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IN-PERSON WORSHIP

8:30 a.m. in the Chapel
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

ONLINE SERVICE

christwheeling.org

Watch live Sundays @ 11 a.m.
or watch recorded services
posted after 12 pm on Sundays

Staff

Rev. Jake Steele
Pastor

Bill Stephens
Choir Director

Stephanie Gates
Children's Choir Director

Judith Allison
Organist

Carla Barris
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Chelsea Young
Communications

Jamie Lafferty
Nursery Attendant

Ron Miller
Custodian

The Spire

We cry, "Can't;" He bids, "Try."
We bark, "Won't." He asks, "Why?"
Christ takes our little and makes a lot,
As long as we give Him what we've got.

Little time, little stuff,
In the Land of Lack, there's not enough.
A lack of trust; muffled wishes,
Might as well be loaves and fishes.

In our "not enough," He deletes our "not."
"You have enough, child, what'cha got?"
Behold what God binds and looses
When we make a difference, not excuses.

So relinquish the little you think you've got.
Abundance is the option. Failure's not.
Answer the call; shine the light!
A dark world waits – the harvest's ripe!
Brother, sister, it's time to move.
'Cause Christ is an offer we can't refuse.

This 40-day Lenten season is an invitation to trust deeper, to follow closer, to listen harder and thereby reflect Jesus better. What if, rather than make excuses, we decided to make a difference? What'cha got? What's it gonna be? You choose. Hope to see you on the journey.
Let's go.

In Christ,
Pastor Jake



Deep down we're aware something's awry. Scroll social media. If you dare, give a nod to the nightly news or listen to political pundits eviscerate the other side, especially in an election year and it's clear: There's no shortage of words or shouts or communicative mediums and yet we've never had more trouble talking than we do now. As a people stuck in ideological silos, is there a solution? In this series, we'll see there *a way* shown to us by *The Way* and *His way* is different than *our way*...but it's the *only way* we win.

Sermon Series Schedule:

Feb 18 th :	Gen. 3: 1-10	"Can We Talk?"
Feb. 25 th :	Mark 5: 21-34	"Within Us"
Mar. 3 rd :	Luke 15: 1-2; 11-24	"Between Us"
Mar. 10 th :	John 4: 1-30	"Around Us"
Mar. 17 th :	Matt. 9: 9-13	"Beside Us"
Mar. 24 th : (Palm Sun)	Luke 19: 29-40	"Above Us"

Children's Church
"Hands up, Hands on,
Hands out"

Children ranging from 4 years through the 3rd grade are invited to attend this program which will follow "Children's Moments" during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, Stephanie Gates, "Ms. Steph", will offer music at this time to those children in Kindergarten through the 5th grade.

We are seeking volunteers to help with this program. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex for you to place your name.

February Collections
for the HOC

For the month of February, we are collecting canned soup for the House of the Carpenter.

Donations of individually wrapped snack items (crackers, lunch cakes, etc.) would be greatly appreciated for the Winter Freeze Shelter.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are always needed to serve as liturgists, acolytes and ushers. Please check the bulletin boards and see where you can help. If you would like to be an usher, please see Lou Costanzo.

Barb Piko is in need of volunteers to serve as liturgist for the 8:30 service. Volunteers are especially needed on the first Sunday of the month to help with communion.

Save the Date

Save the date for this year's VBS scheduled to be held Sunday, July 14 thru Thursday, July 18.

Christian Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are with the following:

- Kim & Buddy Bowman on the death of his father.
- Bob & Cathy Strasser & family on the death of his mother, Martha Louise Strasser.
- Bruce Grover on the death of his wife, Barbara.

2024 Rise Against
Hunger Event

March 16, 2024
 St. Jude Hall
 826 Jefferson Avenue, Glen Dale

8am-9am Set Up
 9am-12pm Packing Meals
 12pm-1pm Clean Up

Join the Moundsville, Wheeling and New Martinsville Rotary Clubs in helping to fight global food insecurity by packing 30,000-40,000 meals in one day!

Register to donate or help at:
<http://riseagainsthunger.org/Moundsville2024>

For more information, please contact:

Event Contact: Larry Blalock
 E-mail: lblalock737@gmail.com
 Cell #: 304-281-8300



EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

2024

Easter flower orders in memory of or in honor of a loved one are being taken until March 10. Your payment of \$15.50 must accompany your order.



Quantity: Lily _____ Tulip _____ Hyacinth _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Total: _____

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Collin* Robinson	February 1
Emily Croft	February 3
Cherie Fullerton	February 4
Chris Goodwin	February 6
Margie* Carr	February 8
Pam Smith	February 8
Cynthia Baltz	February 9
Nicole Frazier	February 10
Johnathan Murphy	February 10
Emerson* Robinette	February 10
Jason* Posey	February 12
Shawn Roberts	February 12
Don Taylor	February 13
Larry Travis	February 13
Erin Markan	February 15
Mary Lew	February 16
Allyson* Schmalz	February 16
Carey Greco	February 17
Shannon Robinson	February 17
Wayne Wells	February 17
Cathy Depew	February 19
Raymond E. Smith	February 19
Jordan Smith	February 20
Leah Jones	February 21
Patti Watson	February 21
David Valentine	February 22
Zachary Allen	February 23
Eleanor Phillips	February 23
Shelby Straub	February 23
William Godown	February 24
David Harman	February 24
Patrick Milton	February 24
Denise Soard	February 24
Abbagail McCarthy	February 25
Robert Coleman	February 26
Vicki Gersting	February 26
Janet Joseph	February 26
Patrick Wright	February 27
Lucas* Cunningham	February 28
Beth* Heyman	February 28

Tina & Chris* Shoemaker
February 18

Annette & David Godown
February 22

Sally & George* Schmalz
February 26

CARE FACILITIES

•**Good Shepherd**
Jack Kerr 320
Mildred Posey

•**Peterson**
Jane Friebertshauser 520

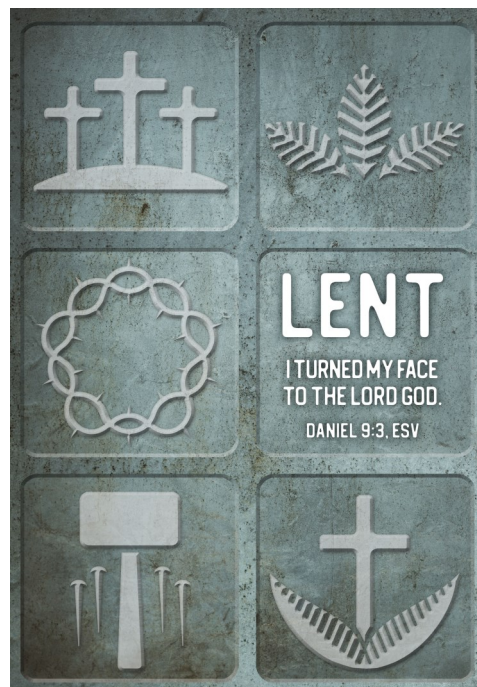
•**Sienna Skilled Nursing & Rehab (Wintersville)**
Donald Bowman

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please take a minute to review the list, and let the church office know if there is a name that needs to be removed. Thank you.

Roxie Derheimer; Xavier; Charlie Palmer; Susan Sampson; Parker Fox; Katie Histing; Kevin Barton; Becky & George Newton; Cynthia Hileman; Frank Gilbert & Family; Richard Gilliam; Logan; Amanda Sampson; Barbara Buckwack; Anna Marie Kloss; Harry; James Gyer; Brittany Yoho; Kim Bowman; Bob & Debbie Becker; Lee; Suzanne; Ruth Wade; Ronald Sampson; Jeff Winslow; Addison Stephans; John Defibaugh; Randy Jones; Bill Stephans; Justin;

Lendon; Travis Ellis; Bill; Sony and Gary; Josh Chaplin; Melissa; Breanne; Karen & Jim Bruhn; Sandy Thames; Leslie Heldreth; Glenn Balla; John Witzberger; Freda Blake, Sherry Curry; Barb Wotojwicz; Buddy Bowman; Family of Anya Robertson; Joan McClelland; Joanne Taylor; Debi Smith; Randy Austin & Family; Miller Family; Jason Broadwater; Betty Dent; Bob McDonald; Paul & Kim Weber; Carol Pattim; Pat Staton; Jim Bowman; Donald Bowman; Rosemary Leicet; Terry; Linda & Jack Kerr; Kenny Nickerson; Dawn Walker Schemp; Jessie; Cathy Pavlock; Zach Henry; Harold Tharp; Randy Straub; Scott Morris; Michael Selick; Sara Madison; Sherwood Dobbs; Lauren Robinson; Harriett McCardle; Ted Allen; Gary Haught; Betty Hissom; Brad King; Jim Jones; Jenn; Gail; Jeff; Sara Staley; Cody McAvoy; Kristen Smith; Betty Love; Jonathan Chance; Elizabeth Carson; Connie Macek; Bill Harr; Mr. P.; Linda Moffit.



JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Starting on Ash Wednesday, the church traditionally observes Lent, a 40-day period of repentance and reflection. As we prepare for Easter, families can focus on Jesus' life and ministry, culminating in his death and resurrection.

Use this Lenten Bible Reading Plan, along with a kid-friendly Bible version, for family devotions. With older kids, you can expand the readings to the surrounding paragraph or chapter. Discuss how each reference to Christ ties into God's plan of salvation.



DAY 1
Genesis 3:15

DAY 2
Isaiah 7:14

DAY 3
Matthew 1:20-21

DAY 4
Luke 2:11

DAY 5
Luke 2:52

DAY 6
Mark 1:9-11

DAY 7
Matthew 4:10

DAY 8
Matthew 4:18-20

DAY 9
Luke 6:27-31

DAY 10
Matthew 11:28-30

DAY 11
Luke 4:40-41

DAY 12
Luke 8:24-25

DAY 13
Matthew 12:8

DAY 14
Mark 6:41-42

DAY 15
Luke 9:20-22

DAY 16
John 3:16-17

DAY 17
John 6:35

DAY 18
John 8:12

DAY 19
John 10:14-15

DAY 20
Mark 10:13-16

DAY 21
Mark 9:2-3

DAY 22
Matthew 20:17-19

DAY 23
Luke 19:9-10

DAY 24
Matthew 14:25-27

DAY 25
Luke 10:36-37

DAY 26
John 11:25-27, 43

DAY 27
John 12:3

DAY 28
Matthew 21:8-9

DAY 29
Mark 11:15-16

DAY 30
John 17:17-19

DAY 31
Luke 22:3-6

DAY 32
Mark 14:22-24

DAY 33
John 13:3-5

DAY 34
Matthew 26:39

DAY 35
Luke 22:63-65

DAY 36
Mark 15:22-26

DAY 37
Matthew 27:50-54

DAY 38
John 19:40-42

DAY 39
Luke 24:1-8

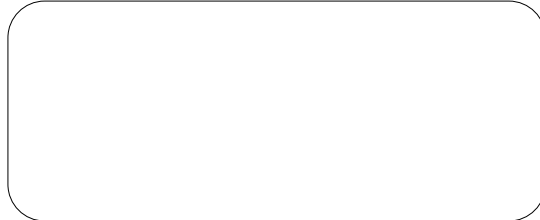
DAY 40
Matthew 28:19-20



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DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON,
***we praise God for
 his righteous Son,***
 who perfectly kept all of God's commandments
 for us and paid the full price
 for our disobedience.

