



OCTOBER 2018

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On Sunday September 16th, a devoted church goer may have noticed that the sermons at the first and second service were not quite the same. Of course, my sermons will never be exactly the same because I don't recite or read them Sunday mornings. Normally, I preach from a note sheet that I prepare each week to keep me on topic. Most weeks I first write a very long sermon and then trim it down to "just the good stuff" aiming for around 20 minutes. On the 16th, my contact lens was bothering me throughout the first service and I removed the lens for the second service. Effectively, in both services, I couldn't really read my notes, so both sermons started and ended the same, but in the middle, it was whatever I could remember from the original long sermon.

All of that is to say, *normally*, no matter which service you attend you will get the same sermon – a few words may be different, but the same theme and same main points.

For a few more weeks at least, though, we will be experimenting with some other things being different. Not the music or the style. I'm not interested in "contemporary vs. traditional," but you may have heard me use the word "streamlined."

My thought is to have the 11am service be the "everything" service, which may mean we occasionally go a little over the hour mark, but we will try to be respectful of your time and not let that happen often. The 8:30am service, in contrast, would be the "streamlined" service, focusing on being small, simple, to-the-point – without the extra bells and whistles. The early service will likely end up being less than a full hour.

In all things we do, we will praise the Lord!

Blessings,
Rev. Andrew Wirt

Pastor Andrew Recommends:

Last month I recommended a booklet devotional that the church provides at no cost to you. This month I wanted to recommend another free devotional for your daily use.

d365 is an online resource, available as a website or as an app (for those with a smart phone or tablet). The website is d365.org and the app can be found by searching for d365. It is a white background with d365 written in multiple bright colors.

When you go to the website or open the app you will be taken directly to the day's devotion. (It is possible to look up previous ones in the archives if you hunt for it.) d365 will lead you (by clicking the arrow or by swiping in the app) through a daily routine of **Pause** – explanation/reminder of the weekly theme, **Listen** – Scripture, **Think** – short reflection on the Scripture, **Pray** – a simple prayer related to the reflection, **Go** – a benediction, a blessings to encourage you throughout your day.

OCTOBER WORSHIP

- 10/7** – 8:30 & 11AM Worship
World Communion Sunday
- 10/14** – 8:30 & 11AM Worship, coffee
hour hosted by the
Worship & Stewardship committees
- 10/21** – 8:30 & 11AM Worship
- 10/28** – 10:00AM Worship... All Saints
Sunday/Reformation Sunday, Trick-Or-
Treat luncheon after worship in
Fellowship Hall

SEPTEMBER SESSION

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Baptism approval for Eli Van der Lee on Sunday October 14th at 11:00AM luncheon to follow for the family
- Approved \$100 from mission budget to go to the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Scholarship Drive
- Approved one service on October 28th at 10:00AM
- Approved Trick or Treat luncheon to follow worship on October 28th in Fellowship Hall
- Personnel is starting a search to fulfill the youth director position. Job posted on Indeed.
- Building committee updating information with insurance company
- Wylie Irwin coded and reorganized the keys in the church office
- Christian Ed continues to look for help with teaching Sunday school, call the church office or see Rachael Pritz
- Stewardship to begin working on 2019 budget

SAVE THE DATE...

November 9th from 6-8pm, join us for a Family Coloring Party in the fellowship hall.



Please remember our friends with cards and/or visits...

The Reed Family –

715 9th St Irwin, PA 15642

Harry Remaley –

8 Garden Center Dr.

Apt 101 Greensburg, PA 15601

Betty Reese –

300 Fox Chapel Rd.

Apt 606 Pittsburgh, PA 15238



WELCOME BABY RITSON!

Congratulations to Eric and Kristen Ritson on the birth of their son, and also to brother, Dylan and Bob & Joyce Edmonds on the birth of their grandson, Kameron Patrick Ritson was born on September 5, 2018. Eric & Kristen's address is: 507 Centerbury Dr. Greensburg, PA 15601



Joseph Iwinski	October 1
Brianna Smith	October 1
Thomas Mihalko	October 4
Wesley MacIntosh	October 5
Barbara Langham	October 6
Rev. Andrew Wirt	October 7
MaryEsther DeTesta	October 10
Richard Pealstorm	October 11
Pat Cloonan	October 13
Lee Ober	October 13
Helen Toms	October 17
Elsie Barton	October 20
Cindy Bankosh	October 21
Jan Ober	October 28
Paityn Bauer	October 28
Brian Pritz	October 29
William Rehrer	October 30

FOOD 2 GO 4 KIDS:

Join the school, staff and students for a spaghetti dinner in the fellowship hall. Enjoy the 5th grade band perform and make sure to check out the Chinese Auction too! **Monday, October 8th from 5 to 7pm.** Adults \$8/Children \$5. Take Out available. If you can be of assistance setting up or cleaning up, please sign up!



BEVERLY'S CUPCAKES:

Thank you to all who baked and decorated cupcakes for Beverly's Birthdays in September. Do you want to help? **We are looking for donations of icing and small treats.** You can sign up on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary or call the church office to be added to the list. Want to know more about Beverly's Birthday's? Check out the bulletin board in the lobby. Thank you!



Presbyterian Women's Pie Sale!

Pies can be ordered following worship every Sunday starting **October 7th** or pie orders can be placed by calling the church office.



TRICK-OR-TREAT LUNCHEON

Join us for a Trick or Treat luncheon on **October 28th after our 10 am worship service.** Come dressed in your **not so scary** Halloween costume to worship or change after and join us for some FUN in the fellowship hall!

Each church committee will have a table with treats for the kids! Lunch will also be provided by the Fellowship committee. If you plan to attend, please sign up outside the sanctuary doors.



LIFETOUCH MAKE-UP DAYS...



Thanks to all who had their photos taken for the directory on September 14th & 15th. **You will receive a copy of the directory when it is printed.**

If you were not able to be photographed on those dates, and would like your photo included in the directory and to receive a copy, you have **two options:**

1. **Make an appointment** at St. Bruno Church in Greensburg, October 3rd - 6th by calling 866-756-0281. You will receive a free 8 x 10 photo and appear in our directory. Let the church office know if this is what you plan to do.
2. **Submit your own photo** to secretary@westhempfieldpc.org and drop off the \$10 processing fee in the church office.

We will be ringing the bells this year! Date and times to follow in upcoming bulletins!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Choir Rehearsal 10:15AM on Sunday mornings between services	1	2 PWA Board Meeting 10am – kitchen Girl Scouts, 5:30pm – kitchen	3 Senior Cards 11-2:30 Choir Rehearsal – 6:00pm	4	5	6
7 **PIE SALE** 8:30 & 11 worship World Communion Sunday Set-Up for Food2Go Dinner	8 Food 2 Go 4 Kids Spaghetti Dinner 5:00PM – 7:00PM Adults \$8, Kids \$5	9 Deacons Meeting 6:30pm – kitchen NAMI – 7PM	10 Senior Cards 11-2:30 Choir Rehearsal – 6:00pm Food2Go4Kids – 6:30	11 Scouts – 6pm	12	13
14 **PIE SALE** 8:30 & 11 worship Coffee Hour provided by Worship & Stewardship *Fellowship Hall in use	15 Dart Ball 7pm @ Paintertown	16 Confirmation Class 7:00PM Identity in Christ/Baptism	17 Senior Cards 11-2:30 Choir Rehearsal – 6:00pm	18 Session Reports Due	19	20 *NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER*
21 **PIE SALE** 8:30 & 11 worship S & F budget meeting following service	22 Dart Ball 7pm @ WHPC Beverly's Birthday's 10:00AM	23 PWA Charity Circle 1pm – kitchen Session Meeting 6:30pm - kitchen	24 Senior Cards 11-2:30 Choir Rehearsal – 6:00pm Food2Go4Kids – 6:30	25 Scouts – 6pm	26	27
28 **PIE SALE** 10:00AM Worship Family Fun Trick- Or-treat Luncheon following	29 Dart Ball 7pm @ WHPC	30	31 Senior Cards 11-2:30 Choir Rehearsal – 6:00pm			