



The Thread

APRIL 2026

Dear Friends,

Easter is almost upon us. On Sunday, April 5, folks from all over the world will gather together to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Hymns will be sung, prayers will be prayed, and proclamations will be made that the tomb of Jesus is empty, that He is risen from the dead. Here at WPC, we will worship and praise our Risen Lord at 10:15 that morning. You, of course, are welcome to share the experience with others here on Easter morning. We'd love to have you.

As important as Easter might be, it is also crucial for us to recognize this truth. Jesus Christ is risen and alive and well today, no matter what day this may be. Jesus Christ is risen even as you read this edition of the Thread. He was risen last Thursday, as well as July 4, 1776. He was alive at 7:00 this morning and will be alive whenever we go to bed tonight. With full confidence I can say that Jesus will be alive next week, next month, next year, next millennium. Jesus Christ is alive and well and as close to us as our next breath. Is now and always will be.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is a moment in history carrying with it eternal implications. In it we find life and hope. It is my prayer that you know this to be true, that the Resurrection of Jesus be the source of hope and power for you as you lead your daily life, and that you recognize and celebrate the Resurrection every day, not just on Easter. May God richly bless you April 5 and beyond.

Ken

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

04/01 Alison St. Clair
04/04 Michael Furguele
04/05 Gail Steiner
04/05 Isaac Stufft
04/07 Blake Lauf
04/08 Blaine Bogle
04/10 Billy McCann
04/10 Patricia Kirkstadt
04/11 Chas Woodnorth
04/11 Glenn W. Stutzman
04/11 Veronica Adams
04/12 Linda Riddle
04/12 Conrad Suppes
04/14 Thomas Ball
04/15 Frederick Smith
04/16 Lauren Patrick
04/16 Richelle Furguele
04/17 James McCann
04/17 William Miller
04/19 Kavian Priest
04/19 Kathy Parseghian
04/21 Victoria Geiser
04/21 Heather Brandick
04/22 James Neely
04/23 David Wylie
04/26 George Ashman
04/26 Connie Pavlik
04/27 Carrie Curry
04/27 Adaulphine Plummer
04/27 Morgan King
04/30 Michael Maciorowski

LITURGISTS

04-05 Elisa Ellenberger *
04-12 *
04-19 *
04-26 Mark Parseghian*

*Second Reading Barb Foust

CHILDREN'S CHAT

04/05 No Children's Chat
04/12 No Children's Chat
04/19 Mark Parseghian
04/26 Ken Foust

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

04/05 Vivian Dunkle
04/12 Gary & Deb Lichtenfels
04/19 Chiz & Hibby Price
04/26 Gretchen Lohr Pancake Brunch

USHERS

John Norris, Christine Wiegman, Karen Marsinko,
Monica Black, Tom Ball, Jim McCann, Marge Tarsovich,
Vivian Dunkle, Christine Wiegman

ACOLYTE

WPC CHOIR

OPENERS & CLOSERS

See Schedule on K Room Board

Finance Committee



General Giving pays the bills. Restricted Giving provides the thrills."

Through the first 11 Sundays of 2026, our general giving is \$ 84,729. This compares to \$ 67,491 for the same period in 2025 – an increase of \$ 17,238 or 25%. This is due to an increase in year to date total attendance for the same period from 879 in 2025 to 947 in 2026 and 30 members increasing their pledges.

Our pledges increased from \$ 186,250 in 2025 to \$ 201,400 in 2026. This is important as the pledges are general income which support the operational expenses of our church. Salaries, utilities, office expenses, program expenses and Mission are all paid from general operating income.

Restricted Mission income has also increased by \$ 4907 compared the 2025. This increase is the result of donations to the Centennial Fund which currently totals \$ 18,900.77. Our Music Ministry also has a fund balance of \$ 25,938.30.

Through February, our operating income is \$ 82,100 (vs \$ 76,837 in 2025), our expenses are \$ 63,021 (vs 75,051 in 2025) resulting in a net year to date surplus of \$ 19,079. Keep in mind that the reduction is expenses is mostly due to us not paying a full Pastor's salary package. This being said, it is important that we continue to grow the general giving in anticipation of being able to comfortably absorb a full pastors compensation package.

WPC's Finance Committee would like to prayerfully and sincerely thank all members for your continued financial support and your contribution of time and talent. Our church is truly blessed.



Christian Ed News

Upcoming Events

April:

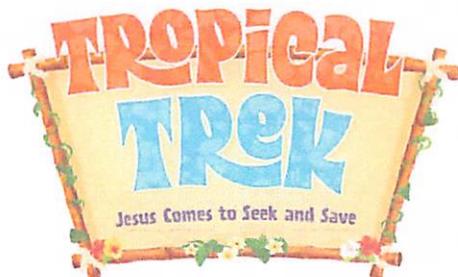
04/12 CE Committee Meeting
04/18 Youth Lunch

May:

05/03 CE Committee Meeting
05/16 Youth Lunch
05/31 Last Sunday School

June:

06/01-05 VBS Prep
06/07 VBS Setup
06/08-12 VBS
06/14 CE Committee Meeting



Youth News

GND will meet on April 18th for the Youth Bible Lunch. We will meet from 12-2 for lunch and games. All kids in grades 5th - 12th are invited to join. Please let Bri Lohr know if your child will be attending.

CE Announcements

This year WPC will be transported to an island for Tropical Trek: Jesus Comes to Seek and Save during the week of June 8th - 12th. More information will be posted on the bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall for those interested in donating supplies or helping during VBS.

For any kids interested in participating, pre-registration is open on the church website and a registration form is included in this news letter.

Stewardship

New Tax Break for Charitable Contributions

Do you typically claim the standard deduction on your federal tax return? If so, this new tax change may benefit you.

Beginning with the 2026 tax year, taxpayers who take the standard deduction — roughly 90% of all taxpayers — may also be able to claim a charitable deduction. Single filers may deduct up to \$1,000 in charitable contributions, while married couples filing jointly may deduct up to \$2,000.

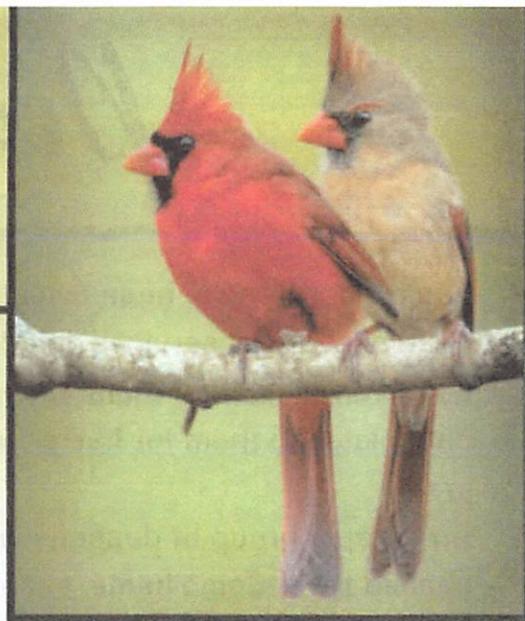
A few important details about this tax break:

- Only cash contributions qualify (this includes checks, credit card payments, online donations and payroll deductions).
- The donation must be made to a qualified 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization. (Yes, Westmont Presbyterian Church is a qualified 501(c)(3) organization.)
- Standard IRS documentation rules apply. For example, a written acknowledgment is required for donations of \$250 or more. (Yes, the annual giving statement you receive from WPC satisfies this requirement.)

We encourage you to take some time to explore how this new tax benefit may apply to you, and how it might influence your charitable giving to WPC and other organizations that are meaningful to you.

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Online Giving

You are reminded that online giving is available as another way to financially support WPC. To give online, simply click the "Give Here" button on the home page of the church's website (westmontpc.org).

Online giving can be especially convenient for members who are housebound or out of town.

If you need assistance, please contact the church office.

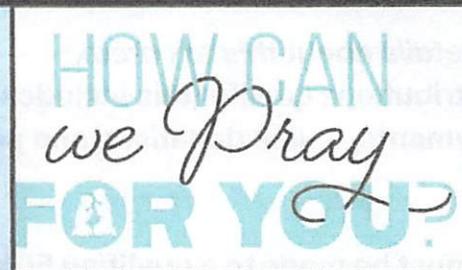
Deacons' Corner

Your deacons have been ministering our church family members in assisted living or otherwise unable to attend services. In addition to sending Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day cards, we delivered to each of them Valentine's Day balloon. We are sending cards and delivering chocolates to them for Easter. We love our precious, mature folks, and pray we bring them a bit of joy.

An intrepid group of deacons will tackle our kitchen to keep the refrigerators clean and free from spoiled food. Some items, such as extraneous kitchen utensils and dull knives, will be cleared out from the kitchen. We will notify you of the "purge" date in case you want to rescue an item or 15!

This summer the deacons are partnering with the Koinonia Committee to provide a picnic at Greenhouse Park. Picnic details will be forthcoming. Thank you all for all of your support!

WPC, Laura & Nate, Tracy, James, Angela, Lyn, Lynn, Cindy H., Mike R., Evan, Chris S., Rodney Eatman, Laurel Eatman, Paul Baribault, Stephen Meck, Dan Kovacs, Sharon Pletcher, Virginia, Ted Nyland, Tina, Jim Darr, Deborah DeGol, John Norris, Jean Livingston, Dave Livingston, Leslie Winters, Sylvester, Vince, Beverly, Michael, Jeanne Strunk, Jasmine Connor, Ted & Carole Corey, Gretyl Lauf, Anne Bradford, Kathy J., Nancy C., Alan Burnosky, Kay, Lynn, Matthew, Rick & Denise Mezyk, Skip & Adelle Picking, The Fleegle Family, Pastor Roland, Mike & Angie Hale, Marian Allen, Cory Locher, Bonnie & Barry's daughter- Robin, Dave and Debbie's daughter-Jenny, Deb Lichtenfels, Bill Harris' niece, Linda Thomson, Dave Wilson, Larry Riddle, Marge Tarsovich, Megan, Hazel, Walter, Edward, Britton Halle, Mike Long, Carol Burnworth, Patty Hagerich, Crisafulli / Sherman Families, Matthew Yeager, Betty Jo, Rick Krisko, Linda Batey, Dr. Magdi Azer, Dave, Janet Kokel, Linda Capp, Holly Capp.



Prayers & Squares

Can you touch a prayer?
YOU CAN!!! ... if it is tied into a prayer quilt made by our Prayers & Squares group. Know someone in need of prayer support who would like a prayer quilt? Would you like to join the quilters?

Please contact:

Linda Capp: 814.241.6963

lcapp@atlanticbb.net

Holly Capp: 814.270.0509

hollyhock11@gmail.com

Session



NEW MEMBERS:

Jon Gregory and Tammy & Joe Gologch joined WPC March 22nd

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

Scheduling spring clean-up inside & outside

CHRISTIAN ED:

GND youth approved to attend Escape Room 3/21

MEMBERSHIP:

Postcard campaign for families in 15905 zip code

MUSIC & WORSHIP:

Proposed changes to summer worship time @ 9:30 for the summer months.

CENTENNIAL:

Many plans continue for May 16-17

NOMINATING:

Presented the list of potential PNC candidates.

Elisa Ellenberger
Clerk of Session

Session Meeting:
WEDNESDAY
APRIL 15th @ 7 PM

Centennial Committee

Centennial Celebration Offering

Our year-long celebration of Westmont Presbyterian Church's 100th anniversary is quickly coming to a close! Over the past year we have enjoyed special concerts, prayer walks, game nights, remembrance gatherings and many other meaningful events. The celebration will culminate with special events on May 16-17.

Help us conclude this milestone year with joy by contributing to the Centennial Celebration Offering.

You may give by using the white Centennial Celebration Offering envelopes found in your quarterly envelope packet or in the pew rack, or by writing "Centennial Offering" on your gift.

Any funds remaining after centennial expenses are met will be directed to the church's Investment Fund, helping support the next 100 years of ministry, mission and growth.

Thank you for your faithful generosity and for being part of this historic year in the life of our church. May we continue to be guided by God's Spirit as we move joyfully into the century ahead.

Buildings & Grounds

Building and Grounds Note:

Our elevator door is equipped with sensors that detect obstructions. Never touch or attempt to stop the elevator door if it is moving or attempt to block the door open to load or unload items.

These actions could cause the elevator to shut down. There is a feature that keeps the door open for loading or unloading. Please contact a staff member for assistance. Thank You.

Swanson Music Sweet

LENTEN MUSIC MINISTRY

OUR WEDNESDAY NOONTIME RECITAL SERIES

03/22 Bridget Deveney, SPC, organist, Immaculate Conception, Irwin, PA and Dean of the American Guild of Organists, Greensburg Chapter and Committee
Member of the national AGOYO for young organists
Monica Black, Liturgist

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION RECITALS

04/19 4P Birk and Hoke Duo (Eric and Bernadette).

Keyboard duo performing works for organ, piano and organ/piano duets. Eric holds the AGO FAGO certificate and is the Executive Assistance for the American Guild of Organists. Bernadette holds a MM in piano and the AAGO certificate in the AGO and is the Music Director and organist at the First Reformed Episcopal Church, NYC, where she founded the Schola.

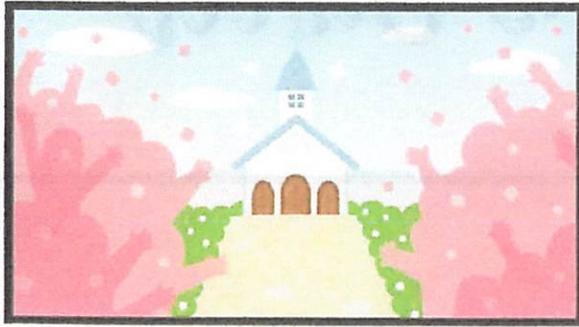
CHORAL CONCERTS

03/29 10:15A Living Last Words The choral and music drama depicting the last words of Christ at the Cross. This will be repeated at 3pm with the Ligonier Council of Churches at Heritage Methodist on the square.

Sure hope to see a whole bunch of our members at these wonderful programs with these amazingly talented musicians and most certainly our incredible Chancel Choir!

Hutch

New Summer Church Service Hours



Starting June 7th, we will be moving the time of service *from 10:15 AM to 9:30 AM.*

Adult Bible Study will meet at *8:30 AM* and Fellowship will continue to be directly following worship.

Children and Youth Sunday School *ends on May 31st* and resumes in September.



Palm Sunday Service & Cantata

More than just a Cantata - it's a worship experience! The procession of palms are followed by service culminating with the Cantata performed near the end of service. Bring a friend and join our community on Palm Sunday.

March 29th 10:15 am.

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday service will be held at First Presbyterian Church.

April 2nd 6:00 pm

Good Friday

Join us on one of the most holy days by singing hymns, offering prayers, reading Scripture, and remembering the crucifixion of Jesus.

April 3rd 7:00 pm

Easter

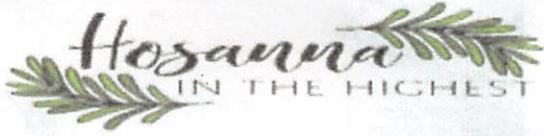
Come celebrate the hope and joy of Easter with a special message and triumphant music.

He Has Risen!

April 5th 10:15 am



What's Happening



The Living Last Words

Written by Ruth Elaine Schram

Palm Sunday Cantata

Presented by

Westmont Presbyterian Church

601 Luzerne St. Johnstown, PA

Sunday, March 29 10:15AM

With second cantata presented at

Heritage Methodist Church

107 W Main St. Ligonier, PA

Sunday, March 29 4PM

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Bill Harris and Linda Tompson were two of the five business people elected into the 2026 Greater Johnstown/Cambria County Business Hall of Fame.

Bill established Harris Funeral Home in 1980 and has also served in public office as a Richland Township supervisor for 6 years and as a Cambria County commissioner for 6 years.

Linda worked for 25 years as CEO of Johnstown Area Regional Industries, developing relationships with investors to bring long-term economic prosperity to the community. She also served as trustee of educational institutions, including Bishop McCort.

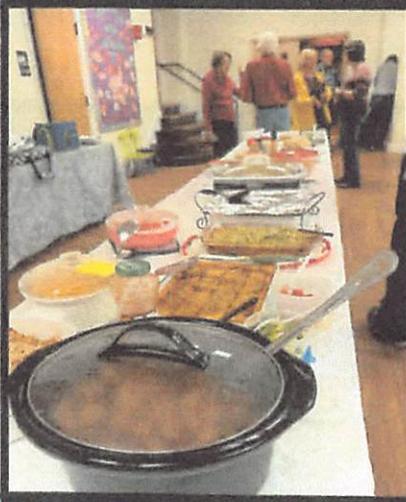
Betsy Suppes was elected president of the International Institute of Minerals Appraisers at the Society of Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration at a meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. She will serve a two year term.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Please submit your student news to info@westmontpc.org and blor@westmontpc.org

Wednesdays @ Westmont

Jane's

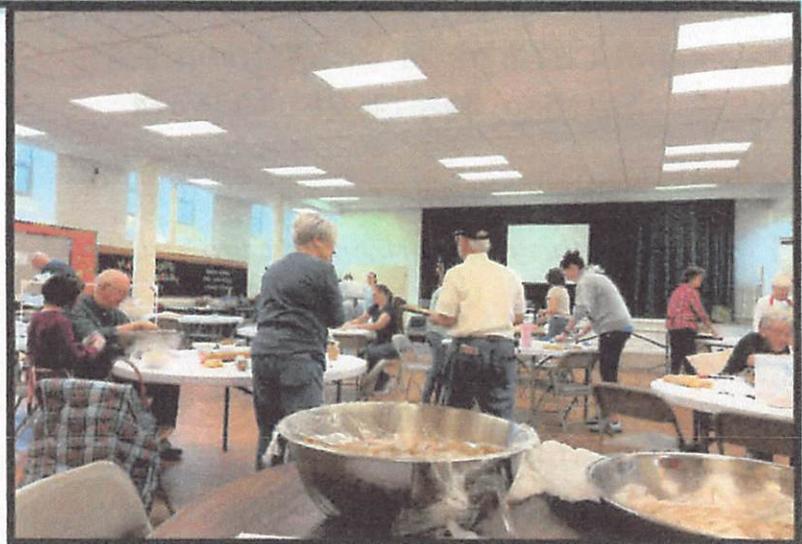
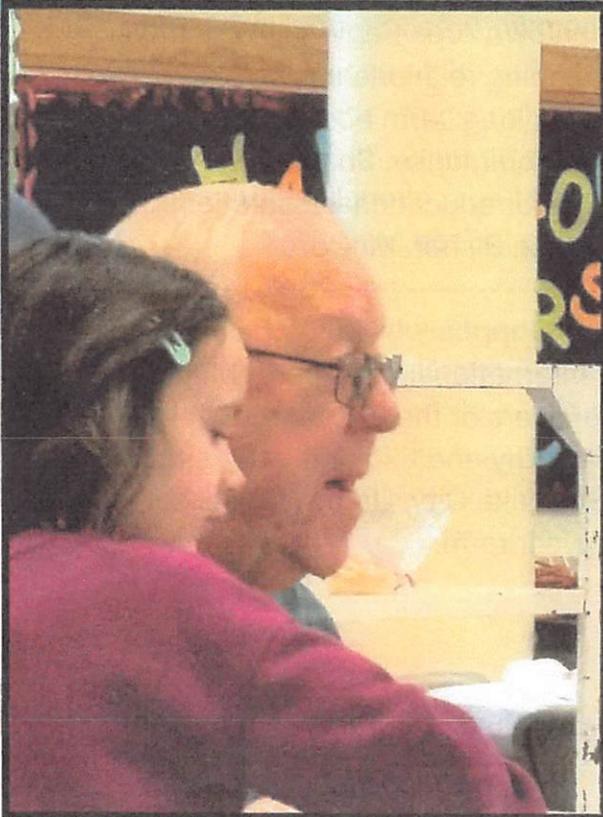


Wednesdays @
Westmont have
been very
successful!



Nutroll Project

Jane's



Did I hear they made 180???

WPC Centennial Celebration Organ Recital

BIRK AND HOKE DUO

FOUR-HANDED
PIANO & ORGAN
DUO

DATE: APRIL 19TH,
2026
TIME: 4:00 PM

VENUE: WESTMONT
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

This program is free to attend with a reception afterwards. There will be a free will offering for those who wish to give.

FERNDALE GOOD NEWS CLUB PRESENTS

THE 'WAY MAKER' MARKET



601 LUZERNE STREET, 15905

MONDAY,
APRIL 13, 2026
4PM-4:45PM



ALL HANDMADE ITEMS BY
1ST-4TH GRADERS
ART • JEWELRY • POTTERY
PLUS...LEMONADE & TREATS

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT NEW GOOD NEWS CLUBS STARTING IN PENNSYLVANIA, NIGERIA, AND UKRAINE SO MORE KIDS CAN LEARN ABOUT GOD!

JOIN US FOR

TROPICAL TREK

Jesus Comes to Seek and Save

JUNE 8TH - 12TH FROM 9 AM-12 PM
KIDS IN PRE-K THROUGH 5TH
WELCOME! FREE TO ALL WHO
ATTEND.

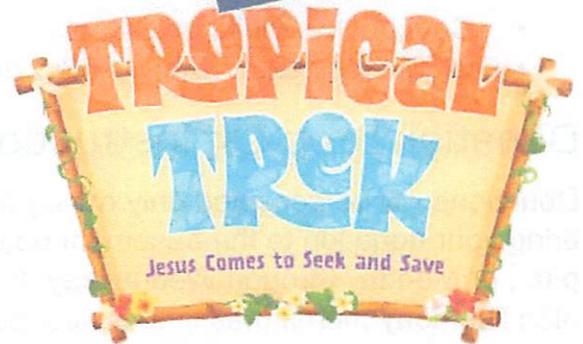
PRE-REGISTER AT
WESTMONTPC.ORG OR BY
SCANNING THE QR CODE



PLEASE LIST ANY ALLERGIES OR
MEDICAL CONDITIONS WHILE
REGISTERING.

VOLUNTEER

WITH US!



Join us on our Tropical Trek, where we will transport kids to a tropical island and teach them that God finds you no matter what!

JUNE 8TH-12TH 9:00-12:00

Westmont Presbyterian Church 601 Luzerne St. Johnstown PA

Volunteers Needed for:

Games, Lesson, Crafts,
Bible Exploration, Snack,
& Group Leaders

Contact Bri Lohr

(814)536-0796 ex. 227 or
blohr@westmontpc.org

P.E.O. Basement Sale Announcement

EventDetails . . .

The P.E.O. Basement Sale will take place on Saturday, June 20th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the church basement. We invite all WPC members to donate items that are either like-new or brand-new. Please price your items before donating them. For pricing, use pieces of cut blue painter's tape and a black sharpie for clear labeling.

Pricing Guidelines:

When setting prices, use your best judgment. The standard pricing rule for this sale is the 10% rule: price each item at 10% of its original retail price.

Accepted Donation Categories:

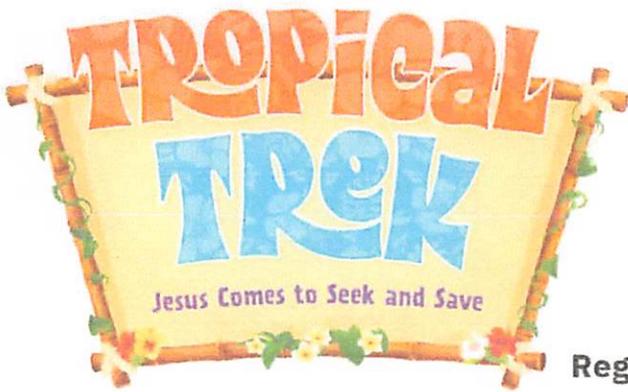
- Christmas / Winter / Valentine's
- Easter / Spring / Gardening
- Patriotic / Summer
- Halloween / Fall
- Purses / Scarves
- Jewelry
- Quilts / Comforters
- Hobbies / Crafts / Sports
- Kitchenware / Table Settings / Glassware
- Home Décor / Small Furniture
- Framed Pictures / Nicknacks
- Cookbooks / Children's Books
- Children's Items / Games / Puzzles

Donation Drop-Off Instructions:

Donations will be accepted only during the week of the sale, starting Monday, June 15th. Please bring your donation to the basement between Monday and Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., or Monday through Wednesday, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. No drop-offs will be accepted after Thursday morning, as time is needed to organize the sale.

Thank you for your support,

P.E.O. Chapter BZ



REGISTRATION FORM

Vacation Bible School 2026
Westmont Presbyterian Church
601 Luzerne St, Johnstown PA
15905

Registration forms (one per child) can be also be filled out
and submitted on line at www.westmontpc.org

Child's name: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent's/Guardian's
cell/home telephone: (____) _____ - (____) _____

Home e-mail address: _____

May we take and publish pictures of your child on our website and/or social
media?

Are you looking for a church? YES _____ or NO _____

Would you like to receive a music download card? YES _____ or NO _____

Friends name: _____

(If your child chooses to be placed with a friend, please write the name on the above line so
they may be put in the same group).



Allergies or other medical conditions:

In case of an emergency, contact: _____

Phone hm./cell: _____ / _____

Relationship to child: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:00am Adult Sunday School - K 10:15am Palm Sunday Worship Cantata - S 10:30am Youth Sunday School - UL3&4 11:30am Fellowship Hour	30 9:00am Prayers&Squares UL2 10:00am IOC - K 11:00am Prayer Group - P 12:00pm Bridge Group - K 3:00pm Good News - F	31	1 7:30am Mens Breakfast - J 5:30am Tenebrae Rehearsal - S 9:00am GPS Easter Party - F 5:30pm Girl Scouts	2 Maundy Thursday at 1st Presb 1:00pm Staff - P	3 7:00pm Tenebrae - S	4 9:00am Easter Vigil - C
5 10:15am Worship - Easter Sunday - S 11:30am Fellowship Hour	6 9:00am Prayers&Squares UL2 10:00am IOC - K 11:00am Prayer Group - P 12:00pm Bridge Group - K	7 11:00am Spiritual Direction - P	8 7:30am Mens Breakfast - J 5:30pm Girl Scouts	9 7:30am Finance - E & P 1:00pm Staff - P 6:00pm Centennial k	10 3:00pm Session Reports Due	11 Teas and Tutus - F
12 9:00am Adult Sunday School - K 10:15am Worship - Communion - S 11:30am CE Meeting - UL4 11:30am Fellowship Hour 11:30am Music/Worship Meeting - P	13 9:00am Prayers&Squares UL2 9:00am GPS Art Auction - F 10:00am IOC - K 11:00am Prayer Group - P 12:00pm Bridge Group - K 3:00pm Good News Lot Sale - P	14 8:00am Garden Club - F 9:00am GPS Art Auction - F 5:00pm PEO - K or F	15 7:30am Mens Breakfast - J 9:00am GPS Art Auction - F 5:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Session - K	16 9:00am GPS Art Auction - F 1:00pm Staff - P	17 3:00pm Thread Articles Due	18 GND
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Save the Date! ~ May 16 & 17, 2026



1926 ~ 2026
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
WESTMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship 10:15 a.m.
Fellowship Hour 11:15 a.m.