

"THE VILLAGER" – MAY 25, 2022

Mr. Rogers Sunday

I have been guided by the gentle wisdom of Mr. Rogers all my life. Maybe you have too.

I thought of him again this week, in the wake of yet another school shooting. Mr. Rogers is famous for saying, *"When I was a child and would see scary things on the news, my mother would tell me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'"* Where are the helpers? Could you be one?

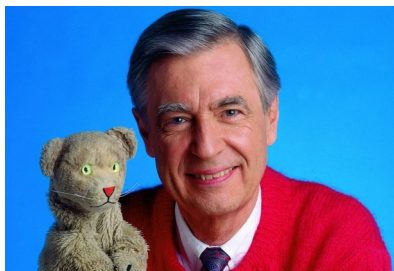
He also said, *"Children need adults who realize that losses to children are every bit as painful as losses to adults."* Are we ready to listen to their pain? Are we ready to comfort?

And *"Feelings are mentionable, and whatever is mentionable can be more manageable."* What are you feeling right now? Are you able to express it? What does your faith allow you to say in response to tragedy?

When we talk to our children about the events in Texas, we are able to draw on the wisdom of Mr. Rogers. He also helps us as we try to answer our own questions.

As many of you know, Fred Rogers was an ordained Presbyterian minister. The denomination has set aside the Sunday closest to his birthday to celebrate his ministry. That date didn't suit our plans, but we are going to celebrate him on Sunday, June 12th. The service will focus on Ephesians 6:10-20 which talks about putting on the whole armor of God, which will make you ready to "proclaim the gospel of peace".

So slip on a cardigan sweater and listen for his wisdom.



Todd

Great Prayers of the OT

Prayers are as common as breathing for a worshiping people. Prayer is a powerful link between humanity and God! The language of prayer can be beautiful ... and yet, some people don't feel comfortable praying. They are unsure about how to pray, or what words to use, or when it is appropriate to pray.

Professor Walter Brueggemann has collected a series of "Great Prayers" from the Old Testament that promises to help us become better prayers.

We'll start a sermon series based on these "Great Prayers" this summer.

6/19 Gen. 18:20-33 *Abraham bargains with God*

6/26 1 Sam. 2:1-10 *Hannah prays in response to her son's birth*

BREAK

7/10 2 Sam. 7:18-29 *David's prayer of gratitude*

7/17 1 Kings 3:5-13 *Solomon prays for wisdom*

7/24 Jonah 2:1-10 *Jonah prays from the belly of a great fish*

BREAK

8/7 Jeremiah 32:16-25 *a prophet prays for understanding*

8/14 Daniel 9:3-19 *Daniel prays for the people (a corporate confession)*

8/21 Job 42:1-6 *Job prays in wonder*

Worship Notes

You are invited to prepare for worship during May and June by reflecting on these scriptures:

May 29	Luke 24:44-53	Ascension Sunday
June 5	Acts 2:1-21	Pentecost Sunday/Worship in the Park
June 12	Ephesians 6:10-20	Mr. Rogers Sunday
June 19	Genesis 18:20-33	Graduation Sunday
June 26	1 Samuel 2:1-10	



Copies of Todd's sermon are available on the church's website: www.vcpresby.org

Graduation Sunday!

Each year we celebrate high school seniors who are graduating. At their baptisms, we promised to pray for them and nurture their faith. **Jack Bland** and **Noah Lawson** have grown into fine young men with bright futures. On Sunday, June 19th, we will bless them as they take their next steps! Join us!



Next Prayer Walk

One of the products of Todd's time on the Appalachian Trail was the idea of praying while walking. We've tried a variety of types and the group wants to continue. So, whether you've been before or want to try it for the first time, join us at the church at 10 am on Saturday, June 11th. We will walk and pray for our neighbors!

Organ Fund Success!

As of May 23rd we have received \$5,000 toward our goal (of \$4,000), exceeding the matching challenge of an anonymous donor! Because of your generosity, we have sent an initial payment to Kanawha Organworks and scheduled the repairs to begin next week. We are so grateful for your faithfulness!

This is what stewardship looks like!

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 June 12, 2022

June 6 - 8, 2022
6 - 8:00 PM

Village Arts Camp

Celebrating God's Good Gift of Creativity

Jesus Calms the Storm - Luke 8:22-23

Activities Include: Wavy Tie Dye T's, Storm in a Bottle craft, Sailboats, Sand Art, Painting Sea Shells, Yoga, and Snacks!

**Wednesday Night Party at the Church
Featuring Pizza and Water Fun!**

Contact Patti Salisbury, Kathy Kruk, or Amy Parker for more info!

It's probably been a decade since VCPC had TShirts made, so we're overdue! These feature our beautiful new logo and will come in navy and gray with white design. We hope to keep the cost under \$20 each, but definitely under \$25. Let Amy Wallace Parker know if you'd like to place an order! (Youth Extra Small and Youth Small are not available, sorry!)

NAME: _____

CONTACT INFO: _____

We are hoping to keep the cost under \$20 each.
Would you be willing to pay between \$20-25? _____

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GRAY HEATHER

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Blood Drive!

Saturday June 4th
9:00 - 2:00

Village Chapel will hold its annual "Worship in the Park," on **Sunday, June 5th 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 BBQ meats, paper goods and drinks. Todd, Amy and Don will lead the worship service. After lunch, we can go down to the River, take a hike, or play sports with the Fellowship Committee .

See you on Sunday June 5th at Coonskin!

BALANCE WITH BARB

Standing and sitting activities to improve balance

CLASSES WILL RESUME IN THE FALL!

This is a friendly reminder to be on the lookout for scam emails! Always check the sender's email address to make sure it matches to who they're claiming to be.

If it seems like odd email or request, always check with that person using another method (ex. a phone call) rather than replying to the email.

Scammers are getting REALLY good making emails look authentic and tricking you into doing what they need! Trust your gut and always verify! It's all to easy to fall prey to these scammers!

Monday, May 30th

**WE WILL BE
CLOSED
***** FOR *****
MEMORIAL DAY**

**HAPPY
Father's
DAY**

Sunday, June 19th

Thank you

Dear Village Chapel Family, Thank you so very much for investing in Kelsey's faith journey. Jay and I are grateful to you all! We appreciate you sharing with her in such a profound way!

Jay and Janet Rorrer

VILLAGE APARTMENT RESIDENTS

You're Invited to a

SUMMER PICNIC

Saturday, June 18, 2022
11:30 AM - 1 PM
39th Street Courtyard

Food & Fellowship
HOSTED BY
YOUR NEIGHBORS AT

VILLAGE-CHAPEL
PRESBYTERIAN

Call 304-925-7265 for more information!

STATISTICAL REPORT	5-22-22	5-15-22	5-8-22	5-1-22
Worship Attendance	In-Person: 46	In-Person: 49	In-Person: 49	In-Person: 43
Non-Pledged Contributions	\$70	\$150	\$360	\$160
Pledged Contributions	\$3,575	\$2,090	\$1,608	\$4,688.90
Misc. Income	\$5,070.44	\$2,388	\$1,141	\$950
Total Contributions	\$8,715.44	\$4,628	\$3,109	\$5,798.90



Please remember the following people in your prayers on these dates:

June

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| 1 Susie Matulis | 18 Alex Panger |
| 2 Steve Matulis | 19 Michael Panger |
| 3 Cathy McClung | 20 Joanie Panger |
| 4 Mike McClung | 21 Peyton Panger |
| 5 Kathryn McCrary | 22 Don Parker |
| 6 Linda Meadows | 23 Amy Parker |
| 7 Brian Misiti | 24 Tory Parker |
| 8 Mary Ruth Misti | 25 David Parks |
| 9 Richard Mitchell | 26 Heather Parks |
| 10 Sally Mullins | 27 Kristen Parks |
| 11 David Mullins | 28 Katie Parks |
| 12 Phillip Mullins | 29 Carolyn Perrine |
| 13 Steve Murray | 30 Maggie Powell |
| 14 Sherry Murray | |
| 15 Joan Myers | |
| 16 Gerald Nottingham | |
| 17 Harriet Nottingham | |



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.

Toilet Paper Donations Needed!

As part of Village Chapel’s Ministry to Common Grounds, we donate toilet paper for those less fortunate. The Presbyterian Women have set the second Sunday of every month the official donation Sunday for toilet paper. You can just bring your donation with you to Church and place it in the specified area at the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Sunday Morning Cards for Members



We may not be able to check the prayer display in the fellowship hall each week, but we can send cards out to let each other know we are thinking of and praying for one another! We encourage you to take a peek at the prayers section of the bulletin each week or the prayer section in the left column and send a card to someone. **Our Village might be socially distancing but hearts and prayers are still with each of you!**



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 29 – Seventh Sunday of Easter:
Read Acts 16:16-34

When Paul and Silas were in jail, they prayed and sang hymns to God; they knew that God was with them, even at that difficult time. When you are going through difficult times, do you pray and sing? Do you remember God is with you?

June 5 – Day of Pentecost:
Read: John 14:8-17

In John 14, Jesus promises his disciples that if they love him and follow his commandments, the Father will send an Advocate to be with them forever. As believers, we also have an Advocate we call the Holy Spirit. On this Pentecost Sunday, consider what that means to have an advocate with you forever. How does that affect the way you live, speak, and act?

June 12 – Trinity Sunday:
Read: John 16:12-15

On this Trinity Sunday, we read in John the role of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the disciples. The Spirit leads all believers in the way of God’s truth and guides believers to behold God’s glory and might. What does this mean for you? How do you recognize God’s glory and might? Do you allow the Spirit to lead you in the ways of God, or do you choose to follow your own paths in this life on earth?



June 19 – Second Sunday after Pentecost:
Read Luke 8:26-39

In Luke, we see Jesus met by a man filled with demons. He calls to Jesus as soon as he sees him arrive. Jesus commands the demons to come out, and he sends them into a herd of swine, which drown. The reaction of the people was not one of awe but of fear, so Jesus left. When you become aware of the miracles of Jesus, do you run in fear or worship and adore? Your answer makes all the difference in your life.



June 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June Birthdays: 2 - Tory Parker; 6 - Pat Jacobs; 7 - Nancy Wallace; 9 - Howard Salisbury; 11 - Callie Jones; 12 - Sheila Grimm; 14 - Carter France, Ellen Sears; 16 - Samuel Stickler; 23 - Harriet Nottingham			1	2 10:30 AM - PW Coord. 7:00 PM - Worship Team	3 7:30 PM - NA Group	4 
5 11:00 AM Worship in the Park	6 10:00 AM - Bridge 6:00 PM - Arts Camp	7 6:00 PM - Arts Camp	8 6:00 PM - Arts Camp	9 10:00 AM - PW Circle 11:30 - Service Team 7:00 PM - Stewardship Team	10 7:30 PM - NA Group	11
12 10:00 AM Coffee & Conversation 11:00 AM Worship	13 10:00 AM - Bridge	14	15 7:00 PM - Session Meeting	16 12:00 PM - PW Luncheon	17 7:30 PM - NA Group	18 12:00 PM - Devon Quilters Picnic @ Village Apts
19 10:00 AM Coffee Conversation 	20 10:00 AM - Bridge	21	22 NEWSLETTER	23	24 7:30 PM - NA Group	25
26 10:00 AM Coffee & Conversation 11:00 AM Worship	27 10:00 AM - Bridge	28	29	30		