



VILLAGE CHAPEL
PRESBYTERIAN

“THE VILLAGER” – JUNE 25, 2026

A NEW CONFESSION?

If you were to write a new confession to add to the Book of Confessions, what theological questions would you want to answer? What current issues would you want to speak out about? What form would you follow—a series of questions and answers like a catechism, or a trinitarian outline, or something else? For four years a 16 member special committee has been meeting and unveiled their work to the General Assembly of the PCUSA, which began this week in Milwaukee.

One section is particularly scathing/timely as we celebrate 250 years as a nation:

On this stolen land, in North America, the Presbyterian church took root in a new nation.

By distorting and weaponizing Scripture, we have justified our idolatry and harmed those whom God loves.

We have dehumanized indigenous peoples, dispossessing native nations and upending their worlds, eventually claiming this land as the exclusive birthright of Christians, our manifest destiny.

We have covered ourselves in racism’s robe, wrapping ourselves in the vestments of white supremacy, kidnapping and exploiting the bodies, gifts, and lives of African peoples and their descendants to build a society with little share in its benefits.

We have reviled our immigrant neighbors, who came seeking a better life, refusing them welcome, stripping them of their dignity, profiting from their skills, discounting their contributions to our common life, forgetting God’s command to love the stranger in our midst.

But that is not all. It also describes us as set free by Christ so that we are ...

the beggar whose pockets are full; the rich man who gives away all he has;

the immigrant who has found her home; the soldier who beats their sword into a plowshare.

If it is eventually approved, it will become only the third confession written by Presbyterians in the US to be included in our Book of Confessions. May those who refine it and vote be wise and courageous!



WORSHIP NOTES



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

June 28	6-week series, Reading Romans	Romans 5:1-8
July 5		Romans 6:1b-11
July 12		Romans 7:15-25a
July 19		Romans 8:12-25
July 26		Romans 8:26-39

SUMMER GIVING



Summer is traditionally time for taking vacations... but the expenses of the church do not stop.

Giving through the end of June has been good! We

are grateful for everyone who gave what they pledged during the first six months of the year! Some have given a little extra and others gave their whole pledge to start the year. That has allowed us to continue all the ministry of the church!

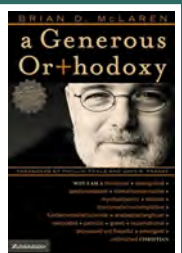
Please keep faithfully giving!

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Two books have recently been donated to the church library:

A Generous Orthodoxy by Brian McLaren, which includes chapters on “Why I am a Christian” and “The kind of Christian I am”.

and **When Someone Dies—a practical guide to the logistics of death** by Scott Taylor Smith, which covers what to do as death approaches, immediately after death, and in the weeks and months to follow.



**HERE'S
THE
SCOOP!**

VILLAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND
AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL

JOIN US FOR
ICE CREAM
AND FUN!

JULY 11, 2026
1 - 2 PM

WE ARE
"WAFFLE-Y"
EXCITED TO
SPEND TIME
WITH OUR
NEIGHBORS!

HAVE A SUNDAE
ON SATURDAY!



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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.

Articles to be discussed are emailed out every Friday. If you'd like to be added to the email list, please contact Leslie (Leslie@vcpresby.org).

PRESBY PREP OPPORTUNITY

Presby Prep is a wonderful learning opportunity to become more knowledgeable about what it means to be Presbyterian and part of the Reformed family of churches. It is also the first required year of the ALP/CP Preparation Program. Presby Prep is open to everyone! If you'd just like to grow in your faith, understanding, and knowledge of what it means to be Presbyterian, Presby Prep is the place for you. It will consist of 8 monthly courses (Sept-Nov 2026 and Jan-May 2027), which are 3 hours long and offered on Thursday nights and Saturday mornings (duplicate classes). Each course also has an assignment to be completed in advance. Specific dates to be announced soon. To express interest in participating, please contact our Connectional Presbyter, Sarah Sanderson-Doughty, at 304-744 7634, Ext.3, or by email at connectionalpresbyter@wvpresbytery.org.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK 2026



ARTS CAMP 2026



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

JULY

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| 1 Steve Matulis | 16 Kristen Parks |
| 2 Cathy McClung | 17 Katie Parks |
| 3 Mike McClung | 18 Tonja Parsons |
| 4 Brian Misiti | 19 Allyson Peck |
| 5 Mary Ruth Misiti | 20 Ben Peck |
| 6 Sarah Misiti | 21 Harper Peck |
| 7 Steve Murray | 22 Spencer Peck |
| 8 Sherry Murray | 23 Henry Peck |
| 9 Joan Myers | 24 Evie Peck |
| 10 Gerald Nottingham | 25 Carolyn Perrine |
| 11 Harriet Nottingham | 26 Bob Pogue |
| 12 Don Parker | 27 Patty Pogue |
| 13 Amy Parker | 28 Angie Price |
| 14 David Parks | 29 Greg Rader |
| 15 Heather Parks | 30 Terri Rader |
| | 31 Sharon Richardson |

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.

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.

July 5: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost -

Read Psalm 145

In this acrostic poem, each verse begins with the next letter of the Hebrew alphabet and praises God for what God has done. By yourself or with a friend, write the letters of our alphabet down a piece of paper. For each letter, write something that begins with that letter for which you would praise God.

July 12: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost -

Read Psalm 119:105-112; Read Psalm 145

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July 19: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost -

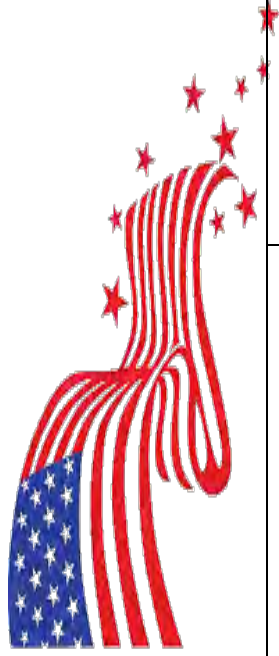
Read Psalm 139:1-12

Have you ever felt alone, or like no one cared about you? The psalmist reminds us that our God knows us and loves us; there is nowhere we can hide from God, nothing God doesn’t know about us, and God loves us. We are always surrounded by the God who made us. Each day this week, tell someone else that God loves them.

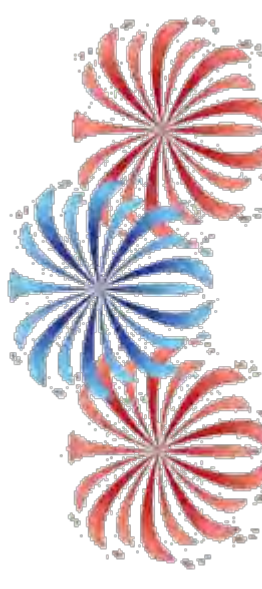


July 30th
1-6 PM

STATISTICAL REPORT	6/21/26	6/14/26	6/7/26	5/31/26
In-Person Attendance	42	66	42	46
Non-Pledged	\$75	\$25	\$2,080.39	\$1,560.93
Pledged Contribution	\$2,334	\$1,309	\$2,699	\$2,676
Miscellaneous Income	\$53	\$-	\$-	\$946.50
Total Contributions	\$2,452	\$1,448	\$4,779.39	\$5,183.43



JULY 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7 PM Worship Team	2	3 7 PM NA Group OFFICE CLOSED	4
5 10 AM Coffee & Conversation 11 AM Worship	6 10 AM Bridge	7 7 PM Men's Bible Study	8 7:30 AM Rotary Club 7 PM Stewardship Team Meeting	9	10 7 PM NA Group	11 1 PM Ice Cream Social
12 10 AM Coffee & Conversations 11 AM Worship	13 10 AM Bridge	14	15 7 PM Session Meeting	16	17 7 PM NA Group	18
19 10 AM Coffee & Conversations 11 AM Worship	20 10 AM Bridge	21	22 7:30 AM Rotary Club	23 Newsletter	24 7 PM NA Group	25
26 10 AM Coffee & Conversations 11 AM Worship	27 10 AM Bridge	28	29	30 1 PM Blood Drive	31	
July Birthdays: 5 - John Hawley, 7 - Sharon Richardson, 8 - Dreama White, Isaac Forman, 10 - Krista Stover, 11 - Beth Haddock, 12 - Raechel Chambers, Shannon Bland, 13 - Paul Markham, 14 - Erin Chiparo, 15 - Sawyer Stover, 17 - Riley Haddock, 19 - Terry Hickernell, 23 - Cindy Sloan, 24 - Sheila Danzer, 26 - Cindy Hanna, Terra Markham, 28 - John France, 30 - Eva Falbo, Terri Rader						