



WEST HEMPFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

At this time of year, we are celebrating our graduates!

The last day of our Preschool program was Wednesday, May 19. Their Spring Show and Graduation is available on their website <https://westhempfieldpreschool.org/> throughout the month of June.

High School graduates, if you will be furthering your education in any way, we encourage you to apply for the Watson Scholarship, a one-time scholarship in the amount of \$1000 to any member or child of a member of WHPC, available thanks to the Bill and Delphine Watson Trust Fund (more information about that can be found later in the newsletter).

Graduation. The students and their achievements remind us that life moves ever forward.

As adults we can settle in, even feel stuck in one place. The years seem to blur together as they fly by. Same job, same house, same routines. We can get lost in the comforts of the familiar.

But for kids, the school year is over. Those classes, those teachers, that classroom, maybe the whole building will be left behind. On to something, somewhere new in the fall. Life does not stay the same. You can't go backward. Always forward. Soon it will be a new school year. A fresh start. With all the good and the bad that comes with it.

Perhaps, now, school is over and the "real world" awaits.

The Bible tells us that, at least in some ways, the real world is more like being a student than we may realize. God is always doing something new. God calls us out of the comforts of the familiar.

Philippians 3:13 — *I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead.*

Paul, author of a significant amount of the New Testament, saw life as a follower of Jesus this way. Each new day is fresh start. A new class. A new semester. Always moving forward.

A message to the graduates. To all of us. Graduation is not the end. Each new day is a graduation. A fresh start. Exciting opportunities lay ahead, if we are willing to seek and pursue them.

Isaiah 43:16-19 — *This is what the Lord says— ...
"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.
See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"*

Blessings, Rev. Andrew Wirt

What is Pastor Andrew reading?

When God Made You

Author, Matthew Paul Turner

Illustrator, David Catrow

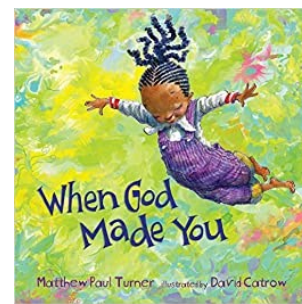
I'm still trying to finish some of the earlier (and thicker) "What is Pastor Andrew Reading?" books. So this month, I offer a book I'm reading to my kids.

From the Amazon listing:

From early on, children are looking to discover their place in the world and longing to understand how their personalities, traits, and talents fit in. The assurance that they are deeply loved and a unique creation in our big universe is certain to help them spread their wings and fly.

Through playful, charming rhyme and vivid, fantastical illustrations, *When God Made You* inspires young readers to learn about their own special gifts and how they fit into God's divine plan as they grow, explore, and begin to create for themselves.

**'Cause when
God made YOU,
somehow God
knew
That the world
needed someone
exactly like you!**



JUNE IN PERSON WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 6 – Worship 8:30AM & 11:00AM, Communion, Graduate recognition and 4th grade bible distribution, *Sounds of the Season at 2:00pm in Sanctuary*

June 13 – Worship 8:30AM & 11:00AM

June 20 - Worship 8:30AM & 11:00AM (VBS Program)

June 27 - Worship 8:30AM & 11:00AM (Outdoors)



COMMUNION



Communion will be served by an usher distributing individually packaged bread and juice to you in your pew seat.

AT HOME WORSHIP SCHEDULE

There are several ways to worship at home with WHPC ...

- You can listen to the service LIVE over the phone at 11:00am (for instructions, please call the church office)
- We mail DVD recordings of full Sunday morning services to anyone who requests one. If you would like one please call the church office at 724-863-1260.
- You can watch a shortened service on Facebook, available Sunday afternoon www.facebook.com/westhempfieldpresbyterian

The same video will be also be available Sunday afternoon on the church website

www.westhempfieldpc.org (After the video on Facebook has finished, it will continue to be available on Facebook as well to watch any time, at your convenience).

Reminder: Anyone can join us for **at-home communion** by calling in at 11am on the first Sunday of the month or by requesting a DVD.

COMING SOON!

Join us for Outside Worship on the last Sunday of June, July & August at 11:00am.

Bring your own chair and join us for Worship!

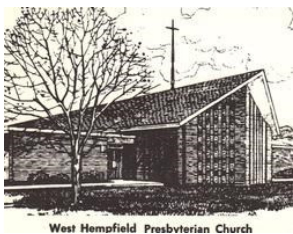
More details to follow ...

The 8:30 service will be indoors as usual.

OUTSIDE WORSHIP



APRIL SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



The Session of West Hempfield Presbyterian Church met on May 25, 2021

- Approved minutes from April 2021
- Approved baptism request
- Approved clerk for the next several months rotating
- Approved kids yoga camp rental August 16-20
- Approved the last Sunday of June, July & August for outside worship at 11:00am
- In search of a Nursery attendant 8:15am—12:15pm
- Approved adjusting Summer office hours to 9:00-12:00pm
- Reviewed committee reports
- Discussed Sunday morning coffee fellowship & agreed to move it into the lobby starting June 6
- Discussed worship-at-home options and participation trends. The call-in will continue at 11:00am. The DVD's will continue to be available upon request. The online (Youtube & Facebook) will continue, however there will no longer be a "Premier" video for regular Sunday worship and videos will post Sunday afternoon rather than Sunday morning (and continue to be available all week)

BIBLES FOR CHILDREN

If your child will be moving up from 4th to 5th grade, the church would like to give them the gift of a Bible on ***Sunday, June 6***. Please let the office know or any Christian Ed Committee member. Pass the Word! If you cannot be with us on June 6, please let the office know and we'll be sure you receive your bible.

HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES

We will recognize graduates on ***Sunday, June 6***. Please supply the church office with information if you/your child is graduating from high school, college, vocational school, graduate school or any other continued education program. The congregation would like to recognize and celebrate your accomplishment during worship. Submit your name, from where you are graduating, & your immediate future plans to the office.

**VBS: JUNE 14 – JUNE 18 (6-8pm)**

It's not too late! Get signed up for VBS today. Online at our church website

www.westhempfieldpc.org

Thank you for all the donations from the congregation that make VBS possible.

We can't do it without all of you!

Reminder: Deadline for VBS donations is Sunday, June 6. Thank you!

VBS DONATIONS: due by June 6**VBS Volunteer Meeting:**

Saturday, June 12, time TBD (final check in, any questions, quick rehearsal to make sure sound, etc. works)

VBS Closing Service:

Sunday, June 20 at 11:00am. Join us for VBS presentations, VBS music, and Volunteer recognition and appreciation. 8:30 service will be a regular service.

MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee is excited to announce that we will be doing a month long campaign to put together hygiene kits through the organization, Church World Services (CWS).

These kits are sent all over the world where communities experience disasters and need.

For a list of items, visit the table in the lobby or call the church office. ***Kits are due back by June 20.*** You are welcome to make a monetary donation as well. VBS will be collecting coins each evening for this project as well. Thank you!





JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Lester Smith June 3
 Larry DeTesta June 6
 Marianne Ernhart June 6
 Allan Immel June 6
 Janet Lore June 9
 Sandy Weaver June 9

Marianne Balister June 21
 Bill Sturdevant June 22
 Austin Hladek June 24
 Debbie Hilewick June 25
 Tom Iwinski June 26
 Albert Balister June 29
 Janice Potthoff June 29

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

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

Join us for our Annual
 "Spring Sounds of the Season"

June 6 at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary

Offering plates will be available, any gifts made during the show will be given to the VBS fundraiser.



FELLOWSHIP



COFFEE HOUR: We are making the move from the kitchen to the lobby!

Beginning June 6, the lobby will be set up as a space for fellowship on Sunday mornings. Coffee, tea, and water will be available.

NURSERY ATTENDANT

Now hiring!

If you or someone you know is interested in caring for our church families children during the 8:30 & 11:00am worship services, please call the church office.

The hours for the nursery attendant are 8:15-12:15.





THANK YOU!

**To all the volunteers who helped with the Food2Go4Kids Program
in any way this school year!
We appreciate the help of WHPC!**

In honor of Ministry of Music Day we thank
Tony Greendonner for sharing the musical gift
of your talents. You have consistently lifted
our hearts in praise and worship.

~ Personnel & Session

Thank you PWA for providing a
wonderful funeral luncheon for
the Moore family.



Thank you for continued prayers during the past
several years for our daughter and family.
We appreciate them ~The Vandermer's

In honor of
Administrative Day we
want to thank Heather
Manhart for her
continued service and
devotion to the church
and church family.

Her many
administrative assistant
duties performed with
positive conviction, is
truly appreciated.

~ Personnel & Session

Thank you! Thank you! For your
prayers, cards, and lovely notes
during my recovery.

~Kitty Toms

In honor of Preschool Teacher
Appreciation Day we want to
thank Linda Simpson & Andrea
Tuttoilmondo for their continued
dedication to lead the children in
social, academic development,
and for fostering a positive
learning environment.

~ Personnel & Session

*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.*

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Yoga in Room 12	2 Senior Cards, 11-2:30pm	3 Office Closed	4 Office Closed	5 Fellowship Hall in Use
6 8:30 & 11:00am Worship Communion Sounds of the Season 2:00pm	7	8 Deacons Meeting, 6:30pm NAMI 7:00pm Yoga in Room 12	9 Senior Cards, 11-2:30pm	10	11	12
13 8:30 & 11:00am Worship	14 VBS 6:00-8:00PM	15 VBS 6:00-8:00PM Yoga in Room 12	16 VBS 6:00-8:00PM Senior Cards, 11-2:30pm	17 VBS 6:00-8:00PM Session Reports Due	18 VBS 6:00-8:00PM	19
20 Happy Father's Day! 8:30am Worship & 11:00am VBS Program	21 H.E.L.P Group 5:00pm	22 Session Meeting 6:30pm Yoga in Room 12	23 Senior Cards, 11-2:30pm	24 Newsletter Deadline	25	26
27 8:30am indoor worship 11:00am outdoor worship	28 H.E.L.P Group 5:00pm	29 Yoga in Room 12	30 Senior Cards, 11-2:30pm			