

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

**Richard Godfrey, Pastor**

# The West Yorker



# February 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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**Website: www.westyorkcob.org**

**Sunday Worship: Sunday School 9:00 am**

**Worship Service 10:15 am**

**Souper Bowl  
Sunday  
February 8th, 2026**



We will be collecting soup (any kind), Ramen Noodles and money for Souper Bowl Sunday on February 8th.

**We will accept monetary donations also to purchase more soup or Ramen Noodles.**

You can bring your donations to the church now through February 8th.

These donations will be given to Harvest of Hope Food Pantry.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR**

***Parents Night Out***

***February 7 5-7 pm***

**THIS EVENT IS FOR PARENTS TO  
DROP THEIR KIDS OFF WHILE  
THEY GO ON A DATE!**

**Please find us on Facebook to  
register for this event!**



**Please sign up at the  
main entrance if you  
can help with this  
event.**

**Happy  
Valentine's  
Day**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Leadership Team Meeting - February 3

Men's Breakfast - February 7

Parents' Night Out - February 7

Souper Bowl Sunday - February 8

Knitting/Crocheting Ministry - February 9

Valentine's Day - February 14

Youth Meeting/Valentine's Party - February 15

President's Day - February 16

Newsletter Deadline - February 16

Ash Wednesday - February 18

Day of Prayer for Children & Youth - February 18

1st Sunday in Lent - February 22

## **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.

Please watch for more information to come.

### **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.

March 21 - Children's Aid Society  
(636 W. Poplar Street - York)

May 16 - Carlisle COB

July 18 - Rouzerville COB

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



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.

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

#### **New Fairview Church of the Brethren**

Good food, gift cards/certificates, themed baskets, Art/Jewelry, Sports Memorabilia  
They will be looking for donations for the auction.

Watch the bulletin and newsletters for more information.

*Thank you for your continued support for CAS.*



**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!!**





Steve & Nicole Grove have taken the opportunity to serve as our new Food Pantry coordinators. They are asking for donations of soup and Ramen noodles for the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry for the month of February.



**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
**Saturday, February 7th**  
**8 am**  
**Fellowship Hall at WYCOB**  
**PLEASE JOIN US!!!**

### February Special Offering

Our special offering for February is  
**"CHILD EDUCATION CENTER"**

This offering supports our preschool program.

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

### March Newsletter

Deadline for articles for the March Newsletter is

**February 16, 2026**

*Thank you.*



### 2026 CHURCH DIRECTORY

Barb is preparing to print the 2026 church directory. There will be a sheet in your mailbox in February with your personal information that was taken from our ChurchTrac software (this was used to make our picture directory in 2018). **PLEASE CHECK THE INFORMATION ON YOUR SHEET AND MAKE ANY NECESSARY**

**CHANGES.** When everything is correct, please mark the sheet "OK" and put it in the mail slot at the end of the mailboxes marked "DIRECTORY FORM." **Please return by February 22nd.**

**IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING CHURCH YOUR SHEET CAN BE MAILED OR E-MAILED TO YOU. PLEASE CALL BARB.**

She would like to complete the directory in March. Questions? Call Barb in the office. Thanks!!

### YOUTH EVENTS

**Sunday, February 15th**  
**MEETING**

**11:30 am to 12:30 pm**

We will read and talk about scripture.

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**VALENTINE'S PARTY**  
**12:30 pm to 2 pm**

**Youth in middle or high school.**



### 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.

Sunday, March 15th - filling eggs  
 Saturday, March 21st - Easter Egg Hunt  
 Sunday, June 14th to  
 Thursday, June 18th - VBS  
 Friday, July 31st and  
 Saturday, August 1st - Yard Sale

Be sure to join us **Easter morning** for an exciting and worshipful time including an early Sunrise service, a great breakfast, and time for learning, sharing and an exciting Easter worship as we celebrate our Risen Savior arising from the tomb and defeating death for all of us. Easter is the most important truth of our faith. Come join us as we worship and grow in our faith together.

## CHARITY KNITTING/CROCHETING MINISTRY

Starting in February we will meet the 2nd 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.

### HOSS'S COMMUNITY DAY

will be held on

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1st**, at Hoss's

on White Street in West York.



Please give cards or email with our group number to family and friends who will come and support the preschool. The cards or email will not give you anything off of your meal but will donate 20% of your bill to the preschool. This is a great fundraiser and can be very successful if everyone helps. Please remember our fundraisers are what helps us to keep the cost of our tuition down.

**Cards and email will be available in February on the table in the Gathering area.**



## 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!!



## The Child Education Center

**Delivery of the Popcorn Loft popcorn will be Tuesday, February 3, 2026 between 12:00 and 12:30 pm at the church. Thank you for your support of our preschool!**



*“Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy.”*  
Psalm 126:5

There are many kinds of tears. Some come from chopping onions. Others come from a fit of laughter. A sad movie can turn on the water works. Smoke from a campfire can make one's eyes water. Music has a way of swelling emotions deep within us to produce heart-felt tears from deep within our soul. (Music during a worship service often has a sincere effect on me and I need to be careful in the order of service not to have to speak after a particularly moving song or hymn.) Babies begin their lives with tears. Tears are important for lubricating our eyes and flushing away debris.

But when we think of tears we usually think of burdens and/or problems. God sees our tears as seeds. Each tear shed in grief, disappointment, pain, or emotional distress is like a seed that falls from our eyes and lands in the garden of God's grace. He knows the meaning behind every drop, and none of them are unnoticed by Him.

Psalm 56:8 says “you have collected all my tears in a bottle. You have recorded every one of them in your book.”

In the same way that Romans 8:28 tells us that all things work together for our good, Psalm 126:5 tells us that somehow our tears will produce a harvest of joy. How can that be? We don't fully understand the scope of God's grace, the power of his providence, and the depths of his mercy. But every promise in the Bible is true, so you can adopt Psalm 126:5 as your own.

If we start our day praising God, and continue to praise Him all thru our day; if we keep a song in our heart and a verse of promise in our thoughts; and if we make every day a day of worship and praise, He can dry our tears and banish our fears. With His praise continually on our lips, those tears will always be tears of joy.

Pastor Godfrey

**PASTOR GODFREY'S FEBRUARY SERMONS**

February	1st	-	<i>The Origin of Belief</i>	1 Corinthians 1:18-25; 2:1-5
February	8th	-	<i>Honesty/Righteousness/Integrity</i>	Matthew 5:17-20
February	15th	-	<i>Transformation</i>	Matthew 17:1-13
February	22nd	-	<i>Waiting for Angels</i>	Matthew 4:1-11

**LOVE IS Action!**

Love isn't just a feeling — it's something we do! This simple activity reminds us that acts of love, big or small, can grow and bless others.

**What you need:**

- Construction paper (brown for the trunk, pinks and reds for hearts)
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Markers or crayons

**What you do:**

1. Cut a large tree trunk and branches out of brown paper and glue it onto a sheet of paper or poster board.
2. Use colorful paper to cut several hearts — these will be your "leaves."
3. On each heart, write loving actions like "share my toys," "pray for others," or "help clean up."
4. Glue the hearts onto the branches to create a full, love-filled tree.
5. Hang it somewhere visible as a reminder to put love into action every day!



# WINTER FUN

## PUZZLE LOVE CODE BREAKER

Change some of the letters below to reveal this verse!

C's to L			Z's to H			P's to R					
Change:			J's to A			Q's to T			X's to E		
K's to O											

(The other letters stay the same.)

" L  
 C K V X    Q Z X    C K P D    Y K U P  
 G K D    W T Q Z    J C C    Y K U P  
 Z X J P Q    J N D    W T Q Z    J C C  
 Y K U P    S K U C    J N D    W T Q Z  
 J C C    Y K U P    M T N D    J N D  
 W T Q Z    J C C    Y K U P  
 S Q P X N G Q Z . "

**Mark 12:30**

Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."



## 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.



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



**STAY CONNECTED**  
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**Facebook**

**and**

**Instagram**



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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.



**In the event of bad weather,  
please contact Larry Marshall  
for cancellations.**

## Serving our Congregation in February

### Acolytes

- 1 Isabelle McMonigle
- 8 Danika Grove
- 15 Caleb Grove
- 22 Eva Hake



### Greeters

- 1 Donna Ausherman
- 8 Jan Marcheski
- 15 Bill Zumbrum
- 22 Cindy Heist



### Power Point Operator

- 1 Dave Highlands
- 8 Nathan Keefer
- 15 Larry Marshall
- 22 Bill Zumbrum



### Sound Board Operator

- 1 Larry Marshall
- 8 Ed Jacobs
- 15 Merl Keefer
- 22 Gary Hake

### Nursery Caregivers

- 1 Nicole Grove
- 8 Kayla Eshelman
- 15 Genie Grove
- 22 Vivian Hubbell



### Hospitality Table

- 1 Linda Zumbrum
- 8 OPEN
- 15 OPEN
- 22 OPEN



### February

- Keri Yinger
- Pat Tyson
- Jane Miller
- Levi Highlands
- Luke Highlands
- Lois Hinson
- Emily Miller
- Dawson Eshbach
- Levi Keefer
- Merl Keefer, Jr.
- Bill Fulmele
- Gary Hake
- Cindy Heist
- Jan Marcheski
- Rob Eshbach
- Larry & Beth Marshall
- Brielle Bricker
- Bryan & Julee Bricker
- Karen Poist



**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, February 18th 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!



*Thanks to all at West York for your generosity throughout 2025 - supporting Jubilee's mission and vision! We are so blessed to have you as a ministry partner.*

*Matt Hershey*

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*We received and distributed over 15,300 bags of cookies to drivers, truck stops, trucking terminals and hotels during our cookie drive this year. A new record!*

*Thanks for your support!  
Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry*

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*Dear Church Members,  
On behalf of Harvest of Hope Food Pantry, thank you members of West York Church of the Brethren for your donation on 12/12/25 of \$250.00. Your generosity is a benefit for our clients as they struggle to feed their families.*

*Pat Callahan*



*Thank you for your donations to our Mitten Tree.*

*We received the following items:  
5 pairs of mittens, 44 pairs of gloves,  
46 hats, 53 pairs of socks,  
and 4 scarves.*

*We appreciate your generosity.*

**For pastoral emergencies:**

Please contact Pastor Godfrey or Cindy Heist.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Strawberry Hill Maple Fest - Feb. 28th  
 Senior Day - April 8th  
 Men's Outdoor Day - May 2nd  
 Camp Clean-Up Day - May 9th  
 Golf Tournament - May 20th  
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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>

### **ORIENTAL TRADING & CHRISTIANBOOK.COM ORDERS**

If you want to place an order from **Oriental Trading** or from **Christianbook.com** for church-related activities, please call Barb in the church office. We have set up one account at each for the church that is tax exempt. If you order on your own, you will be liable to pay the PA Sales tax for those purchases. Questions? Contact Barb.



## **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.



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.

