

Family Life News



Messy Church attendees learned about Joshua and the Battle of Jericho in September. Here are a few pictures from our time together.



Our fall short-term book study is off to a great start – we’ve had 12 people join us so far. We are studying *The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend our Broken Hearts and World* by Rabbi Sharon Brous. We’ve had some insightful and meaningful conversations and look forward to meeting throughout the month of October.

We will be having an Advent study as well so look for more details in November! We hope you will be able to join us.

Fall is a busy time with sports and other activities, but we are hoping our Christ family will be able to spend some time together in the upcoming months. We’ve planned an event for each month through the end of the year. It’s an opportunity for us to reconnect for families that haven’t been in church regularly so please invite lots of people.

In October we will be having a pumpkin decorating contest after worship service on October 27th. We will have food, activities, and our pumpkin contest. Children will begin decorating them at Children’s Church at the 11 am service and will finish them up so we can have our judges determine the winner during social hour.

In November we will gather for a day of giving thanks and just being together. Mark your calendars now for November 23rd so we can share a meal, play some games, and fellowship together before the official “Turkey Day.”

Drop your children off on December 14th for a morning of PJs and Pancakes. Wear your Christmas pajamas and will have activities based around Jesus’ birth story, get crafty, play games, and watch some traditional Christmas programs. Parents can join us or spend the morning shopping or running errands. It will be a grand way to get us in the holiday spirit.

Mark Your Calendars!
Fall Events

Details coming!

Pumpkin Decorating Contest
After church
Oct 27

Giving Thanks Party
Gathering, Games & Good Food
Nov 23
1 - 3 PM

PJs & Pancakes
Dec 14
10 am - Noon

The Blessed Connection

Campus Ministry has gotten off to a great start this semester. We continue to grow in our faith, make new friendships, and serve others. Here are a few things we've done in September.



Our new ecumenical group, **Common Ground**, with Catholic Campus Ministry will be meeting every Tuesday at 4 pm for faith formation activities, alternating between the WLU Chapel and the St. Thomas Aquinas Center.

We started working with the West Liberty Federated Church to provide backpacks with food for students attending West Liberty Elementary School. We will be providing meals for 30 students each week and students from various clubs and organizations will be volunteering to sort and pack the items each week.



Five students traveled to Burlington, WV to prepare apples for their 51st annual Apple Butter Festival. We spent the night at Antioch UMC (thanks to Pastor Nathan Epling and folks from the church) and then we peeled bushes – and I mean bushels – of apples for the butter making that begins this week. The students had a wonderful time bonding and learning about the services provided by Burlington Family Services. Pastor Barbara Rexroad was a wonderful instructor and historian and provided fantastic information for our group.

