



VILLAGE CHAPEL  
PRESBYTERIAN

# "THE VILLAGER" – FEBRUARY 22, 2024

## VC'S ENVELOPE CAMPAIGN STARTS!

On Sunday we'll kick off our first ever envelope campaign to help raise the rest of the funds needed to remove the steeple to assess and address leaks as well as replace the shingles on the sanctuary roof. How will it work?

- There will be envelopes numbered 1-200 in the FH. (see picture)
- We are asking each person to pick one envelope and donate an amount equal to or greater than the number on the outside. So if you take an envelope marked 59 you would give \$59 or more by March 17. And every member of the family can take part. We've intentionally included low numbers so our children can participate and hope that even the largest amount - \$200 is in range for many adults.
- If you are worshipping virtually, you can contact Leslie and have her pull an envelope for you and send in your chosen amount.
- If this goes the way we think it will, we will raise about \$20,000!

We'll keep you posted on our progress!



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SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

## REPAIRING THE BREACH

— ISAIAH 58

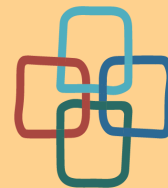
PROVIDING RELIEF FROM NATURAL DISASTERS,  
FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY, AND SUPPORT  
FOR THE POOR AND OPPRESSED.

**We'll receive the OGHS offering on Easter Sunday!**

## WORSHIP NOTES

*Join us in person or virtually for worship during February and March . . .*

Feb. 25	Second Sunday in Lent	Romans 4:13-25
March 3	Third Sunday in Lent	John :2:13-22
March 10	Fourth Sunday in Lent	Ephesians 2:1-10
March 17	Fifth Sunday in Lent	John 12:20-33
March 24	Palm Sunday	John 12:12-16
March 28	Maundy Thursday	
March 31	Easter	John 20:1-18



### MCCRARY SERVICE

Kathryn McCrary passed away on January 31, 2024. She served on staff at Village as Director of Christian Education and on the staff of the PWV as Associate Presbyter for Education and blessed the Church in many other ways! We will hold a celebration of her life on Saturday, March 9, at 2 PM.



### GAME DAY!

As part of the Thriving Congregations project, people were asked what they wish we would do ... and one of the answers was to host an event where people could play games and enjoy being together. We listened! It will be Palm Sunday during the fellowship time. If you have particular games you'd like to play, tell Rita Sockman, and we'll gather them!

### SPEND ONE HOUR..

**keeping watch, praying, singing, and meditating on scripture.**

Our Easter Vigil starts on Good Friday and continues for 40 hours until sunrise on Easter.



We are inviting you to claim the same spot this year as in 2023. We'll remind you of

## 2024 FESTIVAL OF FAITH



### Presbytery of West Virginia's **Festival of Faith** **All the Light We Can See**

Saturday, April 6, 2024  
First Presbyterian Church, Charleston  
9:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

**Keynote:**  
**"Understanding  
the Roots of Racism"**

WITH  
**SHANNON CRAIGO-SNELL**

Professor of Theology,  
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary



Registration forms are available at [wvpresbytery.org/fof-2024](http://wvpresbytery.org/fof-2024). Please contact Susan Sharp Campbell at [susan\\_sharp\\_campbell@hotmail.com](mailto:susan_sharp_campbell@hotmail.com) or 304-667-9428. Advance registration and lunch orders must be received by the Presbytery by March 15!

## PWV SPRING YOUTH RETREAT

**Crossing Paths**, the 2024 Spring Youth (grades 6-12) Retreat that will be held April 12-14 at Jackson's Mill in Weston.

The registration deadline is **Monday, March 25**. Register online at [wvpresbytery.org](http://wvpresbytery.org) or for more information, [click here](#). Payment should be received in the office prior to the retreat; the cost per person, youth or adult, is \$65.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Susan Sharp Campbell at 304-667-9428 or [susan\\_sharp\\_campbell@hotmail.com](mailto:susan_sharp_campbell@hotmail.com).

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

We raised \$398.67 and collected 45 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!**

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCH

The PW will host a luncheon on Thursday, March 21st at noon. Reservations are required and the cost is \$10.



## JULE SOCKMAN'S 101ST BIRTHDAY

Mark your calendars for March 2-3, 2024 to celebrate Jule Sockman's 101st birthday at Village Chapel.



On Saturday March 2nd, there will be a drive by at Jule's house (601 43rd Street) to wish him a happy birthday outside on 43rd Street from 3-5pm.

On Sunday, March 3rd (his actual birthday) we will have a birthday celebration in the Jule Sockman Fellowship Hall, complete with a cake and 101 candles for him to blow out.

See you March 2-3 for Jule's 101st birthday, for Village Chapel's oldest member and last living charter member.

## MUSICIAN APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Sunday March 10th is Musician Appreciation Sunday. We will have a reception following worship to celebrate Carolyn and Sharon with cake and ice cream!



## Blood Drive!

Thursday, March 14th  
1-6PM

## SCRAPBOOKING CLASS

March 23rd 10:00am - 2:00pm come learn scrapbooking and journaling with your pictures. There will be a break for a light lunch. Supplies will be provided, but please bring your pictures!



If you would like to attend please RSVP to Rita Sockman at (239) 938-4983

## GUNS TO GARDENS

The Charleston Guns to Gardens event will be May 4<sup>th</sup> at St Marks United Methodist Church from 1-3pm. Several area churches/synagogues are supporting this event including Temple Israel, First Presbyterian Church and the Justice and Advocacy Committee of the WV United Methodist Church.

Sarah Gottlieb (304-546-7087 or [mamasan41@hotmail.com](mailto:mamasan41@hotmail.com)) and her co-organizers are currently fundraising to cover the cost of gift cards that are given to gun owners who surrender their guns at the event. They also need funds to cover the costs of a non-profit, RAWtools-South, who are coming to the event to teach us chop saw operation, bring a gun expert and provide insurance to cover the event. Donations can be made to Village Chapel Presbyterian with Guns to Gardens in the memo line of the check. You can volunteer to help at the event by signing up to be a Greeter, Shepherd, Runner, or Gift Card Manager. If you're interested in learning how to operate a chop saw, you can come that morning to the RAWtools training.

## 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.

### February 25: Read Mark 8:31-38

Lose your life. That's what Jesus says here. We don't like to be "losers," but we do lose ourselves sometimes. We lose ourselves in our work, in our hobbies, in music, in a book or movie, and in other things we love. What does it mean for you to lose yourself in Christ? Say an honest prayer, asking God to help you lose yourself in Christ. Tell God what is hard about that, what scares you about it. Then sit in silence in God's presence.

### March 3: Read John 2:13-22

After clearing the temple, Jesus is asked to prove his authority to do such a thing. He responds, "Destroy this temple; I will raise it again in three days." How do these words make you marvel at Christ's authority and how he would display it through his death and resurrection?

### March 10: Read John 3:14-21

We hear that the Light has come into the world, but people loved the darkness instead. What are some ways that we choose the darkness or hide from the Light? What are ways that we can set our gaze on the One who was lifted up to deliver us from the darkness?

### March 17: Read John 12:20-33

What does Jesus mean when he says, "Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life"? How can we avoid the self-love that he describes? How can we pursue the self-denial that we are called to model?

### March 31: Read John 20:1-18

Each gospel tells the story of Jesus' resurrection differently. In John's gospel, the risen Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene as she stood near the empty tomb. Mary didn't recognize Jesus until he spoke her name; after that encounter, she went and told the disciples, "I have seen the Lord." Are you open to hearing Jesus speak to you when you don't expect it? What might you do to be more open to that possibility?

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

### MARCH

- |                    |                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Phillip Harich   | 16 Lillie Jacobs         |
| 2 Jane Harich      | 17 Jake Jacobs           |
| 3 Jared Hawley     | 18 Alan Johnston         |
| 4 Katie Hawley     | 19 Peggy Palmer Johnston |
| 5 John Hawley      | 20 Bruce King Jr.        |
| 6 Candy Hawley     | 21 Lori King             |
| 7 Sarah Hawley     | 22 Sam King              |
| 8 Terry Hickernell | 23 Alex King             |
| 9 Bob Hiser        | 24 Martha Grace King     |
| 10 Tish Hodovan    | 25 Sharon King           |
| 11 Tim Hoff        | 26 Janet Kinzer          |
| 12 Terra Hoff      | 27 Kathy Kruk            |
| 13 Bruce Husson    | 28 Teresa Lawlor         |
| 14 Chris Husson    | 29 Bruce Lawson          |
| 15 Pat Jacobs      | 30 Lisa Lawson           |

## 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.

## 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!




STATISTICAL REPORT	2/18/24	2/11/24	2/4/24	1/28/24
In-Person Attendance	50	62	53	56
Non-Pledged	\$100	\$300	\$330.99	\$260
Pledged Contribution	\$4,325	\$14,745.10	\$7,445	\$2,310
Miscellaneous Income	\$622	\$144	\$291	\$1,250
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$5,047</b>	<b>\$15,489.10</b>	<b>\$8,066.99</b>	<b>\$3,820</b>





# MARCH 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>March Birthdays:</b> 1- Sandra Zubick; 2 - Charlotte Chiparo; 3 - Julie Sockman; 4 - Mike McClung; 6 - Mary Schiano; 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>3</b> 9:45 AM - Sunday School 11AM - Worship 12PM - Choir Practice 3 PM - PWV Youth Council	<b>4</b> 9:30 AM - PWV Toolbox Event 10:30 AM - Bridge 6:30 PM - Lenten Study	<b>5</b> 7 PM - Worship Team Meeting	<b>6</b> 10 AM - PW Coord. Team Meeting	<b>7</b> 7 PM - NA Group	<b>8</b> 7 PM - NA Group	<b>9</b> 2 PM - Kathryn McCrary Celebration of Life
<b>10</b>  9:45 AM - Sunday School 11 AM - Worship 12 PM - Musician Appreciation Fellowship Time 12:15 PM - Membership Team	<b>11</b> 10:30 AM - Bridge 6:30 PM - Lenten Study	<b>12</b> 7 PM Choir Practice	<b>13</b> 7:30 AM - Rotary Club 7 PM - Stew. Team Meeting	<b>14</b> 10 AM - PW Circle <b>Blood Drive</b>	<b>15</b> 7 PM - NA Group	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>Happy St. Patrick's Day</b> 9:45 AM - Sunday School 11AM - Worship	<b>18</b> 10:30 AM - Bridge 6:30PM - Lenten Study	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7PM - Session	<b>21</b> NEWSLETTER 12 PM - PW Luncheon	<b>22</b> 7 PM - NA Group	<b>23</b> 10 AM - Scrapbooking class
<b>24</b> 9:45 AM - Sunday School 11AM - Worship 12 PM - Fellowship Time 	<b>25</b> 10:30 AM - Bridge	<b>26</b> <b>Village Chapel's Birthday</b> 7 PM - Choir Practice	<b>27</b> 7:30 AM - Rotary Club	<b>28</b> 10 AM - Book Club 7 PM - Maundy Thurs. Worship Service	<b>29</b> 7 PM - NA Group	<b>30</b> <b>Easter Vigil</b>
<b>31</b>  10 AM - Egg Hunt 11AM - Worship w/ Communion 12 PM - Fellowship Time						