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



Psalm 100

A psalm. For giving grateful praise.

1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

2 Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

3 Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

The office will be closed on Friday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Reminder: Fall Back!



Daylight Saving Time will end on Sunday, November 1, 2026, at 2:00 am, when clocks "fall back" one hour to 1:00 a.m.

Smartphones, computers, and most smart devices will adjust automatically; analog clocks, car dashboards, microwaves, and ovens require manual adjustment.

WORSHIP

11/1 - ALL SAINTS' DAY
9:30AM Sunday School
10:45AM Worship w/ Communion

11/8 - 9:30AM Sunday School
10:45AM Worship

11/15 - 9:30AM Sunday School
10:45AM Worship

11/22 - 9:30AM Sunday School
10:45AM Worship
Annual Thanksgiving Lunch

11/29 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:30AM Sunday School
10:45AM Worship

COMMUNION

We will be celebrating communion together as a part of our worship service on Sunday, November 1, 2026!



All are welcome at the Lord's Table!



We will also be honoring All Saints' Day at this service.

OCTOBER SESSION MEETING

The Session of West Hempfield Presbyterian Church met on Monday, October 26, 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.

- Read and reflected on Psalm 23
- Approved minutes from the previous Session meeting
- Reviewed reports from WHPC staff and committees
- Continued working on the 2027 budgeting and discussing long-term plans for financial responsibility
- Discussed insurance policy and possible updates
- November soup sales raised almost $300
- Nominating Committee is still seeking
- Confirmed dates for upcoming events including: Christmas Eve service at 7pm
- Approved rental requests
- Reviewed calendar of upcoming events and rentals
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Scheduled meeting date will be Tuesday, November 24

WHPC FALL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, November 7, 2026
from 4:00 - 6:30 PM
in the Fellowship Hall



Cost is $12 for adults
$6 for children age 8 and under

The meal includes: spaghetti, meatballs, salad bar, bread, drink and dessert. Carry-out will be available.

Proceeds benefit the WHPC Building Fund to help preserve our cherished home and maintain a welcoming environment where our community can gather, grow, and connect for generations to come.

Everyone is welcome to help. We will be prepping food and setting up tables Friday, November 6 starting at 6pm.



If you are reading this on your computer, you can click the image to the left and download a flier to share with friends!

https://bit.ly/fall26spaghetti

MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

We will have a Mission Committee meeting with the Deacons on Tuesday, November 10 at 6:30pm in the lobby. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

DEACON CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The collection of food items will begin on Sunday, November 15.
Below is a list of suggested items for each week. You may donate as much or as many times as you'd like. The Deacons and Mission Committee thank you for helping them help others in need in our community.

11/15 - **Breakfast Items**

11/22 - **Lunch Items**

11/29 - **Dinner Items**

12/6 - **Paper Products/Toiletries**

Of course, these are just suggestions. Any gift, any Sunday, is appreciated. (All items should be non-perishable.)

If you have a name of a family who could benefit from receiving a basket, please call the church office.

If you can help packing the baskets on Thursday, December 17, talk with Pastor Andrew.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Each year we decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias as part of our Christmas Eve celebration of the birth of Jesus. WHPC would like to invite you to purchase a poinsettia to help bring beauty and color to our Christmas Eve celebrations.

If you would like to order a flower (or flowers), orders must be given to the office no later than Sunday, December 6. Order forms will be in bulletins, or you could cut off this portion of the newsletter page. Orders with payment can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office.

Flower pot size 6.5 inch Red

How many? _____

Cost $12 each

Total $_____



"In Honor of" or "In Memory of"

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Poinsettias can be picked up after the Christmas Eve service or after the Sunday, December 27 service. If you cannot pick up your flowers, contact the church office to make other arrangements.

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER WITH WORSHIP COMMITTEE

We are thankful to have Thomas and Audrey playing for us when they are able, and we would also love to hear our other musicians.

We are seeking some special music to help fill the Advent and Christmas season.

If you, or someone you know, would like to share the gift of music, contact the church office.

We will be decorating for Christmas the week of November 22. If your family, committee, or friends would like to help with decorating, please contact the office, sign up at the Welcome Center, or talk with Worship Elder Richard Forsyth. We will contact you with details.

The season of Advent also brings the lighting of the Advent candles. If an individual, family, or group would like to colunteer to do a little reading and light the candles during the worship service some Sunday in Advent or for Christmas Eve, please sign up in the lobby and/or talk with Worship Elder Richard Forsyth. *Scheduling is first come, first served.*

ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP THANKSGIVING LUNCH

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a wonderful time of fellowship around table together at our Annual Thanksgiving Lunch after our worship service on November 22.
To help us plan appropriately, please RSVP by Monday, November 9 by signing up at the Welcome Center in the lobby or by contacting the church office. Sign up isn't required to attend, but it is very helpful for planning.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
(Take out available for those who let us know ahead of time,)
Donations will be accepted to help cover the costs, but there is no fee to attend.



WE LOVE HAVING YOUTH IN WORSHIP

We provide tables in the back of the sanctuary with quiet activities for children to be able to join us during service. Students may sit at the tables or take things into the pews with a canvas bag. Please feel free to use anything you find there, but let's not add more. Scissors and markers are being kept out to prevent messes or damage. Coloring pages are yours to take home. Please leave everything else on the tables before heading home after worship.



GRINGERBREAD TREE - COMING SOON

Each year a Christmas tree in the lobby is filled with gingerbread kids, each representing a local child in need of a "Santa" for Christmas. Each gingerbread kid has information about the child and a number which represents their family. When you take a gingerbread kid, please sign the paper by the tree so we know which one you have. Once you have finished shopping and wrapped your gifts, please attach the gingerbread kid to the outside of the wrapped gift(s) and return it to the Christmas tree in the lobby. If there is more than one package, using the same wrapping paper or placing them all in a gift bag helps to keep everything together.
Due back by December 13.

OUR FRIENDS AT 1ST UCC IRWIN 400 MAIN STREET, IRWIN

1st UCC Irwin Spring Flea Market fundraiser is on November 6 from 9am to 3pm & November 7 from 9am to noon. Come browse a wide variety of items—household goods, clothing, books, and hidden treasures.

It's a wonderful opportunity to find something special while supporting our new friends at 1st UCC Irwin.



THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you to the Nominating Committee for wonderful treats and a time of fellowship after worship on November 1.

Thank you so very much to all of the committee heads for providing Halloween treats for our kids and handing them out. They had a great time and there were a lot of awesome costumes. A special thank you to all the helpers who came in to help with set up to make our party a success. Thank you again!
~from Mary Esther DeTesta, CE Chair~

Thank you to everyone who supports the Coat Drive! Coats were purchased and will be delivered to the school on Nov 2.

Continued thanks to those who help with the Food2Go program. The first bags went out to students on October 14.

Thank you for the Pastor Appreciation Day encouragement and support.
~ from Pastor Andrew ~







Janice Mihalko	November 1
Andrea Tuttoilmondo	November 2
Richard Forsyth	November 2
Janson Hrico	November 3
Genevieve Wirt	November 4
Alan Bookheimer	November 5
Janice Mihalko	November 11
Hope Aston	November 14
Sean Immel	November 17
Deb Immel	November 19
Sandy Young	November 26

If you have a November birthday, and we've missed you – PLEASE, let the office know!

BUILDING COMMITTEE

As the weather turns colder, WHPC will be turning on the furnaces. This means (other than Sunday mornings) lots of interior doors will be closed to isolate the heating zones and help keep the heating costs down. Please help us by making sure to leave the doors the way you found them. Thank you!





NOVEMBER 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 All Saints Day 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship with communion	**2** *FH - Dart Ball (H)*	**3** *Voting in FH*	**4** 11 am Senior Cards	**5** *FH - Rental*	**6**	**7** Spaghetti Dinner 4-6:30pm 
8 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship	**9** *Upstairs Rental* *FH - Dart Ball (H)*	**10** 6:30pm Deacons *FH - Rental*	**11**  11 am Senior Cards	**12** *FH - Rental*	**13**	**14**
15 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship	**16** *FH - Dart Ball (A)*	**17** 6:30pm Stewardship (Zoom) *FH - Rental*	**18** 11 am Senior Cards	**19** *FH - Rental*	**20**	**21**
22 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship T-giving Lunch	**23** *Upstairs Rental* *FH - Dart Ball (H)*	**24** 6:30pm Session *FH - Rental*	**25** 11 am Senior Cards	**26** 	**27** *Office Closed*	**28** *FH - Rental*
29 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship	**30** *FH - Dart Ball (A)*		**Church Office Hours** Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 10am — 2pm			