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

As we continue this season of Back to School with Back to Sunday School, I wanted to take this opportunity to help us all get back into the groove after summer break.

Remember that as a gift to you from WHPC, you all have free access to RightNow Media. More information about that on Page 3 of this newsletter.

Here are some things you might want to check out:

Pastor Andrew Recommends

Mountains: Rediscovering Your Vision and Restoring Your Hope in God's Presence

by Kat Armstrong
available in RightNow Media

Description: Throughout Scripture, mountains are sacred places where heaven meets earth—where God reveals His presence and restores His people. In this five-session study, Kat Armstrong invites you to rediscover your identity, rekindle your faith, and renew your hope as you journey through the mountaintops of Scripture—from Eden to the Great Commission. Each mountain tells part of God's story of grace, calling you to draw near, listen closely, and stand secure in His love.

Our Sunday School is excited to return this fall! More about that on Page 3, as well. They will be using **The Creators Season 2** and **Treasure Champs** as their fall curriculum.

The Creators Season 2 available in RightNow Media

Description: The Creators are back for another fun-filled season! The Creators tells the story of a group of friends who join forces to create films that are "meaningful, virtuous, and good." Both clever and creative, The Creators weaves biblical truths into engaging stories with humor and the right dose of seriousness. Enjoy this light-hearted children's series that will make your kids laugh and leave them with important truths to consider.

Treasure Champs available in RightNow Media

Description: Meet Barry and Kari—two funny, loveable animated friends who help your kids discover treasures like Courage, Teamwork, and Loyalty. Each episode brings Bible stories to life and shares real kids living out these values in amazing ways, as we learn together how precious we are to God. It's heartwarming, faith-filled fun for little ones—and meaningful for parents too!

Blessings,
Rev. Andrew Wirt



WORSHIP

9/6 - 10:45AM Worship
w/ Communion

9/13 - 9:30AM Sunday School Kick-Off
10:45AM Worship

9/20 - 9:30AM Sunday School
10:45AM Worship

9/27 - 9:30AM Sunday School
10:45AM Worship

COMMUNION

We will be celebrating communion together as a part of our worship service on Sunday, September 6, 2026!



All are welcome at the Lord's Table!

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 call the office and let us know the date you are interested in.



AUGUST SESSION MEETING

The Session of West Hempfield Presbyterian Church will meet on Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Due to a schedule conflict, the WHPC Session meeting (usually on the 4th Tuesday of the month) has been pushed back a week. The Session will meet on Tuesday September 1.

Watch for the Session Summary in future news.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! WHPC FALL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, November 7, 2026

Mark your calendar. No need to worry about dinner that night. We've got it covered!

Donation board and sign up sheet for volunteers will be available closer to the date.

You can also be thinking about basket ideas for the Chinese Auction. The baskets are always a fun and effective fundraiser!



SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

**Kickoff on September 13 at 9:30am
Fun, Games, and Snacks!**

Regular classes are back, every Sunday at 9:30am, starting September 20.

Summer break has been fun, but we miss Sunday School! Our Sunday School teachers are excited to welcome students back to church this fall!

If you are interested in being a fill-in or substitute teacher for Sunday School Class, contact Mary Esther DeTesta.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

Last September we launched **RightNow Media** at WHPC. **RightNow Media** is a Netflix-like library of Bible Study videos. We are happy to offer this resource to our members, friends, and family. If you haven't tried it out yet, you can ask the office to email you a link or scan this QR code to get started.

Then follow the directions to create your free account, and start browsing more than 20,000 inspiring videos.



Recordings of recent worship services from our YouTube channel will also be available inside RightNow Media by clicking on the name or logo of the church after logging in.

**Happy
Labor Day**



**Church Office Closed on
Monday, September 7**

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE FOR CHRISTIAN CAMP FALL RETREAT

For years, WHPC has offered scholarships for students to attend a wide variety of Christian summer camps.

The Deacons have offered to extend this scholarship to include fall retreats!

The Deacons can help cover up to 50% of the cost for Christian fall retreats.

If you are interested, please talk with Pastor Andrew.

PINE SPRINGS CAMP

Fall Retreats

www.pinesprings.org/psc-retreats

Fall Fusion - Grades 4-6 - Sept 12-13

The Big One - Grades 6-12 - Oct 16-18

Women in the Woods - women of all ages - Oct 2-3

JUDY STURDEVANT MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Date: Sunday, September 20, 2026

Time: 1:00pm

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

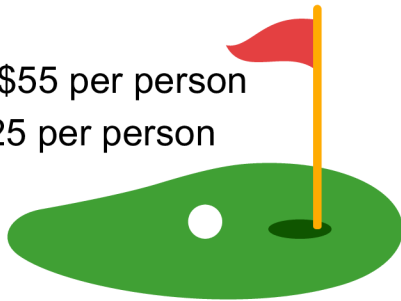
Location: Madison Club Golf Course
519 Yukon Road, Madison

Sponsored by: West Hempfield
Presbyterian Church

Pricing:

Golf & Dinner: \$55 per person

Dinner Only: \$25 per person



**DEADLINE TO SIGNUP
WAS AUGUST 31**

COMMUNION

Pastor Andrew is trying to make the rounds to our homebound members and take home communion to those who want it, but have been unable to join with us in worship for one reason or another. If you would like to be included in that list, please contact the church office.

PASTORAL VISITATION

While mentioning Home Communion, this also feels like a good time to remind everyone that Pastor Andrew is available for visits without the communion elements as well.

Our world is so connected today that it can seem like everyone should know everything all the time, but social media posts are not always seen by everyone. And there are also many rules protecting privacy. For example, hospital chaplains used to contact churches when a member was admitted, but that almost never happens anymore. Whatever may be happening in your life, it is best to assume that if you didn't tell us directly, we don't know.

Pastor Andrew enjoys making visits, but he rarely does so uninvited or unannounced. Please reach out if you would like a visit. Health concerns, prayer requests, questions about the church or your faith, looking for someone to talk to, or just want to say "hi" ... whatever your reason, if you would like a visit at home or to meet for coffee, please reach out.

Or stop by the church! Pastor Andrew is in the office most Mondays and Fridays from 10am to 2pm.

STEWARDSHIP

The 3rd financial giving quarter will come to a close at the end of September. WHPC will be sending out 3rd quarter giving statements in early October.

If you would like a mid-year statement before then, please contact the church office or Helen Toms.

Thank you for your continued financial support of WHPC.



UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Keeping our information current helps us stay connected, care well for one another, and share important church news with everyone who is part of our church family.

If your contact information (address, phone number, or email address) has changed, you can use the form on the church website to let the office know. Look for and click "Update Contact Info" and you will be taken to a form that, when completed, will be sent to the church office.

Another way you can stay up to date: You can subscribe to WHPC communications by visiting westhempfieldpc.org/subscribe

SUPPORTING OUR FRIENDS AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN IRWIN

Spaghetti Dinner

First United Church of Christ
400 Main Street, Irwin

Thursday, September 24

4:00-7:00pm

Adult - \$12 Children - \$6

Spaghetti, Salad, Bread,
Beverage, and Dessert



THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you to the Mission Committee for wonderful treats and a time of fellowship after worship on September 6.

On August 15th our annual Car Cruise was held in the school parking lot. We were blessed with great weather and approximately 65 cars were registered. We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped and all who donated items for the basket auction making our event a success.

THANK YOU! to everyone who gathered for the Back to School Prayer Service held August 16 to pray over our schools, children, and adults.

Blessings to all on a new school year!

Thank you Pam Siegel for making our delicious communion bread each month!

Thank you from the Hendersen family. John and Ivy would like to thank everyone for the prayers and support!



Diana Irwin	Sept. 1
Paula Stewart	Sept. 14
Jim Toms	Sept. 15
Laurie Bookheimer	Sept. 24
Connie Primus	Sept. 28
Pat Neill	Sept. 29

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

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

WHPC is happy to provide anyone with free daily devotional magazines.

Our Daily Bread and *These Days* are available in the lobby and near entrances.

Our Daily Bread is also available online
<https://www.odbm.org/en/devotionals/>

If you are unable to pick one up at the church and would like a devotional mailed, please email office@westhempfieldpc.org or call the church office at 724-863-1260 and we'd be happy to mail you one or both.



SEPTEMBER 2026



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