

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

**Richard Godfrey, Pastor**

# The West Yorker



## *April 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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## Love Feast

*April 2, 2026 6:30 pm*

**Fellowship meal, feet washing service,  
and communion**

Sign up on the sheet hanging at the  
main entrance if you plan to attend.



Celebrate the Risen Lord  
Easter Sunday  
April 5th, 2026

Easter Sunrise Service 6:45 am  
Easter Worship Service 8:30 am  
No Sunday School

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Maundy Thursday - April 2

Love Feast - April 2

Good Friday - April 3

Easter - April 5

Youth Meeting - April 12

Congregational Forum Info Due - April 13

Leadership Team Meeting - April 14

Day of Prayer for Children & Youth - April 15

Newsletter Deadline - April 20

Knitting/Crocheting Ministry - April 20

Ladies' Tea - April 25

Congregational Forum - April 26

Youth Balloon Painting - April 26



**EASTER BREAKFAST**  
April 5, 2026 7:30 am

Join us for breakfast on  
Easter Sunday following  
the Easter Sunrise service.

**PLEASE sign up on the sheet hanging at  
the main entrance if you can provide a  
casserole, fruit, or baked good for  
breakfast. PLEASE sign up also if you  
plan to attend so we can plan properly.**  
Come enjoy good food and fellowship  
time with your church family.

**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**

**Become a Friend in 2026!  
Annual Membership Drive**

The purpose of the Friends of Cross Keys Village is to benefit the lives of residents & team members of Cross Keys Village - the Brethren Home Community.

- \$15 Bronze-1 Person; \$30 Bronze-2-Persons
  - \$50 Silver-1 Person; \$100 Silver-2 Persons
  - \$100 Gold-1 Person; \$200 Gold-2 Persons
  - \$200 Platinum-1 Person; \$250 Platinum-2 Persons
- To join, see the membership form on the hallway bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact Barb in the church office.



**2026  
MEAT CANNING PROJECT**

The 2026 "Meat Canning Project" is scheduled for April 6-9, 2026.

2 shifts: 7:15 am to noon; 9 am to 2 pm  
This is held at Christian Aid Ministries in Ephrata, PA.

Monetary donations are needed so they can prepare 2 batches of chicken each day.

Volunteers are also needed to help process the chicken.

Please contact Mike Parente if you are interested in helping with this project.

Monetary donations can be made with the weekly offering. Please make sure you designate it to "Meat Canning".

Brochures are 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.

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**34th Annual Lehman Center Auction  
Tuesday, April 28th, 2026**

**New Fairview Church of the Brethren**  
Good food, gift cards/certificates, themed baskets, Art, Sports Memorabilia, Handmade items, Unique items and more. They are looking for donations for the auction. Check the poster hanging at the main entrance. Sponsor and donation forms available in the office. Call Barb if you need any of the forms.

*Thank you for your continued support for CAS.*



*You are cordially invited to*  
**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES - APRIL 3rd**  
**Services at 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm**  
Saint Paul Lutheran Church  
250 Trinity Rd - York, PA 17408





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 April 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).

**April Special Offering**

Our special offering for April is

**“The Lehman Crisis Nursery”**

**THE LEHMAN CRISIS NURSERY** is a program of the Children’s Aid Society which opened in 1987 that offers emergency respite care for children newborn through six years of age in a 24-hour crisis nursery, art and child-centered therapy, family advocate services, and parent support groups.

**Please use the brown envelopes on the table in the Gathering Area.**

**YOUTH EVENTS MEETING**  
**Sunday, April 12th**  
**11:30 am to 1 pm**



We will read and talk about scripture.

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**BALLOON PAINTING**  
**Sunday, April 26th**  
**1 pm to 3 pm**

**Youth in middle or high school.**

**Congregational Forum**

**Sunday, April 26, 2026**

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

**April 13, 2026.**

**May Newsletter**

Deadline for articles for the May Newsletter is

**April 20, 2026**

*Thank you.*



**“A Royal Tea”**

Come have tea **with the King!**

West York COB  
 5101 Darlington Rd, York, PA 17408

Saturday, April 25, 2026

12:00 - 2:30 pm

Donation of \$10.00

- ~ Please join us for tea and **bring a friend or two**
  - ~ Bring your own tea cup (we will have extra incase you forget)
  - ~ RSVP by April 12th...sign up at church, or call or text
- Linda Fulmele

\*Please let us know if you are gluten free or have any allergies.

**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.





**Beginning Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**  
 and continuing **to May 3rd**,  
 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.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Please mark your calendars for the following dates. We will be posting signup sheets for volunteers and more information in the near future.

**UPDATE - VBS CHANGE OF DATES**

**Monday, June 22nd to  
 Friday, June 26th**

Thursday, July 30th, Friday, July 31st  
 and Saturday, August 1st - Yard Sale



**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 Romans.

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!!



**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
**Saturday, May 2nd**  
**8 am**  
**Fellowship Hall at WYCOB**  
**PLEASE JOIN US!!!**

**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.



*“But those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”*  
 Isaiah 40:31

Have you ever run out of gas and been stuck on the side of the road? It’s important to recognize when your car is almost out of fuel, and to stop at a gas station and fill up. All athletes know the importance of keeping their bodies fueled with food and water, or else they won’t have the strength to finish the game.

In the same way, when your spiritual tank is running on empty - when your soul feels spiritually empty - you need to return to God for a refill of His wisdom and truth and power. Having feelings of emptiness can be a sign that God wants an opportunity to fill you with His Spirit.

That filling comes from spending time in prayer, in reading and studying, and meditating on the Bible. That filling also comes through praise and worship, and we need regular times of praise and worship - both privately, and together as the body of Christ in weekly worship. A void can creep into your life when your faith is running on empty due to neglect or busyness. God can - and will - supply what you need, but we need to be alert to receive Him and His offer of refilling.

We need to learn to recognize our lack of spiritual energy and respond with attention and desire to feed our soul and refresh our spiritual energy. God will meet your need for spiritual health and refill your spiritual tank when you come to Him for that refreshment and refueling. Come to Him with humility and a willingness to chart some new territory in your spiritual walk of faith.

Bible scholar, pastor and teacher Warren Wiersbe said it best: “When you feed your heart and mind with Biblical truth, you regain your perspective and find renewed strength.” Incorporate prayer, Bible reading, and worship into your daily disciplines of faith, and you will never run out of spiritual fuel or be in danger of having an empty spiritual tank.

Pastor Godfrey

**PASTOR GODFREY’S APRIL SERMONS**

April	5th	-	<i>While it was Still Dark</i>	John 20:1-18
April	12th	-	<i>A Plastic Easter?</i>	John 20:19-23
April	19th	-	<i>Meeting Jesus</i>	Luke 24:13-45
April	26th	-	<i>What is the “Abundant Life”?</i>	John 10:1-10; 1st Peter 2:21-25



# PUZZLE

## FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV

		
1. Jesus 2. weary 3. endured 4. opposition	5. cross 6. endured 7. scorning 8. shame	1. Jesus 2. lose 3. pioneer 4. sinners
5. perfecter 6. him 7. faith 8. hand	1. eyes 2. us 3. joy 4. heart	5. right 6. grow 7. God 8. throne

"... fixing our  1 on  1, the  3 and  5 of  7. For the  3 set before  6 he  3 the  5,  7 its  8, and sat down at the  5  8 of the  8 of  7. Consider  6 who  6 such  4 from  4, so that you will not  6 and  2  4."

Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV



The butterfly reminds us of new life and the Resurrection. After three days, Jesus rose from the dead and brings us the hope of new beginnings. This simple craft helps children celebrate that joyful truth.

**What you need:**

- Light-colored construction paper
- Card stock
- Glue
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Paper towel or baby wipe



**What you do:**

- Cut out a butterfly body from the construction paper.
- Glue the butterfly body onto the card stock.
- Use a paintbrush to coat the palm of one hand with paint.
- Press your painted hand beside the butterfly body to create a wing.
- Repeat with your other hand to make the second wing.
- Clean your hands with a paper towel or baby wipe.
- Optional: Add Luke 24:5-6 (NIV) around the butterfly or on its body:

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"



Answers: "... fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:2-3 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](http://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.**

**THANK YOU!!**



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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 April

## Acolytes

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



## Greeters

- 5 Kathy Hinkle
- 12 Cheryl Fahringer
- 19 Darlis Parker
- 26 Brittany Nolt



## Power Point Operator

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



## Sound Board Operator

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



## Nursery Caregivers

- 5 Genie Grove
- 12 Linda Zumbrum
- 19 Vivian Hubbell
- 26 Jessica McIntyre



## Hospitality Table

- 5 None needed
- 12 Chuck Wallace
- 19 OPEN
- 26 OPEN



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## April

Jayne Dettinger  
 Ed & Pennie Jacobs  
 Richard Brown  
 Jered & Karissa Marshall  
 Tony Hinson  
 Cassie Foor  
 Garry Bartos  
 Suzanne Smith  
 Jo King  
 Landon Highlands  
 Evelyn (Jean) Brown  
 Ed Jacobs  
 Mike & Susan Parente  
 Caleb Grove  
 Danika Grove  
 Ken & Merry Miller



**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.

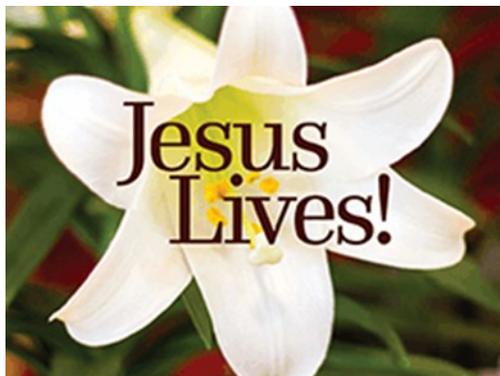


**DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Wednesday, April 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.

*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.



*Dear Church Members,  
On behalf of Harvest of Hope Food Pantry, thank you for the donation of 354.5 lbs of food items on February 12, 2026 (soup & Ramen noodles for Souper Bowl). Your generosity is a benefit for our clients as they struggle to feed their families.  
Sincerely, Pat Callahan  
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*Thank you! We are forever grateful for your generosity and support during my accident and through my recovery.  
With love, Gary Pownell and Family  
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*.West York Church of the Brethren,  
On behalf of those we serve, thank you for partnering financially with Keystone Family Alliance. Your donation will make a difference in the lives of orphans and vulnerable children and the families that support them. We are grateful for your partnership!  
Because it matters,  
Vince Smith, Executive Director  
Keystone Family Alliance  
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*I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all those who helped out with the Easter Egg Hunt. Without your help I couldn't have done it and want you to be recognized and know that you are appreciated.  
Kayla Eshelman*





**SENIOR DAY**

Wednesday, April 8th 9:30 am to 1 pm  
Richard D'Ambrisi from Gettysburg's World War II American Experience Museum will present an introduction to the museum, a "Tank Talk", and a World War II Trivia Game. Continental breakfast and delicious lunch.

Cost \$20/per person  
To register call 717-642-8256  
or email: [campeder@campeder.org](mailto:campeder@campeder.org)  
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**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](http://www.campeder.org)  
Lodging also available for an additional cost.  
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**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](http://www.campeder.org)

**TO WORK AT CAMP EDER THIS SUMMER**

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

Southern PA District  
**WOMEN'S SPRING TEA**   
Saturday, April 25, 2026 10 am  
West Shore Church of the Brethren  
(6921 Wertzville Road, Enola, PA 17025)  
Featuring "Daybreak"  
Mary & Brad Barrows  
Brochures with registration form are hanging on the hallway bulletin board.  
Make check payable to Southern PA District COB  
in the amount of \$10.00 per person and mail it with the registration form to the District Office  
(3375 Carlisle Road, Suite A, Gardners, PA 17325)  
Registration Deadline is April 15, 2026.

**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)

