



## Transitions & Opportunities

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**IN-PERSON WORSHIP**  
 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel  
 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

**ONLINE SERVICE**  
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Watch live Sundays @ 11 a.m.  
 or watch recorded services  
 posted after 12 pm on Sundays

### Staff

**Rev. Jake Steele**  
 Pastor

**Diann Nickerson**  
 Family Life Coordinator  
 Director of Campus Ministries

**Bill Stephens**

Choir Director

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Children's Choir Director

**Judith Allison**

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Nursery Attendant

**Ron Miller**

Custodian



If you blinked, you would've missed a bevy of movements occurring around us. Indeed, there has been no shortage of activity within the life of the church, both on the local and denominational levels. Given the measures we've taken (and will continue to take) in order to navigate the recent permutations of General Conference (I'll provide us greater details on steps we'll assume as a congregation in September's Spire), it would be easy to overlook other noteworthy movements, especially within the bounds of our Annual Conference (WV & Garrett County, MD).

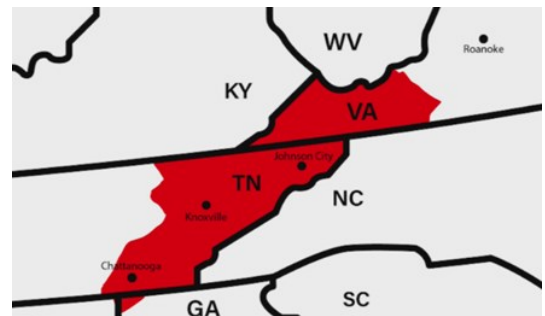
Bishop Sandra Steiner-Ball has faithfully served as our episcopal leader for 12 years (the maximum term for a UM bishop in any given annual conference). During her tenure, she's provided exceptional care and has offered us innovation, strong, discerning leadership and a spirit of unity that isn't always present in other areas of our denominational life. We've been blessed by her ministry with us and we're prayerful for her as she and Barry now shift their sights on serving the Western PA Conference.

Meanwhile, we ready ourselves for similar transitions and new opportunities:

Officially, come September, the WV area will welcome a new bishop, Debra Wallace-Padgett.

Bishop Debra and her husband, Lee, come to us from the North Alabama and Holston Confer-

ences, located in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Uniquely, she is the only bishop who will "rove" between jurisdictions, leading both Holston and WV Conferences (the imbedded picture outlines the Holston area). Accordingly, it is with optimism that we anticipate new, creative partnerships and shared resources in a rapidly evolving ministry context.



Brothers and sister, I've said it before and it bears repeating: Though it goes against every impulse we have when it feels as though life is in flux, we must remember that uncertainty doesn't justify immobility. Uncertainty about the future doesn't legitimize immobility in faith or stagnancy in mission. May we bind together as a people who follow in The Way. May we take to heart the reality that our God is, indeed, Alpha and Omega—the God of the our beginnings and ends, but acknowledge this too: Our Lord blesses and buoys all those in-between as well. In fact, scan the scriptures and see that most—if not all of the miraculous movements of the Lord occur in the middle. Join me in that confidence as we sojourn to present Christ to the community around us!

*See You Sunday.*

*Pastor Jake*

*The Spire*



## Children's Church "Hands up, Hands on, Hands out"

Children ranging from 4 years through the 3rd grade are invited to attend this program which will follow "Children's Moments" during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, Stephanie Gates, "Ms. Steph", will offer music at this time to those children in Kindergarten through the 5th grade.

We are seeking volunteers to help with this program. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex for you to place your name.

## August Collections for the HOC

For the month of August, we will be collecting hot & cold cereal and salt & pepper shakers.

If you would like to donate but don't have time or can't get out to shop, Shelby can do the shopping for you. Please catch up with her during worship or contact her at 304-242-6127.

Thank you to everyone that donated for the month of June.

## Sunday School Update

The start-up date of fall Sunday School has been changed.

Due to the church picnic being held on September 8, 2024, Sunday School will start on Sunday, September 15, 2024.

We look forward to welcoming new and returning participants. Additional information will be available in the September Spire.

## Christian Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to family and friends of Naomi Hupp on her recent passing.

## Sunday School Volunteer

If you desire to work with our church's youth (middle school and up), Gary Sprague, our youth Sunday School teacher, would appreciate you joining him this year to get to know our youth better and help them grow spiritually. See Gary personally or text him at [gsprague@linsly.org](mailto:gsprague@linsly.org).

## Kroger Rewards

If you would like to participate in the **KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS** program to benefit CUMC follow the instructions below:

- Create a digital account if you do not already have one.
- Sign into your account to link your Kroger Rewards Card.
- Use number AQ310 or search for Christ United Methodist Church and click on save.

Each time you shop and swipe your card a percentage of your order total will be donated to CUMC at no cost to you.

## September Sign-up Sheets

September sign-up sheets for liturgist and coffee hour will soon be posted. Please sign up and help where you can.

## Appalachian Christmas Project

It's never too early to start shopping to fill your Christmas shoebox for the Appalachian Christmas Project. The following is a list of suggested items to help you fill your box.

**Disposable razors; calendars; shaving cream; bar soap; shampoo; toothbrush/toothpaste; deodorant; wash cloth; purse size Kleenex; comb or brush; Q-tips; cotton balls; notepads/pencils/pens.**

**Optional items: stamps/envelopes; Chapstick; first aid cream; magnifying glass; socks; knee highs; hand sanitizer; nail clippers/tweezers; jar grips/pot scratcher; small puzzle book; denture cleaner.**

Shoeboxes are available in the Volunteer Office when you are ready to start filling your box.

In addition to the shoeboxes, the Christmas project is always in need of Christmas wrapping paper & new or used Christmas cards.

## **CARE FACILITIES**

- **Good Shepherd**  
Denny Hon 235, Jack Kerr  
320, Mildred Posey
- **Peterson**  
Jane Friebertshauer 520

# Save the Date

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 10 A.M.** **BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY PARK**

# **CHURCH** *picnic*

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## **West Liberty University Protestant Campus Ministry**

Every year I anticipate plenty of time to get prepared for the upcoming semester but summer seems to whiz by faster than the year before! While things will look a little different in terms of being on campus, we have a plan! I'll be on campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays to have bible study, meet with students, and provide programming. With the help of a grant provided by the WV Annual Conference's Higher Education Team, we will be funding a part-time student worker, Abigail Farnsworth, to help cover the office while I'm working here. Abigail has been involved with Campus Ministry for two years and will be a wonderful asset to the office in the Chapel. Abigail, a junior social worker from Phillippi, is kind and welcoming and will be perfect to represent Campus Ministry to students and families on campus.



Here are a few things planned for Campus Ministry in the fall semester:

Monthly Worship Services with light refreshments (following the service) will be offered on the last Sunday of the month in the Chapel. We will have a guest preacher from local churches sharing the message to our students. The August 25<sup>th</sup> worship service will also include a back-to-school blessing as the students begin the new year with Pastor Jake as our guest preacher. Join us!



We will host the annual ice cream social during the first week of classes to introduce ourselves to the student body plus provide a cool, tasty ice cream novelty. Bible study will take place on Tuesdays at 4 pm in the Chapel and will provide an opportunity for students to dig a little deeper into their faith.

Serving others is important so volunteer opportunities throughout the semester will include working at Hope United Methodist Church on Wednesdays at the food pantry. Our plan is to also provide some assistance with the Burlington Old Fashioned Apple Harvest this fall. If there is an interest, we might be able to bring Christ kids with us on this trip. More info to follow.

## **Family Life Coordinator**

**Messy Church** continues to grow each month and we will be learning about Moses in August. There are plenty of opportunities for you to get involved in this growing ministry. Please feel free to contact me for more information.

The House of the Carpenter hosted a Literacy Campus July 31 – Aug 2 and CUMC provided a meal for the kids. There were fifteen students in the program and each day they learned new skills, had lunch, and received a new book! Tammy Tomazoli helped serve the homemade meal to the children.

Cheerfully in Christ,  
*Diann Nickerson*  
Family Life Coordinator and  
Director of Campus Ministries



# August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Nancy J. Buckley August 2  
 Lorena Ruberg August 2  
 Jeffrey\* Joseph August 3  
 Jim Bruhn August 4  
 Beverly Straub August 4  
 Jennifer Heyman, III August 5  
 Stacey Collins August 6  
 Erick\* Schmalz August 6  
 Willow\* Conner August 7  
 Brenda Duvall August 7  
 Gary Kiedaisch August 7  
 Justin\* Willson August 7  
 Anne\* Wilmoth August 8  
 Elizabeth\* Godown August 9  
 Linda Cornell August 10  
 Matthew Straub August 10  
 Chad Bryant August 11  
 David Croft August 11  
 Benjamin Depew August 11  
 David Jackson August 11  
 Gina\* Behrens August 13  
 Dorothy Harman August 13  
 Donald Kidd August 13  
 Aiko Onishi August 13  
 Carly\* Arensberg August 14  
 Belinda Austen August 14  
 Jonathon\* Hornyak August 15  
 Lily\* Morris August 19  
 Hanna Frazier August 20  
 Richard Stewart August 21  
 Laeken Beale August 22  
 Judith Wright August 22  
 Michael\* Soard August 23  
 Katie Wheeler August 23  
 Tracy Stobbs August 24  
 Kaleigh Bryant August 26  
 Dave Goodwin August 26  
 Caroline\* Voegelin August 26  
 Benjamin\* Wilson August 27  
 Robert McClelland August 28  
 Kortney Bryant August 29  
 Taylor Broadwater August 30  
 Eric Brown August 30  
 Katherine Kiger August 30  
 Bobbi Nally August 30  
 Emerson\* Young August 31

**Ben & Danielle Ellwood**  
August 6

**Lou & Jane Costanzo**  
August 8

**Tim & Joyce\* Mudge**  
August 11

**Denis\* & Erin Markan**  
August 12

**Roger\* & Marilyn Smith**  
August 12

**Timothy & Susan Large**  
August 13

**David & Lisa Sims**  
August 15

**Vincent & Betty Lazear**  
August 18

**Tom & Kathy\* Posey**  
August 19

**John & Bobbi Nally**  
August 21

**John & Donita Rush**  
August 28

**Craig & Kathleen Knight**  
August 31

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Andy Cunningham; Sarah; Family of Robert Blount, Jr.; Shirley Conaway; Bill & Barbara Clough; Gary Galbreath; Craig; Justin; Randy Jones; Clem & Nancy Schutler; Kim & Buddy Bowman; Roxie Derheimer; Charlie Palmer; Parker Fox; Katie Histing; Kevin Barton; Frank Gilbert & Family; Richard Gilliam; Logan; Barbara Buckwack; Harry; James Gyer; Brittany Yoho; Bob & Debbie Becker; Lee; Suzanne; Ruth Wade; Jeff Winslow; Addison Stephans; John Lendon; Travis Ellis; Bill; Sony and Gary; Josh Chaplin; Melissa; Breanne; Karen & Jim Bruhn; Sandy Thames; Leslie Heldreth; Glenn Balla; John Witzberger; Freda Blake, Sherry Curry; Barb Wotojwicz; Family of Anya Robertson; Joan McClelland; Joanne Taylor; Randy Austin & Family; Miller Family; Jason Broadwater; Betty Dent; Bob McDonald; 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; Harold Tharp; Randy Straub; Scott Morris; Michael Selick; Sara Madison; Sherwood Dobbs; Lauren Robinson; Harriett McCardle; Ted Allen; Gary Haught; Betty Hissom; Brad King; Jim Jones; Jenn; Gail; Jeff; Sara Staley; Cody McAvoy; Kristen Smith; Betty Love; Jonathan Chance; Elizabeth Carson; Connie Macek; Bill Harr; Mr. P.; Linda Moffit.



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# EMERGENCY

## Bible Numbers

When in sorrow.....	John 14
When you have sinned.....	Psalm 51
When you worry.....	Matthew 6:19-34
When God seems far away.....	Psalm 139
When you are depressed.....	Psalm 27
When people seem unkind.....	John 15
When you grow bitter and critical.....	I Corinthians 13
When discouraged about your work.....	Psalm 126
When you want peace and rest.....	Matthew 11:25-30
When the world seems bigger than God.....	Psalm 90
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish.....	Psalm 67
When you lose confidence in people.....	I Corinthians 13
When you are lonely and fearful.....	Psalm 23
When you are in danger.....	

**All lines to heaven are open 24 hours a day!  
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