

The Thread

WESTMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 2026

Dear Friends,

Barb and I want to thank you for the love and support you have given to us during our time with you. These six months have sped by very quickly and have left us with new friends and wonderful memories. Rest assured, you will be missed.

A very long time ago, the prophet Jeremiah wrote a letter to his fellow citizens of Israel taken into Babylonian exile. The letter is a message from God to God's people. In the letter God promises freedom from the exiles. Jeremiah quotes God as saying,

"For I knew the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

(Jeremiah 29:11)

We are confident God has plans for Westmont Presbyterian Church. Even now, you are pursuing God's plans through the work of your session, PNC, and other groups and individuals in the congregation. Your new interim pastor, The Rev. Jim Farrer, will be helpful in recognizing and implementing God's plans. We see a bright future ahead for you. You will remain in our prayers as we ask for your prayers for us.

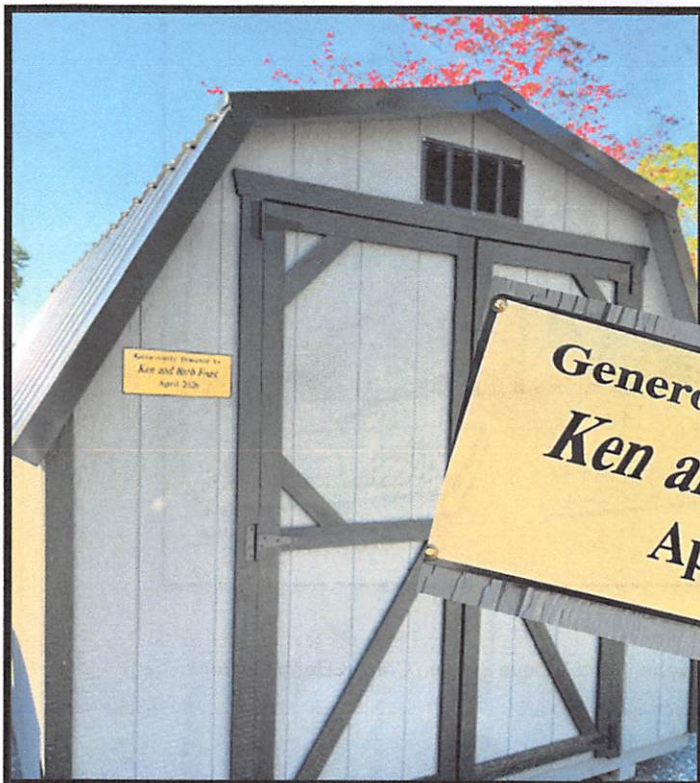
May God continue to bless you and all of WPC.

In Christ,

Ken



Emersyn Grace Foust's Dedication with Grandparents, Pastor Ken and Barb
May 31, 2026



Pastor Ken & Barb donated the shed they had recently won!

WESTMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrating 100 Years

1926-2026

The Centennial Celebration was a weekend of great joy, a time of remembrances and a renewal of friendships over the fellowship of our community of faith.

We wish to thank the Congregation for their time, talents and financial contributions in support of the Centennial Celebration. All of this support combined to produce an outstanding and successful year of events culminating in our Church's first 100 year anniversary!


The generous outpouring of support will enable us to make a contribution to WPC's investment fund and an accounting summary will be provided in the July Thread.

Thank you again and blessings to all.

-The Centennial Committee



Ken & Barb Foust, Larry & Nancy Chottiner, Penny & Doug Stevens, Marti & Dave Snyder, Craig & Donna Miller



From Pastor Jim's Desk

JUNE 2026

Beginning in June, I will start my tenure with you at Westmont Presbyterian Church.

I will have several roles:

- (1) as transitional pastor
- (2) as a normal Minister of Word and Sacrament and teaching elder, and
- (3) as a neighbor and friend.

It is a privilege to serve the Lord in this good place. Following my long-time friend and colleague, Ken Foust, will not be the easiest task. He is a very good preacher and has brought a sense of caring and calm to Westmont. Ken and Barb have been a good team.

In previous years, I have served as an intentional interim pastor for several congregations and was asked to lead a seminar at the Ecumenical Interim Ministry Network Annual Conference in Baltimore.

You will notice that I will not ride in on "a big white horse as your knight in shining armor." Typically my 2016 red Ford Edge will be parked in the parking lot facing the Incline Plane and away from the Elementary School. As you may know, Sheila and I live in Jennerstown, a distance of 17.4 miles from the church building. Unfortunately there are dead zones on the Somerset Pike and Franklin Street extension (my route into Westmont). My normal office hours will be 9:30-3:00 Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and 5:00-9:00 on Thursday evenings. My home phone is 814 629-5211, and my cell phone is 814 659-8151.

If you need an earlier or later time to talk, gripe, etc., we will arrange it. You will likely notice some changes in the way things are done. I have placed a shoe box labeled "I'd Like to Know" in the narthex for your input and questions. Some questions and answers will be in the next newsletter.

I look forward to us walking together into the next chapter of Westmont Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Jim Farrer

Sermons ahead:

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| June 7th | "Mr. In-Between" | |
| June 14th | "Without Presbyterians There Would Be No America" | Flag Day |
| June 21st | "For Fathers Who Aren't in Heaven" | |
| June 28th | "Psalm 100" | |
| July 5th | "What Would Jesus Say to America?" | |



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gail Kevenk	06/02
Cindy Hess	06/04
Wyatt Miller	06/05
Alexa Gindlesperger	06/07
Linda Thomson	06/07
Jesse Ditson	06/07
Dee Brown	06/07
Sally King-Swanson	06/08
Barry Warren	06/10
Paula Wheeler	06/12
Patricia Hagerich	06/12
Timothy Alexander	06/12
Jonathan Kendig	06/12
Johnathan Sprung	06/13
Sean Robb	06/18
Dennis Holtzman	06/19
Joshua Hinson	06/19
Kathryn Smith	06/23
Michael McCann	06/24
Coralie Krisko	06/24
Elsa Apetz	06/27
Glenn Stutzman	06/27
Dennis Yeager	06/28
Mallie Stephens	06/28

LITURGISTS

06-07*	Elisa Ellenberger
06-14*	Mark Parseghian
06-21	Georgia Yeager
06-28	Monica Black

CHILDREN'S CHAT

06/07	No Children's Chat
06/14	Gretchen Lohr
06/21	Gary Lichtenfels
06/28	Briana Lohr

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

06-07	Kevin Howell
06-14	
06-21	†
06-28	John Norris

USHERS

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

ACOLYTE

WPC CHOIR

FLOWERS

06-07	Thomson Family
06-14	Anonymous
06-21	Suppes Family
06-28	Patrick Family

OPENERS/CLOSERS

06/07	Kevin / Chiz
06/14	Kevin / Jim
06/21	Kevin / Dave
06/28	Kevin / Chiz

P.E.O. Basement Sale Announcement

Event Details . . .

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

What's Happening

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



John Allen, graduating senior varsity tennis player at Westmont Senior High School, was chosen as the top male tennis player. John will attend St. Vincent this fall and will join its tennis team.

CONGRATULATIONS JOHN!!!

Gabby Filia was chosen as the top female golfer for 2025 / 26 at Westmont Senior High School.

CONGRATULATIONS GABBY!!!



NEW CHURCH SERVICE HOURS



Beginning June 7th and throughout the summer months, service START TIME will be 9:30AM.

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

STEWARDSHIP - The surplus remaining from the Centennial donations will be credited to the Investment Fund.

BUILDING & GROUNDS - Wayne Street Manse repairs delayed due to contractor behind schedule.

CHRISTIAN ED - "GND" Youth approved to attend Youth Quest Ranch in Somerset in June.

WORSHIP & MUSIC - Worship at Greenhouse Park 7/19. Chancel Choir to perform "The Four Freedoms" in July.

MISSION - Presbytery Mission Fair will be at Pine Springs Camp September 22.

MEMBERSHIP - Approved Charles and Carolyn Griffith to be removed from membership; they have moved to Alabama.

Elisa Ellenberger
Clerk of Session

Next Session Meeting:
JUNE 17 @ 7 PM



Session

Finance Committee

April General Income	\$ 25,241
YTD General Income	\$146,918
YTD Budget	\$113,333
2025 YTD	\$153,454

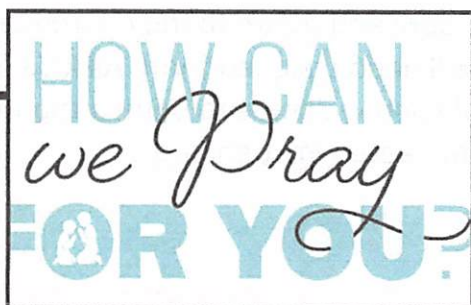
Deacons' Corner

MARK YOUR CALANDERS.

Our annual church service /picnic at Greenhouse Park will be Sunday, July 19.

As the date approaches, there will be more information provided in the church bulletins and the July THREAD.

John Norris, Moderator, Deacons



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, Gretchen Parseghian, 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, Pastor Ken and Barb, Will, Jada & Emersyn Foust, Dave, Janet Kokel, Linda Capp, Holly Capp, Lori Begg, Suzanne Bryon, Max Stevanus, The Family of Dr. Magdi Azer, Family of Cameron Evans, Dan Gaydos, Carol Burnworth.



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

Christian Ed News

Upcoming Events

June:

- 06/01-05 VBS Prep
- 06/07 VBS Setup
- 06/08-12 VBS
- 06/14 CE Committee Meeting
- 06/20 GND Offsite Field Trip

July

No CE Committee Meeting

- 07/18 Youth Lunch

August

- 08/09 CE Committee Meeting
- 08/15 Youth Lunch
- 08/16-23 Turn in Sunday School Forms



No Youth Sunday School during summer months; resumes in September!

SEE YOU THEN!!!

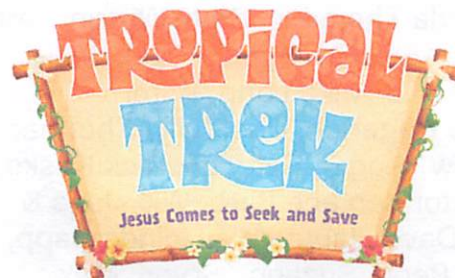
Youth News

GND will meet on June 20th for a field trip. We will meet in the church parking lot at 9am and leave for Teen Quest Ranch. We will be at the ranch until 3pm and return to the church at 4pm. Everyone who attends will need a signed form. All kids in grades 5th - 12th are invited to join and welcome to bring a friend. Contact Bri Lohr if your child is interested in attending

CE Announcements

In July we will be sending out our Sunday School registration forms. The purpose of these forms is to a sure all the kids are in the proper class; rosters are correct and get parent contact info in case there are any issues. Forms will be due to the church office by the end of August.

If you are interested in being an elementary or youth Sunday school teacher, or are currently teaching Sunday school and would like to continue, please email blohr@westmontpc.org to find out more information.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:00am Adult Sunday School - K 10:15am Worship - S 10:30am Youth Sunday School - UL3&4 11:30am Fellowship Hour	1 9:00am Prayers&Squares UL2 10:00am IOC - K 11:00am Prayer Group - P 12:00pm Bridge Group - K	2	3 7:30am Mens Breakfast - J 9:00am Building and Grounds - K 9:00am Thread Assesmbly - K 6:00pm PNC - K	4	5	6 9:00am Farmers Market
7 8:30am Adult Sunday School - K 9:30am Communion Worship - S 10:30am Fellowship Hour	8 9:00am Prayers&Squares UL2 9:00am VBS 10:00am IOC - K 11:00am Prayer Group - P 12:00pm Bridge Group - K 12:30pm Garden Club - F	9 9:00am VBS	10 7:30am Mens Breakfast - J 9:00am VBS 6:00pm PNC - K	11 9:00am VBS	12 Session Reports Due 9:00am VBS	13 9:00am Farmers Market
14 8:30am Adult Sunday School - K 9:30am Worship - S - VBS 10:30am Fellowship Hour	15 9:00am Prayers&Squares UL2 9:00am Finance Meeting - P 9:00am PEO basement sale prep - F 10:00am IOC - K 11:00am Prayer Group - P 12:00pm Bridge Group - K 6:00pm Deacons - K	16 9:00am PEO basement sale prep - F	17 7:30am Mens Breakfast - J 9:00am Outside work day 9:00am PEO basement sale prep - F 6:00pm PNC - K 7:00pm Session - K	18 9:00am PEO basement sale prep - F	19 Thread Articles Due 9:00am PEO basement sale prep - F	20 9:00am Farmers Market 9:00am GND Youth Field Trip 9:00am PEO Basement Sale - F
21 8:30am Adult Sunday School - K 9:30am Worship - S - Father's Day 10:30am Fellowship Hour	22 9:00am Prayers&Squares UL2 10:00am IOC - K 11:00am Prayer Group - P 12:00pm Bridge Group - K	23	24 7:30am Mens Breakfast - J 9:00am Thread Assembly - K 11:00am B and G - K 6:00pm PNC - K	25	26	27 9:00am Farmers Market
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