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# Family Life News

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## Summer Camp at Spring Heights

Who loves being outside in nature? Who loves growing in faith? Spring Heights has just the thing for our young people—**Summer Camp 2026!** Each program is centered on faith, friendship, and fun. We encourage families to explore the options and see what might be a good fit for your children.

[www.springheights.org](http://www.springheights.org)

*Scholarships are available—please see Diann Nickerson for more information.*

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## Easter Celebration in Children’s Church

On **April 5**, our children will celebrate Easter during Children’s Church with a joyful morning that includes an egg hunt, games, and treats.

We look forward to welcoming lots of children as we celebrate the good news of Easter together!



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## Girl Scout Updates

Our Girl Scouts have been busy these past few months working on the *Plant the Moon Challenge* and, of course, cookie season!

Laurie Ruberg, leader of Troop #10467, extends her heartfelt thanks to Christ UMC for the many ways you support the children of Laughlin Chapel. Your encouragement truly makes a difference.





## Messy Church – April 6

Join us on **Monday, April 6 at 6:00 PM** at First Christian Church (the “round window church” on National Road).

Together we’ll explore the Easter story by creating story boxes to take home and share. Dinner will be provided—rigatoni and our fun “Roll the Stone Away” meatballs!

All ages are welcome—come as you are and bring a friend.

## Serving Together

Acts of service continue to be an important part of our faith journey, and we are grateful for all who have stepped forward recently.

- Through our partnership with **Rise Against Hunger**, members of our congregation helped assemble 30,000 meals for people around the world—an incredible witness of compassion in action.
- We also participated in a **Flood Bucket Assembly** at Fourth Street UMC. Thanks to generous donations from the Mission Team and New Covenant Unit, we provided needed supplies. Students from 4-H and West Liberty University Campus Ministry joined in assembling the buckets, making it a wonderful intergenerational effort.



## Another Opportunity to Serve!

We’re excited to invite you into a meaningful and creative way to make a difference!

Each year, the Conference Justice and Advocacy Team highlights important issues impacting our communities. This year, we are focusing on **literacy and hunger** through our theme:



**Rooted in Love: Breaking Bread, Opening Books.** As part of this effort, we’ll be creating strings of hearts and bookmarks to help decorate the sanctuary at West Virginia Wesleyan—visual reminders of love in action and the needs around us.

**Thursday, April 23 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM** in the **Conference Room**

We’ll spend the morning crafting together using paper, ribbon, and simple materials (all supplies provided). No special skills are needed—just willing hands and a loving heart! Come enjoy fellowship, creativity, and the joy of serving together. Whether you stay for a few minutes or the whole time, your presence will help share God’s love in a beautiful and tangible way. We’d love to see you there!

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# Campus Ministry at West Liberty University



Campus Ministry continues to meet each Monday for Bible study. Recent conversations have included the women of the Bible, friendship, cooperation, and ways of handling anxiety. These gatherings are filled with meaningful discussion, shared stories, and encouragement along each student's faith journey.

Supporting the local elementary school feeding program remains a highlight. We are grateful for student organizations who help with the weekly sorting and packing, including the football team, women's volleyball team, and dance team. It's inspiring to see students living out their faith through service.



**Thank you, Christ UMC, for the many ways you nurture faith, build community, and serve others. Together, we are making a difference—right here and beyond.**

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