



West Hempfield Presbyterian Church

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

August is Back to School season!
(That exclamation point could be either excitement or fear, depending on your point of view.)

Hempfield Area School District starts on
Thursday, August 20, 2026.
Norwin School District starts on Wednesday,
August 26, 2026.

That means school supply lists have begun
appearing. They remind us that learning and
growing require preparation.

Required:

- Backpack
- Water bottle
- Lunch box
- Pencil
- Notebook
- Calculator

Recommended Extras:

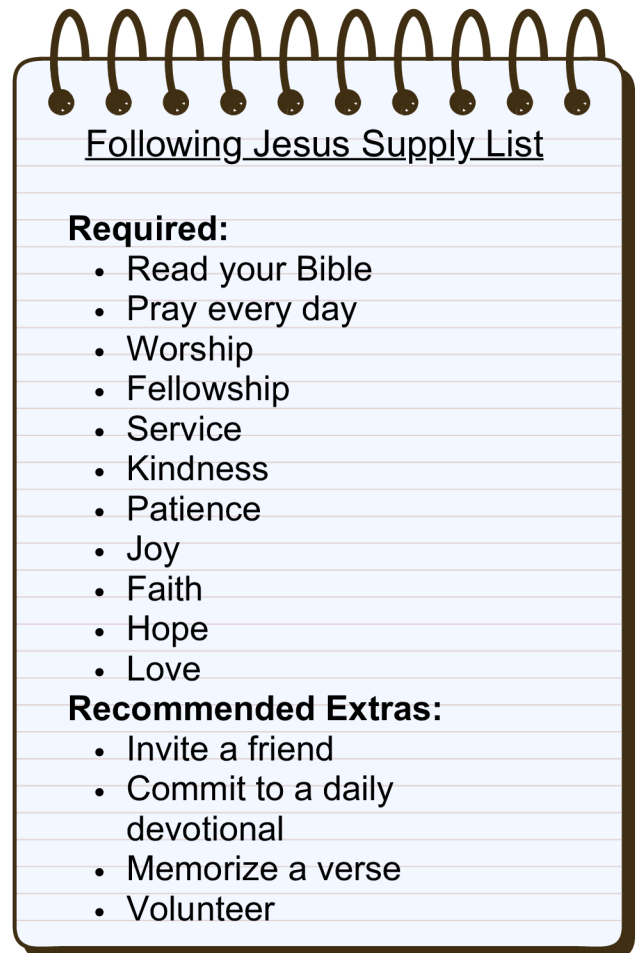
- Box of tissues
- Color pencils

All of this got me thinking, what should be on
our "Following Jesus Supply List"?

Growing in our faith and striving to be more like
Christ also requires some effort and planning.
It isn't something you can purchase, however.

Hopefully, this list serves as an encouraging
reminder that a new school year is also a
wonderful time to renew our commitment to
learning, growing, and following Jesus
together.

Blessings,
Rev. Andrew Wirt



*West Hempfield Presbyterian Church
Prays for Students, Teachers,
School Employees,
and Families*

**BACK TO SCHOOL
BLESSINGS SERVICE**

*Sunday, August 16, 2026
10:45am*

*We will gather in the sanctuary to bless the
new school year as part of our regular
Sunday worship.*

WORSHIP

8/2 - 10:45AM Worship
w/ Communion

8/9 - 10:45AM Worship

8/16 - 10:45AM Worship
Back to School Blessings

8/25 - 10:45AM Worship

8/30 - 10:45AM Worship
Outdoor Worship

COMMUNION

We will be celebrating communion together as a part of our worship service on Sunday, August 2, 2026!



All are welcome at the Lord's Table!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

August 30

Bring your own chair
and join us for worship!
Worship in the beauty of
God's creation



between the church
and the elementary school at 10:45AM
on the last Sunday of July and August.
(weather permitting)

JULY SESSION SUMMARY

The Session of West Hempfield Presbyterian Church met on Tuesday, July 28, 2026

We gathered 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 from Psalm 55 using *Our Daily Bread*
- Approved minutes from our previous Session meeting (held on June 2)
- Reviewed reports from WHPC staff and committees - including the 6 month financial review
- Confirmed dates for upcoming events including: Sunday School Kickoff - 9/13
- Approved a baptism for 9/20
- Approved advertising for the Car Cruise
- Received report on membership and updating the rolls. A letter and some "Thinking of You" cards will be put together to reach out to members we have not seen in a while
- Reviewed calendar of upcoming events and rentals

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Scheduled meeting date to be determined.

(Many regular Session dates had to be rescheduled/delayed this year due to Pastor Andrew's Presbytery commitments)

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

Summer break has been fun, but we miss Sunday School! Our Sunday School teachers are excited to welcome students back this fall. Mark your calendars. Sunday School kick-off will be September 13, 2026, with fun, games, and snacks. Regular Sunday School classes will begin September 20!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

CONFIRMATION!!

If you have a child in middle school or high school who is interested in joining the church, exploring their faith, and participating in a WHPC confirmation class, please contact the church office. We had an awesome group last time, with 4 students joining the church in 2023.

Let us know your availability, any questions you may have, and your hopes for the program.

WORSHIP FLOWERS

There are still a lot of dates available on the flower calendar for the remainder of 2026.

If you would like to provide flowers for a Sunday service, please sign up in the lobby, or call the office and let us know the date you are able to do.

CAR CRUISE



WHPC Car Cruise has a new date this year. Mark your calendar!

Car Cruise

Saturday, August 15, 2026

11am-4pm

**West Hempfield Elementary
Parking Lot**

**Food — Chinese Auction —
Music — Dash Plaques**

Supporting West Hempfield
Presbyterian Church Building Fund

CAR CRUISE PLANNING MEETING

There will be a planning meeting for the Annual Car Cruise on August 10 at 6pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby.



BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS SERVICE

Whether your child or grandchild is going to preschool or off to college, we want to lift them up and ask for their protection, your wisdom, and patience for all.

We will celebrate the start of a new school year and offer blessings and encouragement to our students and local schools **during worship on August 16, 2026**. We will also have a small gift for each student present.

Join us on **Sunday, August 16 at 10:45AM**. We will gather in the sanctuary to bless the new school year as part of our regular Sunday worship.

BACK
TO
SCHOOL



MISSION COMMITTEE

August 11, 2026 at 6:30pm

We do a lot of things under the umbrella of Missions that partner with the Deacons. This allows us to unite efforts and bring more people/volunteers to our work.

About once per quarter our regularly scheduled Deacons meeting (2nd Tuesday of the month) becomes a Mission Committee meeting. The Meeting will start at 6:30pm with the Mission Committee Meeting.

This time we will mainly be talking about our partnerships with WHE as we prepare for the start of a new school year.

Anyone and everyone who is interested is invited to join.

A brief Deacons Meeting will follow after we finish with the Missions Meeting.

DART BALL

Join your church friends for a fun night out! Dart Ball will begin around the end of August. They play every Monday at 7:00pm. If you have an interest in playing, please talk to Jen Mikluscak (724) 689-3168



JUDY STURDEVANT MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

*In Loving Memory of Mom, Mema,
Jude, Aunt JuJu*

Please join us for a day of
remembrance, fellowship, and fun!

Date: Sunday, September 20, 2026

Time: 1:00pm

Format: 9-Hole Scramble; Dinner and
Prizes to follow in the clubhouse

Location: Madison Club Golf Course
519 Yukon Road, Madison

Sponsored by: West Hempfield
Presbyterian Church

Pricing:

Golf & Dinner: \$55 per person

Dinner Only: \$25 per person

RSVP by August 31 with payment

Shelley Verdun 724.396.8578
or Dave Collier 724.331.1101

**DEADLINE TO SIGNUP
AUGUST 31**



NORWIN COMMUNITY PICNIC AUGUST 5, 2026

The **Annual Norwin Community Picnic** will take place on **Wednesday, August 5, 2026**, from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM at **Irwin Park** in Irwin, PA. Hosted by the Norwin Chamber of Commerce, the event features craft vendors, food trucks, games, and family-friendly activities.

For the last couple of years, Norwin area churches have been setting up **stations with games and prizes for kids in the afternoon from 3:30-5:30PM** - as a way to serve the community, make the event more enjoyable for kids and families, and promote the churches. This year WHPC wants to get in on the fun!

There is a signup sheet in the lobby. We are looking for volunteers to setup, run the games, hand out prizes, and clean up afterward.

For more information, talk with Pastor Andrew



THANK YOU

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you Fellowship Committee for the wonderful refreshments after worship on August 2.

The Deacons and Fellowship Committee would like to thank everyone who helped with the church picnic and everyone who came out to join us for the picnic. It was a lovely day!

The Worship Committee would like to thank everyone who helped with our special services in July (Christmas in July on July 19 and Outdoor service on July 26).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Arleen Sekely Aug 8

Jacob Iwinski Aug 14

Bob Randolph Aug 17

Laurie Bartko Aug 24

Ruth Moore Aug 25

Carol Williamson Aug 28

Robert Mihalko Aug 30

Mia Randolph Aug 30

Linda Simpson Aug 31

***If you have an August birthday,
and we've missed you –
PLEASE, let the office know!***



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 AUGUST 2026 						1
2 10:45am Worship	3	4	5 11 am Senior Cards	6	7 FH - Rental	8
9 10:45am Worship	10 Upstairs Rental	11 6:30pm Deacons	12 11 am Senior Cards	13	14 FH - Rental	15 Car Cruise 
16 10:45am Back to School Blessings Worship	17	18 6:30pm Stewardship (Zoom)	19 11 am Senior Cards	20	21 FH - Rental	22
23 10:45am Worship	24 Upstairs Rental	25	26 11 am Senior Cards	27	28 FH - Rental	29
30 10:45am Outdoor Worship	31	Church Office Hours Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 10am — 2pm				