

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

Richard Godfrey, Pastor

The West Yorker



October 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**

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TRUNK OR TREAT Sunday, October 19th 1 pm to 3 pm

It will soon be that time of year when the leaves begin to fall and the nights get colder. This year we would like to start spreading the word of our Trunk or Treat sooner. Last year we were blessed with around 70 kids. We are hoping for even more kids this year! As our events get bigger we are hoping to have more volunteers to help pull off these events.

If you wish to participate but the thought of decorating your car feels intimidating, no worries! **We will decorate your car for you.** All you need to do is let us know you're coming and provide enough candy for around 100 kids. If you are getting your car decorated we ask that you arrive around 12 or stay after church. If you plan to stay after church we will have food provided for lunch. We can't wait to see everyone there and share God with all the kids that come for our Trunk or Treat.

We are looking for candy donations and any possible additional help. Questions? See Kayla Eshelman.

The sign-up sheet is hanging at the main entrance if you plan to participate with your vehicle.



Fall Love Feast and Communion Service

Sunday, October 5th

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.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Love Feast - October 5
World Communion Sunday - October 5
Youth Meeting - October 5
Leadership Team Meeting - October 7
Congregational Forum Info Due - October 13
Day of Prayer for Children & Youth - October 15
Trunk or Treat - October 19
Newsletter Deadline - October 20
Reformation Sunday - October 26
Congregational Forum - October 26

DENOMINATIONAL, DISTRICT & COMMUNITY EVENTS
 (For more info on denominational events, go to www.brethren.org)



**Friends of Cross Keys Village -
The Brethren Home Community**

INDOOR FALL YARD SALE
 Saturday, October 18th
 8 am to 12 pm
 Nicarry Meetinghouse

NAYLOR NUT & MINT SALE
 October 27th thru November 10th



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 16th!!

The **Shippensburg Shoebox Supply Store** will fill a shoebox for \$17.50, 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 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 26th!!!



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.

Thank you for your continued support for CAS.



7th Annual

Lanterns of Light

The Joy of Remembrance
Sunday, October 12, 2025

6:15 pm Cousler Park
 (1060 Church Rd York 17404)

Join us to celebrate the lives of loved ones who have gone before us. Reserve a lantern for \$25 through the form hanging at the main entrance or on their website. Lantern launch will take place at sunset. See the poster hanging at the main entrance for more information.



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.**

Congregational Forum Sunday, October 26, 2025

We will be voting on the 2026 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 13, 2025

November Newsletter

Deadline for articles for the
 November Newsletter is

October 20, 2025

Thank you.

SINGERS NEEDED

We will be presenting the
 cantata

Peace on Earth

during the 10:15 am
 worship service on

Sunday, December 21st .

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

Contact Beth Marshall if you are able
 to help. Come help us make a Joyful
 Noise for the Christmas season!



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
 for October is cancelled due
 to scheduling problems.
 Next breakfast will be
 November 1st.

YOUTH MEETING

Sunday, October 5th

11:30 am to 1pm

**Youth in middle or high
 school.**

**We will read and talk about
 scripture.**

YOUTH EVENT

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 19th

1 pm to 3pm



THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL

West York Church is offering a
TAKE-OUT ONLY

Thanksgiving meal on

Thanksgiving Day, November 27th.

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 21st.

**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.**



The Child Education Center

is having an R&K Sub & Pretzel Sandwich sale thru Tuesday, September 30th. The order forms are on the table in the Gathering Area (1 for sub and 1 for pretzel sandwiches). Delivery will be **Thursday, October 9th.**

HOSS'S COMMUNITY DAY

will be held on

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd, 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 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 help us to keep the cost of our tuition down.

Cards will be available in October.



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 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 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!!



*“For you were once darkness, but now you are the light in the Lord.
Walk as children of light.”*
Ephesians 5:8

*“You are the light of the world.....let your light shine before men,
that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”*
Matthew 5:14, 16

“This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine...
Won’t let Satan blow it out, I’m gonna let it shine...
Hide it under a bushel, no! I’m gonna let it shine....
Let it shine ‘til Jesus comes, I’m gonna let it shine...
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

The repetitive lyrics of this popular children’s song from years back was a favorite for many of us in our youthful Sunday School days. (Do they still sing it today?) Though the origin of the song is unknown, it is based on familiar Scripture in the New Testament - specifically from Matthew 5.

In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said that His followers are “the light of the world.” We are the light of the world because we have living in us the One who is the ultimate Light of the world. In the children’s song, the words “I’m gonna let it shine” reflect Jesus’ admonition not to let that light be hidden from the world around us. Rather, we are to let our light shine via good deeds so the world can see Him in us and glorify God.

In this increasingly darkened society, as our culture drifts further and further from the light of God’s Word, and violence and compromise of God’s Word becomes commonplace, it is ever more important that we intentionally make a sincere effort to let the light of Jesus shine through us, as we wait for Him to come again.

Pastor Godfrey

PASTOR GODFREY’S OCTOBER SERMONS

October 5th	-	<i>A Little Bit of Faith</i>	Luke 17:1-10
October 12th	-	<i>The Importance of “Thank You”</i>	Luke 17:11-19
October 19th	-	<i>God’s Justice will Prevail</i>	Luke 18:1-8
October 26th	-	<i>Newsflash: Jesus Likes Sinners!</i>	Luke 18:9-14



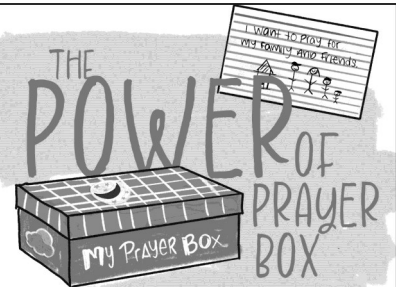
JESUS TRAVELED TO MANY PLACES

Jesus traveled to many regions, cities, towns and villages to preach the Good News. In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of some of the places. Can you find the names on the list?

Words can go left to right, up, down or diagonal—so look carefully in all directions!

BETHANY	EPHRAIM	MOUNT OF OLIVES
BETHLEHEM	GALILEE	NAZARETH
BETHSAIDA	JERICHO	PEREA
CAESAREA PHILIPPI	JERUSALEM	SAMARIA
CANA	JORDAN RIVER	SIDON
CAPERNAUM	JUDEA	TYRE
DECAPOLIS	MAGDALA	WILDERNESS
EGYPT		

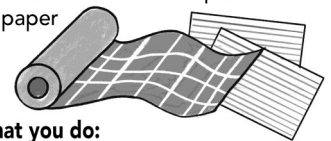
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Create a simple and meaningful prayer box your family can use to share requests and pray together all week long.

What you need:

- Shoebox with lid
- Wrapping paper or decorative paper
- Scissors & tape
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers and other craft material (optional)
- Pens or pencils
- Index cards or small pieces of paper



What you do:

1. Wrap the shoebox like a gift, wrapping the lid separately so it can be opened.
2. As a family, decorate the box with drawings, favorite Bible verses, photos, or stickers.
3. Place the box somewhere central, like the kitchen or living room.
4. Keep index cards and pens nearby. When someone has a prayer request, they can write or draw it and drop it in.
5. Throughout the week, take turns praying over the requests as a family, or have a parent lead prayer time.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

—Colossians 4:2, NIV

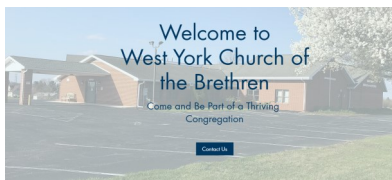




Grace Delivered

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



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.



STAY CONNECTED Follow us on

Facebook

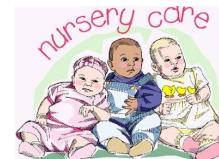
and

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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 October

Acolytes

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



Greeters

- 5 Cindy Heist
- 12 Jan Marcheski
- 19 Bill Zumbrum
- 26 Donna Ausherman



Power Point Operator

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



Sound Board Operator

- 5 Gary Hake
- 12 Larry Marshall
- 19 Ed Jacobs
- 26 Merl Keefer



Nursery Caregivers

- 5 Donna Ausherman
- 12 Nicole Grove
- 19 Kayla Eshelman
- 26 Genie Grove



Hospitality Table

- 5 Pennie Jacobs
- 12 OPEN
- 19 OPEN
- 26 OPEN



Birthdays & Anniversaries

October

Emory Grove
 Michael McMonigle
 Emily & Kyle Miller
 Nancy Patterson
 Steve & Michelle Hartlaub
 Jake & Pat Tyson
 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.



*Thank you for your love, support
and prayers with my mother's
passing.*

Beth Marshall



DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday, October 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.



Thank you!
*To all those who donated or
helped with the Summer Splash
in any way. We appreciate your
help in making this successful
and a fun time for everyone!!*

For pastoral emergencies:
Please contact Pastor Godfrey
or Cindy Heist.

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!



Gifts Discernment Team

We are looking for persons to fill the following open positions for 2026.

- **2 people for the Gifts Discernment Team** - 1 chairperson and 1 other member
- **1 delegate** for Annual Conference (June 29 thru July 2 - Fort Wayne, Indiana)
- **2 delegates** for District Conference (September 18 & 19 - Chambersburg COB)

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



Camp Eder Fall Fest

Saturday, October 19th 10 am to 4 pm

Meal served 11 am to 3 pm

Silent Auctions: 10:00 to 10:45 am and
11:00 to 11:45 am

Live Auction: 12 Noon

Pork Meal - Barrel Train Rides - Hay Rides

Kid's Activities - Craft Vendors - Yard Sale
Vendors

Eder Made Apple Butter - Live Music

See poster, etc. on hallway bulletin board.

YOUNG ADULTS BACKPACK ADVENTURE

October 24th to 26th

Ages 18-25 \$5/ticket

Join us for a weekend hiking on the
Appalachian Trail for young adults!
Immerse yourself in God's word while
surrounded by the breathtaking beauty
of His Creation.

Stay in Schwarzenau Lodge or
tent/hammock camping

Hiking the Appalachian Trail overnight
and cooking over the fire

Call: 717-642-8256 or

Email: campeder@campeder.org

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.**

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

**Sunday, November 23rd 6 pm
Community Thanksgiving Service
Saint Paul Lutheran Church**

250 Trinity Road

Join us as we gather for Worship,
hymns and pie!



More information to come.



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.

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