

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

Richard Godfrey, Pastor

The West Yorker



May 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

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2026 VBS

Monday, June 22nd to Friday, June 26th
6 pm to 7:45 pm

We are looking for volunteers to fill these positions:

- Registration
- Group Leaders
- Kitchen
- Games
- Crafts
- Snacks
- Sound Board Operator

Please sign up on the sheet hanging at the main entrance if you can help!
Questions? See Kayla Eshelman.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Youth Meeting - May 3
National Day of Prayer - May 7
Men's Breakfast - May 9
Mother's Day - May 10
Ascension Day - May 14
Youth Lunch & Read - May 17
Newsletter Deadline - May 18
Knitting/Crocheting Ministry - May 18
Primary Election - May 19
Day of Prayer for Children & Youth - May 20
Pentecost - May 24
Memorial Day - May 25

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



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

**19th Annual Butterfly Release
Saturday, May 30th
10 am to 11:30 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.

**Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta
Friday, June 5th 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Cross Keys Village Pond**



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

**SAVE THE DATE!!
CHICKEN BBBQ/CAR SHOW
Saturday, August 8, 2026**



**Give Local York
Thursday, April 30th to Friday, May 1st
(7 pm to 7 pm)**

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

**14th Annual Franklin County Golf Outing
June 26, 2025 1 pm to 7 pm
Chambersburg Country Club**

Registration form will be 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.

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.





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 months of May thru 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).

YOUTH EVENTS MEETING
Sunday, May 3rd
11:30 am to 1 pm



We will read and talk about scripture.

YOUTH LUNCH & READ
Sunday, May 17th
12 pm to 1:30 pm

Youth in middle or high school.

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.



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

June Newsletter

Because of the Memorial Day Holiday the deadline for articles for the June Newsletter is

May 18, 2026

Thank you.

Bread & Cup Service
Sunday, June 7th
10:15 am
Worship Service



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.

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



Beginning Sunday, May 3rd
and continuing **to May 17th,**
Pastor Godfrey will be leading a
membership class for anyone

who is interested in exploring what it means to be a member of the Church of the Brethren.

We will talk about and explore baptism, Brethren historical roots, membership transfer, and more, as we study the Bible and discuss God's call in our lives. Classes will be held each Sunday following Worship - from 11:30 until 12:15.

Anyone interested in baptism, church membership, transfer of membership from another congregation, or just seeking more information on how God calls us to be disciples for Him is invited to join the class. Attending the class does not obligate one to be baptized or join the Church, but will allow you to better understand how and why we join a Church, timing for membership, and the reasons and importance of membership.

For more information or to sign up for the class, please contact Pastor Godfrey.



2026 YARD SALE
Thursday, July 30th
Friday, July 31st
Saturday, August 1st

Yard Sale donations are still being accepted. They can be dropped off in the former Food Pantry room next to the Youth Room at the church anytime.

Also, it would be great help to mark the sizes of comforters and sheets.



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 book of 1st and 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.



“I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith.”
2nd Timothy 4:7

The 34th Summer Olympic Games will be held in Los Angeles, California in July 2028. For two weeks, the eyes of many will be focused on the athletes who gather there to compete for an Olympic medal. What the eyes of the world are not focused on at present is the athletes' preparation and training - the behind-the-scenes work that is necessary to allow them to succeed in their event.

The modern Olympics have their roots in the games held in ancient Greece. Athletic competition was known in the Mediterranean world of the first century AD. Thus, the Apostle Paul used the metaphor of a “race” in describing the Christian life (Acts 20:24; 1st Corinthians 9:24). And like athletes, the hard work of the Christian life is done behind the scenes - in the discipline of prayer, Bible study, service, and spiritual obedience. Running the race requires endurance and laying aside the sin that “so easily entangles us.” (Hebrews 12:1)

Just as athletes begin each day with the finish line in mind, so we must cultivate that same perspective in our daily walk of faith. How hard are you ‘training’ for your eternal reward? I encourage you to ‘keep the faith - finish the race.’

Pastor Godfrey

PASTOR GODFREY'S MAY SERMONS

May	3rd	-	<i>I Can Have Anything? or Are You Dreaming?</i>	John 14:5-14
May	10th	-	<i>Like A Mother's Love</i>	John 14:15-21
May	17th	-	<i>Where the Church Gets its Power</i>	John 17:1-11
May	24th	-	<i>Batteries Not Included</i>	Acts 2:1-13
May	31st	-	<i>A Parachute or a Knapsack</i>	Matthew 28:16-20



PUZZLE

A LEGACY OF FAITH

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy learned about faith from his mother and grandmother.

Complete the verse below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowels.

VOWELS: 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u

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2 Timothy 1:5, NIV

Answer: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

GROWING IN GOD'S word



Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

What you need:

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant or packet of seeds
- Newspaper or paper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker



What you do:

1. Spread some newspaper out on a table for your working area.
2. Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
3. Paint designs on the pot and plate.
4. When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the top part of the pot write: Growing in God's Word.
5. Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With adults help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
6. Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant everyday and keep the soil moist.
7. Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you too, need care as you grow in God's Word.

2 Peter 3:18 NIV

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.





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



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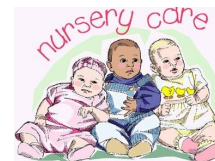
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THE NURSERY IS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN FROM NEWBORN THROUGH 3 YEARS OLD. IT IS LOCATED IN THE ROOM OFF OF THE GATHERING AREA.

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 May

Acolytes

- 3 Alex Bridges
- 10 Isabelle McMonigle
- 17 Caleb Grove
- 24 Eva Hake
- 31 Alex Bridges



Greeters

- 3 Brenda Myers
- 10 Pat Eutz
- 17 Jan Marcheski
- 24 Donna Ausherman
- 31 Bill Zumbrum



Power Point Operator

- 3 Larry Marshall
- 10 Bill Zumbrum
- 17 Dave Highlands
- 24 Nathan Keefer
- 31 Larry Marshall



Sound Board Operator

- 3 Ed Jacobs
- 10 Merl Keefer
- 17 Gary Hake
- 24 Matt Osborne
- 31 Ed Jacobs



Nursery Caregivers

- 3 Genie Grove
- 10 Donna Ausherman
- 17 Nicole Grove
- 24 Kayla Eshelman
- 31 Genie Grove



Hospitality Table

- 3 OPEN
- 10 OPEN
- 17 OPEN
- 24 OPEN
- 31 OPEN



Birthdays & Anniversaries

May

Dakota Guevara
 Linda Fulmele
 Ron & Cheryl Buser
 Bill & Linda Fulmele
 Kayla Eshelman
 Harper Miller
 Barbara Jo Brown
 Kendra Hughes
 Sandy Foor
 Bill & Wendy McDowell
 Merry Miller
 Ruth Hershey
 Jake Hershey
 Harvey Kunkle
 Heather Coonan
 Pastor Dick Godfrey
 Kayla Greiner



The Wellspan 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 West York for your continued generosity! I am looking forward to being with you on May 24!
Matt Hershey

On behalf of Harvest of Hope Food Pantry, thank you to the members of the West York Church of the Brethren for your donation of \$450.00. Your continued support and generosity is a benefit for our clients as they struggle to feed their families.
 Sincerely, Pat Callahan



DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday, May 20th 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.

For pastoral emergencies:
 Please contact Pastor Godfrey or Cindy Heist.



The Service and Outreach Chairperson, along with our Pastor, administer and oversee a special Outreach Ministry Fund. This "Outreach Fund" will be used to assist people with uncovered or unexpected financial needs on a case by case basis. Payments to assist persons will be made against bona fide invoices only and no cash will ever be distributed to individuals.

If you would like to contribute to this fund, please designate on your envelope "Outreach Fund". Thank you for considering to participate in this ministry with your generous offering.





OUTDOORSMAN DAY

Saturday, May 2nd 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
 Join us for a day filled with adventure together. We'll delve into the world of clay shooting, master gun safety, and honing our skills to become proficient clay target shooters.
 Cost \$50/per person (lunch included)
 Secure your spot by contacting Camp Eder at 717-642-8256 or on their website www.campeder.org
 Lodging also available for an additional cost.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT
 Wednesday, May 20th
 Carroll Valley Golf Course
 at Liberty Mountain**

7 am Registration & Light Breakfast
 8 am Shotgun Start (4 Player Scramble Format)
 12:00 Noon Lunch at Camp Eder
 Join us for a day on the Greens. Support Camp Eder ministries while enjoying a fun round of golf with friends and family.
 All Skill Levels Welcome!
 Register at campeder.org
 For more information call 717-642-8256.

SUMMER CAMP

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

Summer Camp lasts 5 weeks beginning June 14th thru July 24th.
 Some of the camps being offered are:
 Senior High ~ Junior High ~ Shining Stars
 Wet and Wild ~ Junior Camp 1 ~ Outback
 Culinary ~ 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

**TO WORK AT CAMP EDER THIS
 SUMMER**

Email Will at whilliard@campeder.org
 Or visit our website at
<https://www.campeder.org/summer-employment>

**MECHANICSBURG CHURCH
 of the BRETHREN
 100th Anniversary Celebration
 May 2 & 3, 2026**

May 2nd at 7 pm - Free concert with Anita Stapleton Anderson & Brent Stapleton. Anita, a Nashville recording artist, began her career singing in the Mechanicsburg children's choir. Enjoy light refreshments after the concert.

May 3rd - Morning worship at 10:30 am will mark its centennial centered on its anniversary theme "Yesterday's Vision: Today's Strength, Tomorrow's Hope. Jeff Carter, president of Bethany Theological Seminary will deliver a keynote sermon on the theme.

For more information please see the poster hanging on the hallway bulletin board.

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



Pentecost