> Church Work Day!
<b>16</b> 9:45 AM- Sunday School 11 AM - Worship	<b>17</b>  <b>Happy St. Patrick's Day</b> 10:30 AM - Bridge 6:30PM - Lenten Study	<b>18</b> 10:30 AM - Staff Meeting	<b>19</b> 7PM - Session	<b>20</b> 12 PM - PW Luncheon	<b>21</b> 7 PM - NA Group	<b>22</b> PWV Festival of Faith
<b>23</b> <b>75th Anniversary Celebration!</b> 9:45 AM - Sunday School 11AM - Worship 12 PM - Fellowship Reception	<b>24</b> 10:30 AM - Bridge 6:30PM - Lenten Study	<b>25</b> Called Virtual Presbytery of WV Meeting 7 PM - Choir Practice	<b>26</b>  <b>Village Chapel's 75th Birthday</b> 7:30 AM - Rotary Club	<b>27</b> Newsletter	<b>28</b> 7 PM - NA Group	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:45 AM - Sunday School 11AM - Worship	<b>31</b> 10:30 AM - Bridge 6:30PM - Lenten Study					