

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

Richard Godfrey, Pastor

The West Yorker



January 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

2025 *The West Yorker*

Souper Bowl
Sunday
February 9th, 2025



We will again be collecting soup and money for soup for Souper Bowl Sunday on February 9th.
WE ARE LOOKING FOR A GOOD VARIETY OF SOUPS THIS YEAR. We will accept monetary donations also to purchase more soup.
 You can bring your donations to the church beginning January 5th through February 9th.



LET'S SKATE TO RAISE MONEY!

January 14, 2025 6 pm to 8 pm

Roll R Way

940 Vander Avenue - York

Cost: \$5 Admission; \$3 for Skates

Help us raise money to support our Youth!



Please check out the poster hanging at the Main Entrance to scan the QR Code for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- New Year's Day - January 1
- Epiphany - January 6
- CEC Board Meeting - January 7
- Leadership Team Meeting - January 7
- Men's Breakfast - January 11
- Youth Meeting - January 11
- Baptism of the Lord - January 12
- Youth Skating Fundraiser - January 14
- Day of Prayer for Children & Youth - January 15
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - January 18-25
- Sanctity of Human Life Sunday - January 19
- Newsletter Deadline - January 20
- Youth Game Day - January 25

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



Friends of Cross Keys Village -
The Brethren Home Community

DON'T FORGET TO SAVE YOUR HOLIDAY POSTAGE STAMPS for The Brethren Home. You may put them **in the box by the informational bulletin board**. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Women's Spring Tea/Luncheon
Saturday, April 26, 2025
Location To Be Determined

Outdoorsman Day
Saturday, May 3, 2025
Camp Eder

District Women's Retreat
Monday & Tuesday
June 2-3, 2025
Camp Eder

Look for more information on these events in future newsletters and bulletins.



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.

An updated wish list is hanging on the hallway bulletin board.

Thank you for your continued support for CAS.

MESSENGER RENEWAL TIME

It is time to renew your Messenger subscription or start a new subscription if you want to start getting the Messenger, the magazine of the Church of the Brethren.

The cost of a subscription is **\$14.50 for 1 year** or **\$27.00 for 2 years**.

For any new or renewal subscription, make your check payable to **West York Church of the Brethren** and send it to the church office by **January 19, 2025**.



**Carlisle Truck Stop
Ministry
Cookie Collection**

Thank you for all who donated cookies and helped bag them for the Truck Stop Ministry.

We delivered 178 bags of cookies.

I greatly appreciate everyone helping with this ministry.

Brenda Myers



Baptism
of the Lord

GROCERY CART MINISTRY

Each month we are collecting certain items for our Food Pantry. For the month of **January** we are collecting **HAMBURGER HELPER AND PASTA SIDES**. 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!




MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
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Saturday, January 11th
7 am
Fellowship Hall at WYCOB
PLEASE JOIN US!!!

YOUTH MEETING
Saturday, January 11th
11:30 am to 1:30 pm



Youth in middle or high school.
We will read and talk about scripture.


YOUTH GAME NIGHT
Saturday, January 25th
Time to be determined

January Special Offering
 Our special offering for January 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.**

February Newsletter

Deadline for articles for the
 February Newsletter is
January 20, 2024

Thank you.

Offering Envelopes

2025 Offering Envelopes are now available. If you do not use envelopes and would like to start so that your giving is recorded with an end-of-year tax statement, please see Jake Hershey, Michelle Hartlaub or call the church office.

Note from the Treasurer
Contributions for 2024

Our **last deposit** of the year will be **Sunday, December 29th**. Contributions placed in the offering plate after Dec 29th will be counted towards 2025 giving. **Electronic giving** contributions must be made by **Dec 24th** to count as a 2024 contribution. Any **contributions mailed to the church** must be **in the church office by Dec. 27th** in order to be counted as a 2024 contribution. If you have any questions please contact Jake Hershey, Treasurer.



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.

2025 LEADERSHIP TEAM

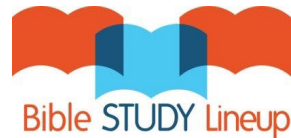
Mike Parente - Leadership Chair
 Landon Eshbach - Vice Chairperson
 Susan Parente - Church Clerk
 Jake Hershey - Church Treasurer
 Kayla Eshelman - Education Chair
 Linda Zumbrum - Music & Worship
 Chair
 Brian Allabach - Property & Grounds
 Chair
 Cindy Heist - Deacon Chair
 Gary Hake - Stewardship Chair
 OPEN - Service & Outreach Chair

**2025 RELATED MINISTRIES
 REPRESENTATIVES**

The Friends of Cross Keys Village -
 Connie Emory
 Children’s Aid Society - Vivian Hubbell
 Camp Eder - Don Hubbell
 Brethren Volunteer Service -
 Cheryl Fahringer
 Disaster Relief - Tony & Lois Hinson



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



INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

The “**Seeking Amazing Grace**” **Adult Sunday School class** continues to grow. In recent months we have done a detailed study of the books of Revelation and Daniel. We have now begun an in-depth look into the exciting prophecies of the prophet Isaiah, probably the most important prophet in the Old Testament— the one who wrote more about the coming Messiah than any other prophet. Come and join us on our faith journey as we study God’s Word together.

We also continue with our study of the Wired Word lessons each week as we apply Christian principles to current events making news headlines in our culture today. These lessons provide a challenging decision on our part as the culture around us becomes less and less Christian.

The study of the Bible is one of the most important aspects of a growing, maturing faith and the informal, friendly, informative arena of Sunday School is a great venue for making God’s Word come alive for us. Please come and check us out and join us for a while. 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 **“Colossians and Philemon: The Lordship of Jesus.”**

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





*“My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.
For when I am weak, then I am strong.”* 2nd Corinthians 12:9, 10

A boy began lessons with an old Japanese judo master. The boy was only ten years old and had lost his left arm in a car accident. He was doing well so he couldn't understand why, after three months of training, the master had taught him only one move. “This is the only move you know, but this is the only move you will ever need to know,” the sensei replied.

Several months later, the sensei took the boy to his first tournament. He won all three matches. Still amazed by his success, the boy was now in the finals. He asked the judo master why he had won.

“You won for two reasons,” the sensei answered. “First, you've almost mastered one of the most difficult throws in all of judo. And second, the only known defense for that move is for your opponent to grab your left arm.” The boy's biggest weakness had proven to be his biggest strength.

We don't often view our weaknesses in the same way, but we should - just like Paul prayed fervently for God to remove some affliction unknown to us - what he called “a thorn in the flesh.” Refusing to remove it, God said to Paul, “My grace is sufficient for you. My strength is made perfect in weakness.”

Pastor Godfrey

PASTOR GODFREY'S JANUARY SERMONS

January 5th	- <i>“I Believe”</i>	- John 1:1-5; 10-18
January 12th	- <i>The Servants Knew</i>	- John 2:1-11
January 19th	- <i>Release for the Captives</i>	- Luke 4:14-21
January 26th	- <i>What Do You See?</i>	- Luke 4:22-30

A HUGE CATCH

Make a catch of fish to show what happens when Jesus calls his first disciples.

What you need:

- Cardboard egg carton
- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Darning needle
- Fishing twine
- Scissors
- Googly eyes or buttons
- Glue



What you do:

1. From the egg carton, cut out the 12 cups. From the lid, cut out two fish tails.
2. On a protected surface, turn the cups upside down. Paint the outside of each cup and both sides of the tails. Let dry.
3. Thread the needle with an arm's length of twine. Tie a knot at the end.
4. Thread the needle through the end of the tail. Tie another knot an inch from the tail.
5. Thread the needle through one upside-down cup. Pull the twine through until the cup rests on the knot.
6. Continue tying knots an inch above each cup and threading on another cup until you've strung six cups. Tie a knot above the last cup and leave a long string to hang the fish. (You can make two fish with each egg carton.)
7. Add googly eyes or buttons to the last cup to make a face.

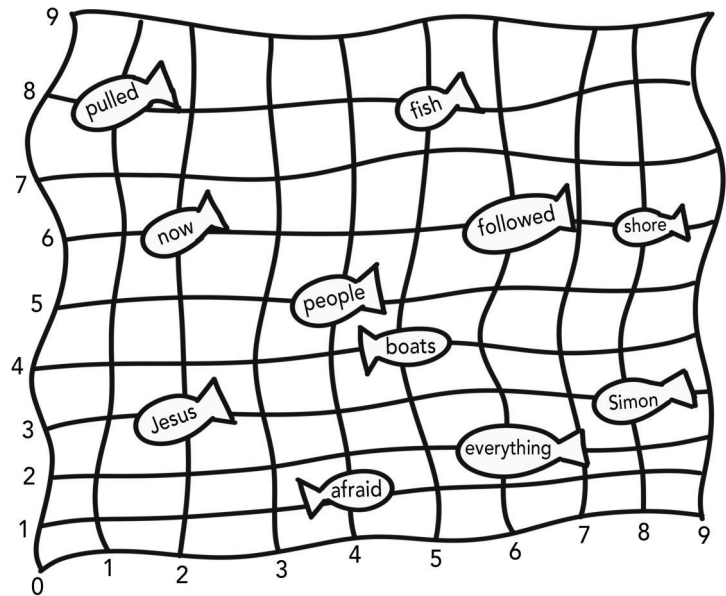


PUZZLE

FISHING DIRECTIONS

When fishermen obeyed Jesus and let down their nets, they caught so many fish that their boats began to sink! Simon Peter fell at Jesus' knees. What happened next?

Directions: Use the coordinate clues to locate the correct words and complete Luke 5:10-11 (NIV) below. The first number in each clue pair goes across, and the second number goes up.



Then Jesus said to _____, "Don't be _____; from _____
 on you will _____ for _____." So they _____ their
 _____ up on _____, left _____ and _____ him.

Luke 5:10-11, NIV



Answers: Jesus, Simon, afraid, now, fish, people, pulled, boats, shore, everything, followed



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.



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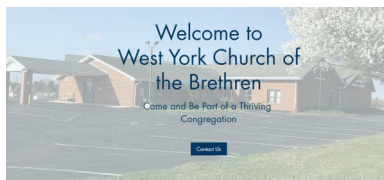
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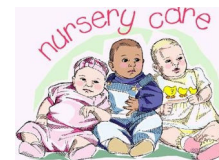
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WWW.WESTYORKCOB.ORG



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.

THE NURSERY IS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN FROM NEWBORN THROUGH 3 YEARS OLD. IT IS LOCATED IN THE ROOM OFF OF THE GATHERING AREA.

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.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

meets during the worship service each week.



Serving our Congregation in January

Greeters

- 5 Joyce Whitcraft
- 12 Linda Fulmele
- 19 Chuck Wallace
- 26 Kathy Hinkle



Power Point Operator

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



Sound Board Operator

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



Nursery Caregivers

- 5 Nicole Grove
- 12 Kayla Eshelman
- 19 Linda Zumbrum
- 26 Genie Grove



Hospitality Table

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



January

- 2 Ron Horn, Jr.
- 3 Nathan Keefer
- 8 Taylor McIntyre
- 9 Kyle Miller
- 11 Jeff (Jay) Keefer
- Lorraine Yohe
- 12 Holly Hartman
- 13 Gretchen Greiner
- 17 Landon Eshbach
- 18 Brian Allabach
- 19 Chuck Wallace
- 20 Cameron Spurlock
- 21 Doug Ward
- 22 Doug & Rita Ward
- 26 Judith Wallace
- 27 Connie Emory
- 28 Vivian Hubbell
- Larry Lehman
- Jake Tyson
- 29 Wendy Kemper
- 30 Lindsey Keefer



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, January 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 everyone who donated or helped in anyway with the Thanksgiving Day meal. We served over 200 meals and received over \$800 in donations. The people who received the meals were very appreciative of our church providing this meal for them.

Thank you to Wanda Keefer and all who helped with the beautiful Christmas decorations for the church.

Thank you to all the participants in presenting the cantata "Only Love" during the worship service on December 22nd. What a beautiful way to celebrate the Christmas season!

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





WINTER CAMP
January 24th to 26th, 2025
For Grades 1st - 12th
& Shining Stars
\$90

Pack your snow suit and strap your sled to the car because winter camp 2025 is right around the corner. Register for a weekend full of great food, camp games, new and old friends, and a closer relationship with God.

Packing List: Warm Clothes, pillow and sleeping bag, extra socks, towel and washcloth, personal toiletry items, bible, notebook, pen, snow pants, winter jacket, gloves & hat, boots, extra pair of shoes, sled (optional)
 Signed Camp Eder policy agreement, Health Form

Registration is now open.

To register go to:
www.campeder.org/winter-camp

See the poster hanging in the hallway 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.

- January 18 - Wolgamuth COB
- March 22 - West Shore COB
- May 17 - Waynesboro COB
- July 19 - Gettysburg COB
- October 11 - Free Spring COB



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".

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT NO LONGER IN USE?
IN NEED OF A WHEELCHAIR or WALKER?

United Cerebral Palsy of Central PA has a reuse program called **Changing Hands**. Manual wheelchairs, shower seats and benches, over bed tables, walkers, canes, lift chairs, raised toilet seats, and portable ramps are being accepted (NO HOSPITAL BEDS or STAIR GLIDES). All items must be in good to excellent condition. **Changing Hands** will clean the items and make them available to people who need them.



If you have questions about obtaining items, or would like to arrange to drop off items at their Camp Hill or York location, please call 717-737-3477 or 1-800-998-4827 (toll free) or email atucp@ucpcentralpa.org.

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.

