

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

Richard Godfrey, Pastor

The West Yorker

Love one another
as I have loved you.

February 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 now through February 9th.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Parents Night Out
February 8 5-7 pm

THIS EVENT IS FOR PARENTS TO DROP THEIR KIDS OFF WHILE THEY GO ON A DATE!

Please find us on Facebook to register for this event!



Please sign up at the main entrance if you can help with this event.

Happy Valentine's Day

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Youth Meeting - February 2
- Parents' Night Out - February 8
- Souper Bowl Sunday - February 9
- Leadership Team Meeting - February 11
- Valentines Day - February 14
- Youth Valentines Party - February 16
- President's Day - February 17
- Newsletter Deadline - February 17
- Day of Prayer for Children & Youth - February 19
- Men's Breakfast - February 22

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



**2024
MEAT CANNING PROJECT**

The 2025 “Meat Canning Project” is scheduled for April 21-24, 2025.

This is held at Christian Aid Ministries in Ephrata, PA.

Monetary donations are needed so they can prepare 2 batches of chicken each day.

Volunteers are also needed to help process the chicken.

Please contact Brenda Myers if you are interested in helping with this project.

Monetary donations can be made with the weekly offering. Please make sure you designate it to “Meat Canning”.

Brochures are hanging on the hallway bulletin board.



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.

**34th Annual Lehman Center Auction
Tuesday, April 29th, 2025**

New Fairview Church of the Brethren
Good food, gift cards/certificates, themed baskets, Art/Jewelry, Sports Memorabilia
They will be looking for donations for the auction.

Watch the bulletin and newsletters for more information.

Thank you for your continued support for CAS.

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.

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.

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

GROCERY CART MINISTRY

Each month we are collecting certain items for our Food Pantry. For the month of February we are collecting **A VARIETY OF CANS OF SOUP**. 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
Saturday, February 22nd
8 am (new time)
Fellowship Hall at WYCOB
PLEASE JOIN US!!!

February Special Offering

Our special offering for February is **"CHILD EDUCATION CENTER"**

This offering supports our preschool program.

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

YOUTH MEETING
Sunday, February 2nd
11:30 am to 1:30 pm




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

YOUTH VALENTINES PARTY
Sunday, February 16th
12 pm to 2 pm

March Newsletter

Deadline for articles for the
 March Newsletter is
February 17, 2024


Thank you.



2025 CHURCH DIRECTORY

Barb is preparing to print the 2025 church directory. There will be a sheet in your mailbox next week with your personal information that was taken from our ChurchTrac software (this was used to make our picture directory in 2018). **PLEASE CHECK THE INFORMATION ON YOUR SHEET AND MAKE ANY NECESSARY CHANGES.** When everything is correct, please mark the sheet "OK" and put it in the mail slot at the end of the mailboxes marked **"DIRECTORY FORM."** **Please return by February 23rd.**

IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING CHURCH YOUR SHEET CAN BE MAILED OR E-MAILED TO YOU. PLEASE CALL BARB. She would like to complete the directory in March. Questions? Call Barb in the office. Thanks!!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Please mark your calendars for the following dates. We will be posting signup sheets for volunteers and more information in the near future.

Saturday, February 8th - Parents Night out

Sunday, March 30th - filling eggs

Saturday, April 5th - Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, June 22nd to Thursday, June 26th - VBS





The Child Education Center

The Child Education Center will be having a

Sub and Pretzel Sandwich Sale
beginning **Thursday, January 23, 2025**
until **Tuesday, February 4, 2025.**

Delivery will be Thursday, February 13, 2025.

WE ARE ALSO OFFERING SELTZER'S SMOKEHOUSE MEATS FOR SALE.

The 4 separate order forms are on the table in the Gathering Area.

HOSS'S COMMUNITY DAY

will be held on

SUNDAY, MARCH 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 or email 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 helps us to keep the cost of our tuition down.

Cards and email will be available in February on the table in the Gathering area.



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- numerically, but even more importantly- spiritually. In recent months we have done a detailed study of the books of Revelation, Daniel and Isaiah - all books of prophecy. We are currently just beginning a study of the **gospel of John**. We want to invite anyone/ everyone to join us each Sunday morning as we explore this exciting account of the life and ministry of Jesus. You do not need to be a Bible scholar to be a part of this class - only someone interested in learning more about God's Word. Please join us and check it out.

We also continue to discuss the Wired Word - a study of current top news stories and how Scripture applies to the stories and we as Christians need to respond to the events in the news each day.

Bible study 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 check us out and join us for a while.

Care and Share Women's Bible Study meets virtually on Mondays at 7 pm, led by Judith Wallace. They are currently studying ***"Strength in the Struggle: A Bible Study Workbook for Women on Letting Go of Fear and Anxiety."***

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





“Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when He heard that Lazarus was sick, He then stayed two days longer in the place where He was....” John 11:5, 6

We wish God would answer our requests right away. But that’s not usually what happens, is it? The Bible gives several reasons for God’s silence, and one of those reasons is unpredictable timing. Sometimes God doesn’t answer our cries for help because He’s not ready to answer yet—or He is doing something else that is beyond our comprehension.

We find a great illustration of that in John 11. Mary, Martha, and their brother Lazarus were some of Jesus’ closest friends. So when Lazarus became ill, it was only natural for the sisters to send word to Jesus and say, “Your friend, Lazarus, whom you love, is sick. Please come and heal him.” But their request was met with silence. Look at verse 6: “When He heard that Lazarus was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was.” Jesus waited to go to His friends until Lazarus had died. Why in the world would He do that?

When Jesus finally arrived in Bethany, Martha was ready to give Him a piece of her mind. She said, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.” In other words: “Why did you wait?”


You see, Jesus and Martha had different goals and different timetables. Martha’s goal was immediate healing for her brother; Jesus’ goal was ultimate resurrection, not only for Lazarus, but for everyone who would believe in Him. Jesus allowed Lazarus to die so that a few days later, He could raise Lazarus from the dead as proof that He could perform resurrection. That’s why He didn’t respond to Mary and Martha’s request for help. He wasn’t ignoring His friends. He wasn’t unaware of their suffering—He knew what was going on in their lives. But He was planning something they were unaware of.

Don’t be surprised if the same thing happens to you. Perhaps you are waiting for God to fulfill a promise to you or to intervene in your situation. You may think God has forgotten you. He hasn’t: He knows exactly where you are right now. But God may be planning something you’re unaware of. Or He may be working in other people’s lives in order to bring about His will for you. And on a day that begins like any other, God is going to come to you suddenly and say, “It’s time.” God’s timetable is different from ours.

Pastor Godfrey

PASTOR GODFREY’S FEBRUARY SERMONS

February 2nd	- <i>Jesus Calling</i>	- Luke 5:1-11
February 9th	- <i>A True Love</i>	- Ruth 1:1-18
February 16th	- <i>Say What?!?!</i>	- Luke 6:17-26
February 23rd	- <i>Love Your Enemies?!?</i>	- Luke 6:27-38




**a lovely
aroma**

Make this sweet-smelling gift for a friend or valentine.


What you need:

- Colored felt
- Scrap paper
- Permanent marker
- Scissors
- String
- Essential oils (rose, lavender, etc.)




What you do:

1. Draw a flower shape on paper and cut it out.
2. Place the flower template on felt and draw around it with the marker.
3. Cut out the felt flower. Then cut a small slit or hole through it.
4. Cut 8 inches of string. Thread it through the felt flower and tie to form a loop for hanging.
5. To the felt, add 3 to 5 drops of essential oil. This air freshener will last about 2 weeks.
6. Revive the scent, as needed, by adding a few drops of essential oil.



Jesus Loves You!


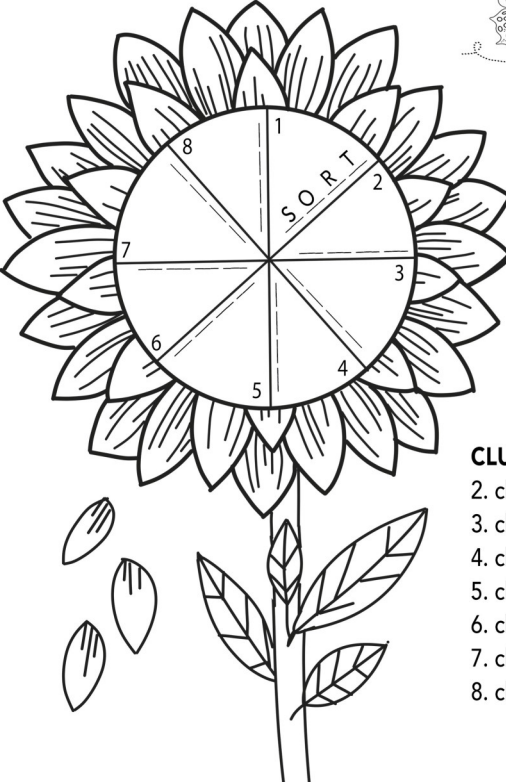



PUZZLE

THE LOVE CYCLE

In 1 John 4, God instructs us to love other people. Where does our love come from?

Directions: Starting at #1 and going clockwise, solve each clue to create a new four-letter word. Then write the eighth word in both blanks below to complete 1 John 4:19, NIV.

We _____ because [God] first _____ d us.

1 John 4:19, NIV

CLUES

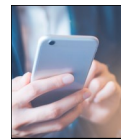
2. change 1 letter: a tent to play in
3. change 2 letters: a crease in paper
4. change 1 letter: a precious metal
5. change 2 letters: a beautiful dress
6. change 1 letter: opposite of up
7. change 2 letters: a type of bird
8. change 1 letter: God is this (see 1 John 4:16).



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.



STAY CONNECTED Follow us on

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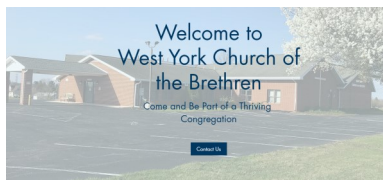
and

Instagram



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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.



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 CHURCH

meets during the worship service each week.

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 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 February

Acolytes

- 2 Caleb Grove
- 9 Eva Hake
- 16 Danika Grove
- 23 Caleb Grove



Greeters

- 2 Cheryl Fahringer
- 9 Darlis Parker
- 16 Brittany Nolt
- 23 Brenda Myers



Power Point Operator

- 2 Bill Zumbrum
- 9 Nathan Keefer
- 16 Dave Highlands
- 23 Bill Zumbrum



Sound Board Operator

- 2 Gary Hake
- 9 Ed Jacobs
- 16 Merl Keefer
- 23 Ed Jacobs



Nursery Caregivers

- 2 Jessica McIntyre
- 9 Vivian Hubbell
- 16 Donna Ausherman
- 23 Genie Grove



Hospitality Table

- 2 Tim Coonan
- 9 Jan Marcheski
- 16 Shawna Hake
- 23 OPEN



Birthdays & Anniversaries

February

- 1 Keri Yinger
- 2 Pat Tyson
- 3 Jane Miller
- 5 Levi Highlands
Luke Highlands
- 8 Lois Hinson
- 10 Emily Miller
- 14 Dawson Eshbach
Levi Keefer
Merl Keefer, Jr.
- 17 Bill Fulmele
- 21 Gary Hake
- 22 Cindy Heist
- 23 Jan Marcheski
- 24 Rob Eshbach
Larry & Beth Marshall
- 25 Brielle Bricker
- 27 Bryan & Julee Bricker
- 28 Karen Poist



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, February 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.



Thank you for your donations to our Mitten Tree.

We received a total of 97 items:

- 4 pairs of mittens, 32 pairs of gloves,
- 9 hat & mitten sets,
- 8 hat & glove sets, 21 hats,
- 2 head bands, 19 pairs of socks,
- 2 scarf & hat sets

We appreciate your generosity.



Sincere thank you to so many of you who shared the many cards, gifts, and expressions of kindness, care and support during the Christmas season. I am humbled to be so accepted and supported as your Pastor. Thank you!

Pastor Godfrey

*Dear "Secret Church Friend",
Thank you SO much for Blessing me through the Advent Season with the cards filled with Scripture Verses and the Precious handmade Angel Ornaments representing HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE!*

May our Precious Savior Bless you each day of the New Year and Always!

Love and God Bless, Ruth Hershey

Thank you for all the gifts and cards I received for Christmas. I am very grateful to all of you and feel very privileged to serve as your church secretary.

May you all have a blessed New Year!

Barb Sloat

Thank you to those who filled the boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We had a total of 29 boxes filled!!

For pastoral emergencies:

Please contact Pastor Godfrey or Cindy Heist.



SUMMER CAMP

Registration is now open for Summer Camp 2025.

Summer Camp lasts 5 weeks beginning June 15th thru July 25th. Some of the camps being offered are: Rock climbing ~ Wet and Wild ~ Outback Horse (New!) ~ Camp All Out ~ Barefoot Dream It Build It ~ Culinary ~ Puddle Jumpers AT Trekkers ~ C&O Biking Trip (New!)

To register go to: www.campeder.org

TO WORK AT CAMP EDER THIS SUMMER

Email Will at whilliard@campeder.org
Or visit our website at <https://www.campeder.org/summer-employment>

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.



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.

