

Westmont Presbyterian Church-100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Celebration and Planning for our Homecoming Event
Anniversary Homecoming Reception: Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026
Church Service: Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

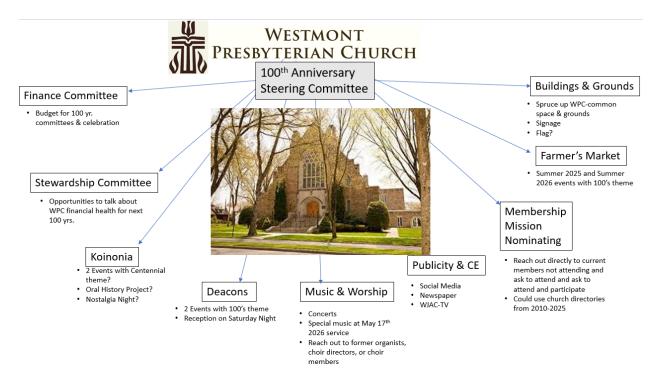
Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Dear Member of Westmont Presbyterian Church,

Next year in May our church will celebrate its Centennial Anniversary of being a congregation. The cornerstone was laid on May 9, 1926, with Westmont Presbyterian Church's first church service held on December 17, 1926. The Fiftieth Anniversary of the church was celebrated in May of 1976. We envision this Centennial Celebration to be like a "homecoming" celebration. The Session is currently in the process of forming a Steering Committee to guide this celebration process while utilizing the current Session committee structure to help organize and implement the various planned events. The Steering Committee will be comprised of two Session members, two Deacons and two Members of the Congregation-at-large, i.e. not currently serving as an elder or deacon.

The Steering Committee and the Session will be planning a number of different and interesting historical, musical, social, and fun events leading up to the big Centennial Celebration on May 16 & 17, 2026. The Session committee chairs need and want your help in organizing these events and getting the word out to all church members, old and new, past and present, plus friends, relatives and neighbors to come to all or any of these planned events.

The chart below captures some ideas that will need your help in executing a warm and welcoming Anniversary Celebration. Won't you join us? Feel free to volunteer for any committee you have an interest in or that you believe could use your help. Below is a list of Session members and their contact information; so, if you do not see them at Church, Fellowship Hour, or the Giant Eagle, you can let them know that you want to help!



Finance Committee: Barney Custer, 814-659-0529 byron.custer@yahoo.com Stewardship Committee: Bill Uhlig (814) 844-9835 weu814@gmail.com

Koinonia: Kevin Priest 814-341-0937 EKP1956@yahoo.com

Deacons: Jen Priest 814-241-1908 jrp82gg@yahoo.com

Worship & Music:

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Jim Hutchinson (Director of Music) 412-491-1302 ndn.jhutch@verizon.net

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Membership: Ted Corey Mission & Nominating: Tammy Germana

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Note: Membership, Mission and Nominating are combing for this event.

Building & Grounds: Chiz Price 814-241-3879 yozenith@atlanticbb.net Farmer's Market: Cindi Cort 814-244-2923 shortcort3@atlanticbb.net

So, you may ask, how do I get involved? If you know what part or area of the Centennial Celebration you want to be involved in, just contact the Session Committee Chair listed above or someone on the Steering Committee which currently would be Betsy Suppes or Kevin Priest.

If you want to apply to be considered for one of the two at large general congregation Steering Committee positions, please email either Betsy Suppes or Kevin Priest and let them know of your interest.

One of our committees has already hit the ground running and that is the Worship & Music Committee. Our first "100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" event will be an organ recital on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. This concert will showcase the original Tellers organ and is free and open to the public. Crista Miller, PhD, who is the director of music and the organist for the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Houston, Texas will be performing.

The highlight of the Centennial Celebration will be the special weekend events of May  $16^{th}$  &  $17^{th}$ , 2026. Yes, we will open the cornerstone. Your help in making the Centennial Celebration an enjoyable and successful event is welcomed and appreciated.

Let's get started so that we can plan a great celebration and welcome the next 100 years of worship at Westmost Presbyterian Church!

Once the Steering Committee is complete, we will communicate this information to you. We also plan to keep the congregation up to date on the planning progress of the Centennial Celebration by utilizing The Thread, Church Bulletins, Website, Facebook and letters.

Kevin Priest Busy Anger

In Christ,

Kevin Priest & Betsy Suppes-Session Co-chairs