



VILLAGE CHAPEL
PRESBYTERIAN

“THE VILLAGER” – APRIL 24, 2025

BELIEVING IN THE RESURRECTION!

Frederick Buechner writes, “Believing in God is an intellectual position ... Believing God is something else again. It is less a position than a journey, less a realization than a relationship. It doesn’t leave you cold like believing the world is round. It stirs your blood like believing the world is a miracle. It affects who you are and what you do with your life like believing your house is on fire or somebody loves you!”

For the next few weeks we will be exploring what it means for people to believe in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The Bible tells several memorable stories of what that looks like... and we are invited to learn something from their experience.

But I suspect many of you already know. I say that because I see the evidence all around me. Because y’all believe, you:

- will spend this weekend engaging in acts of service;
- spent days helping Jeanne MacDonald clean out her basement;
- hid easter eggs and told the story of the resurrection to our kids;
- plan to volunteer with Guns to Gardens— transforming hard steel into items of use in growing things or simple beauty;
- and sing Easter hymns with special gusto!

Believing the in the resurrection is what makes us Christians; it’s also what makes it a joyful experience!

COMMON GROUNDS OPEN HOUSE

Common Grounds has been open in their new location – in the house next door – for about a month. Getting everything moved from their previous location and set up has taken some time and lots of effort, but you are invited to come a see the transformation!



So, this Sunday, April 27th, grab some refreshments during the fellowship time after church and wander over to see where we help our neighbors with boxes of food and assistance with utility bills.

WORSHIP NOTES

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

April 27	Service Weekend	Acts 5:27-32
May 4	Communion/Traveling Communion	Acts 9:1-20
May 11		Acts 9:36-43
May 18		John 13:31-35
May 25		John 5:1-9

TRAVELING COMMUNION

On May 4th, elders from the church will head out to take communion to members of the congregation who are not able to get to church. We do this thanks to a section of the book of Order (W-3.0410) We do it as an extension of the morning service –as if they were sitting in the pews with us. We do it because we believe that everyone is in need of spiritual nourishment and because they are still part of our congregation!

The list of who we take it to is constantly changing. If you know of someone who might enjoy being included, contact the church.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

South Park Presbyterian will be holding a spaghetti supper at Village Chapel on Saturday, May 17th!
(They are raising funds to add pew cushions.)



If you are hungry, or would just like to help out, stop by the church 11 AM–3 PM, dine in or carry out \$10 for spaghetti, salad, a roll and dessert

Thanks to our solar panels,
our AEP bill for April was \$0!

BLUESTONE SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp Registration is open now ([click here](#))!

Camp Kick-Off Retreat: June 13-15

Week 1: June 15 – 21

Week 2: June 22 – 28

Week 3: June 29 – July 5

Summer Send-Off Retreat: July 4 – 6

For more information, [click here](#)!



ARTS CAMP

SAVE THE DATE

ARTS CAMP 2025 will take place on
June 16, 17, 19, 20th

Keep an eye out for more
information to come!



GUNS TO GARDENS

This year's Charleston Guns to Gardens event will take place on May 3rd at St Mark's United Methodist Church. This is an opportunity for people to voluntarily surrender weapons which are dismantled with a chop saw and reformed by RAWtools into garden tools, art and jewelry. In February, the session approved a special offering to help defray expenses for the event - we raised \$410, additional contributions are welcome! The event organizers appreciate Village Chapel's support!



SERVICE WEEKEND

APRIL 26TH - 27TH

Please join in one of the opportunities
to serve others listed below

Donate to:

- Kanawha-Charleston Humane Society
- Bream Shower Ministry

Saturday April 26th

8 AM - 10:30 AM: Prepare and serve breakfast at Ronald McDonald House (near Women and Children's Hospital) Sara Slamick is kindly organizing

10 AM - 3 PM: help with chores around the church

1 PM - 3 PM: Dog walking at the Kanawha Charleston Animal Shelter

Sunday, April 27th

12:30 PM - 2 PM: Creative Cards with Rita Sockman.

12:30 - 2 PM: Making soups for Common Grounds volunteers and clients



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

If you are a Beatles or Rolling Stones fan, join members of Village Chapel for a night of **"Beatles vs Stones Concert"** at the Clay Center on Friday, May 23rd.



You can purchase your tickets on the Clay Center web site for \$58.00 each and they are all general admission seating.

Let's meet at the Clay Center inside entrance door at 6:30 pm, and find our seats near the front all together.

For more information, see Roger and Rita Sockman (who has seen both the members of the Beatles and the Stones live in concert).



Sunday, May 11th



Blood Drive!

**Wednesday, April 30th
1-6 PM**

MEN'S DINNER

The next Men's Dinner will take place on Wednesday, May 28th at 6:00 PM at China Buffet!



ATTORNEY INFO SESSION

Are you procrastinating in going to a lawyer? Is your Medical Power of Attorney in place should you be incapacitated? Is your Durable Power of Attorney legally stated or do you just want to update your forms and information?

We have all of the above provided gratis by our own Pat Jacobs and his staff on **May 20th at 12PM** in the Jules Sockman Fellowship Hall. Light snacks will be served or bring some to share.

Hosted by the Membership Team

PRESBYTERY MEETING

Please join the Presbytery of West Virginia for the May 15 Presbytery Meeting, which will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Logan. The meeting will not be hybrid, but the Presbytery is working with the church to provide a live stream experience. To register, please [click here](#)! The meeting packet will be sent out and posted to wvpresbytery.org on May 5th.

EASTER 2025



THANK YOU to Janet Rorrer and Amy Parker for the photos!

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

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Joyce Dunlap

Dianne Ellis

Anthony Falbo

Grace Falbo

Max Falbo

Eva Falbo

John Fleck

Donzy Fleck

Kate Forman

Isaac Forman

Nora Forman

Vera Forman

Martha Foster

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- Melissa France

Kendall France

Dean France

John France

Missy France

Vicki Frisk

Mike Frisk

Julie Gentry

Jessica Gentry

Sarah Gottlieb

Meg Green

Jack Grimm

Sheila Grimm

Lynn Gunnoe

Judy Haddock

Cindy Hanna



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 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 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.

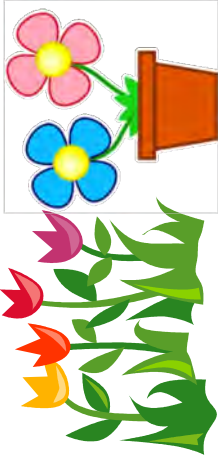
April 27: Second Sunday of Easter
Read John 20:19-31
Thomas couldn’t believe what the other disciples told him about having seen the risen Jesus; he needed to see him for himself. Jesus returned and Thomas believed. What causes you to doubt? Acknowledge your doubts before Christ and ask him to help you trust and believe.

May 3: Third Sunday of Easter
Read John 21:1-19
Peter was hurt that Jesus asked him if he loved him not once but three times. We can feel equally hurt when our faith and/or love is questioned. However, a life of faith and following Jesus isn’t a one-time commitment but a lifetime of showing up and doing as Jesus asks us. What will you do this week to feed Jesus’ sheep?

May 11: Fourth Sunday of Easter
Read Psalm 23
The psalmist lifts up God’s care for us. God provides what we need, guides us in God’s ways and provides rest for us. God is with us in the midst of our struggles, walking through the darkest, saddest, scariest places of our lives with us, comforting us. What is a dark place you’ve experienced recently? Picture God in that place with you, walking beside you and comforting you.

May 18: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Read Psalm 148
The psalmist calls on all creation to praise the Lord! How do you praise God? What are five things for which you would praise God? Share your thoughts with a friend or family member?

STATISTICAL REPORT	4/20/25	4/13/25	4/6/25	3/30/25
In-Person Attendance	96	58	46	46
Non-Pledged	\$205	\$80	\$681.48	\$85
Pledged Contribution	\$2,565	\$1,745	\$7,522	\$1,945
Miscellaneous Income	\$714	\$818	\$461.03	\$1,567.29
Total Contributions	\$3,484	\$2,643	\$8,664.51	\$3,597.29



MAY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MAY BIRTHDAYS: 2 - Tim Hoff; 3 - Kate Forman; 12 - Bobby Knight; 14 - Lynne Slamick; 15 - Terra Hoff; 17 - Sara Slamick; 19 - Candy Hawley, Doug Curnutte; 20 - John Fleck; 23 - Anthony Falbo; 24 - Max Falbo; 25 - David Parks; 27 - Tina Bairefoot; 31 - Jeff Smith				1 10:00 AM PW Crd. Team	2 7:00 PM NA Group	3 Guns to Gardens Event
4 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:15 PM Choir Practice	5 10:00 AM Bridge	6	7 7:00 PM - Worship Team Meeting	8 10:00 AM PW Circle	9 7:00 PM NA Group	10
11 HAPPY Mother's DAY 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:00 PM Fellowship Time	12 10:00 AM Bridge	13 7:00 PM Choir Practice	14 7:30 AM - Rotary Club 7:00 PM - Stewardship Team Meeting	15 PWV Meeting, 1st Logan 12:00 PM PW Luncheon	16 7:00 PM NA Group	17
18 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:15 AM Choir Practice	19 10:00 AM Bridge	20 12:00 PM - Attorney Info Session w/ Pat Jacobs	21 7:00 PM - Session Meeting	22 Newsletter	23 7:00 PM NA Group	24
25 9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship	26 Office Closed MEMORIAL DAY	27	28 7:30 AM Rotary Club 6 PM Men's Dinner @ China Buffet	29	30 7:00 PM NA Group	31