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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. Joe Hill
Pastor

Diann Nickerson
Family Life Coordinator
Director of Campus Ministries

Bill Stephens
Choir Director

Stephanie Gates
Children's Choir Director

Judith Allison
Organist

Carla Barris
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Chelsea Young
Communications

Jaime Lafferty
Nursery Attendant

Ron Miller
Custodian

The Spire

An Offering of a Different Kind

I am discovering already that Christ UMC is gifted with many creative souls in our congregation. As much as I enjoy writing prayers and the weekly call to worship, I would like to share these opportunities for creativity with all of you. After all, liturgy is meant to be the work of the people!

-Perhaps you aren't comfortable being the liturgist during worship, but would be interested in writing or offering a call to worship or a prayer to be shared by the morning liturgist during worship.

-Perhaps you already serve as a liturgist (or would like to). You likewise might have some words, some literary or lyrical piece that has meaning for you which you would like to share in a morning worship service.

You may wish to offer an original prose or poem, or a piece by a favorite author. It could even be the words to a beloved song. I dare say that even among the literary and musical arts we consider "secular", many people find words of sacred worth. If it stirs the sacred in you, if it inspires or assures your own faith in some way, I would love for you to share it with us!

I know that many of you have gifts in the area of visual arts. If you have an original or favorite piece for display on the altar or in the digital slides used in worship, these are also welcome!

If you are interested in sharing an opening prayer, offertory prayer, or call to worship to be used in our worship service, please contact Pastor Joe jhill75cumc@gmail.com or at 304-840-1923. I look forward to hearing from you!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Joe

Family Life @ CUMC

Pizza with the Pastor

Our high school students are invited to *Pizza with the Pastor* on **Saturday, September 6th** at the Elm Grove Pizza Hut. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet our new pastor, Rev. Joe, and his wife, Christie, enjoy fellowship with friends, and share a meal together. If you or someone you know would like to join us, please let Diann Nickerson know by **September 5th**.



Messy Church is Coming!

Vacation Bible School was an ecumenical success this year, and we are excited to continue building on that momentum! Four congregations—**Christ UMC, First Christian, St. Mark, and Vance Presbyterian**—are joining together to launch a new season of *Messy Church*. This monthly gathering is for children, families, and friends of all ages.

Our kickoff will be held on **Monday, October 6th at 6:00 pm** at **Wheeling Park's Schwertfeger Shelter**. We'll share a meal, learn about Jesus, enjoy music, and make crafts together. Remember—this ministry isn't just for families with children; it's open to *everyone!* Invite a friend and come be part of the fun. Questions? Contact Diann.

Hilltop Happenings

Campus Ministry & Service

Each year, Diann has the privilege of training the Residence Life staff at West Liberty University. This year's focus was on collaboration and connection. As a service project, the students assembled **flood buckets for The House of the Carpenter**, using donations from both the church and Campus Ministry. Thanks to the collaborative efforts, **11 buckets** are now ready to help families in times of need.





Campus Ministry Kickoff

The semester began with our **annual Ice Cream Social**, a beautiful evening to welcome new students and enjoy sweet fellowship. Weekly Bible Study is also underway, focusing this fall on the stories of Jesus. A new bulletin board in the chapel will grow with favorite scriptures, music, and artwork as students share their faith journeys throughout the year.



Backpack Feeding Program

Campus Ministry is partnering with **The House of the Carpenter, The West Liberty Federated Church, Short Creek UMC, and the West Liberty Lion's Club** to continue the Backpack Feeding Program this academic year. Local student organizations will also join in by helping with weekly sorting and packing, making this a true community partnership.

If you would like to know more about the work of Protestant Campus Ministry or wish to provide financial support, please contact Diann Nickerson nickerson246@gmail.com or by phone at 304.312.0347.

Coffee with Christie for Peace of Mind

“Seasons of Change—
Navigating Life’s Transitions
With Grace and Strength”



September 27 at 11:00

RSVP: Christina.Hill@wvpeaceofmind.com

or text 304-840-1922

coffee and light brunch will be available

Cost: Free

Childcare will be provided

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September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Patricia Stephens Sept. 2
 Jeffrey Wharton Sept. 2
 Winnie Hurd Sept. 3
 John Warnick Sept. 3
 Keiston Jones Sept. 4
 Steven* Shoemaker Sept. 5
 Wayne Soard Sept. 6
 Jason Smith Sept. 7
 Carol Carroll Sept. 8
 Alma Johnson Sept. 8
 Carol Butler Sept. 9
 Mary Lu Hutchins Sept. 9
 Michele Wells Sept. 9
 Karla Weeks Sept. 11
 Shawn West Sept. 12
 Charles Williams Sept. 12
 Robin Channel Sept. 13
 Robert Hoffman Sept. 13
 Beau* Robinette Sept. 13
 Palmer* Robinette Sept. 13
 Vincent Lazear Sept. 14
 Allison Marie* McCardle Sept. 14
 Kelly Nicole* McCardle Sept. 14
 Matt* Waris Sept. 15
 James Bitzer Sept. 16
 Brad D. Brown Sept. 16
 James* Hofmann Sept. 16
 Alicia Kepner Sept. 16
 Zachary Morris Sept. 16
 Jay Dyer Sept. 17
 Pamela Robinson Sept. 17
 Dean Wright Sept. 17
 Garrison* Gessler Sept. 18
 Jim Kepner Sept. 19
 Mara* Wright Sept. 19
 Christopher Johnston Sept. 20
 Kaeleigh Linsu* Koish Sept. 20
 Jenny Matz Sept. 21
 Errol Sambuco Sept. 21
 Robert W. Galbreath Sept. 22
 Jack* Robinette Sept. 24
 Spencer Curry Sept. 25
 Nicholas* Cunningham Sept. 27
 H. Michel Freismuth Sept. 27
 Jessica* Hornyak Sept. 27
 Darlene Jebbia Sept. 27

Shannon Galbreath Sept. 29
 Bonnie Nolte Sept. 29

Wray & Yonnie Voegelin
 September 4

Bruce & Mary Bandi
 September 6

Spencer & Sherry Curry
 September 8

Justin* & Emily Crosten
 September 9

Ricky* & Toyoko Onishi
 September 23

Brent & Cherie Fullerton
 September 28

Doug & Crystal Clatterbuck
 September 29

CARE FACILITIES

- Good Shepherd**
 Denny Hon - 235
 Jack Kerr - 320
 CeCe Kiedaisch - 256
- Liza's Place**
 Dottie Richardson
- Wheeling Hospital**
 José Cintron, Rm 309
 Wheeling Hospital
 1 Medical Park Road
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please take a minute to re-view the list, and let the church office know if there are any names to be removed.

Kevin Long; Jose Cintron; Roxie Derheimer; Christine Collins; James; Bruce & Mary Bandi; Lois Pace; John Applegate; Marshall Family; Greg Smith; Evan Clatterbuck; Sally Marple; Ed Fitzgerald; David King; Lee Browning; Andy Cunningham; Sarah; Family of Robert Blount, Jr.; Gary Galbreath; Craig; Justin; Randy Jones; Kim & Buddy Bowman; Charlie Palmer; Parker Fox; Kevin Barton; Frank Gilbert & Family; Richard Gilliam; Logan; Barbara Buchwach; Harry; James Gyer; Brittany Yoho; Bob & Debbie Becker; Lee; Suzanne; Ruth Wade; Jeff Winslow; Addison Stephens; John Lendon; Travis Ellis; Bill; Josh Chaplin; Melissa; Breanne; Sandy Thames; Leslie Heldreth; Glenn Balla; John Witzberger; Freda Blake, Barb Wotojwicz; Family of Anya Robertson; Joanne Taylor; Randy Austin & Family; Miller Family; Betty Dent; Paul & Kim Weber; Carol Pattim; Pat Staton; Jim Bowman; Rosemary Leicet; Terry; Linda & Jack Kerr; Kenny Nickerson; Dawn Walker Schemp; Jessie; Cathy Pavlock; Zach Henry; Randy Straub; Scott Morris; Michael Selick; Sara Madison; Sherwood Dobbs; Lauren Robinson; Harriett McCardle; Ted Allen; Gary Haught; Betty Hissom; Jim Jones; Jenn; Sara Staley; Cody McAvoy; Kristen Smith; Jonathan Chance; Elizabeth Carson; Connie Macek; Bill Harr.

HOC Food Pantry Donations

We will be collecting the following for the House of the Carpenter for the month of September: **cooking oil; pudding cups; white sugar; brown sugar; flour and any variety of crackers.**

Bridge Closure

The Washington Avenue bridge will be closed beginning in October 2025 for replacement and will remain closed for approximately one year. If you travel the bridge to attend CUMC, you will need to find a different route to take.



Gift Cards for Discretionary Fund

We are looking to replenish our Minister's Discretion Fund with \$25.00 gift cards from Kroger. This will help people in need to purchase groceries or gasoline. If you would like to donate, please drop your gift card in the offering plate or at the church office.

Christian Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are with Bill and Nancy Deibert and family on the death of her brother, Donald Davis.

UWIF Fall Meeting

The Northern District's United Women in Faith Fall Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 13, at Elm Grove UMC. The doors will open with a light breakfast and fellowship time at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting starting at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will end with lunch at 12:00 p.m.

The program for the day will be presented by WV Conference United Women in Faith Social Action Coordinator, Judi McCracken.

They will be collecting an ingathering of pasta, pasta sauce, canned soup, and boxes of crackers for the House of the Carpenter.

The cost of registration is \$10.00 and is paid at the door.

Please send your reservation to Gracie Arbogast (304) 737-2665 or gracie.arbogast@yahoo.com by Sunday, September 7, 2025.

Appalachian Christmas Project Mission Tour

The mission tour this year will be Saturday, September 13, from 10:30am to approximately 2:30pm. Everyone is invited to come and experience this amazing project. You will visit and see first-hand how Diane Reineke Stout, with the help of many volunteers, tries to serve the needs of nearly 60 different areas in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Kentucky.

In 2024, the Appalachian Christmas Project delivered over 24,000 Christmas gifts (wrapped shoe boxes with personal hygiene items), furniture, clothing and many other items to drop off points in these different areas.

The tour will begin at the warehouse in Triadelphia, WV and then proceeds to Bethlehem Alliance Church (174 Chapel Road in Bethlehem). Once there, attendees will participate in the Christmas project. A free lunch will be served.

Reservations must be made by **September 8**. Call Betty at 304-905-9190 or Nancy at 304-650-6015.

Directions to the warehouse: From Wheeling, follow interstate 70 East and take Exit 5 (Elm rove). As you come off the exit, stay to your right onto route 40 East/National Road toward Triadelphia. Go approximately 3 miles through Triadelphia. The warehouse is on the right-hand



SUNDAY SCHOOL START-UP

Sunday, September 7, 2025

9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Classes for children, youth & adults!

Hope to see you there!

JESUS TRAVELED TO MANY PLACES

Jesus traveled to many regions, cities, towns and villages to preach the Good News. In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of some of the places. Can you find the names on the list?

Words can go left to right, up, down or diagonal—so look carefully in all directions!

BETHANY

EPHRAIM

MOUNT OF OLIVES

BETHLEHEM

GALILEE

NAZARETH

BETHSAIDA

JERICHO

PEREA

CAESAREA PHILIPPI

JERUSALEM

SAMARIA

CANA

JORDAN RIVER

SIDON

CAPERNAUM

JUDEA

TYRE

DECAPOLIS

MAGDALA

WILDERNESS

EGYPT

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H	D	L	R	N	A	Z	A	R	E	T	H	H	G	A	E
S	E	G	E	I	T	S	S	S	G	Y	O	L	D	I	N
A	A	C	J	A	C	O	N	I	Y	R	P	E	A	R	R
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