

**West York
Church of the Brethren**

Loving, Building, and Nurturing the
Community of Christ

**Morning Worship
December 7, 2025
2nd Sunday in
Advent**

PRELUDE

Selections on CD

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Godfrey

***A TIME OF PRAISE**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hymn #244

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Hymn #273

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Hymn #279

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Jessica & Taylor McIntyre

OFFERING TIME

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

A TIME TO SHARE JOYS & CONCERNS

Pastor Godfrey

CALL TO PRAYER

Into My Heart

Hymn #485

A TIME OF PRAYER

Pastor Godfrey

A TIME FOR GOD'S WORD

Pastor Godfrey

Be Prepared!

Matthew 3:1-12

A TIME FOR COMMUNION

INTRODUCTION

SHARING THE BREAD

The Bread which we break is the Communion of the body of Christ.

SHARING THE CUP

The Cup which we bless is the Communion of the blood of Christ.

CLOSING HYMN

Love Has Come!

Hymn #256

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

Today - Youth Meeting - 11:30 am to 1 pm

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

Wednesday - **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

AA Meeting - 7:30 pm

Thursday - Cantata Practice - 6:30 pm

Friday - CEC Christmas Program - 7 pm

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

December Special Offering Our special offering for December is

“Keystone Family Alliance”

Keystone Family Alliance aims to educate, motivate, and equip every Christian in the state of PA on the needs of orphans and vulnerable children, both locally and globally. We bridge the gap between the desperate needs in the child welfare system and Pennsylvania churches. By engineering wraparound Care Communities, Keystone Family Alliance provides tangible support, prayer, resources, and aid, resulting in foster families who are involved longer and stronger.

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

STATISTICAL INFORMATION for November 30, 2025

Attendance:

Sunday School: 17

Worship: 57

Giving

General Fund: \$3,178.00

Received to Date: \$161,432.55

Amount needed weekly

without Special Funds: \$4,868.86

70.54% 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!

**YOUTH MEETING
TODAY**

11:30 am to 1 pm

Youth in middle or high school.

We will read and talk about scripture



January Newsletter

Deadline for articles for the January Newsletter is

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

(Due to the Christmas Holiday the newsletter will be available by December 21, 2025.)

Thank you.



2026 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.

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.

Today's Important Reminders

December 14 - 3rd Sunday in Advent

December 17 - Day of Prayer for Children & Youth

December 19 - Youth Christmas Party

December 21 - 4th Sunday in Advent

Cantata

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.



Steve & Nicole Grove have taken the opportunity to serve as our new Food Pantry coordinators.

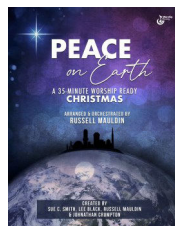
They are asking for donations of gravy, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, boxed potatoes or stuffing for Harvest of Hope Food Pantry for the month of December.

**THE NURSERY IS OPEN FOR
CHILDREN NEWBORN THROUGH
3 YEARS OLD.**

**IT IS LOCATED IN THE ROOM OFF
OF THE GATHERING AREA.**



*The cantata
"Peace on Earth"
will be presented on
Sunday, December 21st
during the 10:15 am worship service.*



***Christmas Candlelight Service
Wednesday, 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 a message of love from God from a different point of view, one that we seldom consider at Christmas, but reminds us of the real purpose and message of the gift of love that God has given us.

We will once again have a
Mitten Tree
this year. Please bring mittens, hats,
gloves, scarves and socks to put on the
tree.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH
is meeting during the
worship service each week.

Note from the Treasurer
Contributions for 2025

Our **last deposit** of the year will be **Sunday, December 28th**. Contributions placed in the offering plate after Dec 28th will be counted towards 2026 giving. **Electronic giving** contributions must be made **by Dec 24th** to count as a 2025 contribution. Any **contributions mailed to the church** must be **in the church office by Dec. 26th** in order to be counted as a 2025 contribution. If you have any questions please contact Jake Hershey, Treasurer.



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

**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
*THANK***



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 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 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.

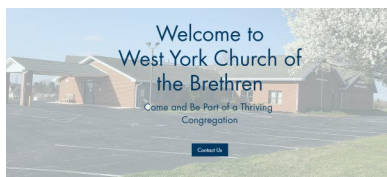
Care and Share Women's Bible Study meets virtually on Mondays at 7 pm, led by Judith Wallace. They are currently studying *"The Parables of Jesus."*

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



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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Friends of Cross Keys Village -
The Brethren Home Community

**Annual Luminary Tree Lighting
Friday, December 19th at 6 pm**

(Weather date is December 20th)

Join us for caroling and light refreshments 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.

**Spring Grove Alumni Chorus
will present**

“Christmas in the Grove”

Christmas Concert

TODAY 4:00 pm

Spring Grove Area Middle School Auditorium

Everyone is invited!!!!



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 or call Barb in the church office.

YARD SALE DONATIONS

Items for next year's yard sale can be dropped off in the
former Food Pantry room next to the Youth Room anytime.



Camp Eder

Christian Camp & Retreat Center

**CHRISTMAS TREE
FESTIVAL
December 12th & 13th
5 pm to 9 pm**

Join us in celebrating the King!

Christmas Lights & Music ~ Decorated Trees

Tree Decorating Contest ~ Bake Sale

Kids Activities ~ Cozy Fires

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

**Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum
8th Annual Holiday Train Garden**

Operating Model Train Layouts & Displays

134 East Hanover Street - Hanover



Fridays 6 pm to 9 pm

Saturdays 11 am to 7 pm

Sundays 12 pm to 5 pm

December - 7; 12, 13, 14; 19, 20, 21

January 2026 - 2, 3 & 4

Week between Christmas & New Years

Friday, December 26 - 11 am to 9 pm

Saturday, December 27 - 11 am to 7 pm

Sunday, December 28 - 12 pm to 5 pm

Monday, December 29 - 9 am to 3 pm

Tuesday, December 30 - 9 am to 3 pm

Free event

Donations benefit the Fire Museum