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Hello West Hempfield Presbyterian Church newsletter readers!

Paul opens his first letter to the Corinthians with these words.

I Corinthians 1:2 *To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people [saints], together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours:*

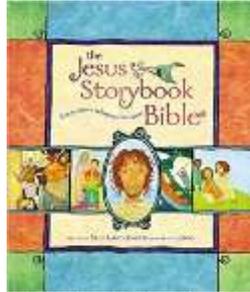
November 1st is All Saint's Day.

Saints are those who have achieved the ultimate joy in heaven of complete communion with God where they see Him face to face. In the Catholic Church, there is a formal process of nomination and documentation through which the deceased are elevated to sainthood. In other Christian traditions, the word saint is used to denote all Christian believers. Either way, on All Saints Day, all Christians celebrate the mysterious joy of “the communion of saints” which sees beyond death into the heavenly realm where kindred souls mysteriously unite together in their love for the Lord.

In this month of Thanksgiving, we give thanks to God for all those who have faithfully completed their life on this earth, and now enjoy the true Life with Jesus.

Blessings,
Rev. Andrew Wirt

SAVE THE DATE! Please join your church family for our Annual *Thanksgiving Dinner* following our **11am worship service on November 18th**. Please sign up via sign-up sheet, email or call the church office Monday-Friday (9am-1pm). Please RSVP no later than November 12th. Thank you!!



Pastor Andrew Recommends:

We had a baptism in October and the Session just approved another baptism scheduled for November. What a wonderful joy it is to have new life in our midst!

For a few years now, whenever I have had the opportunity to participate in the baptism of a child, I have given the gift of a book – *The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name*.

From Noah to Moses to the great King David---every story points to Jesus. The Jesus Storybook Bible invites children to join in the greatest of all adventures, to discover for themselves that Jesus is at the center of God's great story of salvation---and at the center of their Story too.

From a 1924 article ...

The Baby in Church

We have all heard the baby crying in church when the priest was speaking. Not all, however, have read Father Conroy's book "A Mill Town Pastor," nor his delightful telling of a similar experience. "There are two of us preaching in this church at once," said the pastor, "and I don't know which of us is giving the better sermon. When a baby cries in church he is telling two things: First, that there are babies in the family, and second, that the mother has come to Mass with her baby. On the whole, I think the baby is preaching the better sermon and I'll let him go on with it."

To the parents of the crying baby in the sanctuary during worship, thank you for coming! We know what a challenge it can be just to get out of the house. Please don't leave, and don't apologize for the noise. We love you. We love your little one. You are welcome! We are glad you are here. Pastor Andrew loves the sound! It is the sound of a growing church family.

**Don't forget to turn your clocks back by one hour this Saturday at midnight,
November 4th**



November 4 – 8:30 & 11am Worship; Sunday School 9:30am

November 11 – 8:30 & 11am Worship, Coffee Hour hosted by the Men's Group;
Sunday School 9:30am

November 18 – One Service 11am Worship; Thanksgiving Dinner to follow; No Sunday School

November 25 – 8:30 & 11am Worship; Sunday School 9:30am, Decorate for Christmas
Following the 11am Worship

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

Becky Collier
204 Mozart Circle
Irwin, Pa 15642

Clara Kovacs
7760 State Route 30
North Huntingdon, Pa 15642

*thinking
of you*

*Thank
you*

Thank you for your cards, kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated ~Harry Remaley

Thank you and kudos to all the groups that provided treats and crafts for our trick-or-treaters last Sunday. Big thank you to Melissa, Larry & Nancy in the kitchen and everyone who helped set up and tear down for the luncheon. What a fun time! Hope you all enjoyed!

Hi all!

Just wanted to share that my kids excitedly ran off the school bus today to tell me that some of their friends in their home rooms were recipients of the coats the church purchased. Their friends were so excited and loved their new coats! A little boy was gushing at how warm his new coat was and that "he didn't want to take it off". :-))

PWA FUNERAL LUNCHEONS: Just a reminder the ladies of PWA provide light funeral luncheon's for our church family. If you have a request, please contact the church office to make arrangements. Thank you! Donations are accepted by PWA to help defray the cost of the luncheon.

LOCAL MISSION

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The collection of food items will begin Sunday, November 11th

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 Missions thank you for helping them help others in need in our community.

November 11 – Breakfast Items (cereal, oatmeal, juices, cereal bars, dried milk, etc.)

November 18 – Lunch Items (peanut butter, jelly, soups, mac-n-cheese, canned fruit, etc.)

November 25 – Dinner Items (pasta, sauces, canned vegetables, cookies, cake mixes, puddings, rice mix, drinks, etc.)

December 2 – Paper Products / Toiletries (paper towels, tissues, soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, floss, etc.)

All items should be non-perishable.

If you have a name of a family which could benefit from this ministry, please call the church office.

If you can help packaging the baskets, please contact Janet Lore at 724-864-4083.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE WARM THIS WINTER

Each year our church family provides a coat to the children of West Hempfield Elementary School who are in need. There are donation envelopes at the church so that you may help us continue this loving mission. The children thank you!

THE GINGERBREAD TREE

Check the bulletin board outside the sanctuary for gingerbread men. Each one represents a family that you can adopt for Christmas. Each Gingerbread has a number which represents which family they belong to, along with the Sex, Age and Child's Interests. When you take a gingerbread, please write your name and phone number on the index card provided and place in the envelope next to the bulletin board. Once you have finished shopping and packaged your gift, please attach the gingerbread man to the gift and return it in front of the bulletin board.



INTERNATIONAL MISSION

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

Provides gifts for children in Haiti. Take a shoebox and fill it with the list provided. Shoeboxes will be available after worship or you may stop in Monday – Friday between 9am and 1pm. **Deadline: November 25th**



COUPON BOOKS TO SUPPORT OUR HAITI MISSION

These will be available for purchase after worship or you may pick one up in the office. The books are \$5 each. We have 3 books this year; Norwin Area, Greensburg, and Latrobe. Thank you for your support.



BEVERLY'S BIRTHDAY'S

Ainsley Pritz is collecting new book donations for children. Her champion of Cheer goal is to collect **100 new books** by the end of December. She will be donating the books to Beverly's Birthday's for their birthday cheer bin. If you are able to help, please drop your book off at the church. For more info, please visit the Beverly's Birthday's bulletin board in the lobby.

Our next decorating will be Tuesday, *November 27th at 10am in the upstairs kitchen.* Thank you!!

RINGING FOR A CAUSE

If you are interested in participating and ringing the bell this year for the Salvation Army, please sign up. We are scheduled for *Saturday December 1st from 10am-8pm* (1 hour increments) at the Giant Eagle in North Huntingdon (both sides).



Janson Hrico	November 3 rd
Alan Bookheimer	November 5 th
Janice Mihalko	November 11 th
Melissa Wybiral	November 12 th
Genevieve Wirt	November 14 th
Hope Aston	November 14 th
Sean Immel	November 17 th
Deb Immel	November 19 th
Sandy Young	November 26 th

UPCOMING EVENTS



FAMILY COLORING PARTY

Fun for the whole family!

November 9th from 6-8pm, join us for a Family Coloring Party in the fellowship hall where we will be coloring some Christmas/Advent decorations for the sanctuary to along with Pastor Andrew's sermons.

LET CHRISTMAS BEGIN...



We invite you to come enjoy the sounds of the season. Music will be provided by the students of Tony Greendoner on *December 2nd at 6:00PM* in the sanctuary. We will be collecting non-perishable **breakfast items such as** cereal, oatmeal, juices, cereal bars, dried milk, etc.) for our deacons baskets.

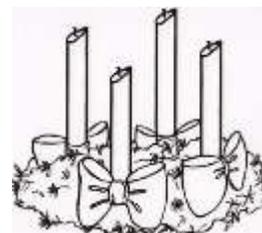


The Advent Season

There are many opportunities to help with worship this upcoming Christmas Season including decorating the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas, lighting Advent candles, and providing special music during Advent Sundays. Please consider joining in the preparation for the Advent Season:



- The Worship Committee will be decorating on **Sunday, November 25th** after the 11am worship. If you can lend a helping hand that would be greatly appreciated.
- Please bring your family to worship during Advent and let them experience the wonder of preparing to welcome the Christ-child into the world.



- We would love to have the **Bell Choir** as part of our musical worship experience for Christmas. If anyone is interested in Bells please see Tony Greendonner. We will do a couple songs that are very easy and no prior music experience is necessary. Even if you've never played bells or believe you don't have a musical bone in your body, if you can count to four, you can learn the bells. Please speak to Tony Greendonner if you're a willing to participant.

- The Worship Committee is currently looking for special music for the month of December/Advent. Thank you for considering offering your time and talents in making the upcoming Advent Season a special worship experience!
- Pittsburgh Theological Seminary provides a free Advent devotional on their website at www.pts.edu/devotional_1 where you can click on "Resources" then "Publications" and scroll to the devotions. As always, the church provides the Daily Bread & These Days resources for you. They can be found in the lobby.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>*Choir Rehearsal 10:15AM on Sunday mornings between services*</p>				1	2	<p>3 Fall Back 1 hour</p> 
<p>4 Sunday School 9:30am 8:30 & 11 WORSHIP *Last Sunday for PWA Pie Sale*</p>	<p>5 DART BALL 7PM @ Greensburg #2</p>	<p>6 PWA Board Meeting 10am - kitchen Deacons Meeting 6:30pm – kitchen</p>	<p>7 Senior Cards 11-2:30 <i>Discovering your spiritual gifts 6pm</i> Men's Bible Study 7pm</p>	<p>8 Scouts – 6pm</p>	9	10
<p>11 Sunday School 9:30am 8:30 & 11 WORSHIP Bldg. Com Mtg. 10am Coffee Hour hosted by Men's Group</p>	<p>12 DARTBALL 7PM @ WHPC *PIE DELIVERY*</p>	<p>13 NAMI 7pm</p>	<p>14 Senior Cards 11-2:30 Food2Go4kids 6:30pm S & F 6:30pm Men's Bible Study 7pm</p>	15	16	17 Presbytery Meeting
<p>18 One Service 11am Thanksgiving Dinner to follow *No Sunday School*</p>	<p>19 DARTBALL 7PM @ WHPC</p>	<p>20 NEWSLETTER AND SESSION REPORTS DEADLINE!</p>	<p>21 Senior Cards 11-2:30 Men's Bible Study 7pm</p>	<p>22 <i>Have a blessed Thanksgiving!</i> *Office Closed*</p>	<p>23 *Office Closed*</p>	24 Fellowship Hall in Use
<p>25 Sunday School 9:30am 8:30 & 11 WORSHIP Decorate for Christmas after 11am worship *Shoebox Deadline*</p>	<p>26 DARTBALL 7PM @ West Newton</p>	<p>27 <i>Beverly's Birthday's 10am decorating</i> PWA – 1pm Session Meeting 6:30pm - kitchen</p>	<p>28 Senior Cards 11-2:30 Food2Go4Kids 6:30pm Men's Bible Study 7pm</p>	29	30	