

WEST ALEXANDER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Monthly Newsletter-May 2026

Greetings Corner

“Into Your Hands” – A Devotion on Psalm 31:1-5

Scripture: “In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness...Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.” (Psalm 31:1,5)

Reflection: These verses are a cry from a heart under pressure. King David is not writing from comfort, but from danger, fear, and uncertainty. Yet instead of collapsing under anxiety, he runs toward God and calls Him his refuge.

A refuge is not merely a hiding place—it is a place of safety, protection, and trust. David reminds us that faith is not the absence of trouble; it is the decision to turn toward God *while trouble is present*.

The words in verse 5—“Into your hands I commit my spirit”—are especially powerful. Centuries later, these same words were spoken by Jesus as He died on the cross, recorded in Gospel of Luke 23:46. In both moments—David’s danger and Jesus’ crucifixion—the phrase expresses total surrender to God’s care.

What This Means for Us: We often try to control outcomes, solve every problem, and protect ourselves from uncertainty. Psalm 31 invites us to do something different: entrust ourselves fully to God, even when we do not yet see deliverance. To commit your spirit into God’s hands means:

- trusting His character when circumstances feel chaotic
- believing He is working even when you cannot see it
- resting your future, your fears, and your reputation in His care

God is not only powerful—He is faithful, as David declares. Our safety ultimately rests not in our strength, but in His reliability.

A Prayer

Lord, You are my refuge and my rock. When fear rises and I feel uncertain about the future, help me remember that my life is in Your hands. Teach me to trust You the way David did—and the way Jesus did—fully and without reserve. Into Your hands I commit my spirit today. Amen.

"Jesus was willing to be crucified because He knew you are worth saving. Never think you are not."-Boone.

Events Corner

May 5	Session Meeting 7:30 pm
May 11	Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm
May 12	Deacons Meeting 10:00 am (No meetings June or July)
May 17	Fellowship time after morning worship

Want to know more about Jesus?

Beginning May 11, join us every Monday evening at 6pm in the fellowship hall and “Walk with Jesus” by watching an episode of “The Chosen” TV series. After each episode a reflections guide created by the Newbridge Church of Wheeling is used to look deeper in His journey through the Gospels and how His truth can impact your life. For more information, please contact Mark Mason at 724-747-2749.



Memorial Day Community Happenings

Memorial Day Parade -May 25th at 10:30 am
Memorial Day Service at the Cemetery following the parade with a speaker.
Post Everlasting Service -May 25 at 7:00pm. Location TBD.



Birthdays and Announcement Corner

May 10	Barb Rodgers
May 11	Mary lea Dutton
May 16	Jim McMurray
May 17	Joe Burig
May 28	Jodi Noble
May 28	Dick Burig
May 30	Candi Noble-Greathouse



Missions/Outreach Corner

As a Church, through the Mission/Evangelism Committee, we give 10% of our monthly tithes to various missions.



Listed below are the charities we have supported for 2026:

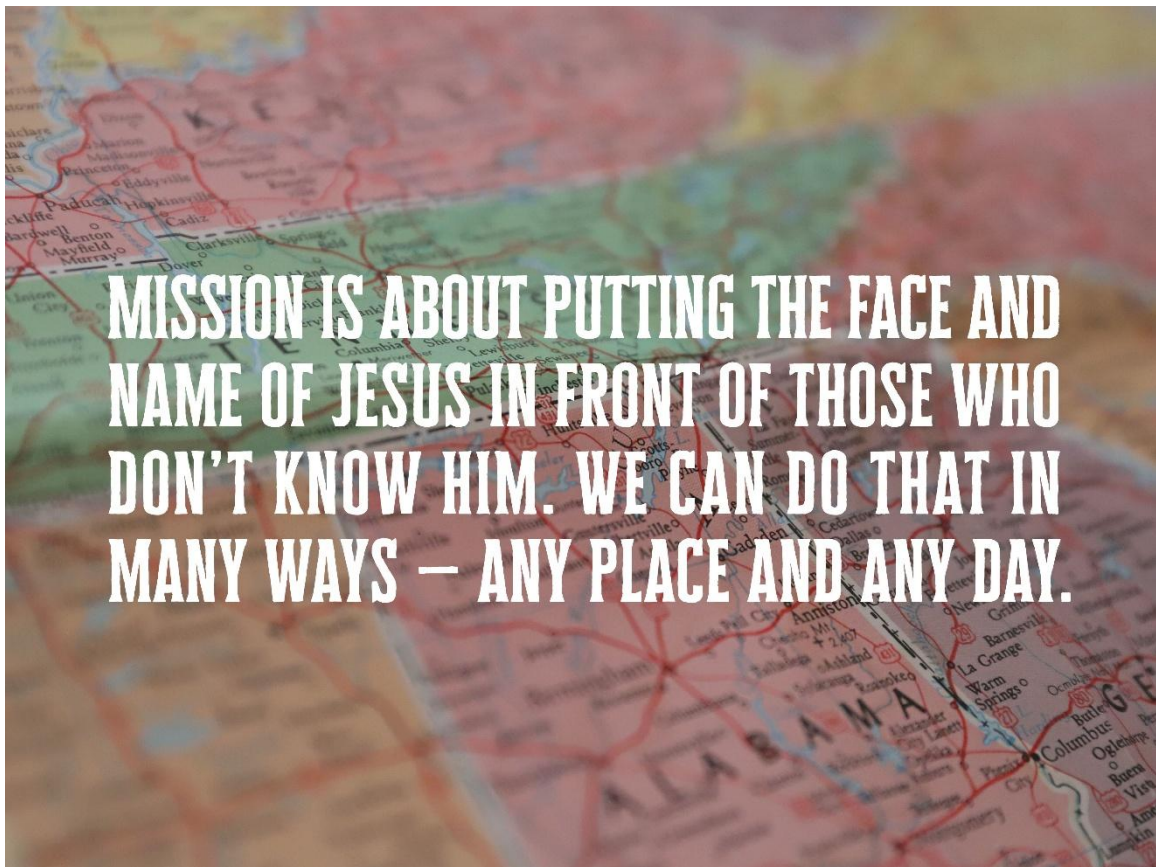
January 2026: Coalition of Christian Outreach (Jubilee) benefiting local college students

February 2026: McGuffey Community Bible Program (Bible Release)

March 2026: Bryan Brown Fundraiser as assistance for medical expenses

April 2026: Resurrection Power

During the 844 Corridor Church Lenten Services, a total of \$2,314 was collected in support of the Washington Christian Outreach Ministry. Let's give huge thanks to all who attended these services and their support!



Hello WARC family,

April 2026

Warmer days are coming! Thanks for your prayers for us these past couple of months.

Clark at school- We have been investigating schooling options for Clark this coming fall (since he ages out of our homeschool co-op). After many visits and calls to both homeschools, public and private schools, we felt the Lord moving when Clark visited a Christian school on February 6th. Soon after the visit he was so excited to be a part of a school community again that he asked if he could start at the school for the last trimester. Things moved quickly with applications and his first day was March 16th. He has adjusted so well to waking up early for the bus ride, getting adjusted to new teachers and friends, doing homework, and wearing pants 4 days a week (he's normally a shorts guy year round). We knew it was going to be a good fit for him when he came home on his first day asking if he could join the March Madness online bracket challenge with the school community. He's currently in 4th place but upperclassmen learned his name quickly after week 1 when he was in 2nd place. (He picked Duke to win but is a U Conn fan). Academics will be hard for him so we will keep you posted. He's still very underweight and does best eating smaller meals all day long to avoid gagging. Thanks for praying for him in all the things.

JB as Gandalf- JB has selected to write his 5th grade research paper on JRR Tolkien this year. Next week he will dress as Gandalf (the wizard in the Lord of the Rings series) to present his essay to our homeschool community. Let me know if you'd like me to share the paper with you :). (He's got a gift.) He also won the first Chess Club tournament that we had in March.

Daniel continues to do well at school and in making friends. A handful of them have come to our Family Fun Nights over the past year and Andy was able to spend time with more of the kids when he volunteered at the Stop Motion after school club. Also Daniel switched to trumpet lessons since his voice instructor went back to grad school. He's finally started learning some tunes this week and is quite good at 'O When the Saints'.

Philip and Ray are growing like weeds and keeping up with their brothers. Philip will play soccer again this season (and Andy will coach) but I think he prefers backyard football. We let Ray come to the last Chess Club as a celebrity guest and he held his own with some older kids. So precious.



Although our Sunday church attendance has stayed much the same, our **Family Fun Nights** continue to gather a crowd. Last month we had a good time with pool noodle hockey and shared about Jesus and the criminals on their crosses. This Friday we will probably do some Gaga ball before talking about the disciples walking to Emmaus after the resurrection. We are praying about next steps to engage some of these families who haven't yet come on Sundays.

Andy finished a book study with some guys in February that was encouraging and the ladies' Bible study has been sweet too as folks grow in their relationships with the Lord and each other. I'm personally looking forward to our annual Ladies' Luncheon in May. I'm going to be sharing about "listening as a way to Love" (using Jesus' example of listening in John 4, and notes from the new book "The Love Language That Matters Most").

We hope you had a blessed Easter. Thanks for all your love and support from near and far. We pray for each of you, Heather and Andy

Hugs from M!
Heather & Andy



WEST ALEXANDER CHURCH FRIENDS,

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE
FANTASTIC SNACK BAGS! THEY WERE
APPRECIATED & ENJOYED. BELOW ARE
JUST A FEW WORDS OF GRATITUDE
FROM SOME OF THE STUDENTS WHO
ATTENDED JUBILEE THIS YEAR

MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR
KINDNESS & PRAYERS! - BECKY
JULIANO

Thank you
so much for
prayer +
the amazing
snacks!
-Gracie ☺

Thank you!!
-Alyssa

Thanks so much!!
- Josh

Thank you
-Emma 06/01

Thank you
so much!!
- Rachel

Thank you!
-Addison

Thank you!
Ryan

Thank you for
the snacks &
prayer!
-Kaylee

Thank you for
the snacks!
-ANEM

Your generosity is greatly
appreciated! Thank you!
-Madara ☺

Grateful for Those Who Gave All

We remember, O Lord, the men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Help us never to breathe the air of freedom, claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without deep gratitude for those who gave “the last full measure of devotion” for our sake.

May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Taste of Our Words



*I try to watch the words I say,
And keep them soft and sweet;
For I don't know from day to day,
Which ones I'll have to eat.*

Anonymous quote:

“When people stop believing in God, they don’t believe in nothing, they believe in anything.”

Connections Corner

Sunday Morning Worship—11:00 am

Sunday Morning Adult Friendship Class-Choir Room 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Adult Praying Hearts Group-Fellowship Hall 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Children’s Time-Youth Room 9:30 am

Prayer Corner

To request prayer by the church, call or email the church office. Praying Hearts Group will receive your request and honor it. Also, Elder Jane Noble, Clerk of Session, 304.639.9148 welcomes your prayer requests. Please tell us if your request is to be held in confidence or included in the Prayers for the People in morning worship.

A Prayer for Open Hearts and Minds

O Lord, our heavenly Father, in you is the fullness of light and wisdom. We ask that you enlighten our minds through the work of your Holy Spirit. Clear away distraction and doubt, and help us turn our full attention to you.

Give us grace to receive your Word with reverence and humility. Shape our hearts so we may listen not only with our ears, but with willing spirits, ready to be taught and transformed. Remind us that true understanding does not come from our own insight or effort, but from your truth revealed to us in love.

As we hear and reflect on Scripture today, draw us closer to you. Strengthen our faith, deepen our trust and guide us in the way we should go. May your Word take root within us and bear fruit in our lives, bringing honor to your name.

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, through whom all wisdom and grace are given. Amen.

Church Information

Church Officers

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