



October

A gentle caress of an autumn breeze, as I walk along the road covered in leaves.

The colors surround me, vivid and bright, as I savor this autumn sight.

Shades of green, brown, red, and gold, October puts on a spectacular show.

Hear a rustle in the leaves, squirrels collecting nuts for a winter's feast.

Smell the cool, crisp air, soon the woodlands will be brown and bare.

Reminding us that winter will soon be here, the whitest season of the year.

—Alesia Leach

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Evergreen News

Pastor Mick's Musings...

"The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing." Zephaniah 3:17

Sometimes when I am driving in the car by myself, I start to sing. It is not the normal singing you would expect from a pastor. I am not singing a praise song or a beautiful hymn. More times than not, it's a song of complete non-sense. I'll sing about the corn in the field as I drive by, or about the bug that just smashed against my windshield, maybe even the dust on my dashboard. I will sing to the top of my lungs, loud and clear – operatic – like Pavarotti. I am just filled with joy. Many times I will make up a song about my wife and kids and how much I love them and cherish them. But most of the time, I will just sing praises to God.

There is no eloquent prose or inspiring poetry happening during these outbursts of praise. There is no orchestrated melody or verse - chorus - verse. It is just praise – pure and authentic. More often than not, there are really no intelligible words. It's more like a jazz singer scatting along a melody line – praise scat! That's right. This pastor scats praise to God. I guess I am filled with joy for the love of the Lord and need to express it.

Zephaniah 3:17 touches my soul. It is overwhelming to realize that the Creator of the universe takes great delight in me. But not only that, my heavenly Father rejoices over me with singing! God sings about me. I wonder what kind of melody God sings. Do all the angels hear His song He has created for me? If I listen carefully, can I hear it? I find much pleasure in the fact that Abba, Father cares enough about me to sing a song about me and for me.

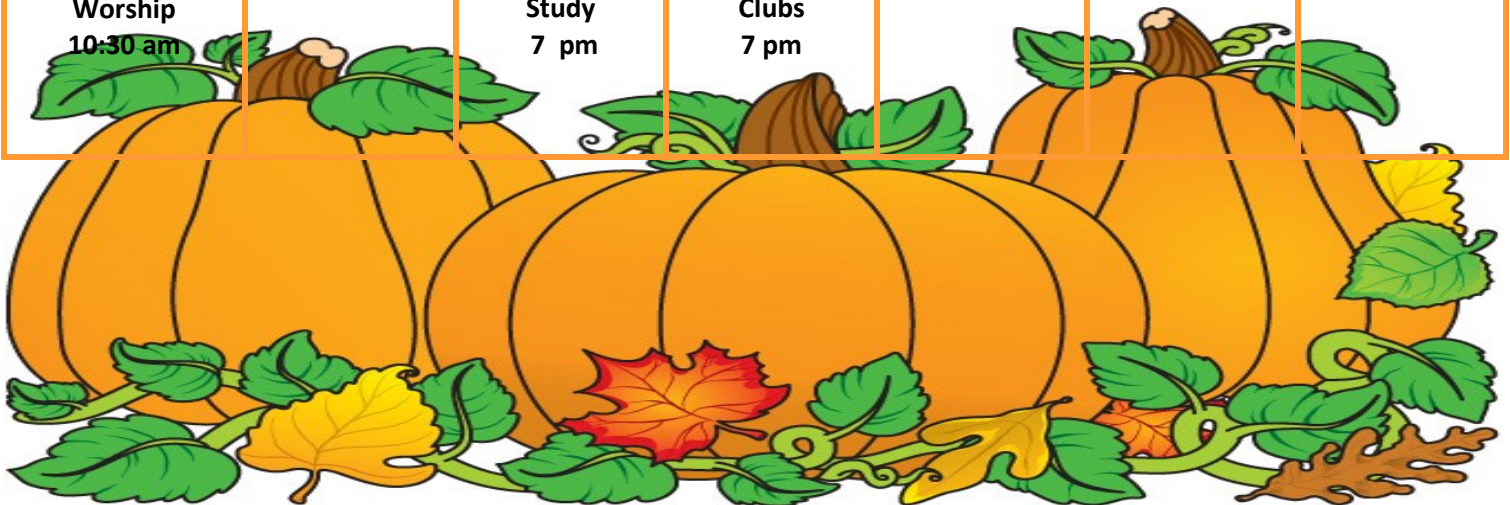
How about you? God is singing a song of praise about you. He rejoices over you with a melody. That is how much God loves you. So sing to the Lord a new song. Sing about His steadfast love. And if words fail you – try a little "praise scat!"

Firmly in His Grip,
Pastor Mick

WGT Fall Congregational Business Meeting
Tuesday, November 3rd, 7 pm

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 Fall Fest @ Cassel Park 3 pm |
| 4 Early Service 8 am Sunday School/ Discover WGT 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am | 5 | 6 Board Mtg. 7 pm Men's Bible Study 7 pm | 7 Autumn Saints 10 am First Wednesday 6:30 pm Jr. & Sr. High Clubs 7 pm | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Early Service 8 am Sunday School/ Discover WGT 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am | 12 Tiny Timbers Board Mtg. WWW 7 pm | 13 Executive Committee Mtg. Men's Bible Study 7 pm | 14 Autumn Saints 10 am Jr. & Sr. High Clubs 7 pm | 15 | 16 | 17 Youth Roundtop Mountain Zip Lining 8 am |
| 18 Early Service 8 am Sunday School/ Discover WGT 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am | 19 WWW 7 pm Submissions for November Evergreen News Due | 20 Worship Sub-Committee Mtg. Men's Bible Study 7 pm | 21 NO Autumn Saints Jr. & Sr. High Clubs 7 pm | 22 | 23 | 24 Ladies Retreat 9 am |
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West Green Tree Church of the Brethren Presents

Fall Fest!



YOU'RE INVITED to a FUN-FILLED, FROlickING, FANTASTIC FALL FESTIVAL!

Where? Cassel Park in Elizabethtown
Take Rt. 230 N out of Elizabethtown, make a right onto Cassell Road. The park is about a mile down on the right.

When? Saturday, October 3rd • 3:00 p.m.

What will I do there?

Play Games! Volleyball, Baseball, Gaga Pit
Chili Cook-off, Dessert Contest **Eat lots of food!**

Bon-fire! Hot Dogs, Smores...
Music, Games, & much more!

Family fun for all ages!

Canned goods collection to benefit the Elizabethtown Food Bank
Call us for more information 717-653-5367

FREE Event



Anniversaries

- 10/1 - Merv & MJ McClenaghan
- Gene & Betty Walmer
- 1-2 - Jim & June Kolp
- 10/7 - Henry & Nancy Harry
- 10/8 - Jason & Kari Slater
- 10/11 - Marlin & Rose Hibshman
- 10/14 - Bill & Regena Tripp
- 10/25 - Doug & Darlene Breneman
- Chad & Audrey Garber
- 10/26 - Steve & Stephanie Ginder
- Chester & Ella Louse Kile
- 10/28 - Mike & Marcia Hawthorne

Birthdays

- 10/1 - Jim Gruber
- 10/2 - Mike Cicero, Anita Youtz
- 10/4 - Ron Winters, Randy Youtz
- 10/5 - Marcia Hawthorne, Margaret Stoppard
- 10/6 - Nathan Hawthorne
- 10/9 - John Hollinger
- 10/11 - Kyra Crigger, Justin Drescher, Brenda Geib
- 10/12 - Julie Ramsey
- 10/13 - Julie Arndt, MJ McClenaghan, Jeff Schwanger, Glenn Weaver
- 10/14 - Shane Schwanger
- 10/18 - Cody Mease, Thelma Mummau
- 10/19 - Angie Harnish
- 10/20 - Adrienne Fellenbaum, Kaylee Hollinger, Charles Keener
- 10/23 - Nancy Harry
- 10/24 - JJ Huber
- 10/28 - Jordyn Gutshall
- 10/31 - Warren Bender

Brethren Village Auxiliary

A box is available under church mailboxes if anyone is interested in donating to the sponsorship for the Brethren Village Auxiliary. There are forms if you would like to fill one out. The box will be on the table during the month of October. See Rose Hibshman with questions.

College Student Addresses

If you would like to send a note of encouragement to our college students, here are their addresses.

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| Nicole Drawbaugh Eastern University 1300 Eagle Road Box 3049 Saint Davids, PA 19087 | Alec Drawbaugh 51 West College Street Box 2317 Waynesburg, PA 15370 |
| JT Drescher 2086 Meadow Road Mount Joy, PA 17552 | Cody Schwanger 1446 Spring Hill Drive Hummelstown, PA 17036 |
| Abbi Schwanger 1446 Spring Hill Drive Hummelstown, PA 17036 | Laura Martin Eastern University 1300 Eagle Road Saint Davids, PA 19087 |

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Love Feast

Plan to join with your WGT Family on Sunday, October 4th, at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you've never attended Love Feast, why not try it this year? This is a humbling experience & one to share in remembering the sacrifice of Jesus for us all.



Hi Church family,

Tiny Timbers is in full swing again here at West Green Tree. Our first day for the Monday, Wednesday, Friday classes was on Monday, September 14th. The Tuesday, Thursday classes started on Tuesday the 15th of September. As of today, we have 46 spots filled out of a possible 48. We are praising and thanking God for all the little blessings that walk with a big smile through the church doors during the week.



For the New Year (2015/2016) we have had some staff and a Board Chair change. We are happy to have Linda Tripp as the Board Chair, Cindy Collins as the Monday, Wednesday, Friday morning Assistant and Teresa Hellein as the Monday, Wednesday, Friday afternoon Assistant. We welcome back Sherry Longenecker as the Monday, Wednesday, Friday Teacher. The Tuesday, Thursday teacher is Natalie Gordon. The Tuesday, Thursday AM class Assistant is Cindy Seitz and the Tuesday, Thursday PM class Assistant is Ruthie Hollinger. We are all excited for the beginning of a new school year. We had an Orientation on September 10th and 11th. We changed the orientation to the evening, and many Moms and Dads come to support their children. The first week has gone well. The children are learning about new friends in their class. They are all trying to remember names (the teachers too) and the rules that the staff would like them to try to remember. The children are also learning classroom manners. All the children colored their Tiny Timbers school bags this week and will be using these bags to take important papers and creations made by the students back and forth to Preschool. The children are learning, in Bible Lesson Time, about the ten special rules that God has for us and how He has created us and made us all very special. The children will be going on two field trips in October. The MWF classes will be going to Charles Pumpkin Farm and the Masonic Village Farm Market on Wednesday, October 7th and the T.Th classes will be going to Strite's Orchard on Tuesday, October 6th.

In your church mailbox you have received a Giant A+ School Rewards paper (online registration) and Labels for Education instructions. We are collecting Newspapers, also. We will give the church family an opportunity to order Scholastic Reading Club books for your child, grandchild or great grandchildren throughout the year. We earn points through the club and receive many items for the classroom. When we are placing an order we will inform you by way of the bulletin with the due date. In the near future we will be selling Hoss's Dinner Kits and in the Spring, selling subs. If you have any questions about any of these fundraisers please contact Cindy Seitz 426-2033 or email at marmesgzz@yahoo.com

We would like to thank you for the many prayers and donations you have brought to us for use throughout the school year. We can truly feel your prayers and encouragement and ask that you continue to hold the Board, Staff, Students and their Families in your thoughts and prayers this coming year. We are so thankful to have a church family that truly cares about the little, precious, ones that come through the church doors each day of the week.

A special thank you to the church for the new carpet that was installed in the Activity room.

Please, it is very important to remember if you are here during a week day, keep all doors locked while the children are in school.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14 (NIV)

In His Love,

Cindy Seitz Tuesday/Thursday AM Assistant and Director

| October Servants | | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| | October 4 | October 11 | October 18 | October 25 |
| Scripture & Sermon | Matthew 5:33-48 "The World Turned Upside Down" Pastor Mick | Mathew 6:1-18 "A Way of Living" Pastor Mick Piercing Word | Matthew 6:19-24 "True Treasure!" Pastor Mick | Matthew 6:25-34 "Worry Warts" Pastor Mick |
| Pianist/Organist | Sylvia Weaver | Brenda Geib | Leslie Allen | Ryan Arndt |
| Special Music | Choir | Hymn Sing | Glenn Weaver | Allison Huber |
| Offertory | | | | |
| Chorister | Glenn Weaver | Regena Tripp | Sylvia Weaver | June Kolp |
| Greeters 8 am | June Kolp | John & Laurie Hollinger | Duane & Kathy Martin | Clint & Julie Arndt |
| Greeters 10:30 am | Walt & Lois Schwanger | Chad & Audrey Garber | Lloyd Swarr & Greg Seitz | Zane Seitz & Matt Haverkamp |
| Worship Leader | Phil Hollinger | Julie Ramsey | Greg Seitz | Matt Haverkamp |
| Ushers | Youth | New Horizons SS Class | Faith Seekers SS Class | Sojourners SS Class |
| Deacons/Anointing | June Kolp | Marlin & Rose Hibshman | Greg & Cindy Seitz | Shawn & Lisa Cannon |
| Sound Room 8 am | Jerry Huber & Justin Arndt | Jerry Huber & Duane Martin | Jerry Huber & Zane Seitz | Jerry Huber & Jeff Schwanger |
| Sound Room 10:30 am | Jeff & Shane Schwanger | Andi Collman & Jason Leonard | Jeff Schwanger & Nikki Drescher | Duane Martin & Zane Seitz |
| 8 am Nursery/Toddler | Kathy Martin & Julie Ruhl | Brenda & Nicole Drawbaugh | Daryl & Angie Harnish | Amy & Collin Burkhardt |
| 10:30 am Nursery/Toddler | Allison & JJ Huber | Marcia & Aiden Hawthorne | Brenda Axe | Kari Slater & Polly Shumate |

| August & September Stats | | | | | |
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| | August 23 | August 30 | September 6 | September 13 | September 20 |
| Total Worship | 116 | 132 | 150 | 179 | 145 |
| Sunday School | 60 | 61 | 96 | 120 | 103 |
| General | \$5,127.00 | \$2,701.00 | \$3,802.00 | \$5,689.00 | \$4,266.00 |
| Building | | | \$98.00 | \$20.00 | |
| Deacon | \$120.00 | | | \$60.00 | \$58.00 |
| Seminary | \$120.00 | | | \$100.00 | \$207.00 |

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Our Purpose Statement
*"We intentionally develop friends of
Jesus Christ by sharing God's love
through words and deeds."*

Sunday Service Times:

Contemporary Worship 8:00 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Traditional Worship 10:30 am

Wednesday Service Times:

Jr. High Clubs @ 7:00 pm

Sr. High Clubs @ 7:00 pm