

VILLAGE CHAPEL
PRESBYTERIAN

“THE VILLAGER” – JUNE 22, 2022

A Response to Prayer

As part of Worship in the Park, we wrote notes to Presbyterian mission workers in a handful of countries and the pastors of PCUSA churches in Buffalo and Uvalde. They were touched by our prayers and wrote back. Here are a few highlights:

Wow! I really felt the presence of the Holy Spirit thru this spiritual email! May God bless you, and all the congregation at Village Chapel.— Rev Adolfo Santana, Iglesia Presbiteriana en Caparra Terrace, Puerto Rico

This was incredibly touching and heart-felt! What a way to remind us of the connectional church at a time like this. Thank you for your witness and support as we seek to love our neighbors on the margins suffering from the horrific reality of white supremacy and gun violence. We feel loved, and your prayers are important.— Rev. Micah Nutter Dowling, Westminster PC, Buffalo, NY

Thank you so much! I am so grateful for the prayers and honestly need them as the reality of the long-term healing that will need to take place sinks in. I am grateful for your note and for our connection in the larger Presbyterian family! - Rev. Gini Norris-Lane, FPC, Uvalde, TX

I'm on medical leave. I was in the hospital here in Zambia with COVID pneumonia [for 5 weeks], then re-admitted with pneumonia [for another 6 weeks] It was life or death. Thank God for life and sparing me! Please pray for complete recovery of my lungs, body, stamina and endurance. Lord willing, I'll be departing June 12th to St Louis, where my daughter lives. Please, pray for traveling mercies! Thank you for the early birthday greeting! By the way, I was born in Beckley! — Rev. Paula Cooper, East Central Africa

Thank you for your prayers. It is a tragic time for Ukraine.— Ellen Smith, Eastern Europe, Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, and Poland

Thank you to the family of Village Chapel for this very encouraging email. We are so grateful for your partnership with us and with those we are privileged to serve alongside here in Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon. May the Spirit continue to daily sustain you all in your lives and ministries as well.— Rev. Elmarie Parker, Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon

We live in a big world, but prayer draws us closer! Please keep praying for our brothers and sisters, that they may know peace!

Great Prayers of the OT

What makes a prayer “great”? Is it the words, or the style, or the passion of the prayer? 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 Sunday. You may be surprised by the variety!

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 pray 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:

- June 26 1 Samuel 2:1-10
- July 3 guest preacher Barbara Chalfant, PWV Associate for Mission
- July 10 2 Samuel 7:18-29
- July 17 1 Kings 3:5-13
- July 24 Jonah 2:1-10
- July 31 guest preacher Nellie Howard



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

Money Available for Textbooks

On June 19th we celebrated our HS graduates, Jack Bland and Noah Lawson! Mindful that they (and the rest of our college/grad students) will be buying textbooks for the Fall semester soon, the Skaggs Fund group is making \$500 total available to help defray the expense. If you are interested, please contact Leslie (lbremar@vcpresby.org) by August 1st.

Skaggs Fund Disbursements

For the past five years we have received a generous gift from the Skaggs family foundation in honor of Betty Skaggs and in appreciation for the blessings she has experienced at Village Chapel. We are very grateful!

The group overseeing the funds authorized the Property MT to spend up to \$2,500 total on the following projects: installing additional emergency lights as necessary, adding security cameras at the entrances of the educational building and the fellowship hall; building a broom closet, and repairing the soffit over the entrance to the sanctuary. They also approved making grants of \$500 each to Common Grounds, Habitat (to replace tools lost in a burglary), the Bream Presbyterian shower ministry for the homeless, Bluestone (for summer campers), and to help defray the cost of textbooks for our college/grad students.



**Office Closed Monday
July 4th**

Amy Parker will be on vacation:
Monday, June 27th - Tuesday, July 12th

Todd Wright will be Out-of-the-Office:
Thursday, June 30th - Saturday, July 9th

**Leslie Bremar will be
Out-of-the-Office: Monday,
July 11th - Friday, July 15th**



Thanks to all that participated in the first ever Village Apartments picnic coordinated by the Fellowship Ministry Team and members of Village Chapel. I would like to thank all of those who helped out on Saturday, June 18th:

Joey for cooking the hotdogs, Howard, Todd, and Jim for transporting the table and chairs to the Courtyard and back to the church, Joyce Dunlap for serving as our Village Apartment hostess, along with Maureen Wright, Kathy Kruk, Patti Salisbury, Sandy Bowles, Jeanne MacDonald, Heather Barry, Dreama White, Barbara Tabaretti, Vicki Cunningham, Rita Sockman, and others who helped set up and bring over food dishes.

The weather was great, the food was great, & we had about 20 Village Apartment residents come for a hotdog lunch. We hope to see everybody at the VC picnic next year!

ONC begins!

Each year we select a new class of elders. We expect a lot of our elders during their three year term, and we are blessed with lots of good leaders in this congregation, so each year we as an Officer Nominating Committee to come up with a slate of four elders for the congregation to vote on.



The process began when the Session elected Jeff and Rona Smith to serve on the ONC from the Session. Next we gathered representatives from the PW, the Education MT, and the choir – Paula Bland, Sheila Danzer, and Lynne Gunnoe. The last step is to add people to fill two more spots. These “members-at-large” help balance out the committee so it better represents the congregation.

Once the ONC is complete, they will begin the process of discerning whop God is calling to serve our church. It is an exciting time! God always provides exactly the people the church needs to lead it into the future.

You can help by nominating people to serve in those two spots on the ONC and by making suggestions about who you think might make a great elder!

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Since we had so much left over from the picnic at the Village Apartments, the Fellowship Ministry Team will again host the Fellowship Hour this Sunday, June 26th, right after the worship service. Come join us for food and fellowship!



Fellowship Meal

The July Prayer Walk will be Saturday 7/23!

We will meet at Trinity Lutheran (1600 Kanawha Blvd) at 10 AM and pray for several congregations in the east end.



Many thanks to everyone who participated and helped with this year's Arts Camp. Our kids had a wonderful time exploring the story of Jesus calming the storm through a variety of activities.

Special thanks to Kathy Kruk & Patti Salisbury for overseeing the program once again!



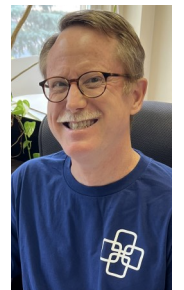
The new Pentecost paraments (pulpit scarf and table drape) and stoles that debuted on June 12 were designed by Amy Parker during her Continuing Education week at Ghost Ranch in NM in April. The images used were based on those in the painting created during worship for Pentecost in 2011.



Did you pick up your T-Shirt yet? They are in the conference room (across from the office), sorted by order..

If you did not order a shirt but would like one, we have a limited number of sizes and colors available in the office.

Shirts are \$15 each, and we will accept checks (payable to VCPC with note: T-Shirt) or exact cash amount.



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

Statistical Report	6/19/22	6/12/22	6/5/22	5/29/22
In-Person Worship Attendance	56	37	45	38
Non-Pledged	\$325	\$50	\$770	\$290
Pledged	\$1,175	\$3,698	\$5,410.66	\$600
Miscellaneous Income	\$40	\$130	\$671.89	\$390
Total Contributions	\$1,540	\$3,878	\$6,852.55	\$1,280



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

July

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| 1 Angie Price | 18 Sandy Singleton |
| 2 Greg Rader | 19 Cherrie Sizemore |
| 3 Terri Rader | 20 Rick Skaff |
| 4 Sharon Richardson | 21 Patty Skaff |
| 5 Jay Rorrer | 22 Betty Skaggs |
| 6 Janet Rorrer | 23 Lynne Slamick |
| 7 Kelsey Rorrer | 24 Jim Slamick |
| 8 Samantha Rorrer | 25 Sara Slamick |
| 9 Abigail Rorrer | 26 Ron Wood |
| 10 Sherry Russell | 27 Jeff Smith |
| 11 David Salisbury | 28 Rona Smith |
| 12 Howard Salisbury | 29 Jacob Smith |
| 13 Patti Salisbury | 30 Payne Smith |
| 14 Michael Schiano | 31 Jim Smith |
| 15 Mary Schiano | |
| 16 Ellen Sears | |
| 17 Butch Singleton | |



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 Bremer 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!

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



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 26 – Third Sunday after Pentecost:

Read Luke 9:51-62

In Luke 9, we find Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. Many he meets say, "I will follow you, but first I must take care of some business." To follow Jesus implies forsaking security to go where he goes. Discipleship means the same thing today as then: Choose this day whom you will serve. As you reflect on this scripture this week, consider how you follow Jesus, not just in name but in your actions as well.

July 3 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost:

Read: Galatians 6:7-16

Galatians 6: 10 reads, "So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all..." What will you do for good this coming week? Write down three things that you will do to help God's people.

July 10 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:

Read Psalm 25: 1-10

The Psalmist said, "O my God, in you I trust." Take a few moments today to tell God about things that worry you and any problems you may have. Tell God that you trust God to take care of you. Be quiet and listen for God's voice. Remember your prayer of trust throughout the week.

July 17 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost:

Read Psalm 52

At the end of Psalm 52, the Psalmist tells God, "I will proclaim your name, for it is good." Take a sheet of paper and fold it in half. On the outside, write "God is Good." On the inside, write all the names that you can think of for God. Say each of these names out loud, adding after each name, "God is Good."

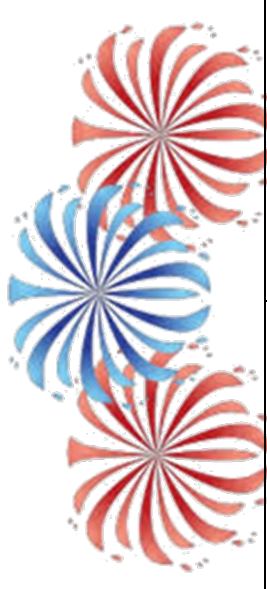
July 24 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:


Read Psalm 138

God wants us to praise God with all our heart. That is a lot of praising! Cut out a heart from a piece of paper then fill up the heart with words and phrases that tell of the wonderful things you believe about God. Tape the heart up somewhere where you will see it all week, reminding you to praise God with all your heart.



July 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30 PM - NA Group	2
3 10 AM Coffee & Conversations 11 AM Worship	4  OFFICE CLOSED	5	6	7 7 PM - Worship Team Meeting	8 7:30 PM - NA Group	9
10 10 AM Coffee & Conversations 11 AM Worship	11 10:30 AM - Bridge	12	13 7 PM - Stewardship Team Meeting	14	15 7:30 PM - NA Group	16 12 PM - Devon Quilters
17 10 AM Coffee & Conversations 11 AM Worship	18 10:30 AM - Bridge	19	20 7 PM - Session Meeting	21	22 7:30 PM - NA Group	23 10 AM - Prayer Walk
24 10 AM Coffee Conversations 11 AM Worship	25 10:30 AM - Bridge	26	27	28 Newsletter	29 7:30 PM - NA Group	30 10 AM - Devon Quilters
31 10 AM Coffee Conversations 11 AM Worship	<p>July Birthdays: 5 - John Hawley, 7 - Sharon Richardson, 8 - Dreama White, Isaac Forman, 10 - Krista Brogan, 11 - Beth Haddock, 12 - Shannon Bland, 13 - Paul Markham, 14 - Erin Chiparo, 15 - Sawyer Brogan, 17 - Riley Haddock, 19 - Terry Hickernell, 24 - Sheila Danzer, 26 - Cindy Hanna, Terra Markham, 28 - John France, 30 - Eva Falbo, Terri Rader</p>					