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## **May 2018 Newsletter**

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### **Everyone Counts!**

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

~ I Corinthians 12:4-11

Pentecost (May 20<sup>th</sup>) is a day when we are reminded of the full array of gifts any church—and the worldwide Church—needs to function. Everyone counts. Everyone contributes. Some in flashy, up-front ways; others in quiet, behind-the-scenes ways. But take away any one of them, and the church loses its ability to function, to walk upright, to follow Jesus down paths of discipleship.

When Paul opened this chapter, he said, “I don’t want you to be ignorant about gifts.” Everyone has a gift. Everyone spends that gift thoughtfully in order for the Body of Christ to function. Pentecost comes just once a year but its truth shines every day of every year and this has been going on in dizzying ways for a couple millennia now. Thanks be to God!

### **Upcoming Worship Schedule**

**May 6** – Communion, dedication of new hymnals, distribution of 4<sup>th</sup> grade Bibles

**May 13** – Rev. Andrew Wirt, the candidate for pastor is guest preaching

**May 20** – Pentecost

**May 27** – One service at 10:00 AM, Trinity Sunday

**June 3** – One service at 10:00 AM, Communion, recognition of graduates,  
Peggy’s last day in the pulpit

**June 10** – One service at 10:00 AM, Rev. Skip Noftger, guest preaching

**June 17** – One service at 10:00 AM, guest preacher, VBS celebration

**June 24** – One service at 10:00 AM, guest preacher

**July 1** – One service at 10:00 AM, guest preacher



**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- MAY 6** – Communion Sunday 8:30 & 11:00AM  
Dedication of new hymnals  
Sunday School 9:45am
- MAY 12** – “Meet and Greet” 4:00-6:00 PM  
in fellowship hall
- MAY 13** – One worship service at 10:00 AM  
Congregational meeting & Coffee Hour
- MAY 20** – 8:30 & 11am Worship  
Last Day for Sunday School 9:45
- MAY 27** – Summer Worship Begins 10:00 AM  
Worship

*Beginning Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> we will begin our Summer Worship Schedule of one service at 10:00 AM throughout the summer months.*

*The last Sunday for summer worship will be Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM.*



**MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> Coffee Hour** following both worship services, hosted by Men’s Group.

**High School and College graduates will be recognized on June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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.**



**WEST HEMPFIELD PRESCHOOL:**

The Preschool will be celebrating their 2017-2018 graduates on *Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am* in the sanctuary followed with refreshments in the fellowship hall.

For registration in the fall, the morning class is almost filled and the afternoon has a few openings as well. If you would like more information, visit their website at [www.westhempfieldpreschool.org](http://www.westhempfieldpreschool.org), or call the church office between 9am – 1pm. Thank you!

**West Hempfield 2018 Food Bank Dates**  
**FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS!**  
**May 19, 2018 and August 18, 2018 from 9:00-11:30 AM**

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELPING:



**Beverly's Birthdays** is an organization that hosts birthday parties for children who would otherwise NOT have a celebration. Can you imagine, as a child, that your birthday is not an event? Our church volunteers bake cupcakes and decorate them. We also provide items for goody bags. Undecorated cupcakes are needed and will be decorated **on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10am**. What a way to serve and make a very special child happy!

## LOCAL MISSION:

We will be packaging our LAST FOOD ITEMS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR on **Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** in the upstairs kitchen. If you would like to help package, please sign up outside the sanctuary. The food will be placed in plastic shopping bags. The food will go home with West Hempfield Elementary School children who need some extra nourishment.



## CHRISTIAN ED

**VBS REGISTRATION: It's almost time!** To register a child to attend VBS **June 11-15, 6-8pm** please visit the church website [www.westhempfieldpc.org](http://www.westhempfieldpc.org) and click on the VBS logo under Children & Youth. Complete the registration form & pay the \$5 registration fee to the church office. You may also complete the registration form located outside the sanctuary and turn a completed form into the office along with registration \$5 fee.

**VOLUNTEER FOR FUN:** We can't do great Vacation Bible School without our great volunteers. Consider how you can help – the kids have to learn, play, snack, craft, and be loved. No prior experience necessary. Please visit the church website [www.westhempfieldpc.org](http://www.westhempfieldpc.org) to sign-up. Thank you!

## NEW HYMNALS

We will dedicate the new hymnals, "Glory to God" on **Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at both services**. Come prepared to make a joyful noise!

**BIBLES FOR CHILDREN:** If your child will be moving up from 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, they will be gifted a Bible from the church during worship on **May 6<sup>th</sup>**. Please plan to attend church with your child. Pass the Word!



To my church family,

Thank you for all the prayers, beautiful cards, visits and concerns.

Katy Stauffer



Ann Randolph	May 4th	Bob Mihalko	May 23rd
Ainsley Pritz	May 5th	Sarah Immel	May 23rd
Lindsey Robinson	May 5th	Gavin Hladek	May 27th
Rachael Pritz	May 6th	Connie Mertz	May 27th
Bob Lore	May 8th	Harrold Johnson	May 28th
John Bankosh	May 12th	Gillian Mihalko	May 29th
Amy Graham	May 13th	Judith Sturdevant	May 30th
Nikki Mackenzie	May 19th	Clara Kovacs	May 31st

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

### **Remember Our Homebound with Cards & Calls!**

Ms. June Campbell  
 1015 Pennsylvania Avenue  
 Room 105  
 Irwin, Pa 15642

Mr. and Mrs. Pealstorm  
 691 Turnpike Drive  
 Irwin, Pa 15642

Mr. Dave Francisco  
 2973 Kingston Court  
 North Huntingdon, Pa 15642

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>  PWA BOARD MEETING 10AM	<b>2</b>  Senior Cards 11-2:30 Choir 6:45PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Communion Sunday 8:30 & 11 Worship Sunday School 9:45am	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  Deacon's Meeting 6:30 PM  NAMI 7 PM	<b>9</b>  No Seniors S & F Mtg 6:30 Food2Go4Kids 6:30 Choir 6:45PM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Meet & Greet 4pm-6pm Fellowship Hall
<b>13</b> One Service 10:00 AM Congregational Mtg Coffee Hour hosted by the Men's Group No Sunday School	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Primary Election Day in Fellowship Hall	<b>16</b>  Preschool Graduation Senior Cards 11-2:30 Choir 6:45PM Christian Ed Mtg 6:30	<b>17</b>  <b>SESSION REPORTS                      DUE!!</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>19</b>  Westmoreland Food Bank 9-11:30 AM
<b>20</b>  8:30 & 11 Worship Last Day for Sunday School 9:45am	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Session Meeting 6:30 PM	<b>23</b>  Senior Cards 11-2:30  Choir 6:45PM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>*NEWSLETTER                      DEADLINE*</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>  SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS ONE SERVICE 10AM	<b>28</b>  Happy Memorial Day!  Office Closed	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>Office Hours                      9-12noon today</b>  Senior Cards 11-2:30 Choir 6:45PM	<b>31</b>  Beverly's Birthday's 10:00 AM		

## VBS PRAYER CALENDAR 2018

<p>May 27</p> <p>For all the people who serve in quiet, but essential ways in VBS.</p>	<p>May 28</p> <p>Safety for all – including travel to and from VBS.</p>	<p>May 29</p> <p>For no power outages.</p>	<p>May 30</p> <p>Thankfulness for those who generously donate time, money, or effort to VBS.</p>	<p>May 31</p> <p>Thankfulness for our facilities and that we experience no problems with them.</p>	<p>June 1</p> <p>For good weather for all the sessions of VBS.</p>	<p>June 2</p> <p>For God’s blessing on those who are commissioned to serve in VBS in our worship service.</p>
<p>June 3</p> <p>For final preparations.</p>	<p>June 4</p> <p>Joy, peace, and God’s rich grace for all the leaders who will serve in VBS.</p>	<p>June 5</p> <p>For safety and a fun time for the people setting up for VBS.</p>	<p>June 6</p> <p>Thankfulness for God’s blessing of rest.</p>	<p>June 7</p> <p>For witness of kids as they invite friends to VBS.</p>	<p>June 8</p> <p>For welcoming hearts and hands for kids and parents.</p>	<p>June 9</p> <p>Thankfulness for a safe and blessed first session.</p>
<p>June 10</p> <p>For great problem-solving skills when they are needed during VBS.</p>	<p>June 11</p> <p>That our VBS will proclaim God’s Word clearly.</p>	<p>June 12</p> <p>For those who take pictures to keep the memory of VBS alive.</p>	<p>June 13</p> <p>For people served through Blackburn Center, which we will support with our offering.</p>	<p>June 14</p> <p>For extra stamina for adults and kids in VBS.</p>	<p>June 15</p> <p>For people cleaning up and putting away after VBS.</p>	<p>June 16</p> <p>For everyone as they transition back to life after VBS, full of Good News to tell.</p>
<p>June 17</p> <p>For the closing celebration, that the VBS kids share God’s Word, and that all those gathered hear the Good News about our gracious God and Jesus, God’s Son, our Savior and Lord, and that all who were a part of VBS live as God’s forgiven and redeemed children.</p>						