

WEST ALEXANDER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Monthly Newsletter-August 2026

Greetings Corner

Let Everything That Has Breath Praise the Lord----Psalm 150

“Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.” — Psalm 150:6 (KJV)

Psalm 150 is the grand finale of the Psalms. After 149 chapters filled with joy and sorrow, victories and failures, questions and answers, David and the other psalmists end with one unmistakable message: Praise the Lord!

Notice that the psalm doesn't tell us to praise God only when life is easy. It doesn't say to praise Him only when our prayers have been answered or when we feel happy. Instead, it reminds us to praise Him for who He is and for what He has done.

Verse 2 says: **“Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.”**

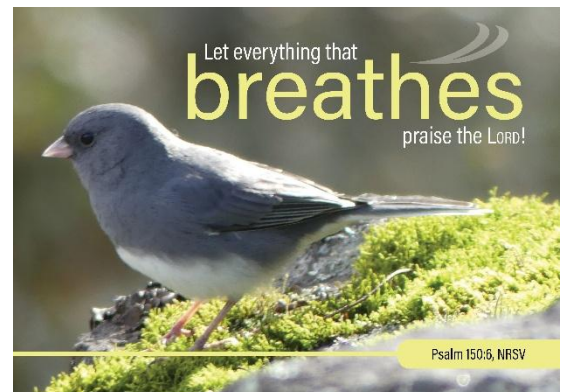
God's mighty acts include creation, His faithfulness to Israel, His provision, His mercy, and ultimately His gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. His greatness never changes, even when our circumstances do.

The psalm also mentions many musical instruments—trumpets, harps, tambourines, strings, organs, and cymbals. The point isn't that everyone must worship with music, but that every gift, every talent, and every expression of joy can be used to honor God. Worship is not confined to a church service; it is a way of life.

The final verse widens the invitation even further: **“Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.”**

If you are breathing today, you have a reason to praise Him. We praise Him because He is worthy. We praise Him because He is faithful. We praise Him because His love never fails. And sometimes, we praise Him simply because praising Him lifts our eyes above our problems and fixes them on the One who reigns forever.

No matter what today holds, choose praise. It may not change your circumstances immediately, but it will change your perspective. A heart filled with praise remembers that God is still on His throne, still in control, and still deserving of our worship.



Events Corner

August 4	7:30 pm	Session Meeting
August 9	after morning worship	Fellowship Time sponsored by the Deacons
August 10	6:30 pm	Trustee Meeting
August 11	1:00 pm	Deacons Meeting

Vacation Bible School Week

Vacation Bible School – 2026 Thanks to everyone! The kids had a great time playing games, doing crafts, snacking but most of all, learning many bible stories and how GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!





**I CAN
DO ALL
THINGS
THROUGH HIM
WHO STRENGTHENS ME.**
— PHILIPPIANS 4:13, NRSV —



Birthdays and Announcement Corner

August 2 Colleen Kuhn
August 7 Julia Minch
August 8 Pam Kinskey
August 15 Regina Wood
August 17 Lynne Glessner
August 18 Jacob Noble
August 27 Peggy McCuen



Missions/Outreach Corner

10% GIVING REPORT FOR 2026:



As a Church, through the Mission/Evangelism Committee, we give 10% of our monthly tithes to various missions. Listed below are the charities we have supported for 2026:

January 2026: Coalition of Christian Outreach (Jubilee) benefiting local college students.

February 2026: McGuffey Community Bible Program (Bible Release).

March 2026: Bryan Brown Fundraiser as assistance for medical expenses.

April 2026: Resurrection Power. Resurrection Power is a Washington County, PA-based non-profit (founded 2001) providing Christian-based recovery housing and support for men and women battling drug and alcohol addiction.

May 2026: Bedillion Pizza; This local business provides free pizza and drinks to children during summer recess when they do not have access to school lunches.

June 2026: Rev. Dr. Jim Kirk, Pastor from Waynesburg for his mission trip to Kenya. He and his family minister at Tenwek Missionary Hospital where his daughter, will be working in surgery teaching surgical residents there. His Son-in-law is an Anglican Priest and will be working with the local churches. This amazing hospital expresses the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every patient admitted. Their hospital motto is "We Treat, Jesus Heals!"

July and August 2026: Andy and Heather Nelson ministries.

Update from Pastor Jim Kirk from Kenya! (Please continue to pray for Pastor Kirk and his family)

Our first 3 weeks have flown by, and we will leave Africa in less than two weeks now! Everything has gone smoothly and the weather is much cooler than at home and has been since we arrived. Sunny and 74 degrees most days with some rain on only a few days! Two experiences that have shown Gods work here are the Mustard Seed House Ministry and the Bomet Women's Prison Ministry! Short description is Mustard Seed House is Kenyan version of Ronald McDonald Houses back home. They just opened a new facility to house patients and families undergoing longer term surgeries or treatments. I preached at their worship service last Sunday through a Swahili translator! Kathy and I visited the Women's Prison where

she gave gifts to the sewing school teaching women to sew. I gave a short devotion on Jeremiah 29: 11 ... hope and a future for them in God's hands! Tenwek demonstrates their theme everyday: "We Treat, Jesus Heals!"

God bless, Pastor Jim Kirk

Basketball Court Gets a Fresh New Look!

The basketball court at West Alexander Presbyterian Church has received several exciting improvements and is ready to welcome players of all ages!

Thanks to generous grant funding from the J.B. Chambers Memorial Foundation, the court now features brand-new perimeter fencing, two sturdy benches with permanent concrete bases for spectators and players, a storage bin for basketballs and other recreational equipment, and a trash receptacle to help keep the area clean and inviting.

These improvements are part of our ongoing commitment to providing a safe, attractive place where children, families, and neighbors can gather for recreation and fellowship. We hope these upgrades will encourage even greater use of the court while helping everyone take pride in keeping it clean and well cared for.

We invite everyone in the community to stop by, enjoy the updated facility, and make use of this wonderful community resource. Whether you're shooting hoops, watching a game, or simply spending time with friends and family, we hope you'll take advantage of all the improvements.

We are sincerely grateful to the J.B. Chambers Memorial Foundation for making these enhancements possible and for investing in the youth and families of the West Alexander community.

Connections Corner

Summer Hours---Sunday Morning Worship—10:00 am

Sunday Morning Adult Friendship Class-Choir Room 9:15 am

Sunday Morning Adult Praying Hearts Group-Fellowship Hall 9:15 am

Sunday Morning Children's Time-Youth Room 9:15 am

Prayer Corner

To request prayer by the church, call or email the church office. Praying Hearts Group will receive your request and honor it. Also, Elder Jane Noble, Clerk of Session, 304.639.9148 welcomes your prayer requests. Please tell us if your request is to be held in confidence or included in the Prayers for the People in morning worship.

God of freedom, I pray for the time when all "earth and heaven [will] ring ... with the harmonies of liberty" (James W. Johnson).

Church Information

Church Officers

<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
<u>Session:</u> Mary Lea Dutton Lynne Glessner Jane Noble, Clerk	Patty Johnson Jodi Noble Bob Morgan	
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