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IN-PERSON WORSHIP

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

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The Spire

The Devotion of One's Time

Rather than the normal opening letter, I have decided to introduce you to an exercise to add to your Lenten Journey, and hopefully to use afterwards as well. It's an exercise about time and being attentive to how we spend it.

Every once in a while, something happens that reminds me that time may be the final commodity of exchange in human life. We often think of money being the primary commodity in the modern world, but that still is largely about time. We earn money in exchange for time: time doing the work and time we spend training in our respective fields in order to qualify for the work and to do it well. Whatever money one may possess has come from some measure of time having been spent in exchange.

Likewise, we use money to buy one another's time. I pay for my food because I don't have time to learn how to raise and process my own, let alone to do it. No one person has time to learn how to be a plumber, an electrician, a teacher, a nurse, a doctor, a dentist, a lawyer, etc. Instead we pay others, who have spent time learning various trades, so that they will give their time to practicing those trades in our behalf. We exchange time for money and pay money for time. Ultimately, we are exchanging time for time. In this season of Lent, I invite you to spend some time thinking about where and how you spend your time.

At the end of a day...like, today... list your time in 30 minute increments from the time you woke until the time you go to bed at night. Not enough time to do that? Ok, let's stop at noon. Not enough to start the list? That's ok, I made one on the next page! Sorry, I have no idea what time you wake up. Adjust the hours to fit your day.

Be as detailed as you can. Include everything you can remember spending time doing. Don't be shy about writing "spaced out", "daydreaming", or "worrying" if you spent time doing that. When you have finished your list, go to bed! The next day, look at yesterday's list and spend some time reflecting on the questions listed below the chart.

I suppose you're expecting me to suggest what you SHOULD be doing with your time, but no. I think I can trust you with that part. For now, I hope you will give this exercise a try and maybe try tracking a whole day on occasion. I would love to hear about your experience with this exercise and about ideas or questions it inspires in you.

Blessings,
Pastor Joe

Charting Your Morning Hours

5AM	
5:30	
6AM	
6:30	
7AM	
7:30	
8AM	
8:30	
9AM	
9:30	
10AM	
10:30	
11AM	
11:30	

Consider the following questions for each physical and/or mental activity you listed:

For whom or for what did you spend that time?

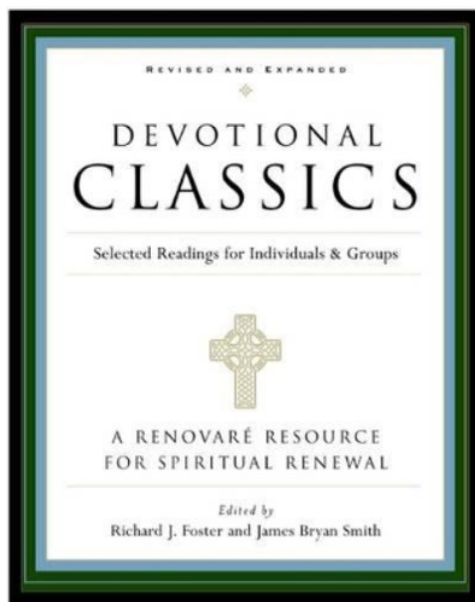
What did you feel about spending that time? (enjoyment, frustration satisfaction, etc.)

As you review how your time was spent, can you identify any time that you wish you had spent differently?

Devotional Classics: Selected Readings for Individuals and Groups

Begins March 22nd, 6:30PM

Spiritual Practices Gathering at Christ UMC meets weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30PM. On March 25th, we will begin exploring a new book, “Devotional Classics”. The book is a collection of experiences and reflections from authors, theologians, and historical figures from the early and contemporary Church. The essays provide a variety of perspectives on Christian spirituality, followed by questions for reflection and suggested exercises to try.



The format is conversational in nature. Group members will share their experience with each week's readings and exercises in a space of mutual support and confidentiality.

As we begin exploring this new book, it is a good time for new people to join the group. If you are interested in joining us, please email Pastor Joe at jhill75cumc@gmail.com, or call/text him at 304-840-1923.



Family Life @ CUMC

Scouting Sunday was a delight! Girl Scout Troop #10467 from the Laughlin Chapel spent the day at CUMC. They led our Call To Worship and then demonstrated The Girl Scout Promise during Children's Message. We had our very own Boy Scout, Stephen Gilbert, acolyte for us. The group then went to Wheeling Park Ice Skating Rink where family and friends from the church and Messy Church also joined us.



It's not too late to order your own Girl Scout Cookies too! See Laurie Ruberg to place an order. Each box is \$6 and must be prepaid before delivery. Cookies can also be ordered by using the following link: <https://DigitalCookie.GirlScouts.org/scout/troop10467c289>

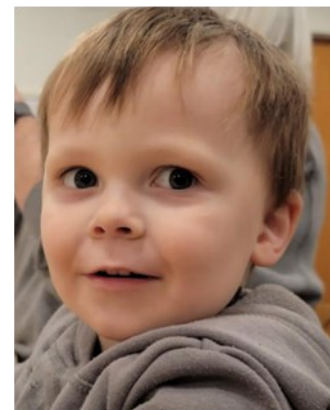
Messy Church continues to be a joyful focal point of our ministry each month. We average about 20 participants from our four hosting churches, gathering together for an evening of learning, laughter, and connection.



Children and adults alike enjoy hearing a story about Jesus, sharing a meal around the table, and participating in hands-on activities that bring Scripture to life. It is a beautiful reminder that faith grows best in community — across generations.

You, too, can be part of this vibrant ministry! Whether helping prepare a meal, assisting with activities, or simply offering a welcoming presence, volunteers make this experience possible. We would love for you to join us.

See Diann Nickerson or Tammy Tomazoli for information.



This March we have **two meaningful opportunities** to put our faith into action and serve those around us. Every act of service — big or small — helps build a stronger, more caring community.

If you feel called to be part of either opportunity, we would love to have you join us. To learn more or to sign up, please contact Diann Nickerson at 304-312-0347.

Let's step forward together — serving with open hands,

generous hearts, and a shared commitment to being the hands and feet of Christ.

WL WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY CAMPUS MINISTRY

Students Telling the Story of Service

This month we had the joy of working with WLU senior Matty Lamp to create a video highlighting our Backpack Feeding Ministry at West Liberty Elementary School. The video will be featured as part of our annual **Day of Giving on March 26**, helping tell the story of why this ministry matters and how it impacts children in our community.

Each week, through this ministry, food is prepared and distributed to ensure that students have access to meals over the weekend. It is a quiet but powerful expression of Christ's love — meeting practical needs with compassion and consistency.

In the video, our student office assistant, Abigail Farnsworth, who helps coordinate this weekly effort, shares about our responsibility to care for the most vulnerable among us. Her words remind us that service is not simply an activity — it is a calling rooted in justice, mercy, and faith.

We invite you to watch and share the video on Facebook and Instagram, and to prayerfully consider supporting Campus Ministry on March 26 during our Day of Giving. Your generosity helps sustain ministries like the Backpack Feeding Program and empowers students to lead with compassion and purpose.

Together, we are forming servant leaders and making a tangible difference in the lives of children in our community.

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Bill Gersting	March 01	Douglas Clatterbuck	March 24
Judy Allison	March 02	Winifred Foose	March 24
Roger Thorngate	March 02	Krystal Kepner	March 24
Jason Cunningham	March 03	Scott Miller	March 24
Danielle Spano	March 03	Roger* Smith	March 24
Zachary Allen Taylor	March 03	Alivia West	March 24
James Woodburn	March 03	Hannah Sims	March 25
Matthew Collins	March 04	Jane* Wallace	March 26
Andrew Cunningham	March 05	Cecil Heyman, III	March 30
Bonnie Ellis	March 05	Annie Kopay	March 31
Timothy A. Mudge	March 05	Gregory Taggart	March 31
Katie Coffield	March 06		
Kaylee* Davis	March 07		
Amy Lee Morris	March 07		
Joyce Berdine	March 08		
Eric Crow	March 08		
Jacob* Steele	March 08		
Aaron Hutchins	March 09		
Sandy Warnick	March 09		
Richard S. Hogan	March 11		
Cristal* Shoemaker	March 12		
Rachael Benda	March 12		
Larry Blalock	March 13		
Julie Cunningham	March 13		
Zachary* Channel	March 14		
Gary Sprague	March 14		
Jessica* Bailey	March 15		
Sandi Wright	March 16		
Daniel Palmer	March 17		
Patrick Voegelin	March 17		
Emily Marshall	March 18		
Anabelle* Voegelin	March 18		
Ross Wells	March 18		
Kristen* Posey	March 19		
Nathan* Posey	March 19		
Brody* Steele	March 19		
Joanne Taylor	March 19		
Anna Amie	March 20		
Savannah Austen	March 20		
David Godown	March 20		
Devin Morris	March 20		
Jack Kerr	March 23		
George Ruberg	March 23		
Alexander Sims	March 23		
Jillian* Blalock	March 24		

Howard & Patricia Oliver
March 18

CARE FACILITIES

- Good Shepherd**
Jack Kerr - 320
CeCe Kiedaisch - 256
- Wheeling Hospital**
Continuous Care
Lowell Collins - 114



PRAYER REQUESTS

Angela Bailey
Baby Everett
Gary Kenamond
Rick Veon
Peter Lyasko
Eric
Ken & Bob Holt
Kevin Long
James
Roxie Derheimer
Bruce & Mary Bandi
Lois Pace
Greg Smith
Shirley Conaway
Sally Marple
Ed Fitzgerald
David King
Lee Browning
Sarah
Justin
Gary Galbreath
Craig
Randy Jones
Kim & Buddy Bowman
Charlie Palmer
Parker Fox
Kevin Barton
Frank Gilbert & Family
Logan
Harry
James Gyer
Brittany Yoho
Bob & Debbie Becker
Lee
Suzanne
Ruth Wade
Jeff Winslow
Addison Stephans
Travis Ellis
Bill
Josh Chaplin
Breanne
Sandy Thames
Jack & Linda Kerr
Michael Selick
Scott Morris

**HOC Food
Pantry Donations**

We will be collecting the following for the House of the Carpenter for the month of March: **fruit cocktail; jelly (grape & strawberry); chicken & beef broth; any type of cracker.**

Thanks to everyone that donated items in February.

Christian Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Collins Family on the death of their loved one, Christine.

Altar Flower Donations

The flower chart for 2026 is now posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex if you would like to donate flowers in honor of (birthday, anniversary, etc.) or in remembrance of a loved one.

Flower donations are needed for March 8 and 15.

Graduation Recognition

On Sunday, May 17, 2024 the church will be recognizing those who are graduating from High School, College, or University. Please send in a photograph of the graduate accompanied by their full name (first, middle, and last) and the name of the school from which they are graduating. If applicable, provide their plans for the future concerning where they may be attending a college or university, and if they have decided on a major. **This information can**

be sent to the church office christumcwheeling@gmail.com by **April 30, 2024.**

Save the Date

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held **Monday, July 13 through Friday, July 17.**

This year's theme will be "*Rainforest Falls - Exploring the Nature of God*".

The committee is looking for artificial tropical plants to jazz up the church décor. If you have any to lend, please drop them off at the church office or to Diann.

**Celebration of Hope
Dinner**

Invitations to the **Celebration of Hope Dinner** to benefit the HOC are available at the Chapel & Narthex entrances.

The event will be held on April 11, 2026, 6:00 PM at the Highlands Event Center, 355 Whar-ton Circle, Triadelphia.

Tickets are \$50.00 each and can be purchased online at www.houseofthecarpenter.com.

Limited seats are available for this event.

Contact the church office if you have further questions.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER

2026

Easter flower orders in memory of or in honor of a loved one are being taken until Sunday, March 15. Your payment of \$15.50 must accompany your order.

Quantity: Lily _____ Tulip _____ Hyacinth _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Total: _____



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