



WEST HEMPFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Hello to all the newsletter readers of West Hempfield Presbyterian Church!

On Sunday, May 5 we will be starting our sermon series to promote Vacation Bible School.

At **Camp Firelight VBS** our “campers” will learn important lessons about people in the Bible who experience the gift of a trusting relationship with God.

Our main Bible verse will be Psalm 56:3
Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in You.

This verse reminds us that we can trust God no matter what challenges we face in life.

We will explore timeless Bible stories that show how Old and New Testament Campers trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name.

We will also learn ways we can connect with and put our trust in God, whenever we are afraid, challenged, or called to do God's work in the world and share the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.

Each daily “Firelight Focus” will tie our sermons together as we prepare for Camp Firelight.

Here's how each lesson will highlight the ways we can put our trust in God in every situation, including during times when we might be afraid.

Register for Camp Firelight:



westhempfieldpc.org/vbs-2024

Firelight Focus

Genesis 28:10-22

God Goes
with Jacob
*Trust God to ...
Go with Us!*



Ruth 1

Ruth Chooses to Go
Trust God to ... Lead the Way!

Luke 2:41-52

Young Jesus Shares Wisdom
Trust God to ... Share Wisdom!

Mark 4:35-41

Jesus Calms the Storm
Trust God to ... Give Us Peace!

Acts 8:26-40

The Good News Sparks Joy
Trust God to ... Spark Joy!



Blessings,

Rev. Andrew Wirt



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COMMUNION

We will be celebrating communion together as a part of our worship service on Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 10:00am

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



We will have a special gift for all mothers, grandmothers, and motherly women of the church on Sunday, May 12.



WEST HEMPFIELD PRESCHOOL

Congratulations to all our students!

Preschool graduation will be May 15.



If you have a child who will be 3 or 4 years old this fall, both morning and afternoon classes still have openings. For more information, visit their website westhempfieldpreschool.org or call the church office.

BUILDING REMINDERS

Building Committee reminds members and renters alike to turn off lights and lock doors before leaving.

Please, also, never use permanent hold on thermostats. If you make an adjustment, return to previous setting before leaving.

And finally, remember, never use tape on any surface. Painters tape can be used for a short term. But approved sticky tack is available in the office.

CHRISTIAN ED

THANK YOU! We held our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sat. March 23, the rain held off and the sun came out! Our theme this year was the Easter lamb. Mary Esther shared a story about Easter and spring with the kids. They had a wonderful time collecting eggs and getting a treat bag and coloring book.

GLORY GOLD: The last day for Sunday school will be *May 12* and we will celebrate by letting the children turn in their Glory Gold.

BIBLES FOR CHILDREN:

If your child will be moving up from 4th to 5th grade, We would like to gift them a Bible from the church. Please let the office know or any Christian Ed Committee member. Pass the word!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 10-14 (6:00PM—8:00PM)

WHPC VBS will be June 10-14 from 6 to 8PM and our theme will be *Camp Firelight!*

Registration is open and available on the church website! westhempfieldpc.org/vbs-2024

The CE Committee is in search of volunteers who would like to participate in Vacation Bible School. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please contact Mary Esther DeTesta or the church office.



PINE SPRINGS CAMP

VITAL ENCOUNTERS WITH CHRIST SINCE 1948

If you (or someone you know) are planning activities for kids on summer break, Pine Springs Camp is a great place to Explore, Grow, Belong, Learn God's Word, and Have Fun.

Pine Springs Traveling Day Camp
- **Norwin** - June 17-21, 9am to 3pm.

[www.pinesprings.org/
travelingdaycamps](http://www.pinesprings.org/travelingdaycamps)

For more information on all things Pine Springs Camp

www.pinesprings.org

Summer Camp Scholarships

are available from the church!

Contact the church office or talk with Pastor

Andrew.

Pine Springs Camp



SENIOR CARD CLUB

The West Hempfield Senior Citizens are always looking for some new card players!

They meet at the church on Wednesdays, from 11am-2:30pm. Everyone brings their own lunch, and then they play 500 Bidding.

For more information, please call Virgie Smith at 724-713-4372.



APRIL SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session of West Hempfield Presbyterian Church met on Tuesday, April 23, 2024

We gathered in the upstairs kitchen to cover our church, congregation, and community with prayer and review all that has been going on with the church and the world.

- Reflected on Scripture reading from Matthew 7:24-27
- Set the date for the Annual Church Picnic as July 28
- Discussed the status of the AC Fund (paying back the “loan” to ourselves that allowed us to install the sanctuary air conditioners last spring ... read more on next column of this page)
- Approved designating a portion of unallocated funds from the Hughes Estate gift to the AC Fund to “Kick-off” round 2 of fundraising
- Discussed rental requests
- Discussed Back to School Blessings service in the fall, but didn’t make final decision
- Discussed returning Fellowship Pads during worship, but didn’t make a final decision.
- Reviewed calendar of upcoming events
- Closed with prayer

Next scheduled Session meeting will be Sunday, June 2, 2024.

SANCTUARY AC FUND UPDATE

The new sanctuary air conditioners were installed the first week of May 2023.

Coming in at nearly \$36,000, this was a big project that we did not take lightly.

With a year of donations, fundraising, and some additional funds designated by Session at our last meeting, the sanctuary AC replacement campaign is currently at about \$24,000 raised, putting us right around 67%, or two thirds of the way there.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this campaign!

If you would like to help us finish strong, you can use the “Building Repair” envelopes in the sanctuary, note “AC Fund” on your check or envelope, or donate online here:

<https://onrealm.org/WestHempfieldPC/give/sanctuary>

VOLUNTEER WORK DAY

The Building Committee is organizing a volunteer work day on Saturday, May 25, from 9am to 12 noon. We invite you to roll up your sleeves and join us for a day filled with planting flowers, pulling weeds, and changing lightbulbs. Together we will make sure our building reflects the warmth and welcome of our congregation.

Whether you have a green thumb or simply a willingness to lend a hand, there's a place for you at our Volunteer Work Day.

Don't forget your gloves, and bring along any gardening tools you may have.

In the event of bad weather, we will try again the next Saturday, June 1.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATES

HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES

Please supply the church office with information if you/your child is graduating from high school, college, vocational school, graduate school or any other continued education program. The congregation would like to recognize and celebrate your accomplishment during worship.



Submit your name, from where you are graduating, & your immediate future plans to the office.

WATSON SCHOLARSHIP

West Hempfield Presbyterian Church is pleased to announce the availability of scholarships offered in memory of the Bill and Delphine Watson.

- Each high school graduate who will be furthering their education is eligible for a one-time scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Student or parent(s) of student should be a member of the church.
- Applications are available at the Welcome Center in the lobby or in the church office.
- Please return the application along with the student's acceptance letter for their school to the office.
- Once the application is approved by Session, a check will be mailed directly to the school address you provided on the application form.
- You will receive a letter of confirmation.

PC(USA) SCHOLARSHIP FOR UNDERGRADUATES 2024 —

Applications for the 2024-25 scholarships through the Presbyterian Mission Agency are now open. The need-based aid scholarships are for full-time undergraduate students belonging to PCUSA churches. The final deadline for the scholarship program is Fri. May 31, 2024, 2:59 AM.

<https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarships/pcusa2024>



MISSION UPDATES

Thank you to everyone who supported the OGHS offering Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday!

The church donated \$725 to OGHS this Lent/Easter season! Thank you for all of those little blue envelopes and the awesome fish banks!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Deacons with the Blackburn walk.

We will be donating at least \$900 from the Deacons and your gifts combined to support those affected by domestic violence.

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our Haiti Fund over the years.

We are pleased to report that after our spring dinner, the Haiti fund, which makes a gift of \$100 (plus fees) each month to Pastor Jacque in Haiti for a school and church, currently has about \$5,000 stored up to continue our Haiti ministry for years to come.

Food2Go4Kids

The Food2Go ministry provides bags of food to West Hempfield Elementary students in need twice a month throughout the school year. As the 23/24 school year comes to a close, the church is currently holding a little over \$5,000 for the future.

Thank you Everyone for your support of WHPC missions!



Music Ministry Appreciation Day was Sunday, April 28

Thank you Cheryl for your gift of music, both on the pianos and the organ. You are such a wonderful blessing each Sunday.

Thanks for all you do!

Ruth's Church family,

Thank you sincerely for your kind expressions of sympathy. It was deeply appreciated and is gratefully acknowledged.

The Uhlig family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Ann Randolph	May 4
Ainsley Pritz	May 5
Rachael Pritz	May 6
Katie Wirt	May 6
Bob Lore	May 8
John Bankosh	May 12
Amy Graham	May 13
Nikki Mackenzie	May 19
Bob Mihalko	May 23
Sarah Immel	May 23
Noah Mackenzie	May 24
Gavin Hladek	May 27
Connie Mertz	May 27
Gillian Mihalko	May 29
Judy Sturdevant	May 30

If you have a May birthday, and we've missed you –

PLEASE, let the office know!

Thank you to multiple Anonymous Donors for your generosity:

- New Sanctuary Computer
- New Christmas Nativity Set
- New lights in the sign in front of the church
 - Cricut machine
 - Refreshed artificial flower arrangements
 - And more!

Thank you to the Sekely and Mikluscak

families for helping us add the words of Scripture to the wall in the lobby!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!!

Thank you Sunday School Teachers for helping us grow in our faith.

Thank you to Andrea Tuttoilmondo for your dedication to the children of West Hempfield Preschool.

Thank you Stewardship Committee for refreshments after worship on 4/7 and Nominating Committee for 5/5.

If you have a thank you or praise you'd like to share with the WHPC family, please call the church office to share in the next newsletter.



May 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p align="center"><u>Church Office Hours</u> Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays 9am – 3pm</p>			1 Senior Cards 11am	2	3 <i>Rental 6pm</i>	4
5 9am Sunday School 10am Worship w/Communion	6 <i>Upstairs—Rental</i> Dart Ball Banquet	7	8 Senior Cards 11am	9	10 <i>Rental 6pm</i>	11 <i>Craft Show Rental</i>
12  9am Sunday School 10am Worship	13 <i>Upstairs—Rental</i>	14	15 Senior Cards 11am  Preschool Graduation	16	17 <i>Rental 6pm</i>	18
19 Pentecost  10am Worship	20 <i>Upstairs—Rental</i>	21 Stewardship Mtg. 6:30pm on Zoom	22 Senior Cards 11am	23	24 <i>Rental 6pm</i>	25 Building Committee Volunteer Work Day 9am—noon
26 10am Worship	27 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	28 <i>Presbytery Meeting, 6pm</i>	29 Senior Cards 11am	30	31 <i>Rental 6pm</i>	