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West Shore Baptist Church

# NEWSLETTER



WEST SHORE  
BAPTIST CHURCH

Last summer at Musical Theater Camp, we explored the story of *Frozen*, but not just the surface-level version the kids performed on stage. We talked with them about what it means to have a “frozen heart” and how sin can harden and isolate us. Then we shared the Good News: through Christ’s ultimate act of love and sacrifice, our frozen hearts can be made alive again. Watching that truth sink in throughout the week was incredibly powerful.

This year, we’re stepping into the story of *Aladdin*, and we’re focusing on the idea that we were created to reign with God. From the very beginning, God made us to reflect His goodness and to live as kings and queens in His kingdom. But like Aladdin, sin often causes us to forget who we are. We try to prove our worth, cover up our flaws, or grasp for control instead of trusting the One who made us.

Throughout the week, we’ll walk with our campers through God’s original design, the fall, and the hope we find in Jesus, the perfect King who traded His crown for a cross. Using simple props like crowns and mirrors, we’ll help the kids see that their identity isn’t something they have to earn. It’s already been given to them by a loving King.

By the end of the week, we hope each camper can remember an eight-count and a few lines from the script, but more than that, we hope every camper leaves knowing they are deeply loved, fully known, and called to live as part of God’s story. We would love your prayers for the week ahead, and we can’t wait to share what God does through it.

—Maura



## Birthdays

1 – Wayne Howell	21 – Victor Adeyemi
1 – Susan Rhone	24 – Barb Donofrio
8 – Glory Adeyemi	25 – Barb Schweiger
16 – Paul Schweiger	26 – Madeline Waring
16 – Janet Harvey	26 – Kim Wright
18 – Chris Smeltzer	27 – Linda Walton
18 – Ernie Lopez	28 – Gayle Campbell

## Anniversaries



8 – Shaine & Mary Lepley  
10 – Terry & Linda Fleming  
29 – Ron & Candy Barth  
29 – Ernie & Monsy Lopez  
29 – Joe & Audrey Wincovitch  
30 – Steve & Gayle Campbell

**Happy  
Independence Day!**



## Men's & Ladies' Breakfast

**July 19**

**8:00 am – Men's Breakfast**  
West Shore Plaza Family Restaurant

**8:30 am – Ladies' Breakfast**  
Chef de Crepe

## July Meetings

**Advisory Council Meeting:** Mon, July 7, 6:30pm

**Board of Trustees Meeting:** Mon, July 14, 6:30pm

**Board of Deacons Meeting:** Tues, July 8, 6:30pm

**Missions Board Meeting:** Tues, July 15, 6:00pm

**Christian Ed Board Meeting:** Tues, July 15, 7:00 pm

# Advisory Council

We're now two months into our ministry life during Pastor Kelly's sabbatical. In the prior edition of the Update we republished the FAQs about sabbaticals and reminded the Church of the need for prayer and support and feedback. During this time the Advisory Council has worked with each of the Boards and our many project leaders to ensure continuity and coordination of our ministry. Given the strength of faith and commitment among all our volunteers we believed we'd all rise to the challenge, and we've been delighted that it has been embraced and met. We are blessed that our years of practicing the tenets of believing and belonging have allowed us to grow in our bridging and becoming – and particularly how so many of you have shared unique and distinct gifts, talents, and time. And we are grateful for lay leaders who help to coordinate so many moving parts and still come up with ways to incorporate new ideas, new directions, and new ministries.

The Council has been rigorous in collecting and sharing commentary, suggestions, and needs, and working through how all of this gets translated into our work here in the Church. We are grateful for candor and openness, and the willingness to offer some grace for the “oops” that crop up from time to time. We hope that your openness continues, not just through the remaining weeks of the sabbatical but as a commitment to maintaining and growing that shared response post-sabbatical.

Last, we express our gratitude to those who are filling the pulpit over these few months. We have enjoyed different styles and gained unique new perspectives – all representing the breadth of His Word and His blessings as we continue to grow in faith and as a congregation.

The Advisory Council, along with our boards, committees, volunteers, and staff are truly grateful for your prayers for the church and for the Pastor during this time.

# 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 July 13.**

## **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](http://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. **During Pastor Kelly's sabbatical, your deacon is your first point of contact for any pastoral care needs.**

## **Church Picnic:**

Mark your calendars! We will host a church picnic with games and great food at Adams-Ricci Park on the evening of Saturday, August 23. More details to come!

# Trustee Board

## **Fellowship Hall Renovations:**

We continue steady progress to renovate the Fellowship Hall, the hallways, ladies room and Youth Room. All ceiling tiles have been replaced, and painting has moved from the Fellowship Hall to the hallways. We are aiming to complete the project well before August 4<sup>th</sup>, when the kids come in for Musical Theater Camp. It is shaping up nicely.

# 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.

## **Kid's Club:**

Kid's Club Summer Group will meet on July 9<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup>. Weekly Kids' Club will resume in the fall. See Maura Bihl for details.

## **Men's Community Group:**

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

## **Musical Theater Camp:**

Calling all volunteers! We need your help leading & loving the campers God is bringing to Musical Theater Camp August 4-8 from 9 AM - 3 PM (with performances on Aug. 9). Can you help coordinate crafts, supervise choreography lessons or just hang out with awesome students? Volunteers are welcome to serve for the whole week or any number of days, based on your availability. And, if you cannot commit to a full day, go ahead and register and then let Maura Bihl know you'll only be present for the morning or afternoon. To register, visit the [Church Center app](#). Thank you in advance!

## **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:**

The clothes closet will be open this month on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 12 pm. Thank you to all who donated clothes to refill the closet. Volunteers are welcome and needed both mid-week and one Saturday a month. Please contact Dawne Strock for details.

## **Free Little 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 **Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-6 pm**. If you wish to donate, visit their website at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

## **Blessing Bags:**

Filled bags can be found in the lobby. These bags can be shared wherever there is a need.

## **Puzzles:**

Like a good puzzle? Jigsaw puzzle that is? You're in luck. We now have a Puzzle Cabinet located at the Welcome Center! These puzzles are free to take and put together then return for someone else's enjoyment. Feel free to add to the collection.

## **Mission Possible:**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Mission Possible event. Based on the stories and pictures shared, everyone was busy and productive. We are blessed to have a heart for missions and sharing the love of Christ through supportive work and caring. The organizations we assisted were very appreciative. The Board of Missions extends its sincere gratitude for your time and service.

## **Link 4 Youth:**

Thanks to your generous donations to our May matching funds collection, we were able to gift The Link 4 Youth \$2140 for their Summer Youth Day Camp. There were \$1140 in donations and The Mission Board matched \$1000.





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**SUNDAY SERVICES:**

**Worship Service — 10:30 AM**

**Live streaming online and at church**

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