



WEST HEMPFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

With our launch of RightNow Media last month, every family in the church can have access to a huge library of biblical content that can grow your faith and strengthen your walk with God. We know you can't be at the church all the time. RightNow Media can provide a connection at home where you are able to seek answers for pressing questions and find biblical wisdom in the difficult seasons of life.

This extensive library has more than 20,000 videos taught by leaders like Francis Chan, Jennie Allen, J.D. Greear, Dr. Tony Evans, and many more.

To help navigate this huge collection, we thought this was the perfect time to bring back **Pastor Andrew Recommends**. Watch the newsletter each month for Andrew's latest recommendations which will also be collected in RightNow Media by clicking on the church name and/or logo.

And as you explore on your own, if you find a great series, be sure to let us know.

Blessings, Rev. Andrew Wirt

Pastor Andrew Recommends:

Tinley's Treehouse

This fall our kids Sunday School class is learning about God from an animal themed show called Tinley's Treehouse.

Join Tinley and her neighbor Max as they document their adventures in nature while learning important truths from God's Word. Engaging enough for the whole family, Tinley's Treehouse will have you laughing and learning right alongside this delightful duo. Come and explore God's world with Tinley's Treehouse!



Pastor Andrew Recommends:

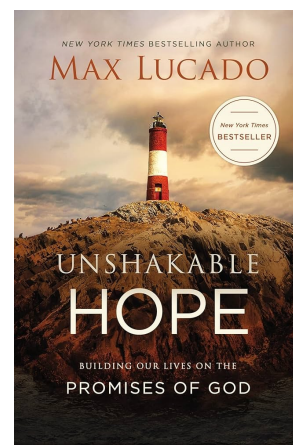
Max Lucado: Unshakable Hope

This one is a bit of a review. Years ago a group at the church gathered and went through Max Lucado's book *Unshakeable Hope* together. Now you can watch the videos, and even follow along in the book, which is available in the church library.

In a trembling, unsteady world, learn to gain stability, find peace, and trust in God.

This 12-session video Bible study will help you, your group, and your church stand on the definitive declarations of our mighty and loving God who governs the world according to His great and precious promises.

This world has a tremble to it. There are things that seem unsteady in this life. But when we belong to God, it allows us to filter our problems through the promises of God. We choose to be people of the promise, we choose to build our lives on the promises of God, not the circumstances of life.



The stories of the men and women in Scripture were different, but the theme was the same: they were People of the Promise. Because of God's promises, Noah built an ark on dry land, Joshua claimed the Promised Land, David became king, Peter preached the first sermon, and John caught a glimpse of the future. Like them, we can also build our lives on God's promises, and trust Him to keep them.

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<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/westhempfieldpc>

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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



We will be celebrating communion together as a part of our worship service on Sunday, October 5, 2025, at 10:00am

OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



FELLOWSHIP

Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, November 1, 2025
4:00pm - 6:30pm
in the Fellowship Hall



Cost is \$12 \$6 for children age 8 and under

No advanced tickets. Pay at the door.

The meal includes: spaghetti, meatballs, salad bar, bread, drink, and dessert.

Carry-out will be available.

Everyone is welcome to help. We will be prepping food and setting up tables Friday night and Saturday throughout the day.

Lots of helping hands have made this a huge success in the past. Can you help this year? Contact the church office, sign up in the lobby, or check the donation board.

HELP US GET THE WORD OUT!

If you would like to have a yard sign to advertise our Spaghetti Dinner in your front yard, contact the office or Larry DeTesta.

STEWARDSHIP

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

If you notice anything that doesn't seem right, please contact the church office or Helen Toms.

Thank you for your continued financial support of WHPC.

NOMINATING

Giving to the church is about more than just finances. Each of us has been blessed with unique gifts—our time, our talents, our hearts for serving. When we share these gifts with our church family, we help build a stronger community of faith and love.

Nominating Committee is looking for next year's class of church leadership. This year we are looking for members who can fill 2-3 seats as Elders and 1-2 seats as Deacons. And anyone can help by joining a committee!

If you would be willing to share your gifts with the church (and attend a few meetings), please contact Pastor Andrew or Nominating Committee members: Dave Collier or Richard Forsyth.

FELLOWSHIP

Our Annual Thanksgiving Lunch is scheduled for after service on Sunday, November 23.

We tried something different last year and had some great helpers, leading to a great meal.

If you would be willing and are able to make a turkey—no stuffing, no carving, just cook it, and the church will do the rest—please talk with Larry DeTesta.

Lunch sign up will be available late October.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TRICK-OR-TREAT

Join your Sunday School friends in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, ***October 26 during the Sunday School hour.***

Come dressed in your ***not-so-scary***, church appropriate Halloween costume and enjoy some fun, games, snacks, and treats.

Bring a friend!

Each church committee will have a table with treats for the kids! If your child(ren) plan to attend, please let your Sunday School teacher know or call the church office so we can be prepared.



SEPTEMBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session of West Hempfield Presbyterian Church will meet on September 30, 2025.

Report will be in the next monthly newsletter

SHARED MINISTRY POSSIBILITY

The Session of West Hempfield Presbyterian Church is excited to share the possibility of a Shared Ministry agreement with 1st United Church of Christ Irwin. Under this agreement, Rev. Andrew Wirt will continue to serve 3/4 time at WHPC while devoting 1/4 time to serving as pastor of 1st UCC Irwin.

Sunday mornings Pastor Andrew would lead service at 1st UCC starting at 9:15 am and then lead service at WHPC starting at 10:45am. He would have Monday evening meetings and Wednesday office hours at 1st UCC.

In exchange, 1st UCC will pay 1/4 of Pastor Andrew's salary and benefits, helping WHPC with our budget.

To discuss and hopefully approve this plan, the Session has called for a special Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, October 26, 2025. 1st UCC will be voting the same day.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

You should have received an email invitation for FREE access to RightNow Media on Sunday, September 21. If you don't see it, be sure to check your spam or promotions folder. If you still don't see it, contact the office and we will send you a link. There is also a QR code that anyone can scan to start the process. To get started, simply click the link in the email or scan the QR code, create your free account, and start browsing more than 20,000 inspiring videos.



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

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2025 FIRST FRUITS OFFERING (PER CAPITA) = \$45.00

The First Fruits Offering, or Per Capita, is our denominational support. Each of us has the opportunity to support the work of the Presbytery, Synod, and National levels of our church, the PCUSA, in the work they do in connecting and supporting Presbyterians across the country.

Said another way, it is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. Because we all share in the benefit of the PC(USA), the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of the PCUSA are shared by everyone as well.

If you are a member of WHPC and you haven't made a First Fruits/Per Capita gift yet this year, please consider doing so. Thank you!

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

All Saints' Day is November 1.

Pastor Andrew and the Worship Committee are planning to once again hold an All Saints' Service on Sunday, November 2, to honor those who have died in the last year. We will read the names and light a candle for each. If you would like to add the name of someone who passed since November 1 of last year, please contact the church office.

PINE SPRINGS CAMP FRIENDS DINNER

Pine Springs Camp Friends Dinner is a fundraiser event supporting and celebrating Pine Springs Camp Sunday, October 26, 2025, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Core Event Center in Irwin, PA.

Contact the camp office for more info or to register today! (814) 629-9834

www.pinesprings.org/annual-friends-dinner

HAITI MISSION SHOEBOXES

What is the Shoebox Drive?

*"We love because He first loved us."
(1 John 4:19)*

Share God's love this Christmas.

Each year we collect shoeboxes filled with gifts for students in Haiti. School supplies, hygiene items, toys and other small gifts make a big difference in the lives of Haitian children and their families. You can share God's love this Christmas by packing a shoebox.

There will be a table in the lobby soon with more information.



WHE COAT DRIVE

Each year our church family collects money to provide new coats to the children of West Hempfield Elementary School who are in need.

Please help support the Mission Committee so that we can continue this loving mission.

There are donation envelopes available by the offering plate.

You can also give online at

www.westhempfieldpc.org/mission

or by texting

WHPC coat
to **73256**.



FOOD2GO4KIDS

Food2Go is a partnership with West Hempfield Elementary School. We help them provide food for children of families in need to take home with them for the weekend. This assures that no child will go hungry without the safety net of school breakfasts and lunches.

Volunteers at the church organize and count the specific food items bought with the donated funds, packing them into bags that are distributed by the school.

This program usually starts mid October and runs throughout the school year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Joseph Iwinski	Oct 1
Cole Graham	Oct 4
Thomas Mihalko	Oct 4
Wesley MacIntosh	Oct 5
Rev. Andrew Wirt	Oct 7
Debra Lloyd	Oct 7
MaryEsther DeTesta	Oct 10
James Crust	Oct 11
Lee Ober	Oct 13
Marge Jessen	Oct 16
Helen Toms	Oct 17
Elsie Barton	Oct 20
Cindy Bankosh	Oct 21
Jan Ober	Oct 28
Brian Pritz	Oct 29

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



Pine Springs Camp Travelling Day Camp says :

Thank you for giving! Your support helped us encourage every camper to know that they are created in God's image and have unique gifts and talents!

Thank you to those who joined us for the Sunday school kick-off. It was great to welcome everyone back to church.

Redstone Presbytery thanked us for hosting the Presbytery meeting again and about our technology setup said, "Thank you for a system that is simple and works!"

Thank you to all of the volunteers and bakers who help us make the church a hospitable place for the Redstone Presbytery meeting on September 23

Thank you to the Mission Committee for

wonderful treats and a time of fellowship after worship on August 3, and thank you to the Personnel Committee for October 5.

LOOKING AHEAD—SAVE THESE DATES

- Thanksgiving Sunday - November 24
- First Sunday of Advent - December 1
- Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24

If you have a thank you or praise you'd like to share with the WHPC family, please call the church office to share in the next newsletter.





October 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Church Office Hours</u> Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 10am – 2pm			1 Senior Cards 11am	2	3 <i>FH—Rental</i>	4
5 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 9am Sunday School 10am Worship w/ Communion	6 Dartball(A) <i>Upstairs—Rental</i>	7	8 Senior Cards 11am	9	10 <i>FH—Rental</i>	11
12 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	13 Dartball(H) <i>Upstairs—Rental</i>	14	15 Senior Cards 11am	16	17 <i>FH—Rental</i>	18 Wedding
19 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	20 Dartball(H) <i>Upstairs—Rental</i>	21 Stewardship Mtg. 6:30pm (Zoom)	22 Senior Cards 11am	23	24 <i>FH—Rental</i>	25 <i>FH—Rental</i>
26 9am Sunday School Costume Party 10am Worship Congregational Meeting	27 Dartball(A) <i>Upstairs—Rental</i>	28 Session Mtg. 6:30pm <i>FH—Rental</i>	29 Senior Cards 11am	30	31 <i>FH—Rental</i>	