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

As you may know, I have been leading a small group through a Bible Study on the gospel of Luke.

We start each week with a video lesson, which is something that I have not done in years. It's been fun listening to someone else offer the sermon for a change. Then, along with the other members of the group, I get to share my thoughts on the video and the Scripture passage.

One of our lessons looked at Luke 5:1-11.

Kristy Cambron, our author, wanted us to notice that Jesus, in the story where he calls his first disciples, is preaching from Simon Peter's boat. He tells Simon to "Put out into the deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." (Luke 5:4 NIV) After an astounding catch of fish, Jesus tells Peter "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." (Luke 5:10 NIV)

Right from the start, Jesus let his disciples know this would not be an easy venture. They will be challenged. Following Jesus will take them to the deep waters, where life can be scary, chaotic, and dangerous.

Life has been challenging lately. The world is changing. We are still in the midst of it. You might feel like you are caught in the middle of a storm, in the chaos of deep waters, unable to see the shore you left, uncertain where the ship is going. I know I've felt that way recently.

Often, it seems, this is how God encourages us to grow. Jesus leads us to the deep places. But He does not send us there alone. Like in the story found in Luke 5, Jesus is right here with us in the boat.

Blessings, Rev. Andrew Wirt

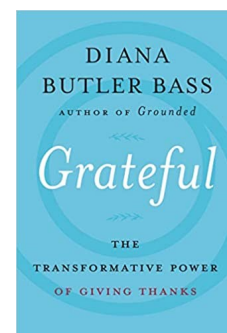
What is Pastor Andrew Reading:

Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks by Diana Butler Bass

In truth, I read this book a few years ago, but it seems appropriate for the month of Thanksgiving. I wanted to read a book each month this year, but I'm having trouble keeping up the pace! Hopefully I will skim through this one again this month as I also try to finish a couple of the other books I have started this year.

From the Amazon listing ...

While four out of five Americans have told pollsters they feel gratitude in their daily lives, cultural commentator and religion expert Diana Butler Bass finds that claim to be at odds with the discontent that permeates modern society.



There is a gap, she argues, between our desire to be grateful and our ability to behave gratefully - a divide that influences our understanding of morality, worship, and institutional religion itself. In *Grateful*, Bass challenges listeners to think about the impact gratitude has in our spiritual lives and encourages them to make gratitude a "difficult and much-needed spiritual practice for our personal lives and to make a better world".

Gratitude is partially an individual, emotional response to our circumstances, but research has shown that what we often miss is how much more it is a communal, actionable response. Bass examines this more unexpected experience of gratitude and reveals how people and communities can practice it and thrive.



Daylight saving time is coming to a close!

This year's time change happens on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 2 a.m., shifting back to 1 a.m.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



11/07 – 8:30 & 11AM Worship w/ Communion, Sunday school
11/14 – 8:30 & 11AM Worship, Sunday school
11/21 – 8:30 & 11AM Worship, Sunday school
Thanksgiving dinner after 11am worship
11/28 – 8:30 & 11AM Worship, Sunday school

*at-home worship sermon videos continue to be available by Sunday evenings 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)

NOVEMBER COMMUNION SCHEDULE

We will celebrate Communion on Sunday, November 7 at the 8:30AM & 11:00AM Worship Services.

We will be using single-serve, pre-packaged communion cups that will be handed out during the worship service. Gluten free wafers are available on the tray.

If you would like to celebrate communion with us, but are not able to join us in-person, you can still participate at home with your own bread and juice on the call-in. (The video posted to the church website does not include the words of communion.)



ALL AGES EXPLORATION OF THE FIRST SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

We are providing tables in the back of the sanctuary with quiet activities for those children who are able to join us during services.

After the first Scripture reading, the children in the sanctuary will be given an activity page from *Illustrated Ministries* to help them understand and remember the Bible story.

We love having kids in the room during worship!

DECORATING FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS



We will be decorating for Christmas the week of **November 21** 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.

OCTOBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session of West Hempfield Presbyterian Church met on October 26, 2021

- Together we covered our church and congregation with prayer, studied the Bible, reviewed all that has been going on, and discussed upcoming events.
- We read and reflected on Luke 5:1-11.
- Approved Session minutes from September 2021.
- First read of the 2022 Budget was presented
- Job descriptions for open church positions were discussed and approved. Personnel will be receiving resumes.
- Soccer Shots will be returning on Wednesday evenings in November, and was approved to rent the Fellowship Hall for a number of Winter classes.
- Cleaning up rooms throughout the church, it was found that the cribs in the diaper change room beside the nursery were of a (no longer recommended) drop-side style. To comply with safety standards the church plans to remove them and replace them with a standard Pack 'n Play. A big "Thank you!" to Mark Arnold who was able to convert one of the cribs into a bench seat for siblings who have to wait while a little brother or sister is getting their diaper changed.
- Wall unit air conditioners in the sanctuary are in need of repair/replace. Bids are being gathered.
- Employee recognition gifts were given to John Bankosh (Custodian Appreciation Day, October 2) and Rev. Andrew Wirt (Pastor Appreciation Day, October 10)
- Coat drive has started. 54 coats were requested this year. Fewer than in years past, but the need is still present. We are still seeking financial donations to help cover the cost. Anyone can give online or by envelopes available in the pews.
- Food2Go collection box will go back out into the circle driveway every Monday for community donations.

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER

- ◆ Elder Richard Forsyth has been volunteering to keep the church office open and answer the phone. If you are able and would like to help by covering the desk some weekday morning, please call the church office or talk with Richard Forsyth.
- ◆ We would love to have live music on Sunday mornings as we search for a new installed church musician. If you would like to volunteer to play a single piece of music, a full Sunday morning, or anywhere in between, please contact the church office and we would be overjoyed to have you participate.
- ◆ We would like to re-open the nursery on Sunday mornings for our parents of little ones. If you would be willing to volunteer as a nurse attendant during a Sunday morning worship service (either service or both, on a one-time or regular basis) please let the church office know.

Thank you!

HAITI SPAGHETTI DINNER **DRIVE-THRU ONLY**

Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 4:00-6:30 PM

COST: Adults..... \$9 Children \$5

MENU: Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, and a beverage



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PROCEEDS: We have been able to send \$100 each month to support a school in Haiti, thanks to the fundraising and your on-going generous support. If you are able to help with any event, please contact Arleen Sekely or Jen Mikluscak. Thank you!

MEATBALL MAKING PARTY: Join us on *Friday, November 5 at 6:00pm* to help prepare for the Spaghetti Dinner. Please come and enjoy some fun and fellowship while helping make this dinner a success.

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 14.

LOCAL MISSION **WHE**

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* in the pews. Please help support the mission committee so that we can continue this loving mission. You can also give online at www.westhempfieldpc.org/mission or by texting **WHPC coats** 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 bin available outside the sanctuary 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
 - Write a check to WHPC with Food2Go in the memo line

FELLOWSHIP

THANKSGIVING DINNER



Join your church family for our Annual *Thanksgiving Dinner* following our *11am worship service on November 21*. 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 Friday, November 12. 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 14

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 14 – Breakfast Items (cereal, oatmeal, juices, cereal bars, dried milk)

November 21 – Lunch Items (peanut butter, jelly, soups, mac-n-cheese, canned fruit)

November 28 – Dinner Items (pasta, sauces, canned vegetables, cookies, cake mixes, puddings, rice mix, drinks)

December 5 – 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 Sex, Age, 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 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.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Coat Drive!

Dear WHPC,
Thank you so much for all of your kind words as I begin a new chapter.
I pray you all stay well and I will have to come and see you on a Sunday morning.
Take care and blessings moving forward.
Heather Manhart

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

Thank you to Richard Anthony for volunteering to share his musical talents with WHPC at the 8:30am service on October 24!

I appreciate all of you recognizing Custodian Day. Your gift was very much appreciated. Everyone gets caught up in day to day life and we all take things for granted, so it was very thoughtful of all of you to think of me.
With much appreciation,
John Bankosh

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



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		

November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 Communion 8:30AM & 11:00AM Worship Sunday school 9:45am	8 H.E.L.P. Group, 5pm Dart Ball, 7pm Bible Study, 7pm	9 Deacons Meeting, 6:30pm NAAM, 7 pm	10 Senior Cards, 11am Soccer Shots	11 Veterans Day RSVP for the T-giving Dinner	12	13
14 8:30AM & 11:00AM Worship Sunday school 9:45am	15 H.E.L.P. Group, 5pm Dart Ball, 7pm Bible Study, 7pm	16 Stewardship Meeting, 6:30pm	17 Senior Cards, 11am Food2Go Packing, 6:30pm Soccer Shots	18 Session Reports Due	19	20
21 8:30AM & 11:00AM Worship & Sun school 9:45am T-giving dinner 12:00 in FH	22 H.E.L.P. Group, 5pm Dart Ball, 7pm	23 Session Meeting, 6:30pm Newsletter Deadline	24 Senior Cards, 11am	25 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27
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