

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

Richard Godfrey, Pastor

The West Yorker



September 2025

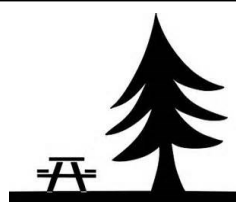
“The mission of the West York Church of the Brethren is to love, nurture and build the community of Jesus Christ.”



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

2025

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CHURCH PICNIC
SEPTEMBER 28, 2025
at the church
following the worship
service

Broasted chicken and homemade ice cream
will be provided.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex
for other food items and to sign-up if you
plan to attend.



See You at the Pole **September 24th**

A prayer rally where students
meet at the school flagpole
before school to lift up their
friends, families, teachers,
school, and nation to God.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Labor Day - September 1
Men's Breakfast - September 6
National Grandparents Day - September 7
Youth Meeting - September 7
Patriot Day - September 11
Day of Prayer for Children & Youth - September 17
So. PA District Conference - September 19 & 20
Youth Event (Game Day) - September 21
Newsletter Deadline - September 22
First Day of Autumn - September 22
Church Picnic - September 28

DENOMINATIONAL, DISTRICT & COMMUNITY EVENTS

(For more info on denominational events, go to www.brethren.org)



Friends of Cross Keys Village - The Brethren Home Community

LIFESPRING DAY SERVICES OPEN HOUSE Saturday, September 6th 10 am to 3 pm

Lifespring at Cross Keys Village invites you to explore our new state-of-the-art center designed to provide exceptional Adult Day Services and Memory Support.



**Disaster
Relief
Auction**

DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION September 26 & 27, 2025

Lebanon Valley Expo
80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon PA

THE AUCTION FOOD

COMMITTEE has started preparation for the auction. The food expenses have continued to rise. They are asking for monetary donations so that a greater portion of the income can help those experiencing natural disasters.

Checks for monetary donations should be made payable to: Brethren Disaster Relief Auction. Please put **"FOOD"** in the memo line and mail to: **Lynette Gelsinger at 3016 S. Pine Grove St. Fredericksburg, PA 17026.**

Volunteers are also needed to help on Friday, Sept. 26 or Saturday, Sept. 27. To volunteer, please contact Lois Roop at 717-954-2278 or email clroop@verizon.net.

DONATIONS OF AUCTION ITEMS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING AUCTIONS:

Children's Auction, Coin Auction, Heifer Auction
Main Hall Auction, Pole Barn Auction, Quilt Auction
Silent Auction, Theme Basket Auction

Go to www.brethrenauction.org for more information.



OVER THE EDGE YORK

Friday, October 3rd

Delphia House Apartments

350 E. Philadelphia St., York, PA 17403

Do you have what it takes to go over the edge?

Calling all thrill-seekers and change-makers to step up and take the challenge—literally.

This event offers participants the unique opportunity to rappel seven stories down the Delphia House Apartment building, all the while supporting the missions of Children's Aid Society & Affordable Housing Advocates.

For more information & to participate go to www.casds.org.

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.

An updated wish list is hanging on the hallway bulletin board.

Thank you for your continued support for CAS.



Operation Christmas Child


Because of Back-to-School sales, now is a good time to start buying items to fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child for November.

A list of gift suggestions will be available on the table in the gathering area.

GROCERY CART MINISTRY

Due to the retirement of Larry & Cindy Lehman in our Food Pantry, the future of our food pantry is on hold at this time. So there will be no collection of food for our shopping cart ministry until further notice. Thank you to all who supported our Food Pantry with your donations. We really appreciated your help!





MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
Saturday, September 6th
8 am
Fellowship Hall at WYCOB
PLEASE JOIN US!!!

September Special Offering

Our special offering for September is
"The Child Education Center"

This offering supports our preschool program.

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

YOUTH MEETING

Sunday, September 7th
11:30 am to 1pm



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

YOUTH EVENT

Game Day

Sunday, September 21st
12 pm to 2pm

Youth in middle or high school.

Mission Offering 2025 - September 14th



Mission
 offering

The Mission Offering highlights how we love and service together in the Church of the Brethren with our sisters and brothers around the world. Your generosity and dedication to the ministries of Church of the Brethren help us continue the work of Jesus.

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



*Fall Love Feast and
 Communion Service*

*Sunday, October 5, 2025
 following the worship service.*

October Newsletter

the deadline for articles for the
 October Newsletter is
September 22, 2025

Thank you.





The Child Education Center

There are 12 children enrolled in our 4 & 5 year old class (the only class) for the 2025-2026 school year.

Our staff: Lois Hinson - Director & Teacher
Pennie Jacobs - Teacher's Aide
Linda Fulmele - Teacher's Aide

Please pray for the teachers, children, parents and CEC Board as we begin our new school year.

We will be selling R&K Subs & Pretzel Sandwiches beginning Thursday, September 11th. Orders will be due Tuesday, September 30th with delivery on Thursday, October 9th. Look for the order forms in the narthex in September.

We will also have a Hoss's Community Day on Sunday, November 2nd. Look for the information in the narthex in October.

Thank you for your support of our Child Education Center.

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.



INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

The **"Seeking Amazing Grace" Adult Sunday School class** continues to grow, numerically, but even more importantly, spiritually. We have studied - in depth - the prophetic books of Revelation, Daniel and Isaiah, as well as the exciting Gospel of John. We have begun a study of **Paul's letters to the New Testament churches, including Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians.** These four books (Epistles) contain some of Paul's most important explanations of Jesus' teaching on how to live the Christian life. They are just as relevant for us today as they were 2000 years ago when Paul wrote them.

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 now studying **"The Parables of Jesus."**

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



*“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him and bless His name.”*
Psalm 100:4

The book of Psalms has been organized into different groups of psalms with similar themes. Psalm 93 - Psalm 100 have been grouped together because of their consistent theme of the greatness of God over all Creation (Psalm 95:3). Psalm 100 serves as a kind of summary for this section, instructing the reader to “enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.”

Why is praise the proper introduction to prayer? Because praise recognizes that God is greater than everything, including what is happening in our life. When we come to God with our petitions and requests, if we have first spent time in praise of Him, we are much better prepared to receive from Him that which is His will.

Praise says, “You are sovereign, O Lord, and You are good. Therefore, I can trust You with the concerns of my life. However You answer my prayers, I know that Your answers will be the best for me.” Praise is the perfect way to prepare for prayer - the perfect way to acknowledge that God’s will is our greatest desire.

Practice incorporating praise into your prayer life and anticipate the peace that will result as you make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:6-7).

Pastor Godfrey

PASTOR GODFREY’S SEPTEMBER SERMONS

September 7th	-	<i>Are You Available?</i>	Luke 14:25-35
September 14th	-	<i>Lost in Americana</i>	Luke 15:1-10
September 21st	-	<i>Lies, Truth, and Ministry</i>	Luke 16:1-15
September 28th	-	<i>What is Habituation?</i>	Luke 16:19-31



Sweet little sheep treats

Create adorable sheep using graham crackers, marshmallows, and a little imagination!

What you need:

- Graham cracker squares
- White frosting or marshmallow fluff
- Mini marshmallows
- Large marshmallows
- Candy eyes or mini chocolate chips
- Black gel icing or mini Oreo cookie

What you do:

1. Spread white frosting or marshmallow fluff on each graham cracker square.
2. Stick mini marshmallows all over to make the sheep's wool.
3. Cut a large marshmallow in half and stick it near the top for the head.
4. Add candy eyes and a dot of black gel for the nose. Or use a mini Oreo cookie half for a more defined face.
5. Let kids decorate their sheep however they'd like!

Lesson tie-in
Use this treat to remind kids that Jesus is our Good Shepherd.

"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

John 10:11, KJV

PUZZLE

WHO WERE JESUS' FRIENDS?

Jesus spent a lot of time with his friends. Whom did Jesus consider his friends?

Beginning at the arrow and moving clockwise, write every other letter on the spaces below.

John 15:14, NIV

Answer: "You are my friends if you do what I command." John 15:14, NIV

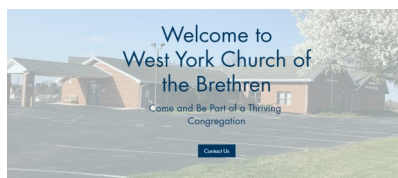




Grace Delivered

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

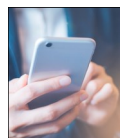
Sign Up

To sponsor the bulletin, newsletter and flowers for on the altar in 2025.

Sign-up sheets are hanging on the Informational Bulletin Board in the hallway by the coat rack.



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



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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.



Serving our Congregation in September

Acolytes

- 7 Alex Bridges
- 14 Isabelle McMonigle
- 21 Danika Grove
- 28 Caleb Grove



Greeters

- 7 Darlis Parker
- 14 Brittany Nolt
- 21 Brenda Myers
- 28 Pat Eutzy



Power Point Operator

- 7 Dave Highlands
- 14 Bill Zumbrum
- 21 Nathan Keefer
- 28 Larry Marshall



Sound Board Operator

- 7 Gary Hake
- 14 Larry Marshall
- 21 Ed Jacobs
- 28 Merl Keefer



Nursery Caregivers

- 7 Vivian Hubbell
- 14 Jessica McIntyre
- 21 Linda Zumbrum
- 28 Genie Grove



Hospitality Table

- 7 Tim Coonan
- 14 OPEN
- 21 OPEN
- 28 OPEN



September

James Hinkle
 Gary & Shawna Hake
 Cindy Lehman
 Lorraine Senft
 Mike & Anna McMonigle
 Sean Grove
 Larkin Whitcraft
 Darlis Parker
 Harper Kern
 James & Kathy Hinkle
 Nancy Anthony
 Nancy Ausherman
 Earl Hoover
 Bob King, Jr.
 Scott Miller
 Janet Heiner
 Larry & Cindy Lehman
 Alanna Edwards
 Sandra Hoover
 Brenda Myers



WE REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 11

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 for celebrating my graduation. Your gift and support are appreciated. Thank you for well wishes for my future plans.

Larkin Whitcraft



DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday, September 17th 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!



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.

For pastoral emergencies:

Please contact Pastor Godfrey or Cindy Heist.



SENIOR DAY

Wednesday, September 3, 2025 9:30 am

Michael Peluso Glass Art
Mr. Peluso brings 27 years of glass experience and education. Engage in an interactive demonstration. Ask questions and understand the how and why of glass blowing. From the basic materials to how, why, and where glass blowing started. All while enjoying a live demonstration.

Cost: \$20.00/per person

Please RSVP by calling (717) 642-8256 or emailing campeder@campeder.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Camp Eder Fall Fest

Saturday, October 19th 10 am to 4 pm

YOUNG ADULTS BACKPACK ADVENTURE

October 24th to 26th

More information to come on these events.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN NATIONAL OLDER ADULT CONFERENCE 2025

September 1-5, 2025

Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

NOAC is a Spirit-filled gathering of adults who love learning and discerning together, exploring God's call for our lives and living out that call by sharing our energy, insight, legacy, and faith with our families, communities, and the world.

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Church of the Brethren NOAC

Register at www.brethren.org/noac

Workshops, Field Trips, Service Opportunities
Outdoor Ministries Campfire
Seminary, College, University Reunions
Early Morning Chair Yoga
Garden Tours, Lake Boat Rides
Congregational Singing, Talent Show



Announcements

We are running the announcements on a power point prior to the worship service and after. If you have an announcement you would like to add to the power point, please contact the church office no later than Thursday each week.

If you have an announcement you would like to make in church during the worship service, please talk to Pastor Godfrey prior to the service.

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.

October 11 - Free Spring COB