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IN-PERSON WORSHIP

8:30 am 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

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The
Spire

Together We Grow Warmer in Fellowship....

Ok we just finished with August. I'm not sure anyone wants our fellowship to get ANY warmer than it has been the last few months! Wait.... Did we have something in mind with this phrase besides the temperature? Of course we did.

As children, we played a lot of different guessing games. When we played guessing games and someone said, "You're getting warmer!", it meant that you were getting closer to what you were looking for. So maybe we could say growing warmer in fellowship is about getting closer to being...what? Getting closer to being the kind of fellowship, the kind of community, that is a witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Gospel, in the briefest terms is this: "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" I have said before that the Kingdom of Heaven is realized in the here and now anytime and anywhere disciples of Jesus are gathered as the visible, tangible expression and experience of God's grace, God's love, God's redemption, and God's healing. All of these are aspects of what we call salvation.

Of all the expressions mentioned above, only one is directly used in the command Christ gives to his disciples: "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34) Elsewhere Jesus says, "No one has greater love than this: that one lays down their life for their friends." (John 15:13) So the community of the Kingdom then is also the community of the Cross. That is to say the church is an assembly of Jesus' disciples who give of themselves sacrificially for the sake of one another; and together do so for the sake of the world.

From this perspective, there is always room to grow warmer in fellowship, or closer in community, because we are always missing someone. There is always an extra seat at the table. There is always room for one more, for many more, in God's Kingdom. There is always room to grow warmer in fellowship, or closer in community, because we can always know one another better. Likewise, we can always share a little more of ourselves: a little more of our gifts and talents, a little more of our story, a little more of our time with and for one another. More and more we can be, and are, a gathering of people who know one another, support and encourage one another, and work together for one another's wellbeing and for the wellbeing of others. Sharing joys, sharing sorrows, sharing life. May God continue to help us together to grow, more and more, into the community God is looking for in this world.

We're Getting Warmer!

Pastor Joe

HOC Food Pantry Donations

We will be collecting the following for the food pantry at the House of the Carpenter for the month of September: **crackers, canned chili, beef stew, instant mashed potatoes, instant oatmeal and hot cereals.**

They will gladly accept any food items that you would like to donate.

Please drop your items in the Narthex or at the Chapel entrance into the wooden boxes labeled for the HOC.

Thank you to everyone who donated items during the month of August. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

Free Books

Please visit the free book table located near the front entrance. There, you will find books on topics such as comfort, hope, prayer, and God's love.

Additional books are also available at the Chapel entrance.

Feel free to take a book for yourself or for a family member or friend.

Baptism

Congratulations to Sam Metzner and family on his recent baptism...August 9, 2026.



Save the Date Card Workshop

Join us on Saturday, October 17, for a Greeting Card Workshop. A light lunch will be served at noon, followed by card making.

If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

For questions, please see Cindy Baltz or JoEllen Albers.

Appalachian Christmas Project

The Appalachian Christmas Project is seeking Christmas wrapping paper and new or used Christmas cards for 2026. If you have any items to donate, please drop them off at the church office.



United Women in Faith

Northern District
FALL MEETING

 **Sat Sept 19**
9:30 Registration Begins
10:00 - Noon

 **Christ United Methodist Church**
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Life has a way of filling our calendars while leaving our spirits longing for something deeper. Join women from across the Northern District for a refreshing morning of worship, conversation, laughter, and discovery as Rev. Joe Hill, pastor at Christ UMC, leads us in exploring spiritual disciplines that help us draw closer to God in the midst of everyday life.

In Gathering Donations: Feminine Hygiene Products
Lunch: \$10

 **RSVP - DIANN @**
304-312-0347

JOIN US!

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Patricia Stephens	September 02
Jeffrey Wharton	September 02
Joseph* Hatton	September 03
Winnie Hurd	September 03
John Warnick	September 03
Keiston Jones	September 04
Steven* Shoemaker	September 05
Wayne Soard	September 06
Jason Smith	September 07
Carol Carroll	September 08
Alma Johnson	September 08
Carol Butler	September 09
Mary Lu Hutchins	September 09
Michele Wells	September 09
Karla Weeks	September 11
Shawn West	September 12
Charles Williams	September 12
Robin Channel	September 13
Robert Hoffman	September 13
Beau* Robinette	September 13
Palmer* Robinette	September 13
Vincent Lazear	September 14
Kelly* McCardle	September 14
Allison* McCardle	September 14
James Bitzer	September 16
Brad D. Brown	September 16
James* Hofmann	September 16
Zachary Morris	September 16
Jay Dyer	September 17
Pamela Robinson	September 17
Dean Wright	September 17
Garrison* Gessler	September 18
Jim Kepner	September 19
Mara* Wright	September 19
Chris Johnston	September 20
Kaeleigh* Koish	September 20
Jenny Matz	September 21
Errol Sambuco	September 21
Robert W. Galbreath	September 22
Jack* Robinette	September 24
Spencer Curry	September 25
Nick* Cunningham	September 27
Michel Freismuth	September 27
Shannon Galbreath	September 29

Wray & Yonnie Voegelin
September 4

Bruce & Mary Bandi
September 6

Spencer & Sherry Curry
September 8

Toyoko & Ricky* Onishi
September 23

Brent & Cherie Fullerton
September 28

Doug & Crystal Clatterbuck
September 29

Care Facilities

Good Shepherd
Jack Kerr - 320



PRAYER REQUESTS

Chuck Williams
Family of Eric Gordon
Tom Hemsley
Barbara Romo
Angela Bailey
Baby Everett
Rick Veon
Peter Lyasko
Eric
Kevin Long
James
Roxie Derheimer
Bruce & Mary Bandi
Greg Smith
Shirley Conaway
Ed Fitzgerald
David King
Lee Browning
Sarah
Justin
Gary Galbreath
Craig
Kim & Buddy Bowman
Charlie Palmer
Parker Fox
Kevin Barton
Logan
James Gyer
Brittany Yoho
Bob & Debbie Becker
Lee
Suzanne
Ruth Wade
Jeff Winslow
Addison Stephans
Travis Ellis
Bill
Josh Chaplin
Breanne
Jack & Linda Kerr
Michael Selick
Scott Morris



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