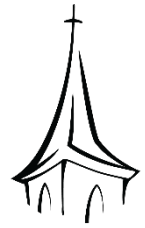


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West Shore Baptist Church

NEWSLETTER



WEST SHORE
BAPTIST CHURCH

Normally this part of the newsletter comes from Pastor Kelly, but while she's away on sabbatical, I've been asked to pop in and share a little update from the Children's Ministry. Please keep Kelly in your prayers, that her time away would be full of rest and renewal. We miss her already, but we are grateful she has this time to pray over West Shore and the direction of the church for many years to come.

Over in Children's Ministry, we've been on quite the adventure over the past year. In September, we started all the way back in Genesis, and now we're deep into the book of 1 Samuel. We've walked with Abraham as God made His covenant, cheered for Moses as he led the people out of Egypt, wandered the wilderness (thankfully just in our imaginations!), and celebrated as Joshua led God's people into the Promised Land. We've seen judges rise up, some bold, some flawed, and now we're watching the people beg for a king so they can be "like all the other nations."

It's been so powerful to walk through these stories with the kids and see how much they're taking in and connecting the dots. What's really stood out is how every story...every single one...points us to the fact that we need someone better. A better leader. A better rescuer. A better king.

We've had some great conversations with the kids about how even the heroes of the Old Testament had major flaws. God used them, but none of them could fix the brokenness around them or in themselves. Each week, the stories quietly (or loudly) hint at Jesus. We haven't made it to the New Testament yet, but the excitement is already building. The kids are starting to realize that all these stories are leading somewhere and to Someone.

Thank you for supporting and praying for our kids and this ministry. They're asking amazing questions, making deep connections, and growing in their love for God. It's such a privilege to be part of their faith journey, and I am honored to walk alongside them as they learn to trust our one true King.

Maura Bihl
Children's Ministry Director



Birthdays

5 – Andrea Dunkle	19 – Monsy Lopez
5 – Kath Nichols	20 – Olutayo Adeyemi
8 – Jennifer Jennelly	20 – Mark Kindig
9 – Carolyn Frischkorn	20 – Bruce Montgomery
16 – Tina Goff	22 – Doug Hill
	26 – Terry Fleming

Anniversaries



14 – Russ & Michele Miller

Choose Joy!



Men's & Ladies' Breakfast

June 21

8:00 am – Men's Breakfast
Front Street Diner

8:30 am – Ladies' Breakfast
Trindle Family Restaurant

June Meetings

Advisory Council Meeting: Mon, June 2, 6:30pm
Board of Trustees Meeting: Mon, June 9, 6:30pm
Board of Deacons Meeting: Tues, June 3, 6:30pm
Missions Board Meeting: Tues, June 17, 6:00pm
Christian Ed Board Meeting: Tues, June 17, 7:00 pm

Advisory Council

Summer Sabbatical FAQs

We're a month into our ministry life during Pastor Kelly's sabbatical. With God's grace – and the strong support of the congregation – we've transitioned well into this new experience. The Advisory Council, along with our boards, committees, volunteers, and staff continues to monitor all that we do as a church, and all that we hear from our members and others who are part of our ministry. We're grateful for your prayers for the church and for the Pastor during this time. We'll continue to include the FAQs in case you have questions or needs.

Why a Sabbatical?

- PK wants to serve us well. Sometimes the best way to grow as a leader is to stop leading and sit at Jesus' feet. Preachers teach more effectively when they stop delivering sermons and, for a season, sit in a pew and receive from the Father. Counselors need to stop listening and, instead, create space to listen to the Spirit. To serve us more faithfully, she will step away to prepare for our next 7 years together.
- Congregations grow as lay leaders get to *lead*, everyone hears from more voices in the pulpit and we together remain committed to making disciples who believe, belong, bridge & become while our Pastor is away.

Will we hear from PK during the Sabbatical?

No. In order to fully disengage, Pastor Kelly will worship with other churches each week and will not be with us. She will not check email or voicemails or anything else related to pastoral ministry at WSBC. You'll probably still find a few pictures of her travels on social media, though!

Who will preach?

- A variety of wonderful preachers from our area will share God's word with us each Sunday. Expect to hear from Rev. David Klock, Rev. Stan LeQuire, Rev. Frank Frischkorn Rev. Greg Kabakjian & Rev. Betty Norford, among others!

How will 'ministry' get done?

- The same way it always does! Through the gifts & service of our amazing staff & lay leadership. The Advisory Council (Doug Hill, CJ Wright, Anne Bihl, Sue Sweigard, Maryke Clark, Barb Schweiger, Shaine Lepley, Linda Walton & Barbara Donofrio) will continue to lead.

What if I have a pastoral care need?

- Contact your Deacon with any pastoral needs that may arise. If he or she believes someone with more experience would be helpful, one of our on-call pastoral emergency pastors will be contacted.

Who will run the prayer chain & other communications?

- Maura Bihl, our children's ministry director, will handle all prayer chain, Connections Emails, and other churchwide communications. Email her at maura.bihl@gmail.com.

What if I need to stop by the church midweek?

- Donna is in Monday – Thursday from 8 AM – 3 PM.

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 June 8.**

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 role of a parent in shepherding their children (and grandchildren) toward Christ never ends. A prayer group, facilitated by Stan LeQuire, meets to 1) grow in prayer and wrestle together as we 2) lift up our children who are not yet following and living for the Lord. This group meets on third Sundays at 5:30pm in room 201.

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. **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

Ceiling Tile Project:

At the end of May, the board of trustees along with volunteers from the congregation, replaced the ceiling tiles in the Fellowship Hall.

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 9th and August 20th. Weekly Kids' Club will resume in the fall. See Maura Bihl for details.

Men's Community Group:

Men's group meets every other Thursday at 8am in Davidson Chapel. Please sign up on the Church Center App.

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!

Congratulations Baldwin Scholarship Recipients:

We want to congratulate Micah and Logan Waring as our 2025 Baldwin Scholarship recipients! Micah attends West Virginia University with a major in Political Science. Logan will be attending West Virginia University in the fall with a major in Wildlife and Fisheries Resources.

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, June 14th 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, June 20th from 11am-5 pm**. If you wish to donate, visit their website at 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:

There's still time to sign up for our annual Mission Possible Day - June 7, 2025. As a church we exist to make disciples, followers of Jesus Christ, who carry out His mission directives to take the Gospel in word and deed to the very ends of the earth, working to see His Kingdom break into this world. At WSBC, we designate a specific Saturday each year to provide service and share the Gospel at local organizations. After starting at 7:30am with breakfast at the church teams will deploy to 5 different non-profits from 9:00am – 12:00pm. This year our service is needed at Downtown Daily Bread, Link 4 Youth, New Hope Ministries, Hope Served, and Pink Hands of Hope. Registration is open on Church Center and in the lobby. Contact Charlie Alford, Board of Missions, if you have any questions about this year's Mission Possible Day.

Spring 3M Grants:

The Mission Board awarded 2 faith-based partners funds from the Memorial and Mission Ministry Spring Grant. \$2000 was awarded to Greenlight Operation that addresses the needs of survivors of human trafficking and \$3000 to The Link 4 Youth for their Summer Camp Program.

Thank You:

West Shore Baptist Church was recognized by American Baptist Churches USA for our 2024 giving to missions. Our giving of \$20,000 was 32nd out of 4,700 American Baptist Churches in the U.S. Thank you for your continuous support of world-wide missions.



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SUNDAY SERVICES:

Worship Service — 10:30 AM

Live streaming online and at church

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