

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

Richard Godfrey, Pastor

The West Yorker



October 2026

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



2026

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Sunday Worship: Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship Service 10:15 am

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Fall Love Feast and Communion Service

Sunday, October 4th

following the worship service

Fellowship meal, a feet washing service,
and communion

The service will take place in the
Fellowship Hall & will start at 11:45 am.
Families are encouraged to attend with
their children.

**Sign-up on the sheets hanging at the
main entrance if you plan to attend.**



Congregational Forum

Sunday, October 25, 2026

We will be voting on the 2027 Budget and
affirming the election slate.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.

(There will be a lunch.)

Please have all reports for the
Congregational Forum to Barb in the
church office no later than

October 12, 2026



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Love Feast – October 4

World Communion Sunday – October 4

Leadership Team Meeting – October 6

Men's Breakfast - September 10

Congregational Forum Info Due – October 12

Newsletter Deadline – October 19

Knitting/Crocheting Ministry – October 19

Day of Prayer for Children & Youth – October 21

Reformation Sunday – October 25

Congregational Forum – October 25

Youth Meeting – October 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

NAYLOR NUT & MINT SALE
October 19 thru November 2nd.
 Watch the bulletins for more information.

The Almost New Shop
at Cross Keys Village
 (located in the Healthcare Lobby)

Open for shopping

Wednesday 10 am to 3 pm

Thursday 12pm to 4 pm

Last Saturday of month 10 am to 1 pm

There is a list of items that also can be
 donated on the hallway bulletin board.



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child
 shoeboxes are available now. Let's send the
 love of Jesus to the children of the world!

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

**Completed boxes need to be returned to
 the church no later than NOVEMBER 15th!!**

The **Shippensburg Shoebox Supply Store**
 will fill a shoebox for **\$20.60**, which will pay for
 the items and shipping. If you wish to fill your
 box this way, you can give cash (in an
 envelope) or a check made payable to **West**
York COB (put OCC in the memo line) to
 Linda Fulmele. Maybe fill more than one box!!!
The deadline to do this is SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 18th!!!



SAVE THE DATE!!

REACHING FOR THE STARS
Tuesday, November 17th, 2026
Yorktowne Hotel

For more information go to casd.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.

*Thank you for your continued support for
 CAS.*

TRUNK OR TREAT
Sunday, October 25
5:30 to 6:30 pm

SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
250 Trinity Rd – York, PA 17408

Since West York Church is NOT having
 a Trunk or Treat this year, the children
 are invited to come to Saint Paul's
 Trunk or Treat. It will held rain or shine
 (In the event of rain it will be held inside
 the church fellowship hall).
 Refreshments will be served.



October Special Offering

Our special offering for October is

“Human Life Services”

This offering supports women of all ages facing unplanned pregnancies with counseling, referral and material needs.

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



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
Saturday, October 10th
8 am
Fellowship Hall at WYCOB
PLEASE JOIN US!!!



YOUTH MEETING
Sunday, October 25th
11:30 am to 1:30 pm

November Newsletter

Deadline for articles for the November Newsletter is

October 19, 2026

Thank you.



THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL

West York Church is offering a
TAKE-OUT ONLY

Thanksgiving meal on
 Thanksgiving Day, November 26th.

PICK-UP TIME IS 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM.

Meal will consist of: Turkey, filling, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, corn, green beans & dessert.

This is a free meal but you will need to make reservations for the number of meals you need.

Deadline to sign up is Friday, November 20th.
PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET HANGING AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE.

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF TURKEYS. SEE THE SIGN-UP FOR HELP, ETC.

Christmas Cantata



SINGERS NEEDED

We will be presenting a cantata during the 10:15 am worship service on Sunday, December 20th.

We are in need of singers to help present the cantata.

At this time we do not know which cantata we are doing or when we will start practicing.

Watch the weekly bulletins for more information.

Contact Beth Marshall if you are able to help.

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.

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



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.



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 are currently studying the book of **Genesis**.

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!!



“Who has put wisdom in the mind? Or who has given understanding to the heart?”
Job 38:36

Your brain is composed of about 60% fat, it floats in cerebrospinal fluid, and weighs about three pounds. It contains 86 billion neurons, consumes 20% of your body's energy, and operates at speeds of 268 miles per hour (who ever figured that one out?!?).

The most important thing about your brain though, is the thoughts that dominate it. The Bible says, “Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.” (Romans 8:5-6).

We must make a conscious effort to fill our minds with the good things – Spiritual things – especially Scripture. There is no more important activity we can engage our minds with than the Bible. We must read it, study it, memorize it. We need to take time to meditate on the words of Scripture – allow its words from Genesis to Revelation to impact our thinking and thus our lives.

“God will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are fixed on Him.” (Isaiah 26:3). It is our God and His Word alone, who can put wisdom in our minds and understanding and peace in our hearts. A Bible is not a furniture decoration: it is the essence of life. We must open it and ingest it to truly live.

Pastor Godfrey

PASTOR GODFREY'S SEPTEMBER SERMONS

October	4th	-	<i>Producing Fruit</i>	Matthew 21:33-46
October	11th	-	<i>I Don't Have Time</i>	Matthew 22:1-14
October	18th	-	<i>Give to God What is God's</i>	Matthew 22:15-22
October	25th	-	<i>No Greater Teaching (Love)</i>	Matthew 22:34-46



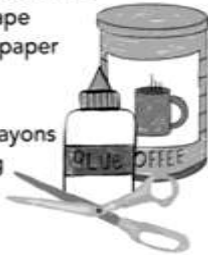
Give Thanks with Music



Music is one way to give thanks to God. Make these simple instruments to accompany your singing!

What you need:

- 3 small coffee cans with lids
- 1/2 cup dry pinto beans
- 1/2 cup unpopped popcorn
- 1/2 cup uncooked rice
- Heavy-duty tape
- Construction paper
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons for decorating



What you do:

1. Put the beans in one can, the popcorn in another, and the rice in the third.
2. Secure the lids and tape around the rims.
3. Cover the cans with construction paper and glue it in place.
4. Decorate the cans with markers or crayons.
5. Shake the cans to hear the different sounds, then use them to make joyful music for the Lord!



Puzzle!

NAMES OF GOD

Every name of God tells us something about his power, love and care for his people. Use the Scripture clues to uncover just some of these special names.



F _____ (Matthew 6:9)

A _____ and O _____ (Revelation 1:8)

I A _____ (Exodus 3:14)

Y _____ (Exodus 6:2-3)

G _____ M _____ H _____ (Genesis 14:19)

G _____ A _____ (Genesis 17:1)

R _____ (Psalm 18:2)

J _____ (Psalm 75:7)

F _____ (Psalm 18:2)

H _____ O _____ (Isaiah 40:25)

Answer key: Father, Alpha and Omega, I AM, Yahweh, God Most High, God Almighty, Rock, Judge, Fortress, Holy One





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 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.

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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 October

Acolytes

- 4 Caleb Grove
- 11 Eva Hake
- 18 Alex Bridges
- 25 Isabelle McMonigle

Greeters

- 4 Doug Ward
- 11 Joyce Whitcraft
- 18 Linda Fulmele
- 25 Chuck Wallace

Power Point Operator

- 4 Bill Zumbrum
- 11 Larry Marshall
- 18 Nathan Keefer
- 25 Dave Highlands

Sound Board Operator

- 4 Gary Hake
- 11 Matt Osborne
- 18 Ed Jacobs
- 25 Merl Keefer

Nursery Caregivers

- 4 Jessica McIntyre
- 11 Genie Grove
- 18 Linda Zumbrum
- 25 Donna Aushman

Hospitality Table

- 4 Chuck Wallace
- 11 Linda Fulmele
- 18 OPEN
- 25 OPEN



October

James Groy
 Emory Grove
 Michael McMonigle
 Emily & Kyle Miller
 Nancy Patterson
 Steve & Michelle Hartlaub
 Kayla & Jacob Eshelman
 Merl & Wanda Keefer
 Brynlee Miller
 Gatlin Miller
 Ronald Buser



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.



*Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, and your support as I had my hip replaced. And a very special thank you to Pastor Godfrey for his prayers and faithful visits. I feel so blessed to be part of such a supportive and caring church.*

*Sincerely,
Barbara Jo Brown*



DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday, October 21st 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.



Gifts Discernment Team

We are looking for persons to fill the following open positions for 2027.

- **1 or 2 people for the Gifts Discernment Team**
- **1 delegate** for Annual Conference (July 28 thru Aug 1 – Daytona Beach, Florida)
- **2 delegates** for District Conference (September 17 & 18 - Greencastle COB)

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Joyce Whitcraft, Nathan Keefer, Michelle Hartlaub or Ron Horn, Jr.

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.



HOUSE OF WORSHIP PROGRAM FOR ANNUAL DONATIONS TO WEST YORK CHURCH!

When members of our congregation become propane or heating oil customers with Aero Energy, they will donate \$0.04 to WYCOB for every gallon of heating oil and propane consumed.

Check out the poster hanging on the hallway bulletin board for more information.

WYCOB has received almost a total of \$600 from this program the past 2 years.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Camp Work Day - Saturday, October 3rd 9 am to 3 pm

There are many projects they would like to accomplish.

There are copies of the list of projects and the help they will need on the table in the Gathering area.

Pastries, coffee and juices will be provided in the morning and lunch also.

Monetary donations and/or material for ongoing camp projects are also needed.

Fall Festival - Saturday, October 17th

There is a great need for volunteers in many areas for the day of Fall Fest. Volunteers are given a free meal for their service.

There is also a need for volunteers all week before the Fall Fest - Oct. 12th to 16th.

October 30th - Fundraising Dinner for the replacement of the climbing wall. Dinner starts at 4 pm and ends at 8 pm. \$50/plate, \$350 to sponsor a table of 8

Christmas Tree Festival - December 11th & 12th

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.



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 meeting listed below, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

October 10 - The Brethren Home
(Nicarrry Meeting House - New Oxford)

