

“Growing Within, Reaching Out, Making a Difference”

ANNOUNCEMENTS		
SUN	7/19	Installation of New D.S. at 3 pm Mt Olivet—162 Fairmont Pike Rd, Wheeling, WV 26003
SUN	7/26	Leadership Board Meeting 6 pm
SAT	8/15	Next Pancake Breakfast, 8-10:30 am

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	
	Reasons to Rejoice: Local road trips to check out the history and beauty of our State. For God’s Guidance with these concerns: Beanie & Evelyn Hayhurst, Jeanette Tingler, Joe Morris & family, Brock Collins, Matt Harper, Firefighters & First Responders, Our Nation, Our Leaders, Our Call to Faithful Stewardship & our Willingness to Act, Discerning Leadership, Grandma Grace <i>The Family of Betty Horner and Frankie Hanlon</i>



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Kathy McCullough

Margie Tallman

Shellie Beck

Anniversaries & Birthday

Joys & Concerns

Opening Prayer: God of grace and love, We rely on Your love extended to us in all ways and at all times, extravagantly and with generosity. We live day by day knowing that Your care and concern are poured out for us in Your provision for our needs and beyond our imagining. You entrust us with the gift of the good news of the Gospel and invite us to be partners in the sharing of the message of grace. Day by day, we realize the many gifts lavished upon us. We come to You to acknowledge and praise You for all Your goodness to us. Amen.

Hymn

"A Charge to Keep I Have"

No. 413

Call To Worship

L: Today, we gather to join our voices with winds and seas, sunshine and rain, mountains and grassy plains to worship God, our Creator.

P: We gather as children.

L: We gather to join our hearts with creatures who creep and crawl, slither and squirm, swim and soar, to worship God, our Creator.

P: We gather as children of God.

L: We gather as witnesses of the harm that has been done to God's creation, to the groanings of the earth and all the earth's inhabitants who long for peace and flourishing.

P: We gather as children of God, stewards of God's creation.

L: Come, let us worship God who strengthens and equips us,
guiding us to live out our faith as good stewards of God's good creation.

P: Come, let us worship God who inspires and empowers us to be stewards of hope and redemption in a wounded and hurting world! Amen.

Invitation to the Word: As we have lifted our voices with the chorus of all creation, we now turn our hearts toward the Living Word. May the Holy Spirit open our minds to understand the mystery of the Gospel, and may these words empower us to live as children of God, rooted in hope and active in love. Let us listen for what God is saying to the church today.

Amen.

Reading of Scripture

Shelli Beck

Romans 8:12-25 *Future Glory*

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 *The Parable of Weeds among Wheat*

Hymn of Response

"I Want to Be Ready" Vs 1,3

No. 722

Message

“Wait with Eager Longing”

Pastor Anna

Core Faith

Mail-in, Tithes & Offerings

Passing of the Plate

Offertory, Doxology, Prayer

Closing Hymn

“Hymn of Promise”

No. 707

Benediction: Beloved, the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. May the Spirit bless us and empower us to reveal ourselves as the children of God as we work for the flourishing of all creation. Amen.

Postlude/Cares Chorus

What does transforming Appalachia through the love of God look like to you?

What if we showed that we care for creation by “adopt(ing)-a-spot.”

See insert for the difference between “Adopt-A-Highway” and “Adopt-A-Spot”

What if we did not wait for a tragedy to happen? Or for someone to ask for help?

We can plan to fill buckets, make personal hygiene packets, and spend some time at the local Laundromat handing out quarters, Tide pods, and/or dryer sheets, on a regular basis, not just one time a year.