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West Shore Baptist Church

# NEWSLETTER



## From the Desk of Pastor Kelly

I'm writing this article two days before our team boards a plane to serve alongside missionaries in the Dominican Republic and I'm starting to get excited. Not about the travel; that's never been my favorite part of any trip. I'm looking forward to meeting the family we will be staying with.

You see, the DR has always been their home. They are my favorite kind of missionaries: the kind who did not cross an ocean or go to language school. This pastor and her family simply love Jesus and their neighbors right where they are. Many years ago, they noticed a huge discrepancy in the way that Haitian farm workers are treated. The workers immigrate for jobs but find that their kids are not offered education, medical needs are not met, and their Dominican neighbors treat them like second class citizens.

And this family decided to live in mission. They began investing in their Haitian neighbors, learning their stories and telling them of Jesus. Then they decided to start loving them like Jesus – making sure they had food, basic necessities and even starting a school when the government would not do so.

Doing so has cost them in every way. But they are on mission. Right where they live.

I wonder what it looks like for you and I to live like that? Carrying out Jesus' command to love Him by loving our neighbors sacrificially, purposefully, and continuously so that they know Him and see His Kingdom come and His will be done right here, in our neighborhoods, even as it is in heaven.

Love ya,  
Pastor Kelly



## Birthdays

1 – June Karschner	19 – Griffin Easley
8 – Carolyn Wolf	23 – Megan Barth
11 – Diane Auten	23 – Bob Zoll
13 – Elowen Easley	25 – Anna Carr
14 – Ken Saltzer	30 – Edie Kennerly
17 – Daxon Klock	31 – Dominick Donofrio
17 – Pat Zulaica	

## Anniversaries



12 – Josh & Abby Geiger  
24 – Ed & Anne Bihl

**March 9th!**



## Men's & Ladies' Breakfast

**March 15**

**8 am – Men's Breakfast**  
Front Street Diner

**8:30 am – Ladies' Breakfast**  
Hampden Diner

## March Meetings

**Advisory Council Meeting:** Mon, Mar. 3, 6:30pm

**Board of Trustees Meeting:** Mon, Mar. 10, 6:30pm

**Board of Deacons Meeting:** Tues, Mar. 11, 6:30pm

**Missions Board Meeting:** Tues, Mar. 18, 6:00pm

**Christian Ed Board Meeting:** Tues, Mar. 18, 7:00 pm

# Advisory Council

## **Search Committee:**

The Pastoral Search Committee remains active. As communicated back in July when the search started, we anticipated a long process and that's proving to be true. As you know, we posted our ad in September on MinistrELife, an American Baptist ministry-recruiting tool, followed in November by postings directly on Christian-college and seminary job boards. We started 2025 by partnering with BetterTeam, a job-posting resource that will enable us to reach even more potential candidates. So now our job posting is live and visible broadly on a variety of appropriate websites. We will continue to keep you posted on our progress. In the meantime, continue to pray for the person God is preparing to join us when He feels the time is right.

# 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 March 9.**

## **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](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.

## **Discovery Course:**

Our next new member class will be held Saturday, March 22 from 9 - noon. Anyone interested in learning about WSBC and becoming a member please register on Church Center.

# 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 meets every Wednesday from 6:30-7:45pm. Open to students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. See Maura Bihl or Pastor Kelly for details.

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

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

## **Musical Theater Camp:**

Mark your calendars! Musical Theater Camp will be August 4-8 (with performances on Aug. 9). Camper Registration for students in grades 1-12 (in the '25-26 academic year) will open in April and we will need many Volunteers to serve. This year campers will perform *Aladdin*, *Kids* and learn that our true identity is found in Christ, as His love transforms us into "diamonds".

## **Waffle Breakfast – Rescheduled:**

Due to weather conditions, we needed to postpone our Children's Ministry Family Waffle Breakfast. We are excited to announce that we have rescheduled the event for Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. We hope to see you there for a fun time of fellowship, food and family! To ensure we have an accurate headcount, please re-register for the event through Church Center or at:

<https://westshorebaptist.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2714811>

# The Missions Board

## **Clothes Closet:**

The clothes closet will be open this month on Saturday, March 8<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 **Monday, March 24<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.

## **Thank You:**

On behalf of the American Baptist Churches USA Office of the General Secretary, it is our pleasure to congratulate you and your congregation on being ranked #30 in United Mission giving throughout in the entire denomination of approximately 4,700 churches for the calendar year ending December 31, 2023! Congratulations and thank you for your generous support of \$21,495 in 2023!

## **Link 4 Youth:**

The Mission Board is sponsoring an evening of service at the Link 4 Youth on Monday, March 10. Volunteers are needed from approximately 3:30 - 6 PM to help lead a Bible lesson and/or craft (4 PM) for middle & high school students and to serve dinner (5 PM) for all of the students & staff.

Register to volunteer on [Church Center](#).

## **Mission Possible:**

Save the Date! Mission Possible is Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast will be served at 8am and then we will serve mission organizations throughout our area. There will be opportunities for all ages and stages. More details coming soon!

**Blessing Bag Drive:** All of our supplies for blessing bags were used by our Kids' Club crew to fill our current Bags. The Mission Board is requesting donations to prepare for our next round of bags. Donations of new gallon-size Ziplocks, 6 to 10-ounce empty reusable water bottles, travel-size toothpaste, toothbrushes (preferably with covers), nail clippers, chapstick, socks (of all sizes), hand wipes, plain deodorant and bandaids May be left in the lobby throughout March.

### **AB Men's Service Weekend:**

Men, your hands can help shape eternity this spring! Join fellow ABCOPAD men for a powerful weekend of fellowship and purpose as they prepare Camp Ichthus for its transformative summer ministry. Fliers are available at the Welcome Center.

**When:** 6 PM April 11 through 3 PM April 12

**Where:** Camp Ichthus in Palmerton, PA

**Cost:** FREE - Just bring your willing heart and helping hands

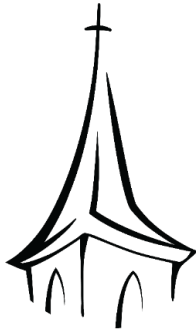
**Accommodations:** Overnight lodging and meals provided

**How:** [Register today.](#)

### **AB Women's Event:**

All women are invited to FBC Milton for a one-day American Baptist Women event on Saturday, April 5 from 9am - 3:30pm. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch, program materials, and hands-on activities.

To learn more or register, click [here](#) for the flier / registration form. Additional fliers are available at the Welcome Center.



# WEST SHORE

BAPTIST CHURCH

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## SUNDAY SERVICES:

Worship Service — 10:30 AM

Live streaming online and at church

## Staff

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