

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

Richard Godfrey, Pastor

The West Yorker



September 2026

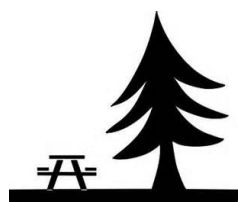
“The mission of the West York Church of the Brethren is to love, nurture and build the community of Jesus Christ.”



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Sunday Worship: Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:15 am

2026

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CHURCH PICNIC
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
at the church
following the worship service

Watch the bulletin for more information
and for sign-up sheets.



SEE YOU AT THE POLE™
GLOBAL DAY OF STUDENT PRAYER

See You at the Pole
September 23rd

A prayer rally where students meet
at the school flagpole before
school to lift up their friends,
families, teachers, school,
and nation to God.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Labor Day - September 7
Patriot Day - September 11
Men's Breakfast - September 12
National Grandparent's Day - September 13
Leadership Team Meeting - September 14
(approve budget)
Day of Prayer for Children & Youth - September 16
So. PA District Conference - September 18 & 19
Newsletter Deadline - September 21
Knitting/Crocheting Ministry - September 21
First Day of Autumn - September 22
Church Picnic - September 27
Youth Meeting - September 27

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



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

**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.



**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.*



2026 DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION
Friday, September 25 - 9 am to 9 pm
Saturday, September 26 - 7 am to 2 pm
 Lebanon Valley Expo Center
 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon PA

There will be multiple simultaneous auctions, food stands, quilts, crafts, and family activities and a car, truck and tractor show at the fairgrounds Saturday from 7 am to 2 pm. The annual family friendly benefit auction raises money to support the work of Brethren Disaster Ministries serving in clean-up and rebuilding projects around the US and worldwide.

You can get involved by volunteering, donating items, promoting or supporting by monetary donations.



Operation Christmas Child

Because of Back-to-School sales, now is a good time to start buying items to fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child for November.

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





For the next few months we will be collecting donations for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food giveaways for the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry. **They are asking for the following donations: Boxed Potatoes, Boxed Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Gravy.** Other items may be added later.

HARVEST OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY
4485 Wolf's Church Road York 17408
717-792-6070
Tues/Thurs starting at 5 pm
Wednesday starting at 12 pm



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
Saturday, September 12th
8 am
Fellowship Hall at WYCOB
PLEASE JOIN US!!!

YOUTH MEETING
Sunday, Sept. 27th
11:30 am to 1:30 pm



September Special Offering

Our special offering for September is
"Pappus House"

Pappus House is York's only home that provides round-the-clock care exclusively to people in their last month's of life.

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



*Fall Love Feast and
Communion Service*
Sunday, October 4, 2026
following the worship service.



Holy Communion

Mission Offering 2026 - September 13th

The Mission Offering highlights how we love and service together in the Church of the Brethren with our sisters and brothers around the world. Your generosity and dedication to the ministries of Church of the Brethren help us continue the work of Jesus.

Special envelopes will be on the table in the Gathering area.



October Newsletter

the deadline for articles for the
October Newsletter is
September 21, 2026

Thank you.



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 are now 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!!





“Then Jonah prayed to the Lord from the fish’s belly.”
Jonah 2:1

When we find ourselves in a seemingly unsolvable situation or problem, there is usually someone around who will gladly tell us: “If all else fails, follow directions.” A similar reminder is often issued among Christians: “When all else fails, pray.” Unfortunately, we too often have to be reminded that prayer should be our first impulse, not our last resort.

Jonah would have done well to have received that reminder when he found himself tossed into the sea. He had done just about everything wrong: he had rebelled against God, and was accused of causing the calamity that caused his shipmates to want to throw him overboard in hopes of placating the “storm gods.”

And adding insult to injury, he was swallowed by a great fish. But it was not until the final action that he decided it was time to pray. And it was from the belly of that great fish that he finally sought the Lord. He didn’t actually confess his sins, but he did repent of his pride by calling out to God for help.

There is a lesson here for all of us. Don’t wait until we’ve tried every other solution before turning to God in prayer. Regardless of the severity of the situation, make prayer your first impulse. And a good way to start that prayer is to ask God “what is it You are trying to teach me in this situation?”

Someone has wisely noted: before we can pray ‘Thy kingdom come’ we must be willing to pray ‘my kingdom go.’

Pastor Godfrey

PASTOR GODFREY’S SEPTEMBER SERMONS

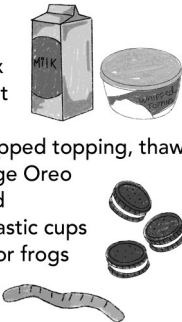
September	6th	-	<i>Sticking Together</i>	Matthew 18:15-20
September	13th	-	<i>Forgive: 101 - How & Why</i>	Matthew 18:21-35
September	20th	-	<i>The Last Shall be First</i>	Matthew 20:1-16
September	27th	-	<i>The Marks of Discipleship</i>	Matthew 21:23-32



A sweet reminder that God is always growing something new, no matter the season. As summer winds down and a new school year begins, remember He is at work in your life, helping you grow in faith, kindness and courage. With His help, you can grow in wisdom, build friendships and shine His love wherever you go.

What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving) box chocolate instant pudding mix
- 1 (8 oz.) tub whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) clear plastic cups
- Gummy worms or frogs (optional)



What you do:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes until thickened.
2. Gently fold in the whipped topping.
3. Add a layer of crushed cookies to the bottom of each cup.
4. Spoon pudding mixture on top, filling the cups about $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
5. Sprinkle more crushed cookies on top to look like "dirt."
6. Add gummy worms or frogs for fun.
7. Chill until ready to serve, or enjoy right away.

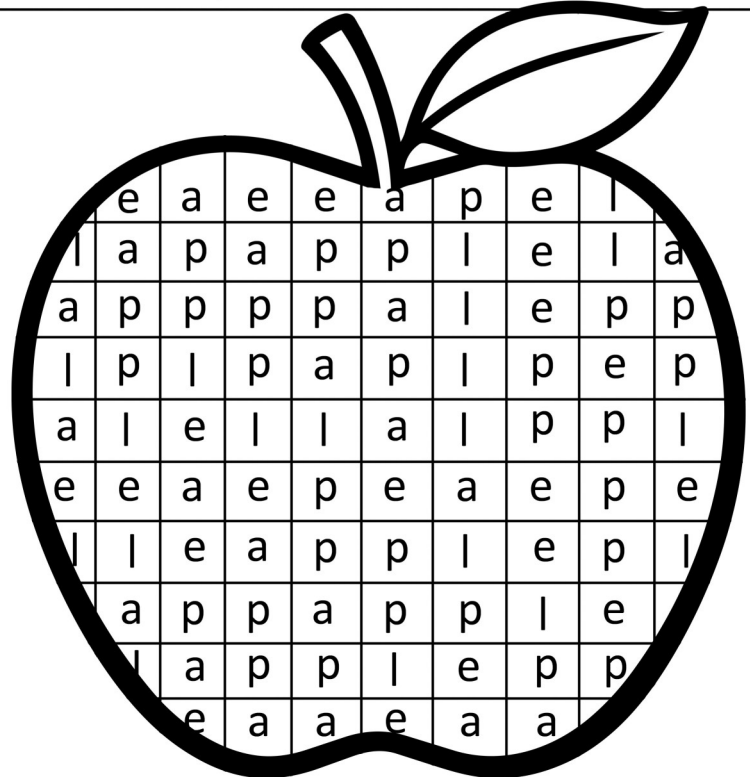
See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not
perceive it? — Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)



Apple of Your Eye

"Apple of your eye" means something very special that you protect. As school starts again, remember what God says in Proverbs 7:2 (NIV): "Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye."

Can you find the word "apple" 12 times in the puzzle?
Look up, down, across, and even backward!

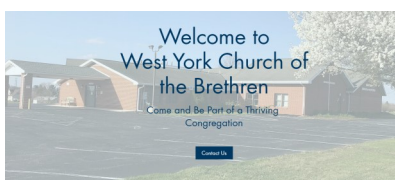




Grace Delivered

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

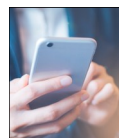
To sponsor the bulletin, newsletter and flowers for on the altar in 2026.

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.

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 September

Acolytes

- 6 Caleb Grove
- 13 Eva Hake
- 20 Alex Bridges
- 27 Isabelle McMonigle



Greeters

- 6 Donna Aushman
- 13 Bill Zumbrum
- 20 Cindy Heist
- 27 Joann Rohrbaugh



Power Point Operator

- 6 Bill Zumbrum
- 13 Larry Marshall
- 20 Nathan Keefer
- 27 Dave Highlands



Sound Board Operator

- 6 Gary Hake
- 13 Matt Osborne
- 20 Ed Jacobs
- 27 Merl Keefer



Nursery Caregivers

- 6 Nicole Grove
- 13 Kayla Eshelman
- 20 Genie Grove
- 27 Vivian Hubbell



Hospitality Table

- 6 Linda Fulmele
- 13 OPEN
- 20 Pennie Jacobs
- 27 Vivian Hubbell



September

James Hinkle
 Gary & Shawna Hake
 Cindy Lehman
 Lorraine Senft
 Mike & Anna McMonigle
 Sean Grove
 Larkin Whitcraft
 Darlis Parker
 James & Kathy Hinkle
 Nancy Anthony
 Nancy Aushman
 Earl Hoover
 Bob King Jr.
 Scott Miller
 Janet Heiner
 Larry & Cindy Lehman
 Alanna Edwards
 Sandra Hoover



WE REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 11

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 to the members of West York Church that are enrolled in Aero Energy's House of Worship program. We have received a check for \$290.38 through your enrollment in this program for the past year.

Thank you for your gift to Children's Hunger Fund (VBS offering). You are making a difference in the lives of children and families in need. God is using you to bring hope and change to their lives. Please join us in continued prayer for those facing poverty.

The Child Education Center staff is so grateful for the generous gifts, recognition during Sunday service and the reception following morning worship. Words cannot express how thankful we are for our church's unwavering support these past 45 years.

*Dear Church Members,
On behalf of Harvest of Hope Food Pantry, thank you for your donation of \$120.00. Your generosity is a benefit for our clients as they struggle to feed their families.*

*Sincerely,
Pat Callahan
Cor. Sec.*



DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday, September 16th 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.

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.



SENIOR DAY

Wednesday, September 9th

9:30 am Meet & Greet w/continental breakfast
 10:00 am Morning Program
 12:00 pm Delicious Lunch
 1:00 pm Dismissal

We will have "Music with Monte" who is to share his love of Jesus and storytelling (through song), as well as giving folks a taste of the kinetic music that he shares during the Summer at Camp Eder. We will also have Ms. Autumn Thomas with AARP with a valuable "Fraud Prevention Program"!

Cost: \$20.00

Register online at Campeder.org or call the office at 717-642-8256.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Camp Work Day - Saturday, October 3rd

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

**Black Rock Church of the Brethren
 150 Years Celebration**

On September 20, 2026, Black Rock Church of the Brethren will be celebrating 150 years since the Black Rock Meetinghouse was constructed with a special worship service.
 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.

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