



## WEST HEMPFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

As children run around in costumes collecting candy for Halloween, we in the church remember that this holiday is also called All Hallows Eve.

All Hallows Eve (like Christmas Eve is the night before Christmas) is the night before All Hallows Day or the Feast of All Hallows (or I even saw it listed as “Hallowmas” in one place).

All Hallows Day is November 1, though you may be more familiar with it as All Saints’ Day!

All Saints’ day is the day to honor all the saints of the church—past, present, and future —known or unknown.

Focus is often placed on the saints of the past, I think because the Catholic Church has the tradition of “canonizing” particularly virtuous people posthumously. Many churches will honor those who have entered the heavenly kingdom within the last year.

In its most basic definition, however, a “saint” is a “holy one” - someone “set apart” for God’s special purposes. And that includes all of us! All who have been saved, forgiven, cleansed, sanctified, and set apart as children of God by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

On All Saints’ Day, I think of Paul’s words in Hebrews chapter 12:1-2a.

*<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.*

All Saints’ Day reminds us of our connectedness as Christians, throughout all time and space.

Hebrews says it is this great cloud of witnesses/saints that surrounds us (and Jesus who unites us) that gives us strength and courage to face whatever challenges lie before us.

Like I say in the blessing most Sundays ...  
Whatever challenges this day/week/month may have in store for you, know that you do not face them alone. You are loved. God loves you. And this community (of saints) loves you!

A great cloud of witnesses, saints, men and women who have put their faith in God, a connecting thread reaching throughout history (both ancient and recent), today, and long into the future!

Happy All Saints’ Day!

Now that is something to be thankful for!

Blessings, Rev. Andrew Wirt



### Daylight saving time is coming to a close!

This year's time change happens on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 2 a.m., shifting back to 1 a.m.

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



**11/06** – 8:30 & 11AM Worship w/ Communion,  
9:45AM Sunday school

**11/13** – 8:30 & 11AM Worship, 9:45AM Sunday school

**11/20** – 8:30 & 11AM Worship, 9:45AM Sunday school  
Thanksgiving dinner after 11am worship

**11/27** – First Sunday of Advent – 8:30 & 11AM Worship,  
9:45AM Sunday school

\*sermon videos continue to be available on the church website, Facebook, and YouTube

\*Call-in to listen live to the 11:00am service every Sunday  
(please call the church office for instructions)

## HAITI MISSION SHOEBOXES



We will again be sending Christmas shoe boxes to Haiti. During these unprecedented times, we know that it is difficult to commit to anything. However, we ask that you please remember there are other people that may have even greater needs than ours.

Please visit the table in the lobby for more info.

**Deadline to return completed shoeboxes is November 27.**

## LOCAL MISSION - West Hempfield Elementary

### MISSION COAT DRIVE

Each year our church family provides coats to the children of West Hempfield Elementary School who are in need. **54 coats** were requested this year. Fewer than in years past, but the need is still present.

There are ***donation envelopes*** available. Please help support the mission committee so that we can continue this loving mission. You can also give online at [www.westhempfieldpc.org/mission](http://www.westhempfieldpc.org/mission) or by texting **WHPC coat** to **73256**.



### FOOD2GO4KIDS PROGRAM

Bags are once again being distributed at the school twice a month. There are several ways you can still help:

- Join the mission committee in packing bags on Wednesday evenings before distributions.
- Donate plastic bags and/or food items (esp. microwavable mac n' cheese, pop tarts, microwavable Ramen noodle cup). Donation bins are available outside the sanctuary on Sunday mornings and outside the building by the parking circle on Mondays.
- Make a financial gift
  - Text **WHPC food2go** to **73256**
  - Visit [www.westhempfieldpc.org/mission](http://www.westhempfieldpc.org/mission)
  - Write a check to WHPC with Food2Go in the memo line

## SEPTEMBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

### *The Session of West Hempfield Presbyterian Church met on Tuesday, October 4, 2022*

With one elder on Zoom and the rest in the church lobby, we gathered with everyone present to cover our church, congregation, and community with prayer and review all that has been going on with the church and the world. This was the September session meeting, held one week late because of Rev. Wirt's scheduled vacation.

- Reflected on Scripture using the daily entry from These Days devotional (copies available in the church lobby at no cost to you)
- Approved Session minutes from August 2022
- Reviewed reports from the clerk, pastor, treasurer, deacons, presbytery meeting, and WHPC committees
- Voted to approve Virgie Smith as a new member by letter of transfer
- Discussed the church/sanctuary anniversary, sanctuary air conditioners, and "Sanctuary Refresh" ideas
- Fellowship Hall Sunday School wing air conditioner needed to be replaced, will be paid for from Watson Fund
- Discussed problems/challenges with the Rampart/Guardian fire and safety alarm systems recently, possible since Rampart because a part of Guardian
- WHPC is now registered with Amazon Smile, more information on that for the congregation to come later
- Closed with prayer

## OCTOBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

### *The Session of West Hempfield Presbyterian Church met on Tuesday, October 25, 2022*

We gathered with a quorum present 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 (Acts 1:4-9) with a devotion written by Max Lucado
- Approved Session minutes from September 2022
- Reviewed reports from the clerk, pastor, treasurer, deacons, and WHPC committees
- Discussed the 2023 Budget, we will be voting on it in November
- Discussed the church/sanctuary anniversary, sanctuary air conditioners, and "Sanctuary Refresh" ideas
- Discussed plans for a number of upcoming events - SS Halloween Party, Coat Drive, Thanksgiving Dinner, Deacon Baskets, Gingerbread Tree, Christmas Eve
- Discussion of dates for possibly having only one Sunday worship service
- Beam installed new air conditioner for the Sunday School wing on 10/15/22
- Discussed problem with rear parking lot lights, in the process of trouble shooting
- Nominating committee is looking for 3 Elders and 3 Deacons
- \$16,000 was transferred from the Watson Account to the General Fund to cover expenses
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer
- Next meeting will be November 22, 2022

## FELLOWSHIP THANKSGIVING DINNER



Join your church family for our Annual *Thanksgiving Dinner* following our **11am worship service on November 20**. Sunday school 9:45am. Meals served for you to eat in or pick up in the Fellowship Hall and take home.

**Tables will be set if you would like to sit and Fellowship.**

**Please RSVP no later than Sunday, November 6.** Thank you!!  
Call the church office or sign up at the Welcome center table in the lobby.

## DEACONS

### DEACONS CHRISTMAS BASKETS

*The collection of food items will begin Sunday, November 13*

Below is a list of suggested items for each week. You may donate as much and as many times as you'd like.

The Deacons and Mission Committee thank you for helping them help others in need in our community.

**November 13 – Breakfast Items** (cereal, oatmeal, juices, cereal bars, dried milk)

**November 20 – Lunch Items** (peanut butter, jelly, soups, mac-n-cheese, canned fruit)

**November 27 – Dinner Items** (pasta, sauces, canned vegetables, cookies, cake mixes, puddings, rice mix, drinks)

**December 4 – Paper Products/ Toiletries** (paper towels, tissues, soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, floss)

*All items should be non-perishable.*

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

If you can help packaging the baskets, please contact Larry DeTesta.

## GINGERBREAD TREE - COMING SOON!

A Christmas tree in the lobby will be filled with gingerbread men. Each one represents a family that you can adopt for Christmas. Each Gingerbread man has a number which represents the family they belong to, along with the Age, Sex, and Child's Interests. When you take a gingerbread man, please write your name and phone number on the index card provided and place the card in the envelope next to the tree. Once you have finished shopping and wrapped your gift, please attach the gingerbread man to the gift and return it to the Christmas tree.







Thank you to everyone who supports the Coat Drive!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Sunday School Halloween Party! The children had lots of fun and received lots of treats. We appreciate all the donations from the committees as well.

Continued thanks to those who have contributed to the Food2Go program with monetary and food donations.

The Spaghetti Dinner was a huge success!  
226 adults and 25-30 kids attended.  
It raised \$2240!

Thank you to Personnel, the Session, and the congregation for the wonderful card, gift, and prayers on Pastor Appreciation Day!  
~ Pastor Andrew



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

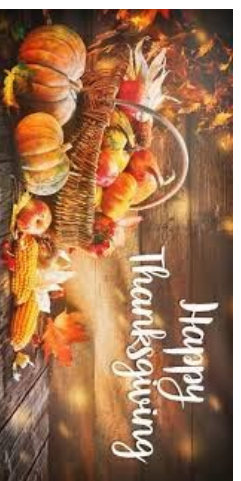
## DECORATING FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS



We will be decorating for Christmas starting the week of **November 20** in small groups. 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.

# November 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 8:30 & 11:00am Worship Sunday School 9:45 Communion	7 H.E.L.P Group 4:30pm Dart Ball 7:00pm	8 Voting in Gym 8:00am -8:00pm Deacons Meeting 6:30pm NAMI 7:00pm	9 Senior Cards, 11-2:30pm	10	11	12
13 8:30 & 11:00am Worship Sunday School 9:45	14 H.E.L.P Group 4:30pm Girl Scouts 6:00-7:00pm Dart Ball 7:00pm	15 Stewardship Meeting 6:30pm NAMI 7:00pm	16 Senior Cards, 11-2:30pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm	17	18	19
20 8:30 & 11:00am Worship Sunday School 9:45 Thanksgiving Dinner	21 H.E.L.P Group 4:30pm Dart Ball 7:00pm	22 Session Meeting 6:30pm	23 Senior Cards, 11-2:30pm	24 	25 Newsletter Deadline Session Reports Due	26 Gym Rental Birthday Party 3:00 - 6:00pm
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