

**West York
Church of the Brethren**

Loving, Building, and Nurturing the
Community of Christ

**Morning Worship
December 8, 2024
*2nd Sunday in
Advent***

PRELUDE

Selections on CD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Godfrey

***A TIME OF PRAISE**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Hymn #258 (vs 1 & 3)

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Hymn #259 (vs 1,2,5)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn #249

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE—Candle of Joy

Ben Grove & Payton Copus

CHRISTMAS HYMN

Joy to the World

Hymn#270 (vs 1, 3 & 4)

CHILDREN'S STORY

Connie Emory

OFFERING TIME

(Children will be excused for Children's Church following offering)

A TIME TO SHARE JOYS & CONCERNS

Pastor Godfrey

CALL TO PRAYER

I Need Thee Every Hour

Hymn #638 (vs 1 & 3)

A TIME OF PRAYER

Pastor Godfrey

A TIME FOR GOD'S WORD

Pastor Godfrey

Faith for the Troubled Times

Luke 21:5-11; 25-28

CLOSING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Hymn #245 (vs 1,2 & 4)

A PARTING BLESSING

Pastor Godfrey

***POSTLUDE**

*Please stand as you feel comfortable.

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Sunday School 9 am

Worship 10:15 am

This Week's Calendar

Monday - Care & Share Women's Group - 7 pm (Virtual)

Wednesday - **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Cantata Rehearsal - 6:30 pm

AA Meeting - 8 pm

Friday - CEC Christmas Program - 6:30 pm

Saturday - Men's Breakfast - 7 am

Family Movie Night - 5:45 pm

*Welcome to all who are visiting with us today.
Please sign the sheet on the table in the narthex.
Thank you.*



A Voice of hope

"And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Luke 1:46-47, NIV

December Special Offering

Our special offering for December is

Church of the Brethren Advent Offering

The Advent Offering highlights how we extend generosity and witness through engaging our neighbors, seeking justice, and sharing the holistic peace of Jesus Christ.

Special Advent Offering Envelopes are on the table in the Gathering Area.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION for December 1, 2024

Attendance:

Sunday School: 23

Worship: 68

Giving

General Fund: \$2,584.00

Received to Date: \$151,850.29

Amount needed weekly

without Special Funds: \$4,937.37

64.07% of budget without Special Funds

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 PLACE IT IN THE BASKET!

GROCERY CART MINISTRY

Each month we are collecting certain items for our Food Pantry. For the month of

December we are collecting **ITEMS AS LISTED ON THE REVERSE**

ADVENT CALENDAR (that was included with the **November newsletter**. Each day you collect a different item. 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! (Copies of the calendar are on the table in the Gathering area.)



Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry Cookie Collection

We will bag the cookies TODAY following the worship service. We hope you can help us.

January Newsletter

Deadline for articles for the January Newsletter is

This Wednesday, December 11, 2024

(Due to the Christmas Holiday the newsletter will be available by December 22, 2024.)

Thank you.

Today's Important Reminders

December 15 - 3rd Sunday in Advent

December 18 - Day of Prayer for Children & Youth

Cantata Rehearsal

December 22 - 4th Sunday in Advent

Cantata

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service

December 25 - Christmas Day

Interested in giving to West York Church Electronically?

Scan the QR Code.



QR CODE

Scan the QR code to visit our online giving page.

Any questions, contact Jake Hershey.

**YOUTH MEETING
TODAY**

11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Youth in middle or high school.

We will read and talk about scripture.

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY
TODAY**

12:30 pm to 2 pm



Christmas Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 24th

6:00 p.m.



Please join us for our Special Christmas Eve Worship service. Join us as we take time from our busy schedules and hear the Christmas story, sing some Christmas hymns, and hear a message of love from God that reminds us of the real purpose and message of the gift of love that God has given us.



2025 Offering Envelopes are in the mailboxes today. If you do not use envelopes and would like to start so that your giving is recorded with an end-of-year tax statement, please see Jake Hershey, Michelle Hartlaub or call the church office.

Note from the Treasurer Contributions for 2024

Our last deposit of the year will be **Sunday, December 29th**. Contributions placed in the offering plate after Dec 29th will be counted towards 2025 giving.

Electronic giving contributions must be made by **Dec 24th** to count as a 2024 contribution. Any **contributions mailed to the church** must be **in the church office by Dec. 27th** in order to be counted as a 2024 contribution. If you have any questions please contact Jake Hershey, Treasurer.



Please bring mittens, hats, gloves, scarves and socks to put on our **Mitten Tree.**



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
Saturday, December 14th 7 am
Fellowship Hall at WYCOB
PLEASE JOIN US!!!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
Saturday, December 14th
Doors open at 5:30 pm
Movie will start at 5:45 pm
The movie is "Sound of Hope"
The Story of Possum Trot



The cantata "Only Love"
will be presented on
Sunday, December 22nd
during the 10:15 am worship service.

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



The Child Education Center

The preschool will present their Christmas program on Friday, December 13th at 6:30 pm.

INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL



The **“Seeking Amazing Grace” Adult Sunday School class** continues to grow. In recent months we have done a detailed study of the books of Revelation and Daniel. We have now begun an in-depth look into the exciting prophecies of the prophet Isaiah, probably the most important prophet in the Old Testament— the one who wrote more about the coming Messiah than any other prophet. Come and join us on our faith journey as we study God’s Word together.

We also continue with our study of the Wired Word lessons each week as we apply Christian principles to current events making news headlines in our culture today. These lessons provide a challenging decision on our part as the culture around us becomes less and less Christian.

The study of the Bible is one of the most important aspects of a growing, maturing faith and the informal, friendly, informative arena of Sunday School is a great venue for making God’s Word come alive for us. Please come and check us out and join us for a while. 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 now studying **“Strength in the Struggle: A Bible Study Workbook for Women on Letting Go of Fear and Anxiety.”**

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

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

is meeting during the worship service each week.



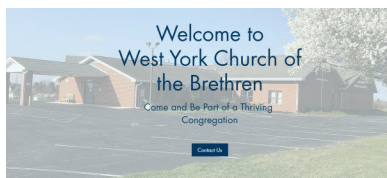


Grace Delivered

Our monthly coin collection benefits the
Nashville Fire Company

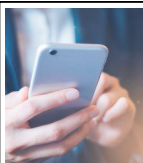
with cases of water and Gatorade.

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.



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Spring Grove Alumni Chorus
will present

“Christmas Memories”

Christmas Concert

TODAY, December 8th 4:00 pm

Spring Grove Area Middle School Auditorium

Everyone is invited!!!!



Friends of Cross Keys Village -

The Brethren Home Community

**RECYCLED CHRISTMAS DÉCOR
SALE**

Bring donations of your gently used Christmas decorations on **Thursday, December 12th** between **9 am & 4 pm** in the Garden Room at Harmony Ridge.
(See instructions on poster hanging on the hallway bulletin board.)

Shop for almost-new decorations on **Friday, December 13th** between **9 am & 4 pm** in the Garden Room. Please bring a shopping bag or two to carry your purchases, if possible.

Payment by cash or check, NO CREDIT CARDS.

Annual Luminary Tree Lighting

Friday, December 20th at 6 pm

(Weather date is December 21st)

Join us for caroling and light refreshment at Harmony Ridge's main entrance. Sponsor forms to sponsor a luminary in honor or memory of someone special are hanging on the hallway bulletin board.



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.



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
December 13th & 14th
5 pm to 9 pm

A Celebration of the Birth of Jesus
Christmas Lights & Music ~ Decorated Trees
Tree Decorating Contest ~ Bake Sale
Kids Activities ~ Cozy Fires & S'mores
Luminary Garden (Honoring our Loved Ones)
Delicious Turkey Dinner & Soup (per donation)
Warm Drinks & Lots of Cookies (Free)
Hay Rides Friday & Saturday 5-9 pm
Live Music

The Sponsorship Forms for the Festival and Luminary Sponsor are hanging on the hallway bulletin board.



In the event of bad weather, please contact
Mike Parente for cancellations.

Prayer Requests

Praise:

The **children and youth** of our church

New Concerns:

Janet Heiner: surgery on December 16th

Theresa Eshbach (Landon Eshbach): fell, injured back; doing well

Pat Eutzy: hospitalized with continuing health issues

Ronald Gebhart (Beth Marshall): in ICU with pneumonia & sepsis

Del Dooley (Lorraine Senft): had shoulder surgery on Tuesday

Emory Grove: procedure on eyes last week that went well

Sharon Simpson (Cindy Heist): healing after hip surgery

Ruby Perry: home after receiving permanent pacemaker

Dave Bankert (Genie Grove): has aggressive non-hodgkins lymphoma

Leeann Caplinger (Genie Grove): pancreatic cancer

The Child Education Center

Lois Hinson: home and doing better

Amy Diggs (Connie Emory): infection

Mark Schaline (Joyce Whitcraft): on hospice care

The Southern PA District of the Church of the Brethren

Ongoing prayer concerns:

Jean Brown: health issues, **Nancy Buckingham:** health issues,

Melinda Carlson: broken pelvis, **Emory Grove:** health issues, **Lillian**

Grove: heart issues, **Charles & Emma Hartman:** health issues; **Janet**

& Ted Heiner: health issues, **Earl & Sandy Hoover:** ongoing health

issues; **Ralph Miller:** health issues, **Scott Miller:** health concerns,

Nancy Patterson: ongoing health issues, **Nancy Smith:** ongoing health

issues, **Pat Tyson:** heart issues, and **Lorraine Yohe:** health issues.

Kume Mutah & the other Chibok school girls & their families:

still missing for 10 years in Nigeria

The Leadership Team

The Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, Ukraine & Haiti

PLEASE NOTE!! I AM LIMITED TO THE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION I CAN RECORD ON THE PRAYERLINE. FOR NOW I WILL ONLY PUT NAMES & LIMITED INFO ON NEW CONCERNS. Barb Sloat

For pastoral emergencies:

Please contact Pastor Godfrey or Cindy Heist.

Prayer Requests continued:

Persecuted Christians around the world

All public servants who put their lives at risk every day

Numerous individuals who are grieving the loss of loved ones

CHILDREN'S STORY

If anyone feels led to share a Children's Story during the Worship service please let Pastor Godfrey or Barb in the office know.

SERVING TODAY:

Pastor: Dick Godfrey

Music Coordinator: Beth Marshall

Pianist: Judith Wallace

Guitarist: Mike King

Greeter: Donna Ausherman

Power Point: Nathan Keefer

Sound Board: Gary Hake

Head Usher: Levi Keefer

Nursery: Vivian Hubbell

Hospitality Table: Pennie Jacobs

Advent Candle Lighting - Ben Grove & Payton Copus

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

Pastor: Dick Godfrey

Music Coordinator: Beth Marshall

Pianist: Linda Zumbrum

Guitarist: Mike King

Greeter: Bill Zumbrum

Power Point: Dave Highlands

Sound Board: Ed Jacobs

Head Usher: Levi Keefer

Nursery: Jessica McIntyre

Hospitality Table: Chuck Wallace

Advent Candle Lighting - Danika & Caleb Grove