



JANUARY-
FEBRUARY 2026

Closing the Year with Peace and Fellowship



Pictures: Thanksgiving Altar, Thanksgiving Dinner, decorating the Christmas Tree and Sanctuary, Advent Candle lighting, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

From the Pastor



The Rev. Richard

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I know, it's the first part of February. But things have been so crazy with the snow, and ice and schools closed and everything. It seems like Christmas was just a bit ago and now it's the first of February.

Ash Wednesday is February 18th, and then we begin the season of Lent. Where is the time going? Lent is usually the time we become intentional about some activity in

our life. Some people forego something in Lent to remind themselves of the things Jesus gave up for us. Others add a discipline during this time. Maybe additional Bible reading. More time for prayer and meditation. Being intentional about a deeper study in the scriptures. Either way, it is a time to look deeply into us and prepare ourselves for Easter.

Our Lenten Bible Study would be a

great way to add something to your daily life. The study will cover the story of Jesus as described in the various Gospels. I look forward to your joining us for this weekly time with fellow family members.

I would also like to take this time to thank each of you for the faithfulness you have shown to our church. Concord ended the year in wonderful shape. A new roof, great

Please see Moeller, page 3

Church Council Committee Update

The December checking account reconciliation reflected an unencumbered operating balance of \$12,351.

During the year, we fulfilled 100% of our 2025 apportionment, totaling \$22,198, and contributed \$2,396 toward West Virginia flood relief.

The church's long-term assets include trust funds and endowments managed by the United Methodist Foundation of West Virginia, which had a combined year-end value of \$248,620. To cover the cost of the roof replacement, we borrowed \$60,500 from the Endowment Fund. In January, the Finance Committee approved a payment reducing the loan balance to \$39,500.

We also received the annual distribution from the Joseph F. Marsh Jr. Trust in the amount of \$23,121. The year-end balance of this trust stands at \$498,892.

We were fortunate to have our roof replacement completed in early November, ahead of the winter weather. The total cost was \$56,500, an excellent price negotiated by Jack Fredeking.

Other work completed at the end of the year included repair of the heat pump in Anderson Hall, landscaping and foliage was removed on the fence in the parking lot, cracks were patched in the parking lot. The parking lot will be sealed after the winter season.



Legacy of Hope

The Scott and Lynn Mayberry Endowment for New Vision Depot

Article from Foundation Focus – Winter 2025

Scott and Lynn Mayberry have made a lasting investment in compassion and service by creating a permanent endowment to support New Vision Depot. Their generous gift ensures that this vital ministry will have ongoing financial support to provide essential resources to individuals and families affected by natural disasters for generations to come.

New Vision Depot, located in Beaver, West Virginia, plays a critical role in the Conference's disaster response efforts — storing, organizing, and distributing cleaning kits, hygiene supplies, and other emergency materials whenever and wherever they are needed. Each year, volunteers and staff respond to crises both near and far, offering tangible expressions of Christ's love in times of distress. Through the Mayberrys' endowment, that work will continue with renewed stability and vision for the future.



Photos courtesy of Foundation Focus

“Lynn and I know we have been blessed, and we wanted to do something that would keep giving long after we’re gone,” said Scott Mayberry. “New Vision Depot is one of those ministries that steps up when people need help the most. We hope this endowment helps ensure it will always be ready to respond.”

The Mayberrys have modeled what it means to be faithful stewards, leaving a legacy that will help sustain mission and ministry for years to come. If you would like to learn how to leave a legacy to ensure future ministry, please contact Kim Matthews or Jeff Taylor at the United Methodist Foundation of West Virginia, Inc.

If you would like to help financially, please give to your local church. In the lower left section of your check include: “Conference Advanced Special #922.” This will ensure the money goes to New Vision Depot and the church is given credit for supporting this effort. The contents of each Flood Bucket cost about \$75.



2025: A Year of Growth and Remembrance

In 2025, we were blessed to welcome several new members into our congregation. Joyce Moeller and Jean Ford transferred their membership from Prospect United Methodist Church in Lawrenceville, Georgia. Doug and Michele Workman joined us from Bluewell United Methodist Church in Bluewell, West Virginia. Matthew Thomas transferred his membership from Kuhn

Memorial Presbyterian Church in Barboursville, West Virginia.

We also experienced loss within our church family this past year. Jean Ford passed away in March 2025, and Tom Bone III passed away in October 2025. We hold their memories close and give thanks for the ways their lives touched ours. Their presence remains with us in spirit and in love.



2026 Church Council Officers List

Church Council

The church council shall provide for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources in the local church.

It shall envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate the mission and ministry of the church. (It) shall function as the administrative agency of the charge conference.*

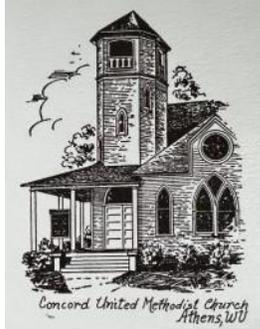
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 Sheila Mann
 David Mann
 Richard Moeller
 Elizabeth Muldoon, Treasurer
 Kathy Smith

Board of Trustees

The trustees (are directed) to do any and all things necessary (related to) the supervision, oversight, and care of all real property owned by the local church.*

Phillip Ball
 Chris Bone, Vice President
 Jack Fredeking
 Justin Hill
 Scott Inghram
 Michael Jones
 David Mann, President
 Charles Mann
 Matthew Thomas, Secretary

*The sentences in italics above come from *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, 2016 edition, accessed online. They've been heavily edited.



Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee

(The) committee shall identify and clarify its values for ministry. It shall engage in biblical and theological reflections on the mission of the church, its primary task and ministries of the local church. The committee shall assist the pastor(s) and staff in assessing their gifts, maintaining health holistically and work-life balance, and setting priorities for leadership and service.*

Phillip Ball
 Sarah Beasley, Chairperson
 Paulette Belcher
 Kathy Fredeking
 Kenneth Graybeal
 Scott Inghram
 Sheila Mann, Lay Leader
 Kathy Smith
 Bob Whittinghill

Nominations Committee

Jerry Beasley
 Justin Hill
 Sheila Mann
 Richard Moeller, Chairperson

Worship Committee

Kris Bailey
 Mary Graybeal
 Elizabeth Muldoon

Finance Committee

The committee on finance shall give stewardship of financial resources as their priority throughout the year.

The committee (has) responsibility for developing and implementing plans that will raise sufficient income to meet the budget adopted by the church council. It shall administer the funds received according to instructions from the church council.

The committee shall prepare annually a report to the church council of all designated funds that are separate from the current expense budget.*

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 Jack Fredeking, Chairperson
 Kathy Fredeking
 Ken Graybeal
 Jayne Jones, Secretary
 David Mann
 Sheila Mann
 Elizabeth Muldoon, Treasurer

Outreach Ministry Team

Jerry Beasley
 Barbara Klingensmith

Parsonage Committee

Jack Fredeking
 Kathy Fredeking, Chairperson
 Brenda Whittinghill

Offering Counters

Ken Graybeal
 Justin Hill
 Jayne Jones
 Bob Whittinghill

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finances, and new members. What a celebration of the family of God working together. It is always difficult to thank the people who do so much for us. It is not difficult to thank them but difficult because it seems we frequently forget someone. I would like to thank the work of our Trustees for all they do to keep our beautiful church in

excellent condition. I would like to thank the Finance Committee for their work in overseeing the finances of the church. I would like to thank the Administrative Counsel for overseeing the work of the church. I would especially like to thank Jayne Jones and Elizabeth Muldoon for the work they do keeping the office running and everything else in order. I am certain I have forgotten a lot of people, but

know that you are appreciated more than you know.

I look forward to 2026 being another year of making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of our church, community, and the world.

Yours In Christ,

Calendar



Sunday, February 8

11 AM – Worship

Thursday, February 12

6 PM – Yoga, Anderson Hall

Saturday, February 14

Valentine's Day

Sunday, February 15

11 AM – Worship

Monday February 16

President's Day

Wednesday, February 18

6 PM — Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 19

6 PM – Yoga, Anderson Hall

Sunday, February 22

First Sunday in Lent

11 AM – Worship, Roots & Wings

Wednesday, February 25

7 PM – Zoom Bible Study
 Week 1 – "The Final Days"

Thursday, February 26

6 PM – Yoga, Anderson Hall

Sunday, March 1

Second Sunday in Lent

11 AM – Worship

Wednesday, March 4

7 PM – Zoom Bible Study
 Week 2 – "The Final Days"

Thursday, March 5

6 PM – Yoga, Anderson Hall

Saturday, March 7

8 AM – Men's Breakfast
 Anderson Hall

Sunday, March 8

Third Sunday in Lent

11 AM – Worship, Roots & Wings

Wednesday, March 11

7 PM – Zoom Bible Study
 Week 3 – "The Final Days"

Thursday, March 12

6 PM – Yoga, Anderson Hall

Sunday, March 15

Fourth Sunday in Lent

11 AM – Worship

Wednesday, March 18

7 PM – Zoom Bible Study
 Week 4 – "The Final Days"



Church staff

Pastor:

Richard Moeller

Church Secretary:

Jayne Ford Jones

Worship Leader/Vocalist:

Elizabeth Muldoon

Musician/Technician:

Justin Hill

Technician:

Matthew Thomas

Custodian:

Carol McManaway

CrossTalk Designers:

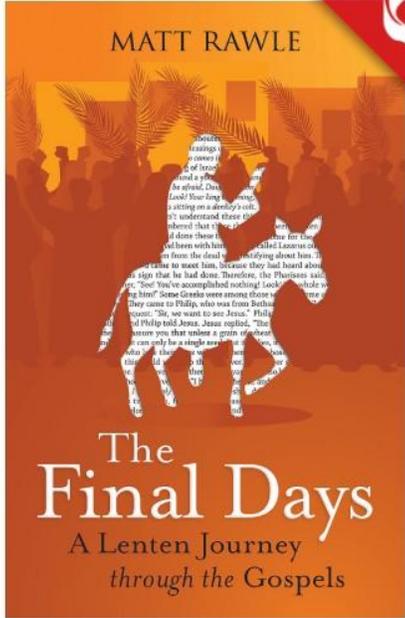
Rev. Richard H. Moeller

Jayne Ford Jones

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Bible Study – A Lenten Journey



Our Zoom bible study through the Lent season will be *The Final Days* by Matt Rawle. Pastor Richard will lead the 5-week Zoom bible study on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. The books are available and cost \$12.

- Week 1 – February 25
- Week 2 – March 4
- Week 3 – March 11
- Week 4 – March 18
- Week 5 – March 25

Please contact Elizabeth M. if you would like to join the study.



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Giving Thanks.....