

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 22, 2024

8:30am - 12:30pm Childcare Available.....Room 207
 8:45am Contemporary Worship.....Centrum
 9:30am Fellowship TimeNarthex
 9:50am Bible Study.....Chapel
 9:50am Adult Sunday School.....Cana Class Rm
 9:50am Children's Activity & Worship....Sunday School
 10:00am Chancel Choir.....Choir Room
 11:00am Traditional Worship..... Centrum
 1:00pm CCUM 3-5 Basketball Practice.....Gym
 2:30pm CCUM Pickleball.....Gym
 3:30pm Youth Choir.....Choir Room
 4:00pm Youth Dance.....Centrum
 6:00pm Blue Christmas Service.....Chapel

Monday, December 23, 2024

12:00pm Yoga Class.....Potter Rm
 5:30pm Fife Street Fellowship.....Offsite
 6:00 CCUM K-2 Basketball Practice.....Gym

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

5:00pm Christmas Eve Service.....Centrum
 11:00pm Christmas Eve Service.....Centrum

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

CHURCH CLOSED - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Thursday, December 26, 2024

CHURCH CLOSED

Friday, December 27, 2024

12:00pm Al-Anon.....Omega
 5:30pm South Hills Youth Basketball.....Gym

Saturday, December 28, 2024

Nothing Scheduled



Shining Star Tree

Thank you to everyone who participated in adopting the ornaments from the Shining Star Tree. What a blessing it is to know that we will be helping seven agencies in Charleston make someone's Christmas a little brighter.



Assistance Ministry

The Assistance Ministry closet needs feminine body wash, laundry detergent, bleach and mouthwash. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.



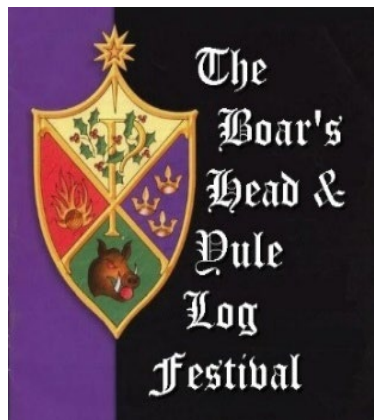
Blue Christmas Service

Tonight at 6:00pm in the Chapel

2025 Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

January 10-11, 2025
7:00pm

Tickets are \$10/person and can be purchased at the door the nights of the performances.



This Week's News & Events

December 22, 2024 - December 28, 2024

Sunday, December 22, 2024
4th Sunday of Advent

"Accepting God's Promise"

Rev. Dr. Timothy Bias, Lead Pastor
Luke 1:39-45

Rev. David Donathan (Deacon)
Minister of Worship Arts/Organist

Ashley Wood
Director of Children & Youth Ministries

Rev. Dr Randy Flanagan, Pastor Emeritus

Ann Silbernagel, Liturgist

Ephraim Thomas, Warner Thomas, Acolyte

Taylor Wood, Childcare
Room 207

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Joe & Tommy Mastracci in loving memory of
our grandparents.

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1221 Quarrier Street
Charleston, WV 25301

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Charleston, WV 25323-0884

Check Out This Week's Blog by Rev. Dr. Timothy Bias



Leading Through Advent: Preparation to Lead - Part Two

During the season of Advent, you have the opportunity to become the leader God has created you to be. Being the leader needed at any given time is not easy. If you are not secure in who you are and how you are leading, you often try to overcompensate or micro-manage. Advent provides you the opportunity to examine your leadership and to change whatever you might need to change to be the leader needed for the people entrusted to your care. To read Tim's Blog go to:

<https://www.transformingmission.org>

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

In Person	169
Online	208
Total	367

Sowing Seeds Capital Campaign

Current Balance \$17,728.08



Bible Study in the Chapel "Gratitude Is a Response to Grace"



Each Sunday Dr. Bias will lead a lecture-style bible study in the Chapel. This Advent Season the study has focused on "God's promises". This Sunday, December 22, our study will focus on Luke 2:1-14, Receiving God's Promise.

During the Chapel study, if parents with children want to attend, Ashley will be offering a children's activity and worship time upstairs in the children's ministry area. Ashley will meet you at "The Connection Point" in the Narthex at 9:50 to lead your children upstairs. Beginning Sunday, January 5, and continuing through February 23, Dr. Bias will explore controversial issues in the light of the Bible and historic Christian beliefs.

The study schedule will be as follows:

January	5	Separation of Church and State
	12	Creation and Evolution in the Public Schools
February	2	Euthanasia
	9	Abortion
	23	Homosexuality

There have been volumes upon volumes written upon the issues to be focused upon. The limitations of what can be accomplished in the context of a bible study will be evident. The idea is to raise the issue and create an arena where we can and will grow in our faith and allow Jesus to form our views so we can become dynamic Christian witnesses in a growing secular world.

Check Out This Week's Podcast by Rev. Dr. Timothy Bias



Episode 352: Hope in the Preparation

John the Baptist's message calls us to act—repentance is action, not just words. In other words, our daily actions reflect our faith. Join us as we continue exploring John's message and the connection between repentance and economic justice. To listen to Tim's Podcast go to: <https://www.transformingmission.org>

Call for Liturgists in 2025



The Worship Arts Committee is currently gathering the names and contact information of anyone who would like to read liturgy during the 11:00am service in 2025. If you are interested, curious, or know someone who might be, please contact Richard Ford at rford@innernet.net, or by his cell phone at 304-550-3747, or through the Christ Church office.