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West Shore Baptist Church

NEWSLETTER



WEST SHORE
BAPTIST CHURCH

As Pastor Kelly returns from her sabbatical, I've been thinking a lot about how thankful I am for all the people who serve God and others. Whether they're full-time pastors like Pastor Kelly or doing their best every day as parents, spouses, coworkers, or neighbors, their faithfulness matters.

Pastor Kelly has poured so much into our church family over the years. She's always been there with encouragement, wisdom, and care, walking alongside us through the highs and lows. I'm really glad she had this time to step back, rest, and reconnect with God. Ministry can be really demanding, and it's so important to take time to recharge and refocus.

But ministry isn't only about what happens on Sundays or in church offices. It's also about everyday moments. It is the parents teaching their kids about love and faith, spouses supporting each other through the tough days, coworkers showing kindness when things get stressful, and neighbors stepping up to help without being asked. Those moments may seem small or ordinary, but they are powerful ways God's love shows up in the world.

Like Dave said in our business meeting last week, I'm incredibly thankful and honestly amazed to see our church family step up and lead during Pastor Kelly's absence. It's been inspiring to watch so many people rise to the occasion, showing real dedication and heart.

So as we welcome Pastor Kelly back, I want to say thank you to everyone who serves in big ways and small ways. Whether you're leading from the pulpit or quietly leading in your own part of the world, your faithfulness matters more than you might realize.

- Maura



Birthdays

2 – Charlie Bihl	18 – Betty Norford
3 – Judy Maurer	19 – CJ Wright
7 – Shaine Lepley	20 – Fred Lebo
9 – Becky Gentzler	21 – Gary Dambach
11 – Caleb Bihl	28 – Emily Foster
11 – Jim Klock	29 – Jesse Barth
11 – Carol Sweigard	29 – Sheri Conner
14 – Mary Lyle-Lepley	

Anniversaries



6 – Charlie & Brigid Alford
11 – Chris & Becca Smeltzer
14 – Steven & Jayne Metz
16 – Craig & Jorrie Gentzler
19 – Milan & Cheryl Vulich
22 – Ken & Carol Saltzer
23 – Fred & Dottie Lebo
23 – Bill & Kyle Zoll
28 – Stan & Coleen LeQuire

Cast all your
anxiety on him
because he cares
for you.
1 Peter 5:7

Men's & Ladies' Breakfast

August 16

8:00 am – Men's Breakfast
Silver Spring Diner

8:30 am – Ladies' Breakfast
Turning Point Restaurant

August Meetings

Advisory Council Meeting: Mon, Aug. 11, 6:30pm
Board of Trustees Meeting: Mon, Aug. 11, 6:30pm
Board of Deacons Meeting: Tues, Aug. 12, 6:30pm
Missions Board Meeting: Tues, Aug. 19, 6:00pm
Christian Ed Board Meeting: Tues, Aug. 19, 7:00 pm

Advisory Council

The Advisory Council, like the congregation, is looking forward to Pastor Kelly's August return. We acknowledge that her time off has been for contemplation and growth, on her part and ours, something she included in her sabbatical planning by providing us with an exercise to consider during her absence and to review on her return. We'll be doing that follow-up, sharing our thoughts on how this time of reflection has given us insight into our ministry, our place in the community, and how we can be better disciples in His word. We invite the congregation to share any thoughts, comments, and recommendations to contribute to this discussion. And we express our deep gratitude to all those who have assumed additional responsibilities and tasks of all sorts over the last few months – it is a true testament to the gifts we are blessed with and hearts that share so generously.

The Deacon Board

Benevolence Fund:

Managing the church's Benevolence Fund is an important part of the deacon board's responsibilities. We are grateful for the many people in our congregation who contribute to this impactful ministry. Your generosity allows us to feed the hungry in our community and help struggling families get through tough times. **Our next collection will be held August 10.**

Fellowship/Coffee Café:

Do you have a favorite item or treat you'd like to share on Sunday mornings for our coffee café? Donations are greatly appreciated.

Parents' Prayer Group:

The Parents' Prayer group will not be meeting over the summer and will resume in September.

Prayer Ministry:

Our trained prayer ministers, identified by their yellow buttons, are happy to pray with you at any time and will be at the front of the sanctuary at the end of the service. You may also submit prayer requests for our prayer team on our church center app.

Church Center:

Have you visited westshorebaptist.churchcenter.com or downloaded the church center app on your smart phone or tablet yet? You'll find event sign-ups, group registration, online giving, prayer request submission forms, our pictorial directory (please opt-in) and much more!

Deacon's List:

To better serve and care for our congregational family, each Deacon will take responsibility to watch over a set list of individuals & families within our church for 2025. Your Deacon will connect with you regularly and serve as your point person for congregational care needs.

Church Picnic:

Mark your calendars! We will host a church picnic with games and great food at Adams-Ricci Park's Northeast Pavillion at 5pm on Saturday, August 23. Registration will be via a Sign-Up Genius on Church Center. Please bring your favorite lawn games and, if you like, a lawn chair. The Deacons will provide the main dish and drinks. Last names A-I please bring side dish, J-R salad, and S-Z dessert.

Trustee Board

No report this month.

Board of Christian Education

Community Groups:

Community Groups are small groups who gather to apply the Bible to their lives, pray and build relationships. If you are interested in joining or launching a new group, contact the church office for more information.

Kids' Club:

Kids' Club Summer Group will meet next on August 20th. Weekly Kids' Club will resume September 10th. See Maura Bihl for details.

Men's Community Group:

The men's group will not be meeting over the summer.

Musical Theater Camp Dress Rehearsal:

We're inviting all of our WSBC family who are available to come out for a FREE dress rehearsal performance of *Aladdin, Kids* on Friday, August 8 at 1:30 PM! Our campers need an audience to make their dress rehearsal extra special (and effective!) and your presence is a huge help to the cast. You may enter via the Market Street doors beginning at 1:15 PM to see the 50-minute performance. If you cannot attend the free dress rehearsal, tickets will be on sale for the 3 & 5 PM Saturday performances at the door for \$5/person.

Musical Theater Camp Tear Down Help Needed:

Our Musical Theater Camp team is in great need of help tearing down from our performances on Saturday, August 9 around 6 PM. Even if you were unable to help with the camp (or attend the performances), we would greatly appreciate your presence & time that evening. We'll take down the set, restore the sanctuary, Davidson Chapel & other rooms. Questions? Contact Maura Bihl.

Save the Date:

Our second annual Women's Retreat is scheduled for October 10-12, 2025, at the Doubling Gap Retreat Center in Newville. Registration for the weekend-long retreat will open in late summer and more details, including theme & cost, will be available then. Overnight accommodations are limited, as we only have 33 beds, so you will want to register early! We will also offer a daytime only option.

Life Groups:

This summer you are encouraged to grab some friends (both from WSBC and beyond) and enjoy fun and fellowship with a Life Group! Life Groups are activity-based gatherings meant to be great ways to simply build relationships and enjoy each other's company. Sign up on Church Center. This summer we'll have the following groups:

Biking Life Group -- For each of our Saturday bike rides, we'll meet at a trailhead about 10 am, we'll ride out and back at a comfortable pace for 8 to 12 miles, and we'll conclude with some snacks and fellowship and be on our way home by lunchtime. All rides are weather-permitting, and sometimes on warmer days we'll start a little earlier. The first ride, the only Sunday ride, is participation in Capital Area Greenbelt's Tour de Belt, which requires separate registration. We'll meet at the registration area at 9:30 AM.

- Sunday, June 1 – Capital Area Greenbelt Tour de Belt (separate registration required)
- June 14 – Cumberland Valley Rail Trail (Newville)
- June 28 – Lancaster NW River Trail (Columbia Crossing)
- July 12 – York Heritage Rail Trail
- July 26 – Warwick-Ephrata Rail Trail
- Aug 9 – Enola Low Grade Trail
- Aug 16 – Lebanon Rail Trail
- Sept 6 – Jonathan Eshenour Trail (Hershey)
- **Facilitator:** Doug Hill

Cigar Life Group -- This group gathers in member's backyards to smoke cigars and invest in each other's lives. Smoking isn't a requirement and all are welcome to come! They will meet at 6:30 PM on 2nd and 4th Thursdays June through August. The first meeting will be at Ed Bihl's. **Facilitators:** Ed Bihl & Frank Strock

Crafts Life Group -- Bring your favorite crafting supplies -- from scrapbooking to card making, from painting to knitting -- and enjoy seeing what projects others are up to! Our crafters will meet in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM on Tuesdays June 3 & 24, July 1 & 22 and August 12 & 26. **Facilitator:** Sue Sweigard

Games & Puzzles Life Group -- Bring your favorite board & card games and/or jigsaw puzzles and come prepared for competitive fun! This group will gather on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 PM in Davidson Chapel. **Facilitators:** Cheryl Montgomery & Linda Neubaum.

Ping-Pong Life Group -- We welcome anyone to come play ping pong for fun or to win. We will meet at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall, June 5 & 19, July 3 & 17 and August 21. Due to Musical Theatre Camp on August 7, we will meet at the *same time, but different place*. Come to the "Boulevard's Sky Room". See Coleen for more details (207) 530-4107.

Facilitators: Coleen Chin LeQuire & Bill Zoll

Wild Church Life Group -- Let's take church outside. Our goal is to understand what the Creator is doing in his creation and reflect on our role in his world. We will either hike or engage in an outdoor project on the second Saturday of each month June-August from 9am to 12noon. To wrap up our time together, we will have a brief devotional worship time to reconnect with the Creator and to follow him in caring for what he has made. "Wild Church" may be ideal for your friends and neighbors who are not open to attending an indoor church, yet are curious about God and creation. **Facilitator:** Stan LeQuire

The Missions Board

Clothes Closet:

There will be no clothes closet in August due to Musical Theater Camp, but will resume serving the community on Saturday, September 13th from 9am – 12 pm. Volunteers are welcome and needed both mid-week and one Saturday a month. Please contact Dawne Strock for details.

Little Free Pantry:

Don't forget about our outdoor community pantry. Thank you to those who have contributed. Next time you are shopping, consider buying an item or two to place in the pantry on your way into church.

Red Cross Blood Drive:

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive held at WSBC on **Monday, August 25th from 12pm-6 pm**. If you wish to donate, visit their website at www.redcrossblood.org.

Blessing Bags:

Filled bags can be found in the lobby. Please help yourself to have one on hand to share whenever there is someone in need.

All Donations:

The donation location has moved to the closet in Fellowship Hall near the education wing exit on the 21st St. side. The shelves are labeled for your donations:

- New Hope Ministries Food Pantry (top shelf),
- Little Free Pantry (middle shelf),
- Blessing Bag (bottom shelf and floor).



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SUNDAY SERVICES:

Worship Service — 10:30 AM

Live streaming online and at church

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