

OCTOBER 2023

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Family Fun at Fall Festival



Saturday, October 14
4-7P.M.

Games
Crafts
Pie Auction
Pie Eating Contest
5pm Light Supper



Trunk or Treat is Going on the Road

by Phyllis McCullough

This year we have a unique opportunity to share our Trunk or Treat event with the community in a different way! With the building project planned to be underway by late October, our parking lot will not provide the safest environment for our guests. Never fear! God provided an alternative plan for us!

parade starts. Trunk or Treat will follow from 2:30-4:00.

If you don't want to decorate a trunk but would like to help out, we are looking for 2-3 people to "host" a Westfield table. You can sign up for that on the poster as well.

Bessemer is planning a community event on Saturday, October 28. The event starts off with a parade of Trick or Treaters down Main Street at 2:00 P.M. followed by a Trunk or Treat event sponsored by Westfield, Bessemer Presbyterian and the Library. This should be a great event for our community and it is our hope that Westfield will provide a wonderful array of decorated trunks!

As usual, if you are unable to participate but would like to donate candy or other treats, a box will be provided for your donations.

Westfield has always hosted a wonderful event and it is hoped that you will do the same this year even though things are a little different! It's a blessing to share with others and have fun. It's how we can shine a light on a special day that has become scary for some children. Sharing the love of Christ in a safe environment is more important than ever. Please help to make this a great event for all!

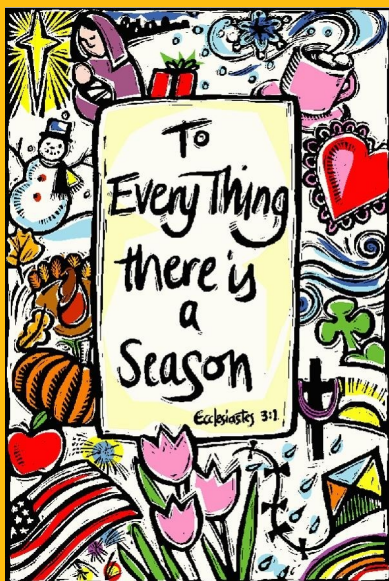


~ Halloween Joke ~
How do you fix a broken Jack-o-Lantern?

Answer:

With a pumpkin patch!

A Season of Reflection and Renewal by Pastor Bobby



Fall is one of my favorite seasons, especially in Pennsylvania. We are blessed to enjoy the massive change of color in the leaves, the feeling of that crisp air, and the enjoyment of football, festivals, hunting, that final motorcycle ride, and so much more. Fall is also a time of reflection because the changing season reminds us to look on the past year as we wind down 2023.

The changing of the seasons is a reminder of the impermanence of life. Nothing lasts forever, and that is okay. Change can be difficult, but it is also necessary for growth. Just as the trees shed their leaves in order to make room for new growth, we too must let go of things that are no longer serving us in order to make room for new things in our lives.

This fall season, I encourage you to take some time to reflect on your life. What are you grateful for? What areas of your life need to change? What are your hopes and dreams for the future? As you reflect, keep in mind the following passage from Scripture:

“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a

time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.”

(Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

This passage reminds us that there is a time for everything in life. There is a time to plant and a time to harvest. There is a time to build up and a time to break down. There is a time to weep and a time to laugh.

As we go through the changing seasons of life, remember that God is with us every step of the way. He is the one who gives us the strength to endure the difficult times and the joy to celebrate the good times. May this fall season be a time of reflection, growth, and renewal for you.

Gathered as One Body

On World Communion Sunday, observed this year on October 1, Christians across the globe gather at the Lord’s Table for the sacrament of Holy Communion. The Lord’s Table stretches around the entire earth. Catholic Christians, Coptic Christians, Orthodox Christians, Reformed Christians, Evangelical Christians, Lutheran Christians, Baptist Christians, Anglican Christians, Methodist Christians, Christians who worship in churches bearing names that are unfamiliar to us — all join in worship and do what Christ asked his friends to do: remember him!

Last Supper with his disciples. Then he broke bread as a reminder of his sacrificed body and lifted the cup of wine representing his blood. The sacrament is a vivid symbol of Christ’s sacrifice, love and forgiveness for each of us.

As we gather as Christ’s family around that table of grace, remember that we are united in Christ with our brothers and sisters around the world. *“In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north. All Christly souls are joined as one throughout the whole wide earth”* (John Oxenham).

Thank you, Lord!

“This do in remembrance of me,” Jesus said during the



Shoe Boxes, Shoe Boxes!

by Deborah Replogle

It is time for packing shoe boxes! The boxes will be available starting October 8. You will have 4 weeks to fill and return them for our dedication on November 5. Everything is the same as last year. We have new stick-on labels for those who don't need a "How To" pamphlet (still available). If you have any questions on how to pack or what to pack, just look me up. I have heard that more boxes are packed for girls than for boys. Also, make sure you include batteries for an item that needs it, along with some extra ones, too. A Wow! item that the child sees when he or she first opens the box is encouraged.

I had the opportunity to hear a woman speak in Hermitage. She had received a box as a child and she couldn't stress enough how receiving a simple pack of colored pencils had meant so much to her. Many of these children, whether or not they understand all the items in the box, can still enjoy opening a gift. They know someone is thinking about and praying for them. As they are introduced to the Greatest Journey program, they are being exposed to an opportunity to make a commitment to Jesus, which they may never get otherwise. Be a part of these children's lives. When you think you are done, 'PACK JUST ONE MORE'.

**KICKOFF:
OCTOBER 8**



**DEDICATION:
November 5**



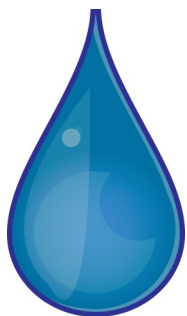
Moms of Faith

FRIDAYS 9 - 10:30 am
Westfield Presbyterian Church

Fall 2023 Schedule:
September 29
October 13 & 27
November 17
December 1 & 15

No prep, just come for fellowship and encouragement. Moms of any age welcome!
Bring a friend! Snacks & childcare provided.

Christian Symbol: Water

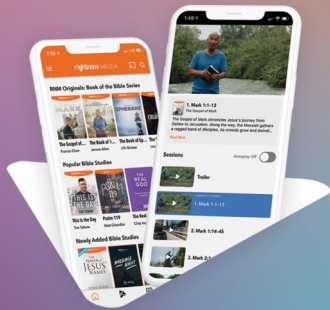


Water flows through the Scriptures: the Flood, the Red Sea crossing, water springing from a rock to nourish Israelites in the wilderness, the healing of Naaman's leprosy when he washed in the Jordan River, John baptizing Jesus and, chiefly, our baptism into Christ. The water of baptism symbolizes cleansing from sin, the quenching of our spiritual thirst and God raising us from death (drowning in sin) to life everlasting. Just as we cannot live without physical water, neither can we truly live without the living water Jesus gives (see John 4:13-14).

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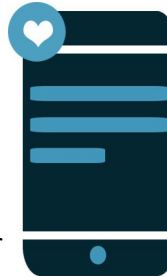
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- securely and conveniently manage donations from your phone
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Automatic Bank Pay

This is an easy and effective way to give through your checking or savings account.

- log on to your individual bank account
- follow your bank's instructions to set up Westfield Church as a new payee

- be sure to use the memo line in the bill pay set-up to indicate the fund(s) you wish to give to and the corresponding amount



Write a Check

The offering is taken during each weekend service and you can place your check (or cash) in the offering plate. You may mail your check to Westfield Presbyterian Church, 1363 Mt. Jackson Road, New Castle, PA 16102

- make checks payable to "Westfield Presbyterian Church"
- on the memo line indicate the fund(s) you wish to give to and the corresponding amount
- You may use a white pew envelope but no envelope is necessary.
- Questions? please contact Financial Secretary Heather Brenner at finance@westfieldchurch.org.

When St. Paul was seeking to encourage the church members of Corinth to participate in a church offering, he wrote: "Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly, or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

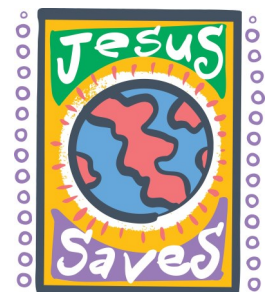
Where the stewardship of giving is concerned, each must make up his mind freely and approach the matter with a cheerful attitude. It is prayer and commitment that lead us to the mindset we should have about the matter.

Bible Quiz

Not long before Jesus' arrest, he said: "I did not come to _____ the world, but to _____ the world." Fill in the blanks.

- A. judge; save B. hate; love
C. condemn; teach D. disrupt; conform to

(Answer: A (See John 12:47, NIV).)



Meet Matt Kingman

Westfield's Newest Covenant Partner

Please welcome Matt and his son Max, grade 5, to our fellowship. Matt also has two adult children, Katie and Zack.

Tell us a little about your job.

I work from home for Liberty Mutual as a Senior Capacity Management Analyst. I occasionally substitute at Mohawk, and I'm a New Beaver Borough Councilman.

What are your favorite activities in your spare time?

I love volunteering for Wampum area events such as the recent 225th anniversary celebration. I also enjoy coaching soccer for my son, assisting as the voice for the Mohawk High School Marching Band, and Boar's Head Festival at Christ Presbyterian in Ellwood.

What brought you to Westfield?

Being in Mohawk area since I was a toddler, I knew so many members already. The church has a great sized congregation and has traditional elements mixed with modern elements that made a perfect fit.

How do you see yourself becoming involved in the church in the near future?

I like to be of help and service where my time and talent allows. Currently planning and working on next year's Bible School set, and helping with Sunday School. Hoping to go on a mission trip and if called, to be an active Elder or Deacon again in the future.



Westfield Kids

By Jennifer Griffith, Director of Children's Ministries

We had a fun time celebrating the new school year at last month's Promotion Sunday/Rally Day event. Pancakes made by Pastor Bobby were enjoyed, and we learned about people in the Bible who also "launched" into something new. While it wasn't a new class or a new teacher, it was a new adventure or mission God had for them, and they all had one thing in common... they all trusted God, even when they were scared or nervous. Just like God launched Noah to build an ark, Moses to lead His people out of slavery in Egypt, and David to defeat Goliath and become a king, God launched us into our new classes so we can share about Him with new friends. He launched us into new opportunities for us to serve Him and show His love to others.

The new schedule has begun for Sunday School, so kids in grades 1-6 will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 A.M. for opening exercises/fun, and then classes begin at 10:00 A.M. Beginners (preschool & kindergarten) go straight to their classroom at 9:45 until 10:45. As we continue our curriculum thru the Bible, we recently concluded our study of the Old Testament, and this fall we will be learning more about the life and ministry of Jesus. Take home papers are provided to encourage families to further learn and discuss these Bible lessons at home.

If you haven't registered your kids for Sunday school yet this year, please do so by clicking [HERE](#).



Nursery Caregivers Needed

Want to spend a little FUN time with our precious little ones? Our nursery is the place to be! We need adults (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles) to help with this ministry during our 11 A.M. worship service. (A minimum of 2 adults per service.) The goal, and hope, is to schedule a person once every 3-4 months. We can help with clearances if you need them. More information is available by calling the church office at 724.667.7045 or Jennifer Griffith at 405.824.8992. Thank you!



SPECIAL FRIENDS

Margie Benson
Carriage Manor

Janet Davis
at her residence

Bonnie Ernst
Masternick Memorial

Ann Fox
at her residence

Bob Kenny
at his residence

Eileen Mateer
The Grove at New Castle

Hazel Pence
Quality of Life New Castle

Mary Lou Trotter
at her residence

Grateful and Thankful

by **Jessie Yauch, Director of Senior Adult Ministries**

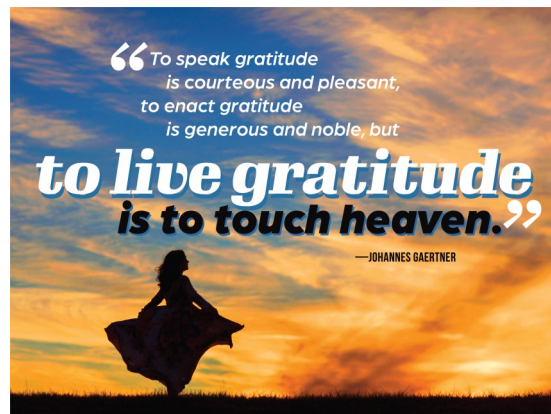
Join us on Thursdays for JOY! Through our discussions, our friendships, and our prayers, we celebrate life! Exercise begins at 11 A.M. with lunch at noon followed by fellowship and activities.

October at JOY will include a day of getting craft kits ready for the Fall Festival, a day of crafts, a game day, and a sweet tooth spooktacular celebration! We will also start collecting socks for the SOCK-tober collection.

We ended our September with a 20-day writing exercise in a Gratitude Journal to help us find and understand gratitude. At JOY, we are doing one question a day for 20 days. Please join us in doing this exercise. For the next 20 days, do one questions a day and write it in a gratitude notebook. See what new insights you find.

1. What have others done in your life that you're grateful for?
2. Who is someone that really listens when you talk, and how does that affect you?
3. What's a stressor you're grateful to have put behind you this year?
4. How many of your basic needs do you not have to worry about meeting today?
5. What's the best thing about your home, and have you taken the time to enjoy it recently?
6. Have you had a chance to help someone recently, and how did that make you feel?
7. What's something you look forward to in the future?
8. What's something enjoyable you get to experience every day that you've come to take for granted?

9. What's a hard lesson that you were grateful to learn?
10. What about today has been better than yesterday?
11. What's an aspect of your physical health that you feel grateful for?
12. What happened today/yesterday/this week/this month/this year that you're grateful for?
13. What's an aspect of your personality that you're grateful for?
14. How have you used your talents recently, and what have you enjoyed about doing that?
15. What relationships are you grateful for?
16. What's one thoughtful thing someone did for you recently?
17. What's an aspect of how you were parented for which you feel grateful?
18. What's one things you've enjoyed about doing your job recently? (Job can be housework)
19. What made you laugh or smile today?
20. What are you doing to show God that you are thankful for His love?



Keeping a List

Each time you make out your grocery list, remember the local community food bank. In October, Westfield is asked to contribute jelly and peanut butter. Items may be left in the bins in the coat rack area. You can also contribute coffee, laundry soap, dish soap and juices - there is always a need for these items. Monetary donations for perishable items are also welcome.





Birthdays

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|----|--------------------|----|-----------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Quinn Wilcox | 15 | Lee Kohler | 22 | Remi Liggett |
| 3 | Trudy McEwen | 16 | Darrell Jolley | | Shaley McBride |
| | Mylie Pistorius | | Debbie White | | Curt Palmer |
| 4 | Carol Grimm | 17 | David Liggett | | Katherine Wallace |
| | Kaitlyn Moore | | Charlie Itle | 24 | Abigail Stambul |
| 5 | Scotty McConnell | 18 | Laura McMillin | 25 | Aleena Byers |
| 7 | William Mikesell | | Dick McCurley | 27 | Ada McDowell |
| | Pat Byers | 19 | Keith Breuer | 28 | Chester Mace |
| | Janet Wallace | | Bob Cody | | Marcia Votaw |
| 8 | Jim Bailey | 20 | Brenda Rouser | 29 | Margie Shiderly |
| | Xavier Griffith | | Greg Spieker | | |
| | Timothy Wallace | 21 | Megan Young | | |
| 9 | Cassidy Lehman | | Amy Juang | | |
| 10 | Christine McKinney | | Skyler Sullivan | | |
| 13 | John Stivers | | | | |

Anniversaries

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|----|-------------------------|----|-------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| 5 | Amanda & David Zimcosky | 12 | Barb & Bob Cody | 22 | Colleen & Jason Daughtry |
| 7 | Carol & Dan Foster | | Amanda & Tom Trotter | 23 | Joy & Bryan Cunningham |
| 8 | Chris & Daryl Musser | 14 | Danielle & Doug Harman | 24 | Cara & Simon Itle |
| 11 | Carol & Ed Byers | | Rachel & Matt Sellers | 25 | Debby & Scott McClain |
| | Stacey & Sam Ealy | 16 | Paige & Ben Jones | | Katie & Jamey Stivers |
| | Jen & Ryan Palmer | 18 | Mary & William Mikesell | 28 | Debbie & Alan McBride |
| | | 20 | Bethany & Corey Thomas | | |

