

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

**Richard Godfrey, Pastor**

# The West Yorker



*250 years of blessings*

## July 2026

***"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**

2026

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## Yard Sale, Soup & Bake Sale

Thursday, July 30th - 8 am to 2 pm

Friday, July 31st - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday, August 1st - 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

We will also be selling Pit Beef & Pulled Pork Sandwiches,  
Hot Dogs and Breakfast Sandwiches.

**LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS - JUNE 30th**

**PLEASE PLACE THEM IN THE FORMER FOOD PANTRY ROOM NEXT TO THE YOUTH ROOM.**

Donations of soup and baked goods are needed. If you can donate either soup or baked goods, **please sign up on the sheet that will be hanging at the main entrance in July or call Barb in the church office.**

Help is needed prior to the day of the yard sale to get items ready to sell. See the monthly calendar for dates and times help is needed prior to the Yard Sale.

Also help is needed the days of the yard sale.  
**Please sign up for times you can help on the sheet that will be hanging at the main entrance in July.**



Psalm 33:12

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Annual Conference - June 28 to July 2
- Independence Day - July 4
- Day of Prayer for Children & Youth - July 15
- Youth Meeting - July 19
- Youth Shirt Painting - July 19
- Newsletter Deadline - July 20
- Knitting/Crocheting Ministry - July 20
- Yard Sale Prep - July 20 to 24; 27 to 29
- Yard Sale - July 30 to August 1

**DENOMINATIONAL, DISTRICT & COMMUNITY EVENTS**  
(For more info on denominational events, go to [www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org))



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

**CHICKEN BARBECUE  
and Car Show!**

***Saturday, August 8th***

***10:30 am until sold out***

***Nicarry Meetinghouse Canopy***

***Car Show Hours***

***9:00 am to 1:00 pm***

A great lineup of classic and vintage cars!



Car registration forms and  
chicken order forms  
are hanging on the  
hallway bulletin board.



**Chicken pre-order  
deadline is July 28th.**

Car pre-registration by July 31: \$12  
Registration after July 31: \$15



**10th Annual Mel Markey Memorial Golf Benefit  
Thursday, August 13, 2026**

**HERITAGE HILLS RESORT - York, PA  
Registration Deadline - August 4, 2026**

Copies of the registration and sponsorship form  
are hanging on the hallway bulletin board or go to  
[www.casds.org](http://www.casds.org) to register online

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**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.

July 18 - Rouzerville COB  
October 10 - The Brethren Home  
(Nicarry Meeting House - New Oxford)



Steve & Nicole Grove, our Food Pantry coordinators, are asking for the following donations of soup and Ramen noodles for the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry for the month of July for the Summer Program for Kids being out of school for the summer. They distribute food once a week to approximately 300 kids.

Soups (chicken noodle, vegetable, chicken/rice, tomato); Canned Pastas (Beef-a-roni, Ravioli, Spaghetti).

**July Special Offering**  
Our special offering for July is  
**“Heifer International”**

Heifer International works to end hunger and poverty in partnership with the communities they serve. Their programs support entrepreneurs around the world, creating lasting change from the ground up. It begins with a seed investment of livestock or agriculture, followed by mentorship to help participants build a business, and ultimately gain access to supply chains and markets. By supporting and training the world’s farmers, ranchers, and female business owners, we’re investing in a new breed of success.

Please use the brown envelopes on the table in the gathering area.

**August Newsletter**  
the deadline for articles for the August Newsletter is  
**July 20, 2026**

*Thank you.*

**YOUTH MEETING**  
**Sunday, July 19th**  
**11:30 am to 1 pm**

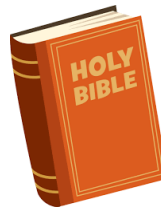


We will read and talk about scripture

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**YOUTH SHIRT PAINTING**  
**Sunday, July 19th**  
**12 pm to 2 pm**

**Youth in middle or high school.**



We are looking for students that will be entering 1st grade and 6th grade in the fall. We need these names so we can give them a Bible at the Back-to-School Breakfast. Please contact Shawna Hake or the church office by July 20th with their name.



**Back to School Breakfast**

**Sunday, August 2nd**  
**9:00 am**

Look for sign up sheets in July.

**Blessing of the Backpacks**



**Sunday, August 2nd**  
**during the worship service**





On Sunday, June 7, we honored the following graduates:

**Kaliyah Hinson** is the daughter of Melanie Hinson & granddaughter of Tony & Lois Hinson. She graduated from Spring Grove High School & will be entering college at Howard University in Washington D.C, where she plans to major in Criminology with aspirations of pursuing a career as a compliance analyst.

**Madison McMonigle** is the daughter of Mike & Anna McMonigle & granddaughter of Bill & Linda Fulmele. She graduated from York VoTech & is in the process of finding fulltime employment.

**Carley McDowell** is the daughter of Bill & Wendy McDowell & granddaughter of Chuck & Judith Wallace. She graduated from Penn State University with a bachelors degree in Chemical Engineering & will be working with a major engineering company based in Ohio.

**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.

**VANCO MOBILE APP USERS**

Vanco Mobile app users may be prompted to update their app to continue accessing all features & functionality after **May 26, 2026**. This update is designed to improve overall performance, security, & reliability for all users. Most users will simply need to download the latest version of the app from the Apple Store or Google Play Store when prompted.



**INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The “**Seeking Amazing Grace**” Adult Sunday School class continues to grow, numerically, but even more importantly, spiritually. We are now studying the books of 1st & 2nd Timothy.

You do not have to be an advanced Bible scholar to be a part of this class - only someone interested in learning more about God’s Word - the Bible - and how it applies to our modern-day culture. Please come and check us out.

Bible study is one of the most important aspects of a growing, maturing faith, and is ever-increasingly important in these chaotic times in which we live. And the informal, friendly atmosphere of the Sunday School class is a great place to see God’s Word come alive in your own life and walk of faith. Come join us.

We also continue to look at the Wired Word - a study of the current top news stories of the week and how Scripture applies to those stories and how we, as Christians, need to respond to the events in the news each day. Hope to see you in class.

**Care and Share Women’s Bible Study** meets virtually on Mondays at 7 pm, led by Judith Wallace. They are currently studying **“Matthew: The Arrival of the King.”**

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

**CHARITY KNITTING/CROCHETING MINISTRY**

We meet the 3rd Monday of each month from 10 am to 12 noon. Anyone may participate, even if you can’t meet in person.



Some of the suggested ideas are prayer shawls, chemo hats, homeless hats, etc.

Please see Brenda Myers if you have questions.



*“If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin,  
yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.”*  
Romans 8:10

There are only two roads in life. One road is making us more like Jesus; the other road is making us more unlike Jesus. In Romans 8:4, Paul says, “All who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are children of God.” Those who are becoming more like Jesus every day are the ones on the road to heaven. They are the true children of God.

In verse 10, Paul described those on the road to heaven: “If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.” The greatest evidence of being on the road to heaven is being spiritually alive. Someone who is of the flesh is unresponsive to the things of God.

But a person who is in Christ is alive to the things of God: A Christian is *alive to God Himself*; God is not just an idea - God is a Person with whom they have fellowship. A Christian is *alive to the Bible*. When a Christian reads God’s Word, something reaches into his/her innermost being and causes them to say “Yes, Lord, that’s what I need to change my life.” A Christian is *alive to other Christians*. Someone who is spiritually dead is drawn to be with - and imitate - other unbelievers. But a Christian is drawn to other Christians for the love and direction and commitment felt in that relationship.

With whom are you receiving love and support and direction in your walk of faith?

Pastor Godfrey

### PASTOR GODFREY’S JULY SERMONS

July	5th	-	<i>True Freedom</i>	Matthew 11:25-30
July	12th	-	<i>What Kind of Soil are You?</i>	Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23
July	19th	-	<i>A Garden Without Weeds?</i>	Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43
July	26th	-	<i>A Kingdom or a Pearl?</i>	Matthew 13:31-33; 44-52



# COOKIE SMILE POPS

Transform slice-and-bake cookies into cheerful lollipop treats and share a few edible smiles.

**What you need:**

- 1 roll refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Baking sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Clear treat bags
- Ribbon

**What you do:**

1. Freeze the cookie dough for 15 to 20 minutes to firm it up, then slice into ¼-inch rounds.
2. Place cookies on a baking sheet about 2 inches apart.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 5 minutes.
4. Remove from the oven and gently press a wooden stick halfway into the bottom of each cookie.
5. Return to the oven and bake 3 to 5 more minutes, until lightly golden.
6. Let cookies cool completely.
7. Decorate with frosting to create smiling faces and add sprinkles.
8. Slip each cookie pop into a treat bag and tie with ribbon.



## JOYFUL PSALMS

Psalm 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150 are happy songs of praise. They all begin and end with the same sentence.

Put the words below in alphabetical order in the boxes. Then read down the second column to discover the special sentence from Psalms!



- FEAST
- KHAKI
- MOUTH
- ESSAY
- LLAMA
- ORBIT
- CARRY
- UDDER
- BRUSH
- ITEMS
- APPLE
- LEARN
- CIDER






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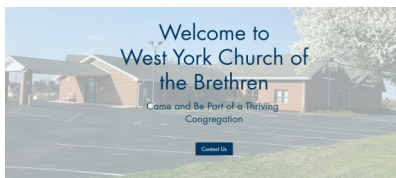
Answer: Praise the Lord!





### 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.



**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!!!!**  
[WWW.WESTYORKCOB.ORG](http://WWW.WESTYORKCOB.ORG)



To sponsor the bulletin, newsletter and flowers for on the altar in 2026. Sign-up sheets are hanging on the Informational Bulletin Board in the hallway by the coat rack.



**IF YOU ARE CERTIFIED IN CPR & AED, PLEASE CONTACT BARB IN THE CHURCH OFFICE AND LET HER KNOW. WE ARE COMPILING A LIST OF THOSE WHO ARE TRAINED IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.**

**THANK YOU!!**



### STAY CONNECTED Follow us on

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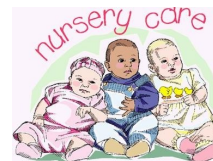
and

Instagram



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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.**

### 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.



### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

meets during the worship service each week.

# Serving our Congregation in July

## Acolytes

- 5 Isabelle McMonigle
- 12 Caleb Grove
- 19 Eva Hake
- 26 Alex Bridges



## Greeters

- 5 Linda Fulmele
- 12 Chuck Wallace
- 19 Kathy Hinkle
- 26 Cheryl Fahringer



## Power Point Operator

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



## Sound Board Operator

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



## Nursery Caregivers

- 5 Donna Ausherman
- 12 Nicole Grove
- 19 Kayla Eshelman
- 26 Genie Grove



## Hospitality Table

- 5 Linda Fulmele
- 12 Pennie Jacobs
- 19 Joyce Whitcraft
- 26 OPEN



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## July

- Nancy Buckingham
- Jessica McIntyre
- Ronald Eutz
- Tim Coonan
- Don Hubbell
- Mike King
- Anna McMonigle
- Allison Osborne
- Jered Marshall
- Glenn Miller
- Tom Whitcraft
- Savannah Hershey
- Kyley (Hughes) Partida
- Shaelynn Hake
- Andy & Lindsay Feeser
- Marsha Kunkle
- Brittany Nolt



**The Wellspring Spiritual Care and Education Department** wants to let our church know when a member is in the hospital. **PLEASE identify our church at registration and admittance into the hospital.** According to HIPAA regulations, if you provide this information to the hospital, our church may be notified of the admission.



Thank you to all the volunteers for their help with our successful Vacation Bible School program. Thank you to Kayla Eshelman as the coordinator for our VBS program.



**DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Wednesday, July 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.



*Landon and Erin Eshbach welcomed John Landon Eshbach on May 25, 2026. They would like to thank everyone for their kind words, baby gifts and support.*

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*Thank you to everyone for your prayers and cards during my recent shoulder surgery. Thanks to the church family for all the birthday well wishes.*  
Joyce Whitcraft

**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.

**For pastoral emergencies:**

Please contact Pastor Godfrey or Cindy Heist.

**Gifts Discernment Team**

We are looking for **one delegate** for the District Conference that will be held September 18 & 19, 2026 at Chambersburg Church of the Brethren.

If you are interested in being a delegate, please contact



Tim Coonan , Nathan Keefer, or Michelle Hartlaub.





**SUMMER CAMP**

**Registration is now open for Summer Camp 2026.**

Summer Camp lasts from now thru July 24th. Some of the camps still being offered are:  
 Kids Camp 1 ~ Farm ~ Barefoot  
 Junior Camp 2 ~ Dream It Build It ~ Horse  
 Puddle Jumpers ~ Kids Camp 2 ~ AT Trekkers

**To register go to: [www.campeder.org](http://www.campeder.org)**

**SOPA District Picnic  
 July 26, 2026**

**Little Buffalo State Park**

Pavilion #2 (Near the pool and playground)  
 Swimming Pool Road, Newport, PA

Potluck Picnic at 4:30 pm  
 Meat provided, please bring a dish or dessert to share!

Vesper Service at 5:30 led by  
 Pastor Jeffrey Rider, Mt. Olivet COB

Food, Singing, Fellowship, & More!  
 Enjoy sharing time with fellow SOPA District members!

RSVP: SOPA District Office 717-778-2264  
 or [sopadistrict@brethren.org](mailto:sopadistrict@brethren.org)



**2026 MEAT CANNING PROJECT**

The 2026 “Meat Canning Project” processed a total of 9,516 two-pound cans of chicken. Thank you for those who provided funding.

Even though the canning was successful they fell short financially. Additional donations to help pay the bills for 2026 Canning would be appreciated. Please send your donations to the the District Office at 3375 Carlisle Rd, Suite A, Gardners, PA 17324, designated for Chicken Canning. Thanks for your support with this ministry.



**2026 SENIOR FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM**

We have received information regarding this program from the York County Area Agency on Aging. Eligible seniors can receive FREE \$25 in vouchers to buy fresh fruits and vegetables from participating farmer’s markets throughout Pennsylvania.

Eligibility requirements are:

- Must show proof of age & York County residency at distribution site
- Must be age 60 years or older by 12/31/2026
- Must be a York County resident
- Cannot live in a nursing, personal care, or other residential facility where meals are provided
- 2026 Gross annual household income must be at or below: \$29,526 for an individual OR \$40,034 for a 2 person household OR \$50,542 for a 3 person household

**NO VOUCHERS WILL NOT BE MAILED. The Distribution is in-person only that began June 4 while supplies last. Distribution Schedule is hanging on the hallway bulletin board.**

