



# JUNE

**WEST HEMPFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

Happy June!

Happy first day of summer (June 20)!

Happy Pentecost (June 8)! Happy Flag Day

(June 14)! Happy National Cheese Day

(June 4)! Happy World UFO Day (June 24)!

There's so much to look forward to in June!

And at WHPC, we know that June means  
Vacation Bible School!

As we talked about last month, VBS this  
year will start with the story of the call of  
Abram, later to be renamed Abraham.

Genesis 12:1-9

For our Road Trip theme, we will probably  
be focused on the way Abraham trusted and  
followed God, setting out on his "road trip"  
to the Promised Land.

There is another part of this story, right here  
in these verses, that has been an important  
verse to me over the years.

Genesis 12:2 God says "... I will bless  
you, ... and you will be a blessing."

Blessed to be a blessing.

I find so much wisdom in the little phrase!

First, that we are blessed. God loves us,  
cares for us, and provides for us.

Second, the gifts that we receive are not  
meant to stop with us. God blesses us so we  
can bless others.

Being a blessing doesn't always mean  
doing something grand. It can be as simple  
as a kind word, a listening ear, or simply  
being present when someone needs a  
friend.

This month, as we make our way from  
National Cheese Day to World UFO Day  
and beyond, let's look for opportunities to  
share what God has given us. We can live  
generously, trusting that as we share with  
others, God will continue to provide  
enough.

Blessings, Rev. Andrew Wirt

**VBS June 9-13 6-8PM**

Register for Road Trip VBS:



[westhempfieldpc.org/vbs-2025](http://westhempfieldpc.org/vbs-2025)



**Summer Office Hours**

The church office is open  
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday  
10:00AM — 1:00PM  
\*except for holidays

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### **COMMUNION**

We will be celebrating communion on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at 10:00am

### **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.



### **SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

**Bring your own chair and join us for Worship under the trees at 10AM! (*Weather Permitting*)**

Outdoor Services will be held on the last Sunday of July and August at 10AM in the parking circle by the Preschool entrance.

In the case of bad weather we will have the service in the sanctuary as usual.

Dates for the outdoor services will be: July 27 and August 31.

### **WHPC WORSHIP AT HOME**

We have had reasonable success with starting a WHPC Sunday morning livestream through YouTube.

If you, or someone you know, can't be with us in person on Sunday, check our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@westhempfieldpc/> and click on the word "Live" to follow along live or watch the full service later in the week. You will find a link to the bulletin in the video description.

Unfortunately, there will be no livestream on Sundays when Pastor Andrew is away or when worship is outdoors.

## JUNE 8—GRADS AND BIBLES



The congregation will recognize and celebrate our graduates during worship on June 8.

Also, on Sunday June 8, WHPC will be gifting a Bible to each student moving up from 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We don't want to miss anyone. If that is your child, please let the office know or any Christian Ed Committee member.

## WEST HEMPFIELD PRESCHOOL

The 2024/2025 Preschool Year concluded on May 14, 2025, with our Spring Show and Graduation.

We had a wonderful school year!

We cooked, had a Thanksgiving feast, PJ party, field trip, danced and sang, all while learning the basics of the preschool year.



Dear Church Members of WHPC,

Thank you very much for the beautiful bracelet! Your generosity is very much appreciated! I also wanted to thank you for all of the donations of supplies and snacks over the years! Your support especially these last two years by myself have meant a lot to me! I will always have a special place in my heart for WHPC and all of its members!! Thanks again for everything!

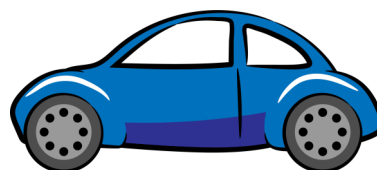
Love, Andrea (Mrs. T)

## GORDON FOODS

The Fellowship Committee has been stocking up on supplies from Gordon Food Service Store in Greensburg. The church now has an account there and the Fellowship Committee wants to let you know that you can help the church on your next shopping trip.

If you shop at Gordon Food Service (and don't have a rewards account of your own), you can mention the church at checkout and your purchases can help earn rewards for the church's account!

## CAR CRUISE



Mark your calendar!

Car Cruise

Saturday, July 26, 2025

11am-4pm

West Hempfield Elementary  
Parking Lot

Music — Food —

Chinese Auction — Dash Plaques

Supporting West Hempfield  
Presbyterian Church and the kids at  
West Hempfield Elementary School

Indoor and Outdoor Vendor  
Spaces Available!

## MAY / JUNE SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

### ***The Session of West Hempfield Presbyterian Church met on Tuesday, June 3, 2025***

We gathered in the upstairs kitchen to cover our church, congregation, and community with prayer and review all that has been going on with the church and the world.

- Approved minutes from April Session meeting
- Approved the Back to School Blessings Service to once again be a part of an August Sunday morning worship
- Reviewed reports from WHPC staff and committees
- Discussed the budget and financial situation of the church
- Discussed repairs needed to the flat roof and shingle over the Fellowship Hall
- Discussed need to evaluate some trees on the property
- At the recommendation of Fellowship Committee, designated church's proceeds from the July Car Cruise to roof repair
- Discussed need for office volunteers while Pastor Andrew is on vacation in late June
- Closed with prayer

Next scheduled Session meeting will be Tuesday, July 22, 2025.

## VBS MISSION PROJECT

To go along with our Road Trip companion, Scout the Dog, we chose two mission opportunities that will help to care for all God's creatures.

The change collected by the kids during the week of VBS will help **Pet Friends of Irwin**, and they will be here on Friday explaining to the kids how they take care of the animals and how you can adopt a pet.

Pet Friends of Irwin is a non-profit, all-volunteer animal rescue organization. Their mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, and find permanent homes for lost and unwanted dogs and cats in southwestern Pennsylvania. They strive to provide medical and physical support to these animals, while also offering educational programs to help end pet overpopulation and enhance the lives of both people and their pets. [petfriendsinc.com](http://petfriendsinc.com)

VBS Mission will also be helping **The Bountiful Bowl Pet Food Pantry** by bringing in a can of pet food or treats for dogs, and they will be bringing their service and therapy dogs on Friday evening so the children can learn about what the dogs do and how they can help people in need.

The kids will learn a lot from Scout the dog during the week and they can help Scout's friends with these 2 groups.

## 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—ROAD TRIP

### JUNE 9-13 (6:00PM—8:00PM)

#### VBS REGISTRATION: It's that time!

**Registration is open!** To register a child to attend VBS *June 9-13, 6-8pm*, please visit the church website and click on "VBS 2025" at the top of the page, or go straight to <https://westhempfieldpc.org/vbs-2025> and then look for the button that says "Register".

## 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.*

## VBS WORSHIP SERVICE

**JUNE 15 10AM**

**Road Trip VBS will be taking over the 10AM service on June 15!**

Everyone is invited to join us June 15 at 10AM for a special VBS presentation to review all that we learned at Road Trip VBS!



## PINE SPRINGS CAMP TRAVELING DAY CAMP

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

**The camp will be held June 16-20 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](http://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/PSCtravelvolunteer>

## 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.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| 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!*



**Thank you to  
all of the  
people who  
joined us on  
May 24 for  
our Volunteer  
Work Day.**

Pulling weeds,  
planting  
flowers,  
trimming  
bushes, and

more. Thank you for  
keeping our church home  
beautiful!

Dear Pastor Andrew and  
Church Family,

Thank you very much for the  
beautiful service at All Saints  
Cemetery, the many sympathy  
cards, phone calls, and  
members who attended my  
Father's funeral service. Your  
love and support warms our  
hearts!

Mike and Denise Nenni  
and the Jessen Family

Thank you for all of  
the donations for  
VBS!

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



We will have a  
special gift for  
all fathers,  
grandfathers, and  
fatherly men of  
the church on  
Sunday, June 15.

## DARTBALL

Congratulations to the WHPC  
Dartball team!

**Greater Irwin Dartball League  
2024-2025 World Series Champs**

The trophy has joined the many  
others from over the years in the  
display case near the nursery.

## MESSAGE FROM BLACKBURN CENTER

Thank you so much for your continued support  
of Blackburn Center and Walk a Mile in Her  
Shoes! We absolutely love the way your church  
has made this event your own. It's so  
meaningful that your congregation walks  
together in your own community, raises  
awareness, shares about our work during your  
service, and generously collects an offering to  
support us.










We're incredibly grateful for your partnership  
and the care your congregation shows each year.  
It means the world to us!

Wishing you all the best with your walk and  
service on April 27th!



# June 2025



| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|----------|
| 1<br>10am Worship   | 2   | 3<br>6:30pm Session Mtg   | 4<br>Senior Cards 11am  | 5   | 6<br>FH—Rental   | 7        |
| 8 Pentecost Sunday<br>10am Worship<br><br> | 9 Upstairs Rental 1pm<br>VBS 6-8pm<br> | 10 VBS 6-8pm<br> | 11 Senior Cards 11am<br>VBS 6-8pm<br> | 12 VBS 6-8pm<br>   | 13 VBS 6-8pm<br>FH—Rental<br> | 14       |
| 15 Father's Day<br>10am Worship—VBS<br><i>Happy Father's Day!</i>   | 16  | 17 Stewardship (Zoom)   | 18 Senior Cards 11am<br>FH—Rental   | 19  | 20 FH—Rental   | 21       |
| 22 10am Worship   | 23  | 24  | 25 Senior Cards 11am<br>FH—Rental   | 26  | 27 FH—Rental   | 28       |
| 29 10am Worship   | 30  | <b>Church Office Hours</b><br>Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays<br>10am — 1pm                      |   |   |  |          |