



WEST SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

UPDATE

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NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PASTOR



After ten months of interim time, our Pastoral Search Committee has unanimously presented our next pastor to us for consideration. We have been praying for this throughout these past months and now it comes to decision time. This decision by our church family will determine the direction of our ministry for many years to come. That is why it is so important for every member to make this a deep and serious matter of prayer. So many churches vote on the same day the candidate preaches and have no opportunity for its members to seek God’s guidance, so they have to make a decision based on impression instead.

I was given some sound advice from a prominent attorney many years ago to never make a major decision without sleeping on it first. The next day, one will look at it much more objectively. That is why the Search Committee so wisely decided to wait a week before the vote is taken to call our candidate. Each of our members can truly seek God’s wisdom and then know, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that it is God’s will. My deep desire is for our West Shore ministry to prosper and see hundreds of people come to know Jesus over the next few year.

Pastor Paul

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Senior Pastor
CANDIDATE Weekend
 Saturday, May 5
 Sunday, May 6



The Pastoral Search Committee is pleased to announce a special weekend on **Saturday, May 5, and Sunday, May 6**, to welcome the next Candidate for the position of Senior Pastor at WSBC. The weekend begins with an informal “Meet and Greet” with the Candidate on Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be served. Sunday morning the Pastoral Candidate will preach at a Unity Service at 9:00 a.m. On May 13, the following Sunday, the congregation will vote on extending the call to the Candidate. Mark your calendars – you won’t want to miss these important events in the life of the church!



Sunday, May 13



Monday, May 28

Please Note: The church office will be closed on Monday, May 28.

A Message From the Associate Pastor



A few weeks ago I attended a conference at which the plenary speaker spoke concerning the impassibility of God. Impassibility states that God, in His being, is unable to suffer, experience emotion, or experience pleasure as a result of the actions of another being. According to the doctrine of impassibility, God is unable to feel passions. That is, God is not able to, in His essence, be acted upon by another. The reason classical theologians have historically held to the doctrine of impassibility is because, as Herman Bavinck states in his *Dogmatics*, "Those who predicate any change whatsoever of God, whether with respect to his essence, knowledge, or will, diminish all his attributes: independence, simplicity, eternity, omniscience, and omnipotence. This robs God of his divine nature, and religion of its firm foundation and assured comfort." Basically, if we believe in a simple God - that the being of God is identical to his attributes and that God is without parts - then it makes sense to say that God must be impassible because a change in the expression of His attributes would be a change in His essence and God's essence, we know, does not change.

I myself am still thinking through this issue. It is complex (pun intended) and difficult to navigate. But the fact I have taken hope in these past few weeks, regardless of where I end up concerning impassibility, is that God is immovable, immutable, and unchanging. What a joy it is that we serve a God who is the same yesterday, today, and forever! It is sobering to remember that the God who smote Sodom and Gomorrah is exactly the same God whom we sin against. And it is inconceivably liberating to remember that the God who graciously sent Christ to die in our place is still exactly the same God! It is because God is immutable that we can rest in the hope of heaven without fear of Him changing His mind. Our hope is secure and infallible because of our immutable God. Oh, praise Him!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Associate Pastor Greg Kabakjian



From the Diaconate Board

The Greatest Commandment



By Deacon Chair
Bruce Montgomery

Following up on last month's UPDATE article about the M28 approach to spiritual conversations with those we have invited into our church for special events, here are further items to keep in mind:

Read Matthew 22:34-40 and Mark 12:28-34

Three Observations on these Passages

1. No one really disputes the command to love God with all you possess. The problem isn't knowing this. The problem is doing it.
2. The second part of the Great Commandment, "loving your neighbor," is even more of a problem for most of us.
3. If we are honest with ourselves, these two passages expose the gap between what you know and what you do.

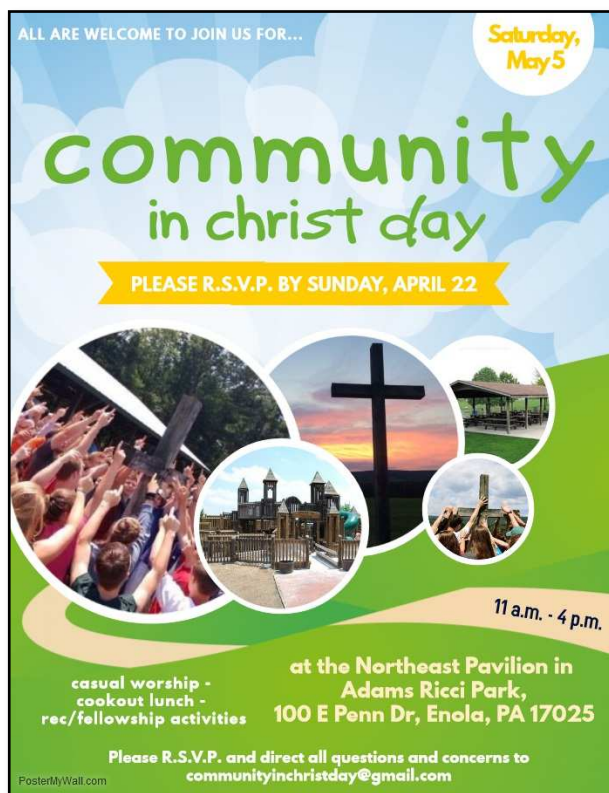
20+ Things to Learn on Discipling Lost People

1. God loves lost people more than we imagine and He is working in their lives without us.
2. I am learning to follow Jesus where He is already working and don't feel the need to make things happen for Him.
3. The most receptive people to the Gospel are desperate, broken, and lost people. The more desperate, the more reachable.
4. The first criterion to look for in someone whom you wish to disciple is that they have an internal sense of desperation that is greater than their pride.
5. An early obstacle to discipling others (or even helping others) was my own unwillingness to tell others of my own brokenness.
6. Lost people are interested in spiritual conversations with us. But here is the caveat: They are prone to avoid judgmental, intolerant, all-knowing, Bible-thumping believers. I have even learned not to straighten people out when they are living in known sin. Unless I have earned the right to say so, I keep quiet until it is appropriate.
7. Love, not knowledge, changes the unbelievers' heart.
8. Love, not truth, changes lives.
9. Faith is more important than doctrines, beliefs, dogmas, creeds, and liturgies when discussing the "Good News."
10. When talking about God, I don't talk about salvation as a way to heaven, I talk about salvation as a way to God. They are not the same thing nor do they have the same result.
11. God-out-there vs. God with us.
12. Jesus didn't make converts; He made disciples. And He has not called us to make converts. He called us to make disciples [Mt. 28:19-20).
13. Discipleship is best done with a like-minded partner.
14. Discipleship is doing life with people, not doing church with them.
15. Doing life with lost people is hard work, and most church people retreat from it.
16. Doing life with lost people is inconvenient, strikes at my comfort, safety and desire for security.
17. Sharing the good news with others should not be done indiscriminately; there are some who will disdain it, mock it, and seek to invalidate it.
18. Discipling others changes your life most of all. If you want to grow spiritually, disciple some lost person. Find some fight to get into where someone's soul is at stake.
19. Discipleship is about participation with others, not just relationship with them.

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20. Discipleship is more than just personal spiritual growth. Some people are looking to go to another church service, conference, retreat, Bible study, and prayer meeting to obtain another spiritual buzz to beef up their lives, but will not do life with a lost person across the street.
21. The language of sin seems totally foreign and unrelated to many who are unchurched. Rethink sin. What are we really wanting them to know?
22. The “Good News” is not good news to many people. It seems unrelated to real life.
23. I’ve learned to love lost people, but I have to work at it.



ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR...

Saturday, May 5

community in christ day

PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY SUNDAY, APRIL 22

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

casual worship -
cookout lunch -
rec/fellowship activities

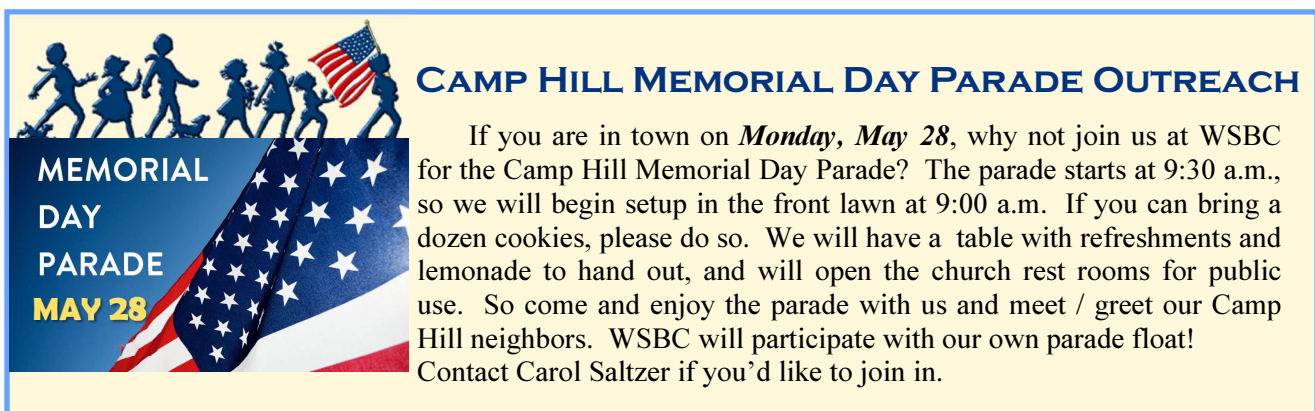
at the Northeast Pavilion in
Adams Ricci Park,
100 E Penn Dr, Enola, PA 17025

Please R.S.V.P. and direct all questions and concerns to
communityinchristday@gmail.com

PosterMyWall.com

CommUNITY in Christ Day, May 5—

CommUNITY in Christ Day is being planned by our neighbor, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, and is intended to allow local church members to meet and get to know each other. WSBC has been invited, and the Diaconate has met with the event planners. The event takes place on **Saturday, May 5**, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Northeast Pavilion in Adams Ricci Park, 100 E. Penn Drive, Enola, PA. R.S.V.P. and direct all questions and concerns to communityinchristday@gmail.com.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE MAY 28

CAMP HILL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE OUTREACH

If you are in town on **Monday, May 28**, why not join us at WSBC for the Camp Hill Memorial Day Parade? The parade starts at 9:30 a.m., so we will begin setup in the front lawn at 9:00 a.m. If you can bring a dozen cookies, please do so. We will have a table with refreshments and lemonade to hand out, and will open the church rest rooms for public use. So come and enjoy the parade with us and meet / greet our Camp Hill neighbors. WSBC will participate with our own parade float! Contact Carol Saltzer if you'd like to join in.

From the Missions Board



2018 One Great Hour of Sharing

This year's OGHS offering theme is "More Than We Can Imagine," based on Ephesians 3:20, where Paul states that God is able to "accomplish abundantly more that we can ask or imagine." For many, 2017 was an apocalyptic year filled with unbelievable hurricanes, earthquakes, fires, floods, and violence. You prayed, stood with, and gave to people and needs from next-door neighbors to global neighbors you may never meet. As of early

February, American Baptist Congregations have given over \$2 million to help people impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, as well as mudslide and fire victims in California. These generous gifts help people envision recovery and new life, strengthened by the assurance that God is working in, through, and beyond us.

Our OGHS offering will be received from **May 6 through June 10, 2018**. The Mission Board will set a goal soon. Watch your bulletin for more information.

It's time for CAPC's Baby Bottle Blast!

To support the work and vision of the Capital Area Pregnancy Centers, we will again be participating in the Baby Bottle Blast campaign kicking off on **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13**, and concluding on **Father's Day, June 17**. We would like every family to pick up at least one baby bottle on the 13th. Please fill it with spare change/bills (checks are great, too) and return it by Father's Day. Also, remember to pray for moms, dads, and their unborn children during this time.

**CAPC's
Baby Bottle
BLAST**



ABCOPAD-Sponsored Domestic Short Term Mission Trips for 2018

| Trip | Location | Dates | Cost (notes) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing | Puerto Rico | Ongoing | \$150 (A) |
| Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing | Muskogee, Oklahoma | June 17-23 | |
| Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing | Texas | June 17-24 | \$150 (B) |
| Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing | Texas | June 24-30 | \$150 (B) |
| Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing | New Jersey | July 14-21 | |
| 'Til the Work is Done ... | New Orleans | July 29-Aug 4 | |
| Sturgis Motorcycle Rally | South Dakota | August 4-12 | \$100+ (C) |

Notes:

- A \$150 per person per week includes housing, food and supplies. Volunteers are responsible for transportation to, on, and from the island.
- B \$150 cost includes housing, food and registration. Scholarships are available.
- C Each participant is asked to contribute \$100 toward the cost of this project.



Birthdays:

- 4 Eryn Frischkorn
- 8 David Hill
- 10 Judy Brouse
- 11 Bill Neubaum
Micah Waring
- 13 Monica Carpenter
- 14 Philip Kowalczyk
- 15 Alice Chin
- 18 Logan Waring
- 21 Inez Mitchell
- 22 Frank Stroock
- 23 Carol Whitcomb
- 25 Milan Vulich
- 27 Jena Myers

MAY



Anniversaries:

- 19 Richard & Ann Loucks
- 23 Rev. Clyde & Marilyn Ross
- 25 John & Sheri Conner
- 29 Greg & Alexis Kabakjian
- 31 Martino & Lindsay Neve



Childcare Schedule

| DATE | NURSERY 9:00 AM | NURSERY 10:00 AM | NURSERY 11:00 AM |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| May 6 | Judy Brouse Rose Sleboda | Becky Gentzler Ida Rhone | Jayne Metz Gayle Campbell |
| May 13 | Cheryl Montgomery Patty McCown | Alexia Kabakjian Kristin Born | Lisa Fleming Linda Fleming |
| May 20 | Edie Kennerly Judy Brouse | Maryke Clark Becky Gentzler | Gayle Campbell Jayne Metz |
| May 27 | Rose Sleboda Cheryl Montgomery | Ida Rhone Alexis Kabakjian | Linda Fleming Lisa Fleming |

Note: Scheduled nursery workers and children’s Sunday School teachers are asked to arrive in their designated rooms **10 minutes** ahead of schedule. If you are unable to make your assigned Sunday, please attempt to switch with another volunteer and let the church office know. Contact Kristin Born, at (717) 743-4586, if you are unable to meet your obligation.

Happenings and Highlights



Advisory Council Meeting

The Advisory Council will meet on *Tuesday, May 1*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2.

Missions Board Meeting

The Missions Board will meet on *Monday, May 14*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-4.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet on *Monday, May 14*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2.

Board of Christian Education Meeting

The Board of Christian Education will meet on *Tuesday, May 15*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2.

Diaconate Board Meeting

The Diaconate Board will meet on *Tuesday, May 15*, at 7:00 p.m. in Room G-4.



Directory

UPDATE

Email Address Updates:

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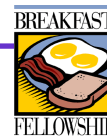
ATTENTION!

Due to the All-Church Clean Up on *Saturday, May 5*, the Faith in Action Group will not meet on May 1, but will participate in the May 5 Clean Up day. Questions? Call Richard Zulaica at (717) 255-9085.



Deadline for June UPDATE

The deadline for the submission of articles and announcements for the June UPDATE newsletter is *Monday, May 21*. Please forward your input to Bonnie Prior by email to b.prior@wsbc.org.



Men's Breakfast Fellowship

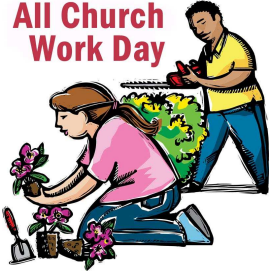
The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship will be at 8:00 a.m. on *Saturday, May 19*, at Bob Evans in New Cumberland. All men are invited!

Ladies Breakfast Fellowship

The next meeting of the Women's Breakfast Fellowship will be at 9:00 a.m. on *Saturday, May 19*, at Friendly's in Camp Hill. All women are invited! Please sign up on your bulletin insert.

Happenings and Highlights

All Church Work Day



Let's Make Our Church Shine!

A Trustees-led, all-church work morning will be held on **Saturday, May 5, 2018**, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Your help is needed to make our church “shine” from top to bottom, inside and out! Sign up on your bulletin insert to indicate to our Trustees your willingness to serve.



Highmark’s “Walk for a Healthy Community” on Saturday, May 19



Highmark’s “Walk for a Healthy Community” will take place on **Saturday, May 19**, at Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC). WSBC participants will walk to benefit Bethesda Mission. Online registration is recommended through Highmark at www.walkforahealthycommunity.org.



Join Us!
May 20, 2018

Watch your Sunday bulletin for more details to come!



Capital Area Pregnancy Centers “Shot At Life” Clay Shoot Event

Frank Strock and Steve Sleboda participated in the April 7, “Shot at Life” clay pigeon shoot at the Warrington Gun Club. A popular fundraising event, “Shot At Life” is sponsored by the Capital Area Pregnancy Centers.

From the Christian Education Board

WSBC/Baldwin Student Scholarship Fund

The WSBC/Baldwin Student Scholarship Fund seeks to grant modest financial assistance to student members of the congregation or regularly-attending students engaging in undergraduate, graduate, or specialized training in higher education. Applications may be picked up at the church office beginning **Sunday, May 6**. These applications are due to the church no later than **June 10, 2018**. Students will be notified of their acceptance by August 5, 2018.



 An illustration of three children sitting on the floor reading a large book together. One child is pointing at the text.

*Christian Educator
Appreciation Sunday*
Sunday, June 3

*WSBC's Christian Educators will be recognized during the worship service on **Sunday, June 3, 2018**.*

 An illustration of three graduates in blue gowns and caps, one is throwing a cap. There are colorful stars and streamers around them.

Graduation

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Class of 2018 graduates will be recognized in the service on **Sunday, June 3**, by the Board of Christian Education. Graduates are asked to send their information to the church office by **May 20**.

WSBC'S EASTER EGG HUNT AND OUTREACH EVENT **Saturday, March 24, 2018**



Happenings and Highlights

Ready...Set...THRIVE!

Ladies, summer is approaching faster than you think! It's time to plan on attending the 2018 ABW Ministries THRIVE Conference from **Friday, July 13, through Sunday, July 15**, at Shippensburg University. Join women from across PA and Delaware for Bible study with keynote speaker **Kelley Latta**, workshops, praise and worship time, and fellowship. The weekend cost of \$165 includes room, meals, and events.



Go to: <http://www.abcopad.org/Ministries/ABWM/Thrive-Conference-2018.aspx>. Questions? Contact Gayle Campbell at 717-774 4186 or email gcamp@verizon.net



American Baptist Men's Retreat

The 2018 A.B. Men's Retreat will be held at Shippensburg University **Friday, July 27, through Sunday, July 29**. The theme of this year's retreat is "Nothing Is Impossible With God. So Let Your Light Shine for Jesus to All!" The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Chuck Stecker, Executive Director and Founder of "A Chosen Generation." Come for challenging and relevant workshops, inspiring testimonies, worship, and special music. The cost is \$175 per person by May 1, \$185 by June 1, \$195 by July 15. The Youth Program's theme is "Control," led by **Ryan Seckman** and Kyle West. More information can be found on the men's bulletin board in the foyer. Fill out a registration form, available at the Welcome Center, and send it in today!

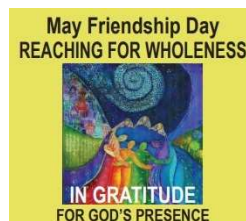


**COMING
SOON!**

Saturday, June 16

**YARD SALE
&
Family Festival**

Watch your bulletin for details.



CWU May Friendship Day and Annual Meeting, Friday, May 4

Church Women United of Greater Harrisburg will celebrate May Friendship Day and hold its Annual Meeting on **Friday, May 4**, at Zion Lutheran Church, 2300 Booser Ave., Penbrook.

The program, entitled, "Reaching for Wholeness In Gratitude for God's Presence," will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 11:30 a.m. following the Annual Meeting.



Crystal Brown, Executive Director of Brethren Housing Association will be the featured speaker.

Questions or information? Contact Gayle Campbell at 717-774-4186 or gpcamp@verizon.net.



May 2018

Calendar of Events

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| 29 ● 9am First Worship Service ● 10am Coffee Cafe ● 10am Children's Choir Practice ● 10:10am Christian Ed Classes 4 more | 30 ● 6:30pm Advisory Council Meet ● 7pm Sonshine Singers Rehears | May 1 ● 6:30pm Prayer Meeting ● 7pm Sonshine Singers Rehears | 2 ● 6:30pm Prayer Meeting ● 7pm Sonshine Singers Rehears | 3 ● 9:30am CWU Freindship Day | 4 ● 9am All-Church Work Day ● 11am COMMUNITY in Christ D ● 7pm Meet and Greet Candidat | 5 Pastoral Candidate Weekend ● 9am All-Church Work Day ● 11am COMMUNITY in Christ D ● 7pm Meet and Greet Candidat |
| 6 ● 9am Unity Worship Service ● 10am Coffee Cafe ● 10am Children's Choir Practice ● 10:10am Christian Ed Classes 3 more | 7 ● 7pm Beacon Bell Ringers | 8 ● 5:45pm Men's Bible Fellowship ● 6:30pm Prayer Meeting ● 7pm Sonshine Singers Rehears | 9 ● 5:45pm Men's Bible Fellowship ● 6:30pm Prayer Meeting ● 7pm Sonshine Singers Rehears | 10 ● 2pm Remembrance Service ● 6:30pm Prayer Meeting ● 7pm Sonshine Singers Rehears | 11 ● 8am Men's Fellowship Breakf ● 9am Ladies Fellowship Breakf | 12  |
| 13 Mother's Day ● 9am First Worship Service ● 10am Coffee Cafe ● 10am Children's Choir Practice 5 more | 14 ● 6:30pm Board of Trustees Mtg ● 6:30pm Mission Board Mtg | 15 ● 6:30pm Chr. Ed Board Mtg ● 7pm Diaconate Board Mtg | 16 ● 2pm Remembrance Service ● 6:30pm Prayer Meeting ● 7pm Sonshine Singers Rehears | 17 ● 5:45pm Men's Bible Fellowship ● 6:30pm Prayer Meeting ● 7pm Sonshine Singers Rehears | 18 ● 6:30pm Prayer Meeting ● 7pm Sonshine Singers Rehears | 19 ● 6:30pm Chr. Ed Board Mtg ● 7pm Diaconate Board Mtg |
| 20 Music Sunday ● 9am First Worship Service ● 10am Coffee Cafe ● 10:10am Christian Ed Classes 4 more | 21 ● 7pm Beacon Bell Ringers | 22 ● 6:30pm Board of Trustees Mtg ● 6:30pm Mission Board Mtg | 23 ● 5:45pm Men's Bible Fellowship ● 6:30pm Prayer Meeting ● 7pm Sonshine Singers Rehears | 24 ● 2pm Remembrance Service ● 6:30pm Prayer Meeting ● 7pm Sonshine Singers Rehears | 25 ● 6:30pm Prayer Meeting ● 7pm Sonshine Singers Rehears | 26 ● 6:30pm Chr. Ed Board Mtg ● 7pm Diaconate Board Mtg |
| 27 ● 9am First Worship Service ● 10am Coffee Cafe ● 10:10am Christian Ed Classes ● 10:10am Prayer LIGHT Team 3 more | 28 Memorial Day ● 8:30am Memorial Day Parade  | 29 ● 6:30pm Prayer Meeting ● 7pm Sonshine Singers Rehears | 30 ● 6:30pm Prayer Meeting ● 7pm Sonshine Singers Rehears | 31 ● 6:30pm Prayer Meeting ● 7pm Sonshine Singers Rehears | Jun 1 ● 6:30pm Prayer Meeting ● 7pm Sonshine Singers Rehears | 2 ● 6:30pm Prayer Meeting ● 7pm Sonshine Singers Rehears |

*West Shore Baptist Church
seeks to be a
L.I.G.H.T. to our Community by...*



Loving God in celebrative worship in order to *magnify* His wonderful name

Inviting Friends and sharing a caring witness as part of our life *mission*

Growing Together in uplifting fellowship encouraging faith and church *membership*

Helping Others and empowering growing disciples to engage in God-shaped *ministry*

Teaching Truth and equipping disciples to develop Christ-like spiritual *maturity*

West Shore Baptist Church
2025 Market Street
Camp Hill, PA 17011

SUNDAY SERVICES:

First Worship Service — 9:00 AM
Christian Education Hour — 10:10 AM
Second Worship Service — 11:00 AM

Coffee Café will be available in the Fellowship Hall for those who wish to fellowship from 10:00 -11:00 a.m.

We're on the web!
Visit: www.wsbc.org