



VILLAGE CHAPEL
PRESBYTERIAN

"THE VILLAGER" – FEBRUARY 19, 2026

BETWEEN THE PALMS & THE PASSION: A CLOSER LOOK AT HOLY WEEK

The season of Lent lasts seven week, so it occurred to Amy and me that it would be interesting to spend those weeks digging deeply into the last week of Jesus' life. It's not an original idea.

Max Lucado writes, in *And the Angels Were Silent*:

"The props and players are in position. Six-inch spikes are in the bin. A cross-beam leans against a shed wall. Thorn vines are wrapped around a trellis awaiting weaving. Pilate is concerned at the number of Passover pilgrims. Judas views his master with furtive eyes. A Centurian is available, awaiting the next crucifixion."

He sums up: "Let's see how he spent his final days. Let's see what mattered to God. If you would know Christ, ponder his final days."

That's what we plan to do, focusing on what happens between Palm Sunday and Easter. We'll start with Jesus cursing a fig tree and weeping over Jerusalem. Next he cleanses the Temple—an act that is the last straw for those who see him as a threat. Matthew records two dinners—one where Jesus is anointed and the one known as the Last Supper. Jesus prays in the garden. He is betrayed and arrested. He is crucified. All this prepares us for the Easter miracle. Join us for the journey!

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Between the Palms & the Passion A Closer Look at Holy Week

February 22	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
<p><i>Withered & Weeping</i></p> <p>Matt 21:18-22 & Luke 19:41-44</p> 	<p><i>Tipping Tables & Tradition</i></p> <p>Mark 11:15-19</p> 	<p><i>Remember Her & Remember Me</i></p> <p>Matt 26:6-13, 26-29</p> 	<p><i>A Garden & the Guard</i></p> <p>Matt 26:36-46</p> 	<p><i>Arrested & Alone</i></p> <p>Matt 26:47-56</p> 	<p><i>A Court, A Crowd, & A Crucifixion</i></p> <p>Matthew 27</p> 

SKAGGS FUND HISTORY

In December of 2017 we received a letter from Bob Skaggs with a \$25,000 check to establish the Betty Skaggs Legacy Fund. He added "We do not want to direct or restrict the church's use of the fund; however we would suggest that the church manage the fund as an ongoing, sustainable source of resources that will be available for both immediate needs and longer-term priorities."

A task force was gathered and recommended to the session that a significant portion be set aside as principal that would not be touched except in the case of extraordinary opportunity or challenge. The remainder was to be used for internal and external grants. Subsequently, the session decided to put \$5,000 of the annual gift directly into the budget.

In the years since we have been able to make many grants: \$6,750 to Common Grounds, \$6,000 to Bluestone, \$1,650 for books for our college/grad students, and \$1,000 extra to the Presbytery. We've also been able to help a member with the costs of getting her LPN, another in her fight with cancer, and three people with needs during COVID. We've given funds to Habitat, Guns to Gardens, Suds of Love, the Bream Shower Ministry, WVMAW, and Chamberlain Elementary. We've helped fund projects like replacing our windows, flooring in the kitchen and parlor, security cameras and the flat roof over the kitchen. We were also able to loan ourselves the money to go solar, thus saving the church on every electric bill. It has been a significant and ongoing blessing, as the Skaggs hoped!

LENTEN SUPPER & STUDY

6:30 PM – MONDAYS IN LENT
(FEBRUARY 23 – MARCH 30)



Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week

THIS STUDY WILL COMPLEMENT OUR LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES: BETWEEN THE PALMS AND THE PASSION -- A CLOSER LOOK AT HOLY WEEK.

In this study author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine leads us in an exploration of the events of Holy Week. She shows us how these stories raise ethical and spiritual questions and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.

This study will be *in person only*.

Sign-up for the program is necessary for meal-planning, so please let us know if you wish to participate.

LENT 2026

MARCH 5–APRIL 20
LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Daily Emails

“Grieving Change & Loss : An unpredictable, non-linear, faith-filled journey toward resurrection.”

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

We raised \$252 and collected 7 canned items to TACKLE HUNGER in our area! The proceeds go to Common Grounds to serve our community!

Great work & a big THANK YOU!



KVSS FREE TAX HELP

The Membership Ministry Team has received information from KVSS to help Village Chapel members receive free tax help. At each destination you will need to bring your 2024 tax return paperwork, W-2 forms, photo ID's, Social Security Card, Social Security Benefits form 1099, and anything else the specific site asks. Please call to make an appointment. You don't have to be a "senior" to receive this tax help.

Elk River Community Center
Elkview, WV 304-941-6837

Kanawha Co. Library
Chas. WV 304-343-4646 ext 1259

United Way of WV
Chas. WV 304-340-3500

Hanford Senior Center
St. Albans, WV 304-722-4621

Schopenhauer Enrichment Center
Chas. WV 304-542-1100

West Sattes Community Center
Nitro, WV 304-721-8465

2026 FESTIVAL OF FAITH



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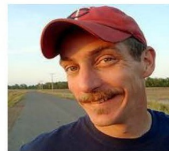
Festival of Faith

TELL ME A STORY

Saturday, March 21, 2026
First Presbyterian Church, Charleston
9:00 am – 3:45 pm

Keynote : The Widow's Mite and the Widower's Might: Seeing Scripture in Ordinary Actions

Presenter: **Bil Lepp**



For more information on workshops and lunch, please [click here!](#)

THIS SEASON IN HISTORY

1961: The new sanctuary, kitchen, choir room and parlor were completed and occupied on Palm Sunday, April 15th. The new sanctuary seats 400, doubling the capacity of the original sanctuary capacity and negating the need for two worship services on Sunday mornings.

1981: March 17th the Fellowship Committee hosted an evening of food, fellowship and fun with an "International Night". All ages were invited to enjoy food, music, stories, costumes, and slide shows of far-away places. Attendees were encouraged to bring favorite snack foods from another country.

1996: On Sunday March 10th, the Presbyterian Women led the service, "Celebrating the Gifts of Women". This day was suggested by the PUSA to remember and celebrate the gifts of women in the life of the Church. Robyn Garrison, our 1995 summer intern, returned to Charleston for the weekend to preach.

MR. ROGERS DAY

Few individuals have the ability to connect with millions of people, particularly children, in a profound and meaningful way. Reverend Fred McFeely Rogers (1928-2003), aka Mister Rogers, was one such individual. Maybe he touched your life. If so, on Friday, March 20, (Mr. Rogers Day) take a few moments to remember his impact.

But don't write him off as just a gentle man. He sang "Won't you be my neighbor?", but he also said "Frankly, there isn't anyone you couldn't learn to love once you've heard their story." That's an unflinching challenge in the current climate. It's also an expression of bold hope in who God created us to be!



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

MARCH

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| 1 Sharon Waggy | 16 Kris Blair |
| 2 John Walker | 17 John Blair |
| 3 Rose Ann Walker | 18 Jack Bland |
| 4 Helen Warren | 19 Max Bland |
| 5 Betsy White | 20 Noell Bland |
| 6 Dreama White | 21 Paula Bland |
| 7 John Willis | 22 Shannon Bland |
| 8 Fifi Wolfe | 23 Kevin Blank |
| 9 Todd Wright | 24 Kyle Blank |
| 10 Maureen Wright | 25 T'Aja Blank |
| 11 Nathan Wright | 26 Kaia Blank |
| 12 Heather Barry | 27 Crosley Blank |
| 13 John Barry | 28 Sandy Bowles |
| 14 Hallie Barry | 29 Leslie Bremar |
| 15 Elaine Barry | 30 Kristin Bustany |
| | 31 Susan Caldwell Bays |

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. 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.



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 22: First Sunday in Lent

Read Matthew 4:1-11

After he was baptized, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness where he was tempted by the devil. It was a time for reflection and preparation as Jesus got ready to go about his work as God's Son on earth. The devil encouraged him to take care of his own needs, test God's faithfulness, and rule the world, if he would only follow the devil. Instead, Jesus chooses to follow God and do what God wanted. How have you been tempted to not follow God and God's way? What happened?

March 1: Second Sunday in Lent

Read Genesis 12:1-4a

Seemingly unexpectedly, God called a man named Abram to leave his home, his family, his country and go to an unnamed place that God would show him. God promised to bless him and make him a blessing to others. What about you? If you heard God calling you to leave your home, family, and country behind to go where God was leading you, would you go? Why or why not?

March 8: Third Sunday in Lent

Read John 4:5-42

This passage tells the story of Jesus' conversation with a woman of Samaria, which was surprising because men didn't start conversations with unknown women in that day, and Samaritans and Jews despised and avoided each other. Jesus showed her respect and kindness even though she was an outsider. After they spoke, she went back to the city and told others what Jesus had done, and many of them believed in him. What might you tell others about what Jesus has done for you?

March 15: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Read John 9:1-41

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who had been born blind. When his neighbors passed the same man, they saw only a beggar. When the Pharisees found out, they didn't believe he'd been born blind. When you walk someone in need, maybe they can't see, or hear, or walk, or maybe they lack food or money, do you see them as a person or label them and dismiss them? How might Jesus' open your eyes to see them as a child of God?

STATISTICAL REPORT	2/15/26	2/8/26	2/1/26	1/25/26
In-Person Attendance	61	44	18	Cancelled due to Weather
Non-Pledged	\$520	\$71	\$943.70	\$165
Pledged Contribution	\$5,074	\$2,468	\$3,872	\$1,584
Miscellaneous Income	\$158.59	\$352.56	\$45	\$557.11
Total Contributions	\$5,752.59	\$2,891.56	\$4,860.70	\$2,306.11






**Wednesday, March 26th
1PM - 6PM**



MARCH 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March Birthdays: 2 - Charlotte Chiparo; 4 - Mike McClung; 7 - 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; 28 - Betsy White, Heather Parks						
1 9:45 AM - Sunday School 11AM - Worship 12PM - Choir Practice	2 10:30 AM - Bridge 6:30 PM - Lenten Meal & Bible Study	3 10:30 AM - Staff Meeting	4 7 PM - Worship Team Meeting	5 10 AM - PW Coord. Team Meeting	6 7 PM - NA Group	7
8  9:45 AM - Sunday School 11 AM - Worship 12:30PM - Choir Practice	9 10:30 AM - Bridge 6:30 PM - Lenten Meal & Bible Study	10 10:30 AM - Staff Meeting 7 PM Choir Practice	11 7:30 AM - Rotary Club 7 PM - Stew. Team Meeting	12 10 AM - PW Circle	13 7 PM - NA Group	14
15 9:45 AM - Sunday School 11 AM - Worship	16 10:30 AM - Bridge 6:30PM - Lenten Meal & Bible Study	17  Happy St. Patrick's Day 10:30 AM - Staff Meeting	18 7PM - Session	19 12 PM - PW Luncheon 7 PM - Men's Bible Study	20 7 PM - NA Group	21 PWV Festival of Faith
22 9:45 AM - Sunday School 11AM - Worship 12:30 PM - Choir Practice	23 10:30 AM - Bridge 6:30PM - Lenten Meal & Bible Study	24 10:30 AM - Staff Meeting	25 7:30 AM - Rotary Club	26  Village Chapel's Birthday Newsletter 1 PM - Blood Drive	27 7 PM - NA Group	28
29  9:45 AM - Sunday School 11AM - Palm Sunday Worship	30 10:30 AM - Bridge 6:30PM - Lenten Meal & Bible Study	31 10:30 AM - Staff Meeting				