WEST ALEXANDER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Monthly Newsletter-November 2026

Greetings Corner

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

Scripture: Psalm 103:1–5: “Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

Who forgives all your sins; who heals all your diseases;

Who redeems your life from destruction; who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfies your desires with good things; so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”

Remembering the Goodness of God

Psalm 103 is a beautiful reminder that we have countless reasons to praise God, even when life is difficult. David begins by speaking directly to his own soul: *“Bless the LORD, O my soul.”*

Why would David need to remind himself to praise God? Because even a faithful believer can become so occupied with daily responsibilities, disappointments, and troubles that the blessings of God fade into the background.

Sometimes we need to stop and deliberately remember who God is and what He has done for us.

As we come upon this Thanksgiving season, remember God’s forgiveness, compassion, and mercy. Remember to give Him praise.

Perhaps the greatest challenge is not that we have too few blessings, but that we sometimes forget to count them.



Events Corner

November 1	All Saints Recognition Sunday
November 3	Session Meeting 7:30 pm
November 9	Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm
November 10	Deacons Meeting 1pm
November 15	A Fellowship Luncheon will be held after Morning Worship to honor and welcome our Student Pastor, Kable Dale and his family to our church family.
November 25	Thanksgiving Eve Community Service 7:00 pm Methodist Church
November 29	This last Sunday in November is also the first Sunday of Advent. We invite you to come to worship. Let us use this time to spiritually prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth.

Birthdays and Announcement Corner

November 4	Dianna Smith
November 16	Darrell Sprowls
November 19	Dalton McCuen
November 22	Sam Wood
November 23	Heather Hunter
November 23	Carol Sprowls
November 27	Nathan Arnold



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

Anglilcan 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.

A Thank you/update note from Village Missions

Oct 2026

Hello dear friends, Hi WAR family!
The past month has been quite full and I know many of you can relate.



My job-I started back to teaching (yay!) at the boys' school (Loudonville Christian-first day Sept 8). Currently I teach US History to the juniors and I co-teach middle school science with a woman who is fighting breast cancer. This takes me to lunch time each day. Last week the librarian had a big surgery so I'm also a long term sub for her two afternoons a week. The US History class is keeping me on my toes but after a month, I'm starting to develop some systems where I think the kids are enjoying the class and learning some too. I know I am. Today we started our unit on the American Revolution.

Boys in a new school-Clark (7th grade) is being a great big bro to make sure his 4 younger brothers are enjoying his school (he started at LCS in March). When I was introduced to the staff at my first in-service the principal said, "next we have Clark's mom, Heather Nelson." I'm ok with it. JB (6th grade) is learning how to take tests after being homeschooled for 2 years. He's shining in band (saxophone) and English (loves writing). Daniel (5th) is growing in leadership as he's in a smaller class. His teacher loves him, as does the music teacher, who has been making him sing loudly and confidently in the choir. Philip (4th grade) is quieter but I see him taking more responsibility all the time. He's started playing baritone brass and is doing pretty well. Ray (1st grade) is probably the second most popular kid in the building (after Clark). In the hallway on Friday I was quite impressed that he knew many of the high school kids' names, "Hi Logan, Hi Shane, Hi Sammy"...I walked beside him taking it all in. So precious!

Ministry



Youth Group-Andy and 3 other church volunteers prepared for our first ever youth group last month and what a blessing to have 13 kids attend. Clark and JB had a blast and can't wait for the next one on Friday. The fun thing for me was that the boys invited a girl they met on the 'private school bus' who lives near us. Her name is Annie and she quickly became friends with the other girls from our church. Last week we had Family Fun Night and she asked me for a ride. We are thanking the Lord for His connecting us to new neighbors through the boys' school. We're also thankful for the volunteer leaders who are spending time with the kids.

Spiritual Formation Groups-Andy is keeping busy with all the church things but was thankful for these past 4 weeks at the school where they asked volunteers to lead Bible studies (called Spiritual Formation Groups) at lunch time twice a week. He was able to lead a group of middle schoolers this time and although they started out quiet, they're showing their real colors now. The SFGs run for 5 weeks so Andy will take the next cycle off. He's enjoyed being in the building with all of us.

Prayer Requests:

-Clark, JB, Daniel and Philip are all getting braces the last week of OCT. Please pray for those first days of adjustment.

-Clark has struggled more with some anxiety (particularly over fear of getting sick) so he is now seeing a Christian counselor who is pretty sweet. Thanks for prayers for him.

-Andy as he leads the church in all things and for our Oct 18th Business Meeting. Also for the cloudiness of fall in upstate NY and how it affects us.

-Me as I add "lesson planning" to my task lists.

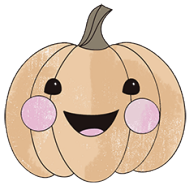
-that the Lord would be honored in our lives and decisions.

Praying for each of you,
Heather :)

Thanks for praying that week!

♡ Heather

The Ethiopian Children's Literacy Project is supported every October by having a pumpkin fundraiser! This year, we raised $750.00 to support this ministry! Well done!



THE PUMPKINS, ONCE AGAIN, WERE SOLD OUT QUICKLY!

THE J.B. CHAMBERS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

DID YOU KNOW ?

The J. B. Chambers Memorial Foundation is a long-standing charitable trust that supports indigent children in Ohio County, WV, and the West Alexander, PA area through scholarships, basic needs, programs, and capital projects. Generally, no grants are made to organizations outside of these regions. The Foundation supports scholarships, food, clothing, school supplies and necessities, basic needs, and any other items that impact children. For our church, the funding is to be centered on helping children in the West Alexander 15376 zip code.

An application for a grant is completed each year by the Chair of our Mission/Evangelism Committee. It must provide a specific history of the previous year's expenditures along with a detailed proposal for next year's funds.

This year, we are honored and blessed to receive another grant!



DID YOU KNOW WHO J.B. CHAMBERS WAS?

James B. Chambers was born on December 19, 1854 on a farm near West Alexander, PA. He was the son of James B. Chambers. He attended local schools, including the West Alexander Academy, and spent a year of study at Iron City College near Pittsburgh.

In the fall of 1872, he moved with his parents to a farm on National Road in Elm Grove, now a section of Wheeling, WV. A portion of that farm, once called Chambers Memorial Farm, is now the site of the J. B. Chambers YMCA.

In 1876 J. B. Chambers married Belle Whitman. They moved back to West Alexander in 1881, where J. B. Chambers lived the rest of his life. He continued to manage the Chambers farm and also was associated with the Dearling Implement Company of Cleveland, as a sales representative. In 1893, J. B. founded the Elm Grove Mining Company and managed it until the Paisley coal interests purchased it in 1915. He then led in the organization of the First National Bank of West Alexander (which later became the Citizen's National Bank) and played a prominent role in the formation of the First National Bank and Trust Company of Elm Grove. Later, Chambers formed the People's National Bank of West Alexander. At the time of his death, he was president of the First National Bank and Trust and Vice President of the People's National Bank.

J. B. Chambers' first wife died in 1915. In 1920 he married Maude Armstrong, who survived him. He was also survived by a daughter, Mrs. Hazel G. McGill, of Claysville, PA. J.B. Chambers was a life-long member of the West Alexander Presbyterian Church, where he served as trustee for 20 years.

J. B. Chambers died at home on May 6, 1933. According to his obituary, his philanthropies were known throughout western Pennsylvania. Shortly before his death, he created the J. B. Chambers Memorial Foundation to carry on his life's work. His will left substantial amounts to the Association, much of which

was designated for support of his wife and daughter during their lifetimes before transferring to the Association.

Info obtained from the website. For more info visit the J.B. Chambers website https://jbchambersfoundation.org

Truck to Trunk. The Mission/Evangelism Committee has been partnered with FOOD HELPERS since early 2021. On the 2nd Wednesday of every month, 9-11 am, at the West Alexander Fair Grounds, this mission distributes non-perishable food to anyone that is pre-registered. There are no financial requirements. Below is a picture of our great crew that helps make this happen each month!



Giving Thanks for All Things



It's easy to list the blessings in life: good health, family, a satisfying career, a comfortable home. We might even be thankful for things others take for granted such as freedom and clean drinking water, reliable transportation and food enough to eat. Then there are the little things, such as gardens, sunrises, pets and coffee.

But what about life's storms or unanswered prayers? Should we be thankful for these? Loss and hardship remind us of our dependence on God. He uses trials to draw us closer to him, to show us that He is our rock and refuge. In misfortune and grief, we discover God's comfort and strength. Should we not, then, be thankful for the storms, too?

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

	2026	2027	2028
Session:	Mary Lea Dutton	Patty Johnson	
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Be prepared … to wait

"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord," says Psalm 27:14 (NIV). That's an important reminder as Advent nears. Scripture advises us to use our waiting time wisely, preparing for God and drawing closer to him. What will you do while you wait for Jesus? —Janna Firestone