

WEST ALEXANDER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Monthly Newsletter-October 2026

Greetings Corner

Hosea 4:1–10

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.” — Hosea 4:6 (NIV)

Hosea 4 begins with God bringing a charge against Israel. The problem wasn't simply that they had made mistakes. Their entire relationship with God had deteriorated.

God says there was “no faithfulness, no love, no acknowledgment of God in the land.” And the consequences were showing up everywhere.

Israel had priests. They had God's Law. They had a history of God's faithfulness. They had been taught. They knew 'about' God but failed to live in relationship with Him. And that is an important distinction for us. We can know Bible verses without knowing the God those verses reveal. We can attend church, teach Sunday school, sing hymns, and still allow God's Word to become something we hear rather than something that shapes our lives.

God's Word is not given simply to make us more informed. It is given to transform how we live.

When God's Word is pushed aside, relationship with God deteriorates, then moral lives deteriorate, then relationships with one another deteriorate.

When our hearts drift from God, eventually that drift shows up in our words, our decisions, our relationships, and our priorities.

Question: Am I helping people know God, or merely helping them know about God?

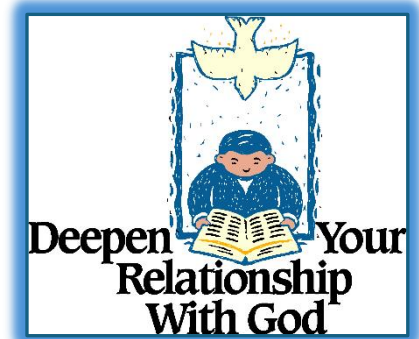
Question: Is what I know about God changing the way I live? For example:

- Do I trust Him when I'm frightened?
- Do I seek Him when I don't understand?
- Do I turn to His Word when I'm confused?
- Do I forgive because I have been forgiven?
- Do I show grace because God has shown grace to me?
- Do I remember that my life belongs to Him?

That is knowing God in the biblical sense.

Don't become satisfied with knowing about God. Keep seeking to know Him.

Spend time in His Word *today*.



Events Corner

October 4	World Communion Sunday
October 6	Session Meeting 7:30 pm
October 11	Fellowship time after morning worship
October 12	Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm
October 13	Deacons Meeting 1pm



Birthdays and Announcement Corner

October 1	Spencer Anderson
October 7	Shelli Arnold
October 11	Daffne Roup
October 12	Martha McAdoo
October 14	Melinda Kane
October 14	Jim Arnold
October 16	Breanne Hunter
October 16	Addison Anderson
October 17	Mary Jo Koehler
October 17	Dave Kuhn
October 19	Larry Johnson
October 25	LeMoyne McNinch
October 28	Becky Hunter



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.

THE PUMPKINS HAVE ARRIVED!

*October is our month to support the **Ethiopian Children's Literacy Project** by purchasing pumpkins! Check them out in the fellowship hall after worship!*



A Harvest of Gratitude

The colors and beauty of autumn remind us that every season carries evidence of God's goodness. As we enjoy cooler days and changing leaves, may we pause to give thanks for His provision and share our blessings with those around us.

Connections Corner

Sunday Morning Worship—11:00 am

Sunday Morning Adult Friendship Class-Choir Room 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Adult Praying Hearts Group-Fellowship Hall 9:30 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.

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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For everything there is a **SEASON,
and a time for every matter under heaven.**

ECCLESIASTES 3:1