

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

Richard Godfrey, Pastor

The West Yorker



November 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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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.**



***November 2nd
Don't forget to
turn your clocks
back!***

SINGERS NEEDED

We will be presenting the
cantata

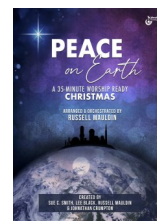
Peace on Earth

during the 10:15 am
worship service on

Sunday, December 21st .

We are in need of singers to help
present this cantata. Practice will be
held Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm
starting October 30th.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS:

All Saints Day - November 1
Men's Breakfast - November 1
Daylight Savings Time Ends - November 2
Youth Meeting - November 2
CEC Hoss's Community Day - November 2
Veteran's Day - November 11
Church Work Day - November 15
Newsletter Deadline - November 17
Day of Prayer for Children & Youth - November 19
Community Thanksgiving Service - November 23
Thanksgiving Day - November 27
Thanksgiving Dinner Pickup - November 27
1st Sunday in Advent - November 30
Cookie Assembling/Bagging - November 30

November's Newsletter is in memory of Lillian, Glenn & Jim Brenner.

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



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

NAYLOR'S CANDY SALE

Butter Mints, Butter Toffee Cashews
Butter Toasted Peanuts or Cashew Crunch

Orders due November 8.

Pick up will be Monday, November 24

10 am to 2 pm

Order forms are hanging on the hallway bulletin board. You can give your orders to Connie Emory. She will also pick up the candy.



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!!



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!!



**Christmastime in Loganville
Saturday, November 23, 2024
8 am to 3 pm**

Codorus Church of the Brethren - Dallastown
The Lehman Center will offer crafts and baked goods to benefit their crisis nursery

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.

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
SERVICE**

Sunday, November 23rd 6:00 pm
Hosted by Saint Paul Lutheran Church
250 Trinity Road, York

Come join with us along with Wolf's Covenant Church, Paradise Holtzschwamm ECC and Faith EC for a night of worship, hymns and fellowship after the service as we enjoy a wide selection of pies.

There is a sign-up sheet at the main entrance if you plan to attend and please indicate if you wish to bring a pie (please indicate type of pie after your name.)

We have so much to be thankful for, so please come and let us give thanks to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.





Steve & Nicole Grove have taken the opportunity to serve as our new Food Pantry coordinators. Please watch the bulletins and newsletters for any announcements on items being collected to support the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry.

November Special Offering

Our special offering for November is

“Stewards”

(Property and Grounds)

This offering is deposited to the Equipment Replacement Fund.

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

December Newsletter

Deadline for articles for the December Newsletter is

November 17, 2025

Thank you.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

The form for ordering poinsettias is on the table in the Gathering Area at church or you can call the church office. **Deadline to order is Sunday, November 16th.** We will also have the **alternative giving** to honor or memorialize someone, and the money goes to our benevolence fund instead of buying a flower.



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
Saturday, November 1st
8 am
Fellowship Hall at WYCOB
PLEASE JOIN US!!!

YOUTH MEETING

Sunday, November 2nd

11:30 am to 1pm

Youth in middle or high school.

We will read and talk about scripture.

YOUTH EVENT

Thankful Feast

(Date unknown)

1 pm to 3:30 pm



**Carlisle Truck Stop
 Ministry
 Cookie Collection**

WE WILL NOT BE DOING ANY ON SITE BAKING OF COOKIES for Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry this year. You can bring donations of bought cookies or home baked cookies.

NOTE: They are asking you to wear gloves (masks are optional) while preparing and packaging cookies, and that you seal the bags with staples, bows, etc.

Bring your cookie donations to church by **Sunday, November 30th.** We will be assembling/bagging the cookies after church that day. Any questions please contact Brenda Myers. Sign up sheet is hanging at the main entrance.



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 are 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 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!!

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.



We will once again have a **Mitten Tree** this year. Please bring mittens, hats, gloves, scarves and socks to put on the tree.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be decorating the church for the Christmas season, a date to be determined. Please watch the bulletins for further details.





“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.”
John 17:20, 21

Did you know that Jesus prayed for you the night before he was crucified? In John 17, Jesus prayed not only for his disciples but for everyone who would come to know Jesus in later centuries. At one point in the prayer he prayed *“I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. They are not of this world, even as I am not of this world. Sanctify them in the truth; Your Word is truth. As you sent Me into this world, I also have sent them into the world.”* (vss 15-18) Jesus was saying, I am not asking you to isolate My followers from the world; for then they couldn’t do any good. And I certainly don’t want them to become like the world. That’s why I’m asking You to make the holy, separate, apart from the world.” Jesus understood and modeled how to influence the world without isolation and without identification with the world.

As our country and culture falls further and further from Biblical belief and commitment to a Biblical worldview, we find ourselves under constant temptation and deception to accept the world’s standards and just “fit in.” But Jesus has prayed for our strength and the power of the Holy Spirit within us to stand firm against the wiles of the devil and to stand firm in the faith. Jesus has already won the victory. Are we living as victors—united in faith against the worldly influence so pervasive in our day?

Pastor Godfrey

PASTOR GODFREY’S NOVEMBER SERMONS

November	2nd	-	<i>Redemption, Salvation, Generosity</i>	Luke 19:1-10
November	9th	-	<i>Missing the Point</i>	Luke 20:27-38
November	16th	-	<i>Now - Or the Future?</i>	Luke 21:5-19
November	23rd	-	<i>Christ the King</i>	Luke 23:33-43
November	30th	-	<i>Watch!</i>	Matthew 24:36-44



GIVE PRAISE

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, circle the word that doesn't belong. Then write the circled words on the lines below.

1 Give Take Grab	2 peanut praise pear	3 temple house LORD	4 proclaim past present	5 name boy lad	6 ruin destroy make
7 pine acorn known	8 train nations bus	9 done donut muffin	10 Sing Sleep Yawn	11 she him girl	12 sun praise moon
13 tell fast slow	14 red all blue	15 horrible dreadful wonderful	16 acts sisters aunts		



_____ to the _____, _____ his _____;
 _____ among the _____ what he has _____.
 _____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____ of
 _____ his _____.

PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

Answer: Give, praise, Lord, proclaim, name, make, known, nations, sing, him, praise, tell, all, wonderful, acts



Celebrate the season of gratitude by creating a colorful Thankful decoration.

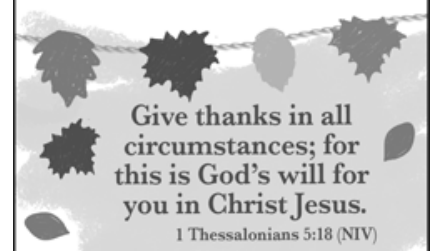
What you need:

- Construction paper in a variety of fall colors
- Pencil, marker, or crayons
- Yarn, ribbon, or raffia
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Spray bottle filled with water
- Real leaves (Optional)
- Wooden or plastic beads, cereal with holes (Cheerios, Froot Loops, etc.), or any dried pasta with a hole (Optional)

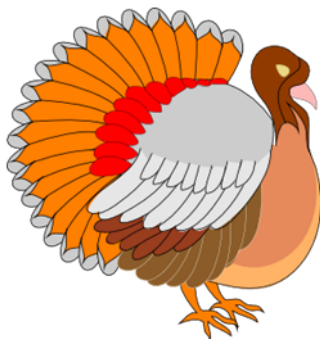


What you do:

1. Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
2. Lay the paper flat and spray with water until the paper is completely wet.
3. Crumple the wet paper into balls.
4. Open the paper and let the sheets dry flat.
5. When dry, cut out each leaf.
6. On each leaf, write the name of one person or thing you're thankful for.
7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
8. Lace the leaves, beads, cereal, and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon, or raffia.
9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.



1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

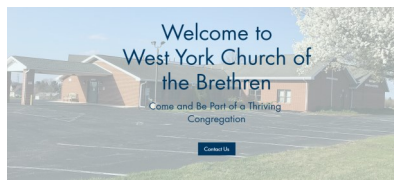




Grace Delivered

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

Sign Up

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

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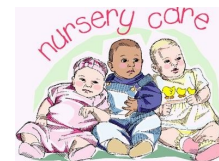
and

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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.**



**In the event of bad weather,
please contact Mike Parente
for cancellations.**

Serving our Congregation in November

Acolytes

- 2 Caleb Grove
- 9 Eva Hake
- 16 Alex Bridges
- 23 Isabelle McMonigle
- 30 Danika Grove



Greeters

- 2 Cindy Heist
- 9 Joann Rohrbaugh
- 16 Doug Ward
- 23 Joyce Whitcraft
- 30 Linda Fulmele



Power Point Operator

- 2 Bill Zumbrum
- 9 Dave Highlands
- 16 Nathan Keefer
- 23 Larry Marshall
- 30 Bill Zumbrum



Sound Board Operator

- 2 Gary Hake
- 9 Larry Marshall
- 16 Ed Jacobs
- 23 Merl Keefer
- 30 Gary Hake



Nursery Caregivers

- 2 Vivian Hubbell
- 9 Jessica McIntyre
- 16 Genie Grove
- 23 Linda Zumbrum
- 30 Donna Aushman



Hospitality Table

- 2 Chuck Wallace
- 9 Gloria Yinger
- 16 Pennie Jacobs
- 23 OPEN
- 30 Joyce Whitcraft



Birthdays & Anniversaries

November

Ken Miller
 Glenn & Jane Miller
 Courtney Hershey
 Jacob Greiner
 Kiersten Greiner
 Nicole Grove
 Eli Grove
 Evagene Hake
 Emily Daley
 Lillian Grove
 Joann Rohrbaugh
 Bryan Bricker
 Tara Hoover
 John Grove
 Carley McDowell
 Carson Marshall
 John & Shirley Grove
 Beth Marshall
 Xavier Torres
 Earl & Sandy Hoover
 Adalei Marshall
 Caleb Hershey



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 the cards and thanks we received from the congregation for our work with the Food Pantry over the past 18 years and for the well wishes. Thanks for the congregation's support through the Souper Bowl and the Grocery Cart ministry.

Cindy & Larry Lehman

Thank you Pastor Godfrey for the uplifting Love Feast service on October 5th. You are a blessing to our congregation.
Gloria Yinger



DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday, November 19th 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.

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.



SENIOR DAY

Wednesday, November 5th - 9:30 am
Monte Leister - Musician

Monte is excited to share his love of Jesus and storytelling (through song), as well as giving folks a taste of the kinetic music that he shares with the campers during the Summer at Camp Eder. He delights in entertaining an audience; whether its crooning Swing & Jazz standards, singing songwriter stories, making Christmas music rock and swing or leading people into an atmosphere of authentic worship.

Cost: \$20.00 per person (includes continental breakfast & lunch)

Please RSVP by calling (717) 642-8256 or emailing campeder@campeder.org

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

December 12th & 13th 5 pm to 9 pm

Join us in celebrating the King!

Christmas Lights & Music ~ Decorated Trees

Tree Decorating Contest ~ Bake Sale

Kids Activities ~ Cozy Fires

Luminary Garden (Honoring our Loved Ones)

Delicious Turkey Dinner & Soup (per donation)

Warm Drinks & Lots of Cookies (Free)

Hay Rides Friday & Saturday 5-9 pm



VETERANS DAY

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.