

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

Richard Godfrey, Pastor

The West Yorker



April 2024

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



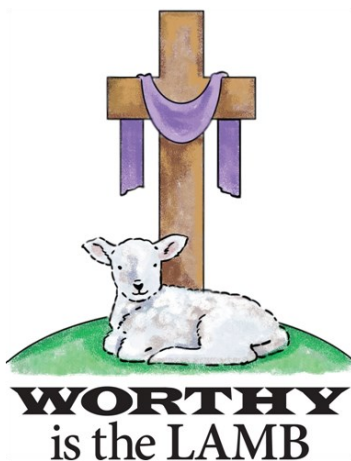
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Sunday Worship: Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:15 am

2024 *The West Yorker*



A number of people have expressed interest in being baptized and joining our congregation. **We are planning a service of baptism** for all who have made the decision to follow Jesus and be baptized for **SUNDAY, APRIL 21st** during our morning worship time. If you might have missed the membership class and desire to be baptized, **please make your interest known to Pastor Godfrey.**

There will also be **a time for membership transfer in the very near future** for anyone who is currently a member of another congregation but would like to transfer their membership to the West York congregation. If you are interested in transferring your membership to WYCOB, **please make your intentions known to Pastor Godfrey so we can facilitate those arrangements.**



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is the LAMB

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Leadership Team Meeting - April 2
Men's Breakfast - April 13
Youth Event - April 13
Congregational Forum Info Due - April 15
Day of Prayer for Children & Youth - April 17
Service of Baptism - April 21
Youth Event - April 21
Newsletter Deadline - April 22
Primary Election - April 23

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



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

Become a Friend in 2024!

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

To accomplish this objective, funds are raised through an **Annual Membership Drive**, donations, and various fundraising events throughout the year.

Membership in the Friends of Cross Keys Village is open to all residents and friends of Cross Keys Village.

Funds raised by the Friends are principally used to support:

- The **Good Samaritan Fund**, assisting residents whose finances are exhausted
- The **Brethren Home Educational Assistance Program (BHEAP)**, offering support to our team members who wish to further their education.
- The **Professional Artist Series**, bringing professional entertainment to our campus for the enjoyment of villagers and neighbors from the greater community.

Becoming a member or renewing your membership gives you the satisfaction of helping others!

- **Bronze One-Person Membership \$10;
Two Persons \$20**
- **Silver One-Person Membership \$50;
Two Persons \$100**
- **Gold One-Person Membership \$100;
Two Persons \$200**

To join, see the membership form on the hallway bulletin board, or go online (where you can pay by credit card) to www.crosskeysvillage.org/donate/friends.

If you have any questions, please contact Barb in the church office.

SPRING YARD SALE & BAKE SALE
Saturday, April 27th 8 am to 12 pm
Nicarry Meetinghouse



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.

**33rd Annual Lehman Center Auction
Virtual & Live!!
Virtual Auction**

Begins Saturday, April 27th at 12:01 am
Until Monday, April 29th at 7 pm

Live Auction

Tuesday, April 30th, 2024

Preview & Kitchen open at 12 pm
Live auction begins at 5 pm

New Fairview Church of the Brethren

*Thank you for your continued support for
CAS.*



**2024
MEAT CANNING PROJECT**

The 2024 "Meat Canning Project" is scheduled for April 1-4, 2024 at Christian Aid Ministries in Ephrata, PA. Monetary donations are needed so they can prepare 2 batches of chicken each day. Monetary donations can be made with the weekly offering. Please make sure you designate it to "Meat Canning".



GROCERY CART MINISTRY

Each month we are collecting certain items for our Food Pantry. For the month of **April** we are collecting **PEANUT BUTTER AND MARSHMALLOW FLUFF**. You can place your donation in the shopping cart that is in the hallway. **THE ITEMS WE ARE REQUESTING ARE THE ONLY ITEMS WE NEED THIS MONTH.** Thanks for your help!





**ATTENTION MEN:
MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**
Saturday, April 13th
8 am to 9 am
Fellowship Hall at WYCOB
PLEASE JOIN US!!!

YOUTH EVENTS
Saturday, April 13th
and
Sunday, April 21st



Youth in middle or high school.

Watch the weekly bulletins for more information on these events.

April Special Offering
 Our special offering for April is
“The Lehman Center”

THE LEHMAN CENTER 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.

Congregational Forum **Sunday, May 5, 2024**

Please have all reports for the Congregational Forum to Barb in the church office no later than
April 15, 2024.

May Newsletter

Deadline for articles for the May Newsletter is
April 22, 2024

Thank you.



2024 YARD SALE
Friday, July 26th
Saturday, July 27th

Starting April 1 yard sale donations can be dropped off in the fellowship hall closet. Due to lack of storage space, we are asking everyone to **hold off bringing clothing until the end of May** (when preschool is finished). Also, it would be great help to **mark the sizes of comforters and sheets.**



2024 VBS

**Sunday, June 23rd to
Thursday, June 27th**

Many volunteers will be needed!!

Gifts Discernment Team



We are looking for **one delegate** for the Annual Conference that will be held July 3-7, 2024 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

We are also looking for **two delegates** for the District Conference to be held September 20 & 21, 2024 at Newville Church of the Brethren.

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



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.



INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

The **“Seeking Amazing Grace” Adult Sunday School class** continues to grow. Having just finished an exciting study of the book of Revelation, we are now immersing ourselves in the important book of **DANIEL**. This Old Testament book contains some very valuable lessons for our day and age and culture. Come and join us on our faith journey as we study God’s Word together. We also read and discuss the challenging Wired Word lessons each week as we apply our Christian principles to the current events making news headlines in our culture today.

The study of God’s Word is one of the most important aspects of a growing, maturing faith and the informal, friendly, informative arena of a Sunday School class is a great avenue to make God’s Word come alive for us. Please come and check us out. You’ll be glad you did!

Care and Share Women’s Bible Study meets virtually on Mondays at 7 pm, led by Judith Wallace. They are currently studying **“Transformed Women in the Bible.”**

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





“In quietness and confidence shall be your strength...” Isaiah 30:15

Isaiah’s word for “quiet” means ceasing activity, rather than the cessation of noise. That is the message of Isaiah 30 - God wanted His people to stop their frantic activity by which they were trying to solve their own problems. The whole chapter is filled with people’s strivings, running here and there trying to get help, and building alliances with pagan neighbors. You can feel the stress and tension escalating as you read the chapter.

As our own challenges mount, our fatal tendency is to exert more strength and get busier. But God says the way we gain strength is by retreating into the quietness of His presence and waiting on Him. After we slow down, we need to get quiet.

Our lives are filled with noise. In doctors’ offices we have to put up with the game shows shouting from the wall. In the city, the sound of jackhammers, car horns, and sirens are unending. At home our televisions, laptops, tablets, and smartphones are constantly playing, beeping, and pinging alerts at us. All that noise increases the tension inside us, and makes us feel weak, discouraged, uncertain, overwhelmed.

If you want to strengthen your soul by attuning yourself to the voice of God through His Word and in prayers, learn to get quiet. In his time of greatest weakness, the prophet Elijah looked for God in the midst of a powerful wind, a great earthquake, and a flaming fire. But God’s voice was not heard in any of those dramatic displays of noise. It was only after the fireworks were over and the world got quiet that Elijah heard God’s “still, small voice” - the voice that gave him the strength and courage he needed.

Find a quiet place. Open God’s Word. Hear His still small voice again. Renew your strength and resolve to listen and obey that voice. One of the best places to do that is in Worship. Let’s make Worship an ongoing priority—both personal worship, and here in the Sanctuary together.

Pastor Godfrey

PASTOR GODFREY’S APRIL SERMONS

April 7th	-	<i>Born Again</i>	-	John 3:1-21
April 14th	-	<i>Are You Listening?</i>	-	1 Samuel 3:1-4:1
April 21st	-	<i>The Power of Water</i>	-	Mark 1:9-13
April 28th	-	<i>Lessons From Thomas</i>	-	John 20:19-31



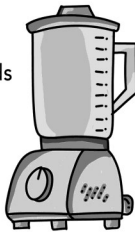
SOMETHING OLD,

Something New

Use scrap paper to fuel new growth and make a gift that keeps on giving.

What you need:

- Scrap paper
- Water
- Herb or flower seeds
- Blender
- Strainer
- Cookie sheet
- Towel
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Tear the scrap paper into strips and place in a bowl. Cover the paper with water and let it soak overnight.
2. Pour the mixture into a blender and blend about 10 seconds.
3. Strain and squeeze the paper pulp to remove excess water. Place in a bowl.
4. Sprinkle seeds over the pulp and mix to incorporate them into the pulp.
5. Shape the pulp into a flat layer on the cookie sheet. Use a towel to soak up excess water. Allow the paper to dry completely.
6. Tear paper into shapes or fold into a card. You can plant the paper directly into soil. Water it and then watch your plants grow!



PUZZLE

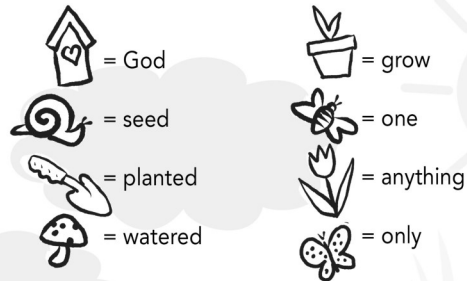


PLANT, WATER, GROW

Building a faith community takes work. How did the church in Corinth come to be?

Directions: Use the code to fill in the words and complete a teaching of the apostle Paul.

KEY



I _____ the _____, Apollos _____ it,

but _____ has been making it _____.

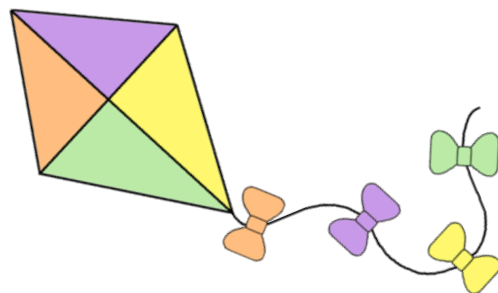
So neither the _____ who plants nor the

_____ who waters is _____,

but _____, who makes things _____.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7, NIV

Answer: planted, seed, watered, grow, one, anything, only, God, grow, one, grow, one, God, grow, one, anything, only, God, grow





The Child Education Center

We are accepting applications for the **2024-2025** school year. Classes are held Tuesday & Thursday. Applications are available through the church office.



4 & 5 TEACHER NEEDED FOR PRESCHOOL

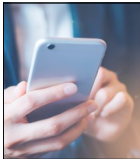
The Child Education Center is looking for a teacher for the 4 & 5 preschool class starting with the 2024-2025 school year this fall. If you are interested, please contact Lois Hinson.

Silent Auction

The CEC is in need of **“theme baskets”** for our **Silent Auction**, which is held prior to the Spring Musical on May 5th. Maybe you have a friend or family member who has a business who would give a gift as a tax credit, which is a great way for them to advertise their business. Other donated items for the auction could include: gift cards, antiques, new toys, handmade jewelry, baked goods (pies, cakes, cookies, etc.), art work or any other creative ideas that would benefit our school.

The Silent Auction will begin at 6:00 pm and end at 6:45 pm. Items will be available for pick-up after the musical.

Call Barb in the church office if you have anything to donate or if you have any questions.



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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.



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!!!!
WWW.WESTYORKCOB.ORG



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

Serving our Congregation in April

Greeters

- 7 Cindy Heist
- 14 Landon Eshbach
- 21 Brian Allabach
- 28 Brittany Nolt



Power Point Operator

- 7 Dave Highlands
- 14 Bill Zumbrum
- 21 Nathan Keefer
- 28 Bill Zumbrum



POWER POINT

Sound Board Operator

- 7 Merl Keefer
- 14 Ed Jacobs
- 21 Gary Hake
- 28 Ed Jacobs



Nursery Caregivers

- 7 Genie Grove
- 14 Shawna Hake
- 21 Kayla Eshelman
- 28 Linda Zumbrum



Hospitality Table

- 7 OPEN
- 14 Kayla Eshelman
- 21 OPEN
- 28 OPEN



HOSPITALITY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April

- 1 Jayne Dettinger
- 4 Ed & Pennie Jacobs
- 6 Richard Brown
Kim Heist
- 7 Emmie Miller
- 8 Jered & Karissa Marshall
- 10 Tony Hinson
- 11 Cassie Foor
- 13 Tony & Jessica McIntyre
- 17 Suzanne Smith
- 18 Jo King
- 19 Landon Highlands
- 20 Ethan Heiland
- 22 Evelyn (Jean) Brown
- 25 Ed Jacobs
Michael & Susan Parente
- 26 Caleb Grove
- 27 Justin Louey
- 29 Danika Grove
Ken & Merry Miller



Sign Up

To sponsor the bulletin, newsletter and flowers for on the altar in 2024.

Sign-up sheets are hanging on the Informational Bulletin Board in the hallway by the coat rack.



DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday, April 17th 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!

Thank You

The Ward and Marcheski families would like to thank the members of West York Church of the Brethren for your prayer support for Larry Ward, our brother.

Larry is now home and doing pretty well. There was no specific diagnosis, just a perfect storm of many things that went very wrong. He is not in immediate danger at present, and we are very grateful.

Jan Marcheski & Doug Ward

Joyce and Tom Whitcraft wish to thank everyone for their best wishes through cards, e-cards, phone calls and in-person (55+ cards & e-cards) for their 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

Thank you to everyone who made it possible for the 2 ramps to be installed at the church office. I appreciate the work done to make it possible. It makes it so much easier when I need to bring Jeffrey to the office with me. Thank you again and God bless you all!

Barb Sloat

For pastoral emergencies:

Please contact Pastor Godfrey or Cindy Heist.





MEN'S OUTDOORSMAN DAY

April 6th 8:30 am to 3 pm

Cost: \$40 (lunch included)

Clay shoot, fishing

Join us for a day filled with adventure!

Expert guidance on clay shooting, invaluable bass fishing techniques

Register at campeder.org/registration or call them at 717-642-8256.

See poster hanging on hallway bulletin board.

SENIOR DAY

Wednesday, April 10th 9:30 am to 1 pm

Elva Hurst will be presenting a live chalk talk with the theme "New Spring/Easter".

Lunch: Ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, cookies with ice cream

\$20 per person

RSVP by April 3rd - call 717-642-8256

See poster hanging on hallway bulletin board.

CAMP EDER GOLF OUTING

Friday, May 10th

Carroll Valley Golf Course at Liberty Mountain

78 Country Club Trail - Fairfield, PA

To register or for more information see the forms hanging on the hallway bulletin board.



**Southern PA District
WOMEN'S SPRING
LUNCHEON**

Saturday, April 20, 2024 9:00 am
West Shore Church of the Brethren

(6921 Wertzville Road - Enola, PA 17025)

***A Commandment to Keep and a
Choice to Make***

Deuteronomy 6:1-8 Matthew 11:28-30

Featured Speaker: Kirsten Harris Keys

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 13, 2024

**DISTRICT WOMEN'S CAMP
June 3 and 4, 2024**

More information to come.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

GOSPEL CONCERT

Featuring Damascus Road
Saturday, April 20th 6:30 pm
Hanover First Church of God
600 Fairview Drive, Hanover

**HERSHEY HANDBELL ENSEMBLE
SPRING CONCERT**

Friday, April 26th 7:30 pm
Calvary Lutheran Church
9 North Main Street - Dover

See the posters hanging on the hallway bulletin board for more information.

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 18 - Buffalo Valley COB

July 20 - Codorus COB

October 26 - Greencastle COB