

WELCOME NEW STAFF!

The House of the Carpenter’s new Executive Director, Reverend Dr. Bill Wendell, joined the team on July 1st.

Rev. Wendell has a Masters in Divinity and a Doctorate in Ministry from Ashbury Theological Seminary and majored in Psychology at Baldwin-Wallace College prior to attending Seminary. Rev. Wendall was previously the Associate Pastor at Thoburn United Methodist Church in St. Clairsville, OH.

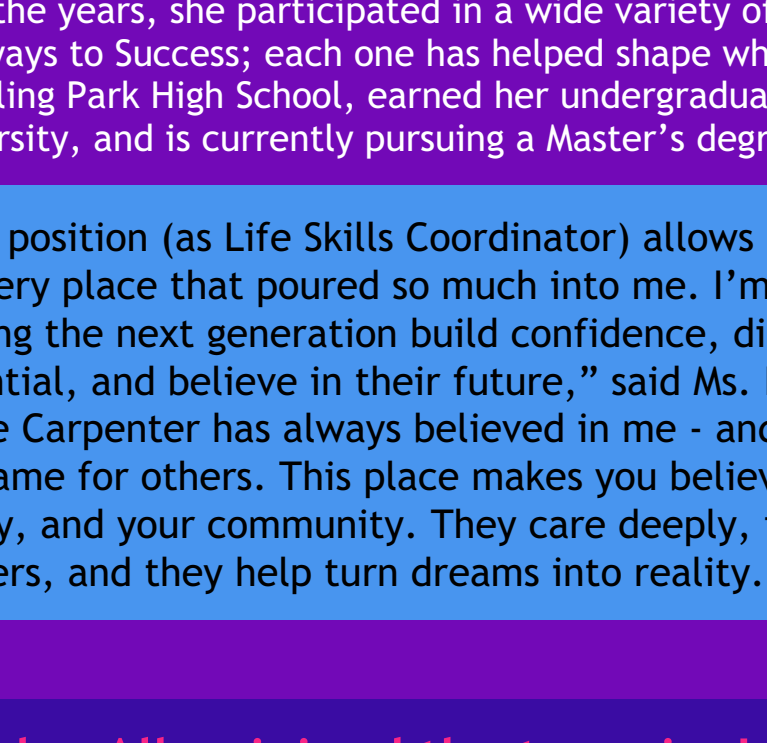
His wife Brittany is an incredible special education teacher for St. Clairsville Elementary. They are the proud parents of their three kids, Billy (12), Elijah (10), and Lucy (3).

Rev. Wendell has extensive experience working with children and adults with special needs including autism, preaching, teaching, and leadership.



“It has been a blessing to be a board member for the past few years. I am excited and honored to be entrusted with the leadership of such a vital organization,” said Rev. Wendell. “I am looking forward to continuing to provide for the needs of today while building hope for tomorrow! As we reflect on 60 years of service, our focus will remain on creating opportunities that empower our community members to thrive in mind, body, and spirit.”

Amari Poole joined the team in May as the new Life Skills Coordinator.



Amari is proud to be a Wheeling native, having grown up between East Wheeling and the Island. Her journey with the House of the Carpenter began when she was in the fifth grade. Her first program might have been guitar lessons, but what she remembers most is how quickly she fell in love with the HOC and the people in it.

Over the years, she participated in a wide variety of programs at the HOC, including Pathways to Success; each one has helped shape who she is today. She graduated from Wheeling Park High School, earned her undergraduate degree from West Liberty University, and is currently pursuing a Master’s degree.

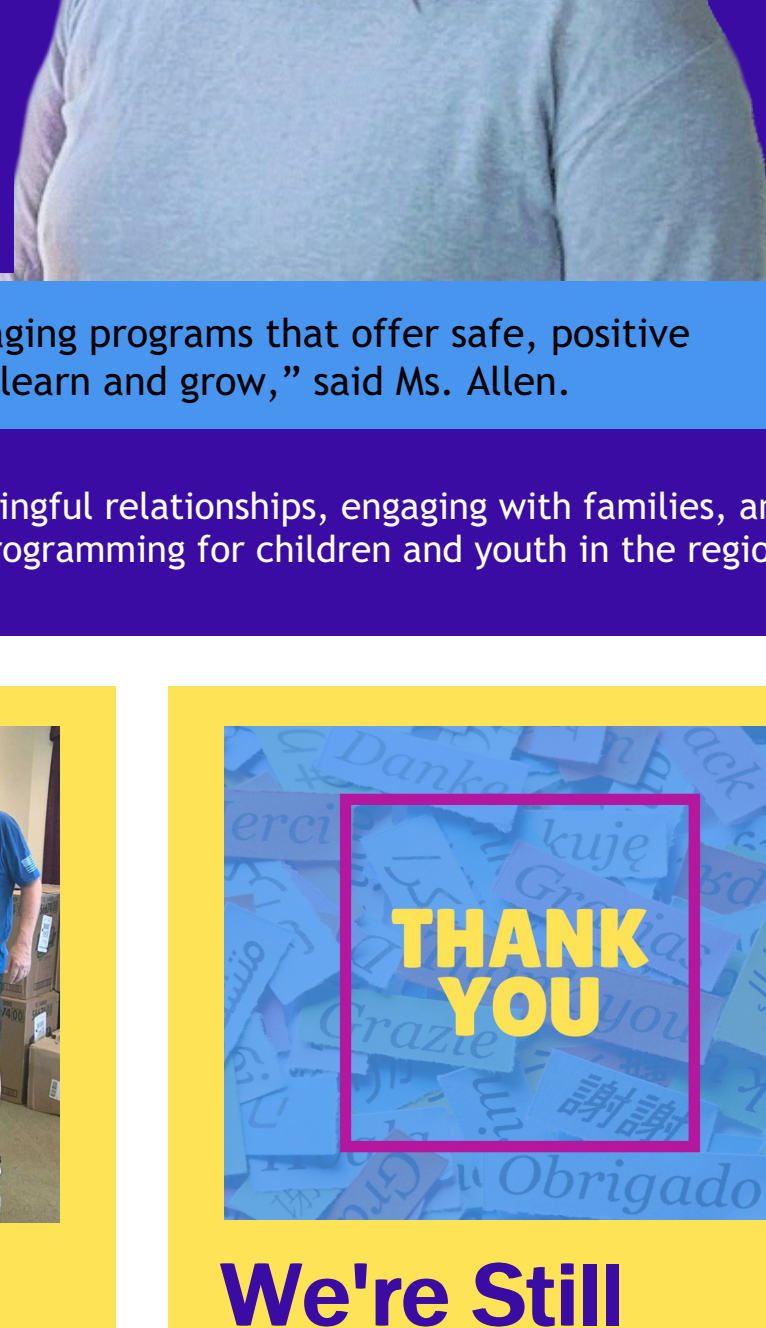
“This position (as Life Skills Coordinator) allows me to give back to the very place that poured so much into me. I’m passionate about helping the next generation build confidence, discover their potential, and believe in their future,” said Ms. Poole. “The House of the Carpenter has always believed in me - and now, I get to do the same for others. This place makes you believe in yourself, your family, and your community. They care deeply, they fight for what matters, and they help turn dreams into reality.”

Haddae Allen joined the team in July 2025 as the new Children and Youth Development Coordinator.

Haddae Allen is a proud graduate of Bethany College, where she earned her Bachelor’s degree in Accounting in 2023. She is currently pursuing her Master of Business Administration at West Virginia University, furthering her passion for leadership and service. Haddae brings a diverse background in education and advancement, having previously served in the Office of Institutional Advancement and as an Assistant Director of Enrollment at Bethany College. Most recently, she spent the past year substitute teaching in Ohio County Schools, deepening her connection to the local community and its youth.

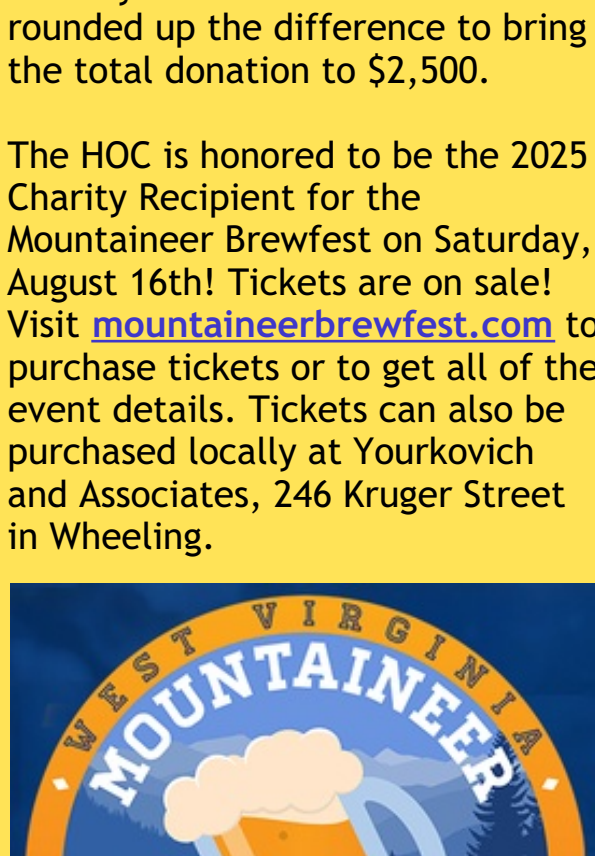
Originally from Parkersburg, Haddae was raised in the Disciples of Christ faith and remains an active volunteer with the West Virginia and Northeastern Region’s summer and mid-winter youth programs. She is also a proud new member of the First Christian Church (DOC) in Wheeling.

Now settled in the Wheeling community with her fiancé and their dog, Tilly, Haddae is excited to call the Ohio Valley home.



“I’m excited about creating engaging programs that offer safe, positive spaces for children and youth to learn and grow,” said Ms. Allen.

She looks forward to building meaningful relationships, engaging with families, and creating positive, faith-centered programming for children and youth in the region.

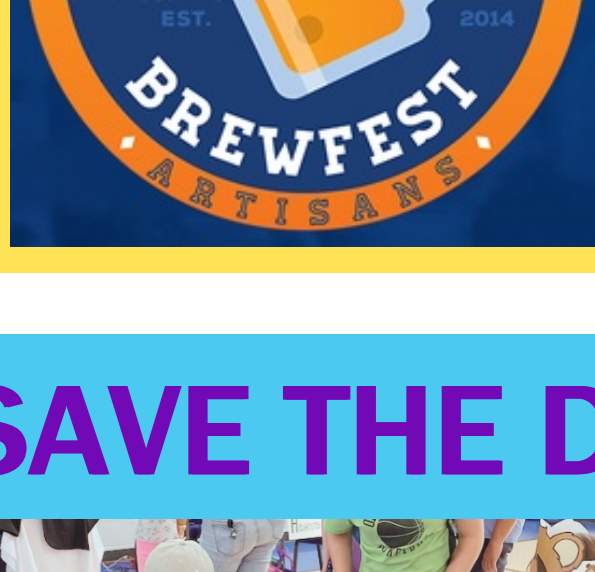


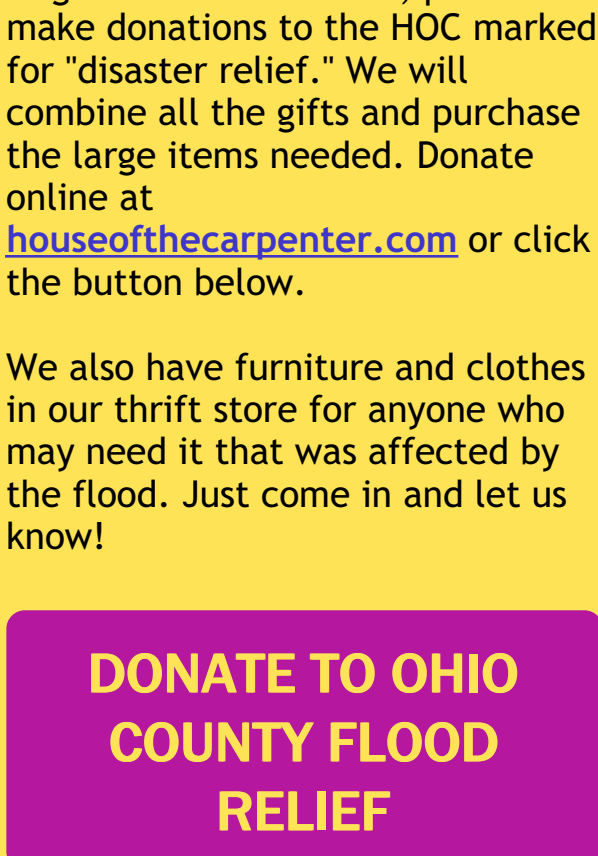
Thank You, Mountaineer Brewfest!

A few days after the devastating flash flooding in Ohio County, members of the Mountaineer Brewfest committee spent a day with the House of the Carpenter helping pack snack bags for local first responders.

Then, over an entire late June weekend, all ticket sales were sent directly to the House of the Carpenter for support and supplies for the victims of the flash floods. Because of those who purchased tickets, we received \$2,500 to help families in need. \$2,290 came directly from ticket sales and MBF rounded up the difference to bring the total donation to \$2,500.

The HOC is honored to be the 2025 Charity Recipient for the Mountaineer Brewfest on Saturday, August 16th! Tickets are on sale! Visit mountaineerbrewfest.com to purchase tickets or to get all of the event details. Tickets can also be purchased locally at Yourkovich and Associates, 246 Kruger Street in Wheeling.





We're Still Accepting Monetary Donations for Flood Relief.

Thank you to a generous donation from an anonymous foundation, individual donors, and corporate donors - Sam's Club, Lowe's Home Improvement and Walmart.

Through the generosity of our community, the HOC has distributed over \$83,000 worth of recovery supplies.

If you would like to help purchase large items still needed, please make donations to the HOC marked for "disaster relief." We will combine all the gifts and purchase the large items needed. Donate online at houseofthecarpenter.com or click the button below.

We also have furniture and clothes in our thrift store for anyone who may need it that was affected by the flood. Just come in and let us know!

DONATE TO OHIO COUNTY FLOOD RELIEF

SAVE THE DATE



A FRESH LOOK FOR SCHOOL

August 21st

Call 304.233.4640 or email info@houseofthecarpenter.com for more information.

Donate online by visiting: www.houseofthecarpenter.com

A Fresh Look for School

Join us for a night of food and fun on **August 21st** in the HOC gym. Let’s get ready for a great school year with fresh haircuts, school supplies, and all the works!

A Fresh Look for School is open to elementary, middle, and high school students who attends Madison Elementary School or live on Wheeling Island.

Registration is required and will be open soon! Watch social media for the link!



Weekday Meals at Madison Elementary School End on 8/8.

OHIO COUNTY SCHOOLS SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAM

June 9th - August 8th

Monday-Friday
11:30am to 12:30pm
Madison Elementary

Open to all youth in Ohio County, free for ages 2 through 18.

Have questions? Email info@houseofthecarpenter.com




WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
	FOOD PANTRY OPEN: 9AM-3PM THRIFT STORE OPEN: 9AM-3PM AA MEETING: 12PM-1PM	THRIFT STORE OPEN: 9AM-6:30PM FOOD PANTRY OPEN: 4:30PM-6:30PM CARDIO DRUMMING: 5:30PM-6:30PM	FOOD PANTRY OPEN: 9AM-3PM THRIFT STORE OPEN: 9AM-3PM AA MEETING: 12PM-1PM SMART RECOVERY: 6PM-7PM	THRIFT STORE OPEN: 9AM-3PM	FOOD PANTRY OPEN: 9AM-3PM THRIFT STORE OPEN: 9AM-3PM	AA MEETING: 10AM-11:30AM

Check out our [calendar](#) for all of our public programming! You’ll find dates, times, and details for each one.

To help with any of the programs above, please click the "Donate Today" button below. For more information on making a planned gift or estate gift, please contact Bill Wendell at 304.233.4640 or email bwendell@houseofthecarpenter.com.

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