



# SEPTEMBER

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

School has started. The nights are getting cooler. Soon the leaves will be changing color. Fall is right around the corner.

I enjoy watching the beauty of God's creation as the trees change from a sea of green to a complex mixture of reds, yellows, and oranges.

Then the trees will just let them go. Looking bare and dead the trees will stand tall through the cold and the ice of winter before sprouting with new life again in the spring.

WHPC is going to be following that pattern ourselves this September and October as we try out a multi-generational art project and sermon series titled *Cultivating and Letting Go*.

From September 22 through October 13 we will be contemplating letting go of things that may be hindering our positive influence in the world and exploring what can be cultivated within ourselves to further God's work through us. This project provides a tangible and meaningful way for everyone to practice *Cultivating and Letting Go* this fall.

Credit to Hannah Garrity and **A Sanctified Art** for creating the project that we are adapting to our use. [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)

Blessings,  
Rev. Andrew Wirt

## Pastor Andrew Recommends:

### The Bible App for Kids



From Life.Church, the same people who made the YouVersion Bible App that I recommended in the January Newsletter, the Bible App for Kids is available for free on your phone or tablet.

Through interactive adventures and beautiful animations, kids explore the big stories of the Bible. The Bible App for Kids is a delight-filled experience designed to encourage kids to return again and again. It's the beginning of a lifelong love of God's Word.

- Easy, kid-friendly navigation
- Colorful illustrations
- Touch-activated animations
- Engaging, interactive content that brings the Bible to life
- Fun facts and activities designed to help kids remember what they learn
- Special challenges that let kids earn rewards

Even if you are not a kid, this app is fun and great for learning Bible stories. After reading each story with its interactive animations, there is a little game or activity related to the story. My favorite is the "Story Mixup" where you are asked to arrange the pictures from the story in the order that they happened. It is a great way to help you remember the story.

**What does Christian Ed Committee do?**

The CE committee is focused on helping the youth of the church to learn about Christian ideals through fun and educational programs and activities.

- Meet monthly to discuss upcoming activities and new ideas
- Organize Sunday school kickoff breakfast
- Coordinate Sunday school program and activities, including Glory Gold program
- NEW THIS YEAR... support youth choir
- Coordinate PJ party and movie night
- Organize and run Easter Egg Hunt
- Plan, organize, and oversee VBS



**How could I support the Christian Ed committee?**

- PRAY for the youth of the church
- Volunteer to serve on our committee
- Volunteer to help with any of our events
- Volunteer to teach Sunday School (as a regular substitute or full-time)
- PRAY for our Sunday School teachers
- Donate for any activities as the need arises

**What are your favorite things about working with the CE committee?**

- Teaching the children in Sunday School
- Having fun with the children of the church
- Spending time teaching my own children about God
- Praying over the youth of the church



**Adult Bible Study Opportunities**

**Starting September 9, 2019 – Monday Nights at 6:00PM**

Karen Kifer will be leading a new Bible Study group at the church focusing on learning the important Bible stories, or refreshing our memories. This group will meet every week but is being designed in such a way that even if you are not able to attend every Monday, you will not feel left out. If you are interested, you may contact Karen at 724-309-9059, or just show up for the first class on September 9<sup>th</sup>!

**Men’s Group – Starting September 4, 2019 – Wednesday Nights at 7:00PM**

The Men’s Group will continue working their way through *The Story*. If you are interested, contact John Reed at 724-864-2488

**October Bible Study – Date & Time TBD**

Jen MacIntosh is interested in leading a 6-week Bible Study titled “Frappe with Philippians” that will dive into the New Testament book of Philippians. Her hope is to have the first meeting at Panera where everyone is welcome to enjoy a “frappe”! If you are interested, please contact Jen at 724-433-1299 and she will work with everyone to find the best day/time.

For more information on how you can be a part of the Christian Ed committee, please contact Heather Ressler at 724-331-5710.

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**September 1** – Communion Sunday, 8:30 & 11am

**September 8** – Regular Services 8:30 & 11am, Sunday school kick-off breakfast between services (Grandparent's Day)

**September 15** – Regular Services 8:30 & 11am, First day of Sunday School 9:45, Coffee Hour provided by the Staff of WHPC

**September 22** – Regular Services 8:30 & 11am, Sunday school 9:45

**September 29** – Regular Services 8:30 & 11am, Sunday school 9:45



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Carole Hinkelman	Sept. 1	Shawn Weaver	Sept. 20
Diana Irwin	Sept. 1	Laurie Bookhemier	Sept. 24
Megan Weaver	Sept. 11	Heather Thomas	Sept. 26
Paula Stewart	Sept. 14	Connie Primus	Sept. 28
Jim Toms	Sept. 15	Pat Neill	Sept. 29
Linda Burhans	Sept. 18		

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

## AUGUST SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

### The Session of West Hempfield Presbyterian Church met on August 27, 2019

Together we covered our church and congregation with prayer, studied the Bible, discussed upcoming events, and reviewed the submitted reports.

For our Bible study we prayed our way through a few verses from I Thessalonians chapter 1. We gave thanks that God has called us all "His chosen ones" (not just that we have chosen God, but that God has also chosen us) and praised God for those who inspire us, make us feel loved, and bring us hope.

We received and reviewed staff and committee reports.

Building committee would like to remind everyone not to slide furniture in the lobby because it can cause damage to the carpet.

Building Committee would like to thank John Bankosh for painting of exterior doors.

Work has begun on the front parking area/loop. When completed this will involve new paving, concrete curbs, and new line painting (as well as line painting in our back lot). Our sign on Arona Road is finally moving toward repair; cleanup is complete and rebuild should begin within two weeks.

Outreach Committee would like to thank Helen Toms for taking charge of getting greeters for Sunday mornings.

Spaghetti Dinner to support Food2Go4Kids program was approved for Monday, October 7, 2019.

Spaghetti Dinner to support possible future mission trip to Haiti was approved for Saturday, November 2, 2019.

Cub Scout Pack 261's 2019/2020 school year meeting schedule was reviewed and approved.

The next session meeting is on September 24 at 6:30pm

## PRESCHOOL

**2019/2020 SCHOOL YEAR** begins on September 4 with our Open House. The morning and afternoon sessions begin on **September 9** and will continue on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays until May 20, 2020. We look forward to lots of fun!

Thanks to Linda Simpson and Andrea Tuttoilmondo for their continued service to the children of our community and their families.



## CHRISTIAN ED



### SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF BREAKFAST

Join us for breakfast with your grandchildren on **September 8 at 9:45am** in the fellowship hall as we begin another year of learning. Come and hear what new and exciting things we are doing!

**Regular Sunday school classes will resume on Sunday, September 15 at 9:45am.**

New and returning adult Bible studies ... for more information, see page 2 above

## FELLOWSHIP

Join your church family on **September 22 at 2:00 PM** for a golf outing at the Madison Club.

Cost per person is \$23 and includes a light meal.

Please sign up, contact Judy Sturdevant at 724-863-1188 or Dave Collier at 724-864-0129



## DARTBALL



Join your church friends for a fun night out! We will begin **September 9**, if you have an interest in playing, please call Gil Sekely at 724-446-7321.

## MISSION

Save the date for a spaghetti dinner on **Monday, October 7** in the Fellowship Hall from 4:00pm – 6:30pm to raise money for the Food2Go4Kids program.



## PRAYER TEAM



We are extending an invitation to anyone who is interested in praying for our congregation to meet in the **Prayer Room each Sunday at 9:45AM** (during Sunday school, between worship services) starting September 15 to pray quietly or together for our church and the world.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Calling ALL women of West Hempfield Presbyterian Church. You are invited to join us on **Tuesday, September 3 at 10:00 AM** in the upstairs kitchen for our first meeting of the year. We hold regular meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and last Tuesday of each month.



Presbyterian Women (PW) offers women in the church meaningful ways to live out their faith in the midst of a caring community of women. For more than 200 years Presbyterian women's groups have strengthened the Presbyterian Church and played a major role in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and witnessing to the promise of God's kingdom.

## LENDING LIBRARY

Have you seen the new teen/adult space by the school side of the building? We are creating a space for teens & adults to take a book, leave a book or sit and read a book. We are seeking donations of books, but not just books that you no longer want. Please consider sharing a book that you really enjoyed and would recommend. Pastor Andrew has started a wish list of books he'd love to have on the shelf as well. Thank you!!



## FELLOWSHIP CAR CRUISE THANK YOU.....

Warm weather, blue skies, 60 plus classic cars, music, over 50 donated Chinese auction items, baked goods, hamburgers, hot dogs, & nachos all equal an amazing profit of \$1463.73.

Special thanks to all the committees, volunteers, church members who brought their cars, the congregation for donating items, and to Larry and Mary Esther DeTesta who know everything and anything about car cruises. If you were not able to attend this year, there's always next year!

### THANK YOU!

For volunteering  
your time in  
August at the  
Westmoreland  
Food Bank.

### THANK YOU WHPC FOR HOSTING COFFEE HOUR IN AUGUST!

*September Coffee  
Hour will be hosted  
by WHPC Staff.*



## FROM THE DESK OF TONY,

### Youth Choir

September is here and you know what that means; school has started. 😊 Attached you will see the lyrics for the song, JESUS LOVES ME. The children will be learning approximately 9 songs this school year with the help of the Sunday school teachers, myself, and adults who regularly sing in the choir. So, I am asking you all to brush up on these old-time, memorable hymns, and sing with the children this school year. Each month will be a different song that we will work on all month. The children will sing at the 11:00 am service on the last Sunday of the month. This is open to all the youth ages pre-k to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. We are going to attempt to practice each Sunday for the first 10 minutes of Sunday school. Adults and older youth, you are more than welcome to come sing with us during this time, or during the regular choir practices. If you want to know more or have questions, please see myself, Heather Ressler, or Pastor Andrew.

**Warner, Anna**, daughter of Henry W. Warner, and sister of Sarah Warner, author of *Queechy*, and other novels, was born near New York City about 1822. She is the author of the novel, *Say and Seal*, 1859, and others of a like kind. She also edited *Hymns of the Church Militant*, 1858; and published *Wayfaring Hymns, Original and Translated*, 1869.

1 Jesus loves me, this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me he who died  
heaven's gate to open wide.  
He will wash away my sin,  
let his little child come in. [Refrain]

3 Jesus loves me, this I know,  
as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee,  
saying, "Let them come to me." [Refrain]

Psalter Hymnal, 1987

### Adult Choir

Also, it is that time again to start thinking about the adult choir. This year, the adult choir (open to youth 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up) will meet on Thursdays from 6pm to approximately 7-7:30 pm. (subject to change) The adult choir will be singing every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, as well as helping to sing on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month with the kids. There will not be a scheduled choir anthem every Sunday this year. The first song the adult choir will sing is, **We Gather Together**. The first choir practice for adults will be held on August 29.

**Theodore Baker** (b. New York, NY, 1851; d. Dresden, Germany, 1934). Baker is well known as the compiler of Baker's Biographical Dictionary of Musicians (first ed. 1900), the first major music reference work that included American composers. Baker studied music in Leipzig, Germany, and wrote a dissertation on the music of the Seneca people of New York State—one of the first studies of the music of American Indians. From 1892 until his retirement in 1926, Baker was a literary editor and translator for G. Schirmer, Inc., in New York City. In 1926, he returned to Germany.

1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;  
sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning:  
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glory be thine!

3 We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation endure through tribulation:  
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Psalter Hymnal Handbook, 1987

Musically yours,  
Tony

I would like to thank all the youth who have helped out with providing special music this summer. I look forward to more special music provided by the youth, but also from the adults out there.

# WHPC SEPTEMBER 2019

Pastor Andrew will be attending a conference out of state Sept. 10-16

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <i>Communion Sunday</i> 8:30 & 11 Worship	<b>2</b> <i>Labor Day</i> <i>*Office Closed*</i>	<b>3</b> PWA 10:00AM Girl Scouts – upstairs kitchen 5:30pm	<b>4</b> Preschool Orientation Senior Cards 11-2:30 Men’s Group 7:00pm	<b>5</b> Choir Practice 6:00pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:30 & 11 Worship <i>Sunday School Kick-Off Breakfast 9:45am</i> <i>Grandparent’s Day</i>	<b>9</b> First Day of Preschool Dart Ball – 7pm WHPC Bible Study – 6:00pm	<b>10</b> Deacons Meeting 6:30pm NAMI 7PM	<b>11</b> Senior Cards 11-2:30 Men’s Group 7:00pm	<b>12</b> Choir Practice 6:00pm Scouts 6:30-8:00pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:30 & 11 Worship <i>First week of Sunday School 9:45am</i> <i>Coffee Hour – hosted by WHPC staff</i>	<b>16</b> H.E.L.P 5PM Dart Ball – 7pm WHPC Bible Study – 6:00pm	<b>17</b> Stewardship & Finance 6:30pm	<b>18</b> Senior Cards 11-2:30 CE Meeting 6:30pm Men’s Group 7:00pm	<b>19</b> Choir Practice 6:00pm <b>SESSION REPORTS DUE</b>	<b>20</b> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:30 & 11 Worship <i>Sunday School 9:45am</i> <i>Fellowship Golf Outing – 2pm</i>	<b>23</b> H.E.L.P 5PM Dart Ball – 7pm WHPC Bible Study – 6:00pm	<b>24</b> PWA 1:00PM Session Meeting 6:30pm	<b>25</b> Senior Cards 11-2:30 Food 2Go4Kids 6:30pm Men’s Group 7:00pm	<b>26</b> Choir Practice 6:00pm Scouts 6:30-8:00pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:30 & 11 Worship <i>Sunday School 9:45am</i>	<b>30</b> H.E.L.P 5PM Dart Ball – 7pm Paintertown Bible Study – 6:00pm					