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West Shore Baptist Church

# NEWSLETTER



WEST SHORE  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## From the Desk of Pastor Kelly

You probably noticed it when you had to strain to hear me rasp out a sermon (in between coughing fits), but I decided that it would be *super* fun for my 40<sup>th</sup> to develop the same sicknesses I last experienced at the age of 4 (namely, an ear infection, pink eye & a gnarly cold). While chugging antibiotics & Dayquil in an attempt to dislodge the ice pick lodged in my ear canal, a thought occurred to me. Most days I can convince myself that I am fairly in control of my life and, more importantly, that I'm fairly 'nice.' I wake up in the morning, set an agenda and then go accomplish it. I greet people with (near) infinite patience. I got this!

Until I get a cold.

Seriously, all it takes is a cold to knock me on my backside and remind me that I am not in charge of this life. Or nearly as 'nice' as I try to convince myself that I am. Some slight congestion and I am suddenly confronted with the reality that I have very little power and an overwhelming amount of selfishness. I mask both when life is going my way.

All it takes is a cold to expose the truth.

The reality is I should know that I am not in charge. I didn't name & hang the stars, for instance, so it's very little wonder that I do not possess the power to order the Universe about to do my bidding. Nor did I create the 24-hours that stretch out before me today. So why would I for one second think they belong to me, and I can fill them as I desire? And I know my heart. I know that it is filled with more wickedness than I dare to admit. Any goodness in me is a gift from God, a glimpse of His heart, not mine.

But that also means it only takes a cold to remind me of how gracious God is. He gave His Son for a person who can be crippled by congestion, crushed by sin. And while I control nothing (truly) in this life, He is sovereign over it all. And do you know the best part? He never calls out sick. His character never shifts and changes based on the weather, amount of sleep or an illness. He was good yesterday and He'll be good tomorrow, because He simply is good.

Those are truths worth holding on to. Even with a cold.

Love ya,  
PK



## Birthdays

10 – Judy Brouse	22 – Frank Strock
11 – Bill Neubaum	25 – Stellan Easley
11 – Micah Waring	25 – Milan Vulich
14 – Coralai Smeltzer	27 – Jena Myers
15 – Alice Chin	31 – Everett Harman
18 – Logan Waring	

## Anniversaries



10 – Nick & Jennifer Jennelly  
19 – Jim & Katie Klock  
23 – Joe & Marilyn Skasko  
25 – John & Sheri Conner  
26 – David & Danae Klock  
31 – Martino & Lindsay Neve

May 26, 2025



## Men's & Ladies' Breakfast

May 17

8:00 am – Men's Breakfast  
Perkins Restaurant & Bakery

8:30 am – Ladies' Breakfast  
West Shore Plaza Family Restaurant

## May Meetings

Advisory Council Meeting: Mon, May 5, 6:30pm  
Board of Trustees Meeting: Mon, May 12, 6:30pm  
Board of Deacons Meeting: Tues, May 13, 6:30pm  
Missions Board Meeting: Tues, May 20, 6:00pm  
Christian Ed Board Meeting: Tues, May 20, 7:00 pm

# Advisory Council

## Summer Sabbatical FAQs

A pastoral sabbatical is a 3-month period following 5-7 consecutive years of service during which our Pastor disconnects from the regular duties of pastoral ministry, in order to rest physically & spiritually and then reengage refreshed and ready for the next season of our ministry life together. Pastor Kelly will engage her sabbatical April 28 – July 31, 2025.

### 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](mailto: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 May 12.**

## **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.

## **Battle of the Baptist BBQ:**

Want to show off your BBQ skills and compete for bragging rights? Prefer to simply dine on delicious delicacies? Then be here on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> following the worship service for lunch! When you register on Church Center to attend please indicate if you will enter the BBQ competition. The first 5 people interested may also register to serve as judges (those entering the "battle" may not serve as judges). Those not bringing BBQ are asked to bring: desserts (last names A-I), sides (last names J-R) and salads (last names S-Z). The Deacons welcome volunteers to help them with day-of set-up and clean up as well.

# 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 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!

## **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** -- Table tennis aficionados (and those who just want to learn!) plan to come out to Fellowship Hall for a rejuvenating time even after a long day at work. This group meets all year and has a wonderful mix of church folks & people who wouldn't normally step into a church. For the summer, they'll gather at 6:30 PM on Thursdays, June 5 & 19, July 3 & 17 and August 7 & 21. **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, May 10<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 **Tuesday, May 20<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:**

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Mission Possible Day - June 7, 2025. Save the date! 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. Mark your calendars and pray how and where your service will be needed most. Contact Charlie Alford, Board of Missions, if you have any questions about this year's Mission Possible Day.

## **Link Offering:**

The Link 4 Youth needs scholarship funds to provide free or low-cost summer camp experiences for students in grades 2-8 this summer. The Mission Board is sponsoring a \$1,000 matching grant to support these scholarships. Every \$1 you give in May will be matched up to \$1,000. Use the envelopes in your pew or Church Center to give.



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**SUNDAY SERVICES:**

**Worship Service — 10:30 AM**

**Live streaming online and at church**

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