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

June brings with it the beginning of summer. Here in Pennsylvania we get the full effect of these seasonal changes. You can feel the shift from spring to summer.

Something new is happening.

This is also the time of year for graduations. We will celebrate graduates at the church on Sunday, June 14. Another way that this is a time of transitions, as one chapter comes to a close and new opportunities open.

Something new is happening.

It feels like we are always talking about new beginnings. Now it is graduation. Next it will be "Back to School" season in the fall with a new school year. Then in November we will be reminded that the traditional church calendar starts with the first Sunday of Advent, a new church year. January is the start of a new calendar year. Ash Wednesday and Lent come next as the season calls us to repent: to turn away from sin and renew our commitments to follow God. Spring is a season of renewal, birth, and new life. Easter is resurrection, new life, and new beginnings. And the next thing you know, it will be graduation time again. So when actually is the new beginning? When is everything new? It can't just be new all the time, can it?

Something new is happening.

As the book of Revelation describes the end of history as we know it and the establishment of God's eternal realm, the author says

(Revelation 21:1) *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.*

Though this seems to be a prediction of the future, he is quoting from the past. (Isaiah 65:17) *the Lord says, "See, I will create a new heavens and a new earth."*

Something new is happening.

(Lamentations 3:23) *They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.*

(II Corinthians 5:17) *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

Something new is happening.

Right here, right now, whenever you are reading this, God is doing something new. It's all arounds us.

Something new is happening.

Whether you are a graduating senior this year or not, God is doing something new. Each day is a new beginning. Keep your eyes open and be a witness.

What do you see God doing today?

Blessings,
Rev. Andrew Wirt

Register for VBS:



westhempfieldpc.org/vbs-2026

WORSHIP

6/7 - 10:45 AM Worship
w/ Communion

6/14 - 10:45 AM Worship

6/21 - Father's Day
VBS Celebration
10:45 AM Worship

6/28 - 10:45 AM Worship

COMMUNION

We will be celebrating communion together as a part of our worship service on Sunday, June 7, 2026! All are welcome at the Lord's Table!



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

We will have a special gift for all fathers, grandfathers, and fatherly men of the church on Sunday, June 21.



APRIL SESSION SUMMARY

The Session of West Hempfield Presbyterian Church met for our end of April meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 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 *These Days*
- Approved minutes from March Session meeting
- Reviewed reports from WHPC staff and committees
- Confirmed dates for upcoming events including: graduate recognition and 5th grade Bibles - 6/14 & Summer outdoor services - 7/26 and 8/30 & Back to School Blessings - 8/16)
- Approved a plan for Fellowship Hall roof repair
- Discussed Summer Office Hours and decided to make no changes this year
- Reviewed calendar of upcoming events and rentals
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Scheduled meeting (the May Session meeting) will be Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

(Many regular Session dates this year had to be rescheduled/delayed this year due to Presbytery events)

JUNE 14 - GRADS AND BIBLES



The congregation will recognize and celebrate our graduates during worship on June 14.

Also, on Sunday June 14, WHPC will be gifting a Bible to each student moving up from 4th to 5th grade. We don't want to miss anyone. If that is your child, please let the office know or any Christian Ed Committee member.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING UPDATE

Through envelopes and fish banks, this year WHPC collected \$494.66 for the One Great Hour of Sharing! Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees — serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Typically received during the season of Lent, this Offering helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Building Committee reminds members and renters that to help keep our building safe, secure, and clean we kindly ask everyone to respect agreed upon and published times for building use and stay within designated rooms/areas.

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 and the kids at
West Hempfield Elementary School
**Indoor and Outdoor Vendor Spaces
Available!**

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE VBS JUNE 15-19 6-8PM

VBS REGISTRATION:

It's that time!

Registration is open!



To register a child to attend VBS **June 15-19, 6-8pm**, please visit the church website and click on "VBS 2026" at the top of the page, or go straight to westhempfieldpc.org/vbs-2026 and look for the button that says "Register"

VBS WORSHIP SERVICE JUNE 21 10:45AM

Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS will be taking over the worship service on June 21!

Everyone is invited to join us June 21 at 10:45AM for a special VBS presentation to review all that we learned at Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS!

PLEASE PRAY FOR VBS

Together let's pray for all of our students, that they may meet God here and draw close to Him. Pray for energy, strength, and health for our volunteers. And may our VBS be a blessing and make an impact, not just on our church, but throughout our community.

VBS MISSION PROJECT

Every year at VBS we encourage the kids to think of others and follow Jesus' example of showing love and helping our neighbors by choosing a local organization as our Mission Project for the week.

Throughout the week the students have a friendly competition to see which team can bring in the most coins. This year we will also be collecting kid socks and toothbrushes to support the **Children's Aid Home Programs**.

The Children's Aid Home Programs of Somerset County, Inc. is an approved Statewide Adoption Network (SWAN) affiliate.

They are a private, non-profit social service organization providing multiple services to children and families since 1889. Their mission is to provide a continuum of quality services which promote the emotional, behavioral, educational, and physical development of children, adolescents, and their families. Their case workers serve clients who live within 150 miles of their agency.



CE/VBS PLANNING MEETING

The CE committee will be having a VBS planning meeting on Monday, June 1 at 6pm in the lobby. Anyone interested in helping with VBS is invited, and should also sign up in the lobby and/or talk with Mary Esther DeTesta, if you have not already.

VBS VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER FOR FUN: We can't have a great Vacation Bible School without our great volunteers. Consider how you can help – the kids will learn, play, sing, craft, and snack. No prior experience necessary. One day or all week. Varying commitment levels available. Please talk to Mary Esther DeTesta to see where you might be needed.

Volunteers please note: Clearances now need to be updated every 5 years/60 months to bring us into compliance with the State's regulations.

Contact the church office if you need to update clearances. We can help you with that.



PINE SPINGS CAMP TRAVELING DAY CAMP

WHPC is once again participating in a Traveling Day Camp sponsored by Pine Springs in collaboration with First Presbyterian Church of Irwin and New Hope Presbyterian Church.

The camp will be held June 15-19 at New Hope church from 9am - 3pm each day. A full camp experience while sleeping in your own bed ! Register online at www.pinesprings.org/travelingdaycamps

DAY CAMP VOLUNTEERS

WHPC is seeking volunteers to help with the Traveling Day Camp sponsored by Pine Springs in collaboration with WHPC, First Presbyterian in Irwin and New Hope Presbyterian. If you can volunteer 2 hours, stay for the day, or volunteer the whole week please prayerfully consider **signing up** to volunteer!

<https://bit.ly/2026PSCvolunteers>

CHRISTIAN SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

WHPC offers scholarships for students to attend a wide variety of Christian summer camps.

If camp is part of your summer plans, talk with Pastor Andrew about applying for a scholarship to help make it a little more affordable.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you Christian Ed Committee and VBS volunteers for the wonderful refreshments after worship on June 7.

Thank you to all of the people who joined us on May 23 for our Volunteer Work Day.

It was a rainy day, so we didn't get to do the things that we had originally planned. However, the crew that did gather tackled some indoor jobs instead. Thank you for keeping our church home beautiful!

– from the Building Committee

Thank you for all of the VBS donations! Reminder that they are all due back by June 7.

– from the CE Committee

Thank you to Pam Siegel for making our communion bread each month.

– from the Worship Committee



Lester Smith	June 3
Larry DeTesta	June 6
Allan Immel	June 6
Janet Lore	June 9
Bill Sturdevant	June 22
Debbie Hilewick	June 25
Tom Iwinski	June 26

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

Message from Blackburn Center

Thank you for your generous donation of paper products and non-perishable food to Blackburn Center.

We depend on contributions from the community to help meet the needs of thousands of people each year. Your donation of goods allows us to invest more of our resources in services critical to survivors/victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crimes. In addition, it gives assurances to the clients in our shelter that someone cares. Your faithful support of Blackburn Center is important to us. Your gift proves that you are someone that not only cares about our community, but also cares enough to take a stand against violence in our community.



JUNE 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD	1 6:00pm CE - VBS planning	2 6:30pm Session	3 11 am Senior Cards <i>Upstairs Rental</i>	4	5 <i>FH - Rental</i>	6
7 10:45am Worship	8 <i>Upstairs Rental</i>	9 6:30pm Deacons	10 11 am Senior Cards <i>Upstairs Rental</i>	11	12 <i>FH - Rental</i>	13
14 10:45am Worship	15  6-8pm VBS	16 6:30pm Stewardship (Zoom)  6-8pm VBS	17 11 am Senior Cards  6-8pm VBS	18  6-8pm VBS	19 <i>FH - Rental</i>  6-8pm VBS	20
21  10:45am VBS Celebration Worship	22 <i>Upstairs Rental</i>	23	24 11 am Senior Cards	25	26 <i>FH - Rental</i>	27
28 10:45am Worship	29	30 6:30pm Session	Church Office Hours Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 10am — 2pm			