

**West York Church of the Brethren
5101 Darlington Road
York, PA 17408**

Richard Godfrey, Pastor

The West Yorker



May 2024

"The mission of the West York Church of the Brethren is to love, nurture and build the community of Jesus Christ."



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Sunday Worship: Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:15 am

2024 *The West Yorker*



2024 VBS
Sunday, June 23rd
to
Thursday, June 27th
6 pm to 7:45 pm

We are still looking
for volunteers to fill a few positions:

- Group Leaders for our 9-12 year olds
- Craft Assistant
- Snack Assistant
- Helpers to Decorate
- Sound Board Operator
- Dinner helpers (we provide dinner for all volunteers from 5 to 5:45 pm)

Please contact Shawna Hake if you can help!



Congregational Forum **Sunday, May 5, 2024**

Our congregational forum meeting will be held following the worship service at approximately 11:30 am.

The forum reports are in your mailbox .

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- National Day of Prayer - May 2
- CEC Musical, Graduation, Silent Auction - May 3
- Youth Meeting - May 5
- Leadership Team Meeting - May 7
- Ascension Day - May 9
- Men's Breakfast - May 11
- Mother's Day - May 12
- Newsletter Deadline - May 13
- CEC Board Meeting - May 14
- Day of Prayer for Children & Youth - May 15
- Pentecost - May 19
- Youth Event - May 19
- CEC Last Day - May 23
- Trinity Sunday - May 26
- Memorial Day - May 27

Happy
Mother's Day!

DENOMINATIONAL, DISTRICT & COMMUNITY EVENTS
(For more info on denominational events, go to www.brethren.org)



**Friends of Cross Keys Village -
The Brethren Home Community**

**Annual Butterfly Release
Saturday, May 11th 10 am
Cross Keys Village Pond**



Hundreds of Monarch butterflies take flight before an appreciative audience, sponsored in memory or honor of a loved one.

Free and open to the public.

Call the Brethren Home Foundation (717-624-5208) to sponsor a butterfly or you can go online to sponsor a butterfly at Crosskeysvillage.org/butterfly/.

Online sponsorships are due MAY 3rd.

**Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta
Friday, June 7th 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Cross Keys Pond**



Everyone is invited to watch and cheer on Cross Keys Village team, villagers and friends as they race around our pond in short-lived vessels made of cardboard, tape, and dreams.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!
ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ
Saturday, August 10th**



**Give Local York
Thursday, May 2nd to Friday, May 3rd
(9 pm to 9 pm)**

This is a chance to help Children's Aid Society financially and make a direct impact to the Lehman Center.

**13th Annual Franklin County Golf Outing
Thursday, June 27, 2024
Chambersburg Country Club
Scotland, PA**

Watch the bulletins and newsletter for more information

All three centers need paper goods - paper towels, Kleenex, wipes, toilet paper, paper plates, copying paper and construction paper. When these items are donated it saves us money because we don't have to buy them.

Thank you for your continued support for CAS.

DISTRICT

The SO PA District Board meets on a regular basis throughout the year, and visitors are welcome to attend these meetings and bring their joys and concerns of their home congregations. If you would like to see firsthand how the Board conducts the business of the District, plan to attend the meetings listed below, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

- May 18 - Buffalo Valley COB
- July 20 - Codorus COB
- October 26 - Greencastle COB



**SAVE THE DATE!!!
SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH**

**WATCH THE BULLETIN AND
NEWSLETTERS FOR MORE
INFORMATION!!!**

GROCERY CART MINISTRY

Each month we are collecting certain items for our Food Pantry. For the month of **May** we are collecting **CANNED VEGETABLES (NO CORN OR PEAS), BAKED BEANS, CANNED FRUIT.** You can place your donation in the shopping cart that is in the hallway. **THE ITEMS WE ARE REQUESTING ARE THE ONLY ITEMS WE NEED THIS MONTH.** Thanks for your help!





MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

**ATTENTION MEN:
MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**
Saturday, May 11th
8 am to 9 am
Fellowship Hall at WYCOB
PLEASE JOIN US!!!

YOUTH MEETING
Sunday, May 5th
11:30 am to 1 pm



Youth in middle or high school.
We will read and talk about scripture.

May Special Offering
 Our special offering for May is
“Stewards”
 (Property and Grounds)

This offering is deposited to the
 Equipment Replacement Fund.

**Please use the brown envelopes on the
 table in the Gathering Area.**

**YOUTH GAME DAY -
 BOWLING**
Sunday, May 19th
12 pm to 2 pm



A BREATH OF FRESH AIR
Pentecost Offering - May 19th
*“And suddenly from heaven there
 came a sound like the rush of a
 violent wind, and it filled the entire
 house.” ~ Acts 2:2*

The Pentecost Offering of the Church of the Brethren highlights our passion for calling and equipping fearless disciples and leaders, renewing and planting churches, and transforming communities.

**Special envelopes will be on the table in the
 Gathering Area.**



ATTENTION GRADUATES

We are looking for any high school or college graduates, as we wish to recognize them in June. Please give the names to Linda Zumbrum if you know of anyone graduating.

CHILDREN'S STORY

Pastor Godfrey is looking for other people to do the Children's Story during the Worship service on the 4th Sunday of the month. If you are willing to help with this, please let him know.

June Newsletter

Deadline for articles for the
 June Newsletter is
May 13, 2024

Thank you.




Bread & Cup Service
Sunday, June 2nd
10:15 am
Worship Service



2024 YARD SALE
Friday, July 26th
Saturday, July 27th

Starting April 1 yard sale donations can be dropped off in the fellowship hall closet. Due to lack of storage space, we are asking everyone to **hold off bringing clothing until the end of May** (when preschool is finished). Also, it would be great help to **mark the sizes of comforters and sheets.**

Gifts Discernment Team



We are looking for **one delegate** for the Annual Conference that will be held July 3-7, 2024 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We are also looking for **two delegates** for the District Conference to be held September 20 & 21, 2024 at Newville Church of the Brethren. If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact Joyce Whitcraft, Nathan Keefer, Michelle Hartlaub or Ron Horn, Jr.



INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

The **“Seeking Amazing Grace” Adult Sunday School class** continues to grow. Having just finished an exciting study of the book of Revelation, we are now immersing ourselves in the important book of **DANIEL**. This Old Testament book contains some very valuable lessons for our day and age and culture. Come and join us on our faith journey as we study God’s Word together. We also read and discuss the challenging Wired Word lessons each week as we apply our Christian principles to the current events making news headlines in our culture today.

The study of God’s Word is one of the most important aspects of a growing, maturing faith and the informal, friendly, informative arena of a Sunday School class is a great avenue to make God’s Word come alive for us. Please come and check us out. You’ll be glad you did!

Care and Share Women’s Bible Study meets virtually on Mondays at 7 pm, led by Judith Wallace. They are currently studying **“Colossians and Philemon: The Lordship of Jesus.”**

You are invited to join one or more of these groups for Bible Study!!



Grace Delivered

Our monthly coin collection benefits the **Nashville Fire Company** with cases of water and Gatorade. We are asking you to consider bringing your loose pocket change and extra coins to drop into our offering cans on the first Sunday of each month. If offerings will permit, we will add additional fire companies as we go along.



“Be still and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10

A number of years ago, a submarine being tested had to be submerged for several hours. Upon returning to the harbor, the Captain was asked “How did that terrible storm last night affect you?” Surprised, the Captain exclaimed, “Storm? We didn’t even know there was one.”

Their submarine had been so far below the surface that it had reached what sailors refer to as “the cushion of the sea” – a depth in the ocean where the waters above are never stirred despite any commotion on the surface.

In our fast-paced world, it is a challenge to slow down and remember that God is in control. We are a society of “do everything,” “go everywhere,” “get-it-done” people who mistakenly believe we can handle everything, if we just keep going. In reality, we need to become so submerged in God’s peace that no matter what’s happening in our life, we are able to remain calm as “the cushion of the sea.”

If you feel over-scheduled, overwhelmed, bogged down, or burnt out, add one more activity to your daily schedule! Spend some time with Almighty God. It is the only way to reach the depth needed to find true calm in the midst of any storm. Read a devotional, or a good Christian book, and (for sure) read the Bible.

Spending some intentional time with God is the best way to calm the storms of life.

Pastor Godfrey

PASTOR GODFREY'S MAY SERMONS

May 5th	-	<i>God Sometimes Changes His Mind</i>	-	Jonah 3:1-10
May 12th	-	<i>Happy Mother's Day??</i>	-	Proverbs 31:10; 26-30; 19:13; 21:9 (25:24)
May 19th	-	<i>News From the Vineyard</i>	-	John 15:1-8
May 26th	-	<i>Where the Church Gets Its Power</i>	-	John 17:6-19



a fun Flower Frog

A flower frog sits atop a vase to help arrange flowers and hold stems in place. This personalized frog will become a favorite!

What you need:

- Air-dry clay
- Roller
- Vase (or jar)
- Plastic knife
- Straw
- Acrylic paint and brushes



What you do:

1. Roll out a portion of clay to about 1/2-inch thickness.
2. Cut out a circle that's slightly larger than the vase opening. (This will allow the finished frog to sit securely on top.)
3. To make holes for stems, use a straw to punch out circle shapes. If you make more than one frog, try arranging the holes in different patterns.
4. Let dry completely. Then personalize your work with acrylic paint.
5. When dry, place the frog atop the vase. Arrange flowers and greenery to make a Mother's Day bouquet.



PUZZLE

UNFADING BEAUTY

Peter says beauty shouldn't come from outward adornment. How does a godly woman adorn herself on the inside?

Directions: From each list, write the word that doesn't belong. Then insert the circled letters in order below to complete 1 Peter 3:4, NIV.

flower, stem, bee, leaf

—○—

pink, red, yellow, blue

—○—

mother, sister, brother, aunt

—○—

purple, dress, skirt, blouse

—○—

necklace, ring, bracelet, braid

—○—

diamond, emerald, heart, ruby

—○—

orange, cherry, potato, kiwi

—○—

my, our, she, your

—○—

faith, family, love, hope

—○—

sunny, rainy, snowy, temperature

—○—

cookie, cake, pie, sandwich

—○—

silver, white, gold, bronze

—○—


"Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a g _____ and qu _____ p _____, which is of great worth in God's sight." 1 Peter 3:4, NIV

Answers: bee, pink, brother, purple, bracelet, heart, potato, kiwi, cherry, orange, our, she, your, family, love, hope, sunny, rainy, snowy, temperature, sandwich, pie, cake, cookie, white, gold, bronze






The Child Education Center
 We are accepting applications for the **2024-2025** school year. Classes are held Tuesday & Thursday. Applications are available through the church office.



4 & 5 TEACHER NEEDED FOR PRESCHOOL
 The Child Education Center is looking for a teacher for the 4 & 5 preschool class starting with the 2024-2025 school year this fall. If you are interested, please contact Lois Hinson.



The CEC is in need of **“theme baskets”** for our **Silent Auction**, which is held prior to the Spring Musical on May 5th. Maybe you have a friend or family member who has a business who would give a gift as a tax credit, which is a great way for them to advertise their business. Other donated items for the auction could include: gift cards, antiques, new toys, handmade jewelry, baked goods (pies, cakes, cookies, etc.), art work or any other creative ideas that would benefit our school. The Silent Auction will begin at 6:00 pm and end at 6:45 pm. Items will be available for pick-up after the musical. Call Barb in the church office if you have anything to donate or if you have any questions.



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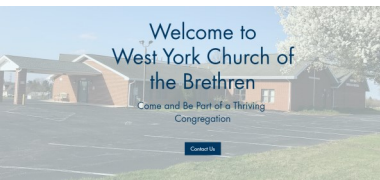



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THE NURSERY IS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN FROM NEWBORN THROUGH 3 YEARS OLD. IT IS LOCATED IN THE ROOM OFF OF THE GATHERING AREA.



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!!!!
WWW.WESTYORKCOB.ORG



Pentecost



CHILDREN'S CHURCH
 meets during the
 worship service each week.

Serving our Congregation in May

Greeters

- 5 Joann Rohrbaugh
- 12 Donna Ausherman
- 19 Jessica McIntyre
- 26 Pat Eutz



Power Point Operator

- 5 Dave Highlands
- 12 Nathan Keefer
- 19 Bill Zumbrum
- 26 Dave Highlands



POWER POINT

Sound Board Operator

- 5 Merl Keefer
- 12 Ed Jacobs
- 19 Gary Hake
- 26 Ed Jacobs



Nursery Caregivers

- 5 Jessica McIntyre
- 12 Genie Grove
- 19 Donna Ausherman
- 26 Alana Grove



Hospitality Table

- 5 Linda Zumbrum
- 12 Pennie Jacobs
- 19 OPEN
- 26 OPEN

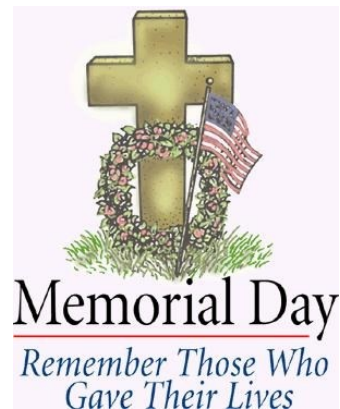


HOSPITALITY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May

- 1 Dakota Guevara
- 2 Linda Fulmele
- 5 Ron & Cheryl Buser
Bill & Linda Fulmele
- 6 Kayla Eshelman
- 7 Harper Miller
- 9 Samantha Miller
- 15 Barbara Jo Brown
Jenna Heist
- 17 Kendra Hughes
Peggy Smith
- 18 Sandy Foor
Brady Hartlaub
Bill & Wendy McDowell
- 19 Merry Miller
- 20 Ruth Hershey
- 24 Jake Hershey
- 25 Harvey Kunkle
- 28 Heather Coonan
- 29 Pastor Dick Godfrey
- 31 Kayla Greiner



Sign Up

To sponsor the bulletin, newsletter and flowers for on the altar in 2024. Sign-up sheets are hanging on the Informational Bulletin Board in the hallway by the coat rack.

Thank You

Thank you so much WYCOB! Blessed by your heart for and commitment to the Gospel changing the lives of those affected by incarceration.
Matt Hershey

The Hinson and Durnbaugh families would like to "thank you" for your cards, prayers, expressions of sympathy and kindness following the death of Verla Hinson.



DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday, May 15th is our monthly Day of Prayer for our Children and Youth. Please find time during this day to pray for our Church's Ministry to Children and Youth.

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request you would like to share with the church, please fill out a prayer card (found in the gathering area) and give it to the pastor. You may also call Barb in the church office.

West York COB Prayer Line

What Is It?

It is an avenue for ALL of us to use! It is not for sharing prayer concerns, but for calling to hear what prayer concerns have been shared. It is a recorded message that Barb, our church secretary, updates a couple times a week to keep the congregation informed of those who need prayer. The number to call is **717-792-9260 (Option "5")**.

If you have a prayer concern to be added to the prayer line, please call the church office.

God Bless You for Praying!



On Sunday, April 21st we celebrated the baptisms of the following during our worship service:

- Donna Ausherman
- Kayla Eshelman
- Cheryl Fahringer
- Kathy Hinkle
- Levi Keefer
- Jan Marcheski
- Beth Marshall
- Larry Marshall
- Jessica McIntyre
- Kyle Miller

We praise God for their commitment and their willingness to serve him in the future with the gifts with which He has blessed them.

For pastoral emergencies:

Please contact Pastor Godfrey or Cindy Heist.



**CAMP EDER GOLF OUTING
Friday, May 10th**

Carroll Valley Golf Course at Liberty Mountain
78 Country Club Trail - Fairfield, PA
To register or for more information see the
forms hanging on the hallway bulletin board.

SUMMER CAMP 2024

Registration is now open for Summer Camp
2024. Summer Camp lasts 5 weeks beginning
June 16th thru July 26th.

- Some of the camps being offered are:
- Rock climbing ~ Wet & Wild ~ Outback
- Film ~ Camp All Out ~ Barefoot
- Dream It Build It ~ Mad Science
- AT Trekkers ~ Culinary ~ Puddle Jumpers

For more information or to register go to their
website www.campeder.org

TO WORK AT CAMP EDER THIS SUMMER
Email mkovacs@campeder.org
Or call (717)642-8256



Southern PA District Church of the Brethren
75th Annual Women's Camp Retreat
June 3rd & 4th, 2024 - Camp Eder
"Finding the Light"

Guest Speaker is Gretchen Sortzi

Brochures and registration forms are hanging on
the hallway bulletin board. The church will once
again pay one half of the registration cost.

**Please return your registration form, along
with your check for ONE HALF the
registration cost to Barb in the Church
Office no later than MAY 12th. For day
people only make your CHECK PAYABLE TO
WEST YORK COB. If you are staying
overnight, send your full
amount and the church will
reimburse you.**



**Make your check payable to
SOUTHERN PA DISTRICT COB
(for ladies staying overnight only).**

Contact Barb in the church office if you
have any questions.

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT NO LONGER IN USE?
IN NEED OF A WHEELCHAIR or WALKER?**

United Cerebral Palsy of Central PA has a
reuse program called *Changing Hands*.

Manual wheelchairs, shower seats and
benches, over bed tables, walkers, canes,
lift chairs, raised toilet seats, and portable ramps are
being accepted (NO HOSPITAL BEDS or STAIR
GLIDES). All items must be in good to excellent
condition. *Changing Hands* will clean the items and
make them available to people who need them.



If you have questions about obtaining items, or
would like to arrange to drop off items at
their Camp Hill or York location, please call
717-737-3477 or 1-800-998-4827 (toll free)
or email atucp@ucpcentralpa.org.