

10/19/25	Today's Servants
Messenger	Shawn O'Brien, Pastor
Piano / Keys	Naomi Clugston, Traci Clugston
Guitar/Bass	Lance Hitz
Vocals	Allison Huber, Greg Wiker
Drums	Shawn Vago
Orchestra	
Host	Haley Keener
Prayer	
Sound Board	Rylen Clugston
Computer/Slides	Sarah Clugston
Cameras/Live Stream Sound	Brienna Brown
Greeters/Welcome Center	June Kolp, Audrey Landvater
Deacons/Anointing	
Nursery/Toddler	June Kolp, Sarah Kolp
Jr. Church	Holly Leonard, Claire Leonard, Polly Shumate, Angela Waser, June Gerhart, Kaitlyn Mattis
Steward Counters	Dustin Youtz, Shane Schwanger

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!"
Malachi 3:10

**Thank you for continuing to support the ministries at WGT
with your tithes & offerings!**

General Fund Giving 10/12/25	\$6,167.31
YTD Average Weekly Giving	\$5,512.35
Weekly Giving Goal	\$7,098.00

Ways that you may give to support our ministries:

1. Online: Visit www.westgreentree.org/giving
2. Offering Plates: Offering plates are passed during the gathering to place your envelopes/monies
3. Mail: 740 Greentree Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

PARTICIPATION OVER PERFECTION

SERMON SERIES: OVER PERFECTION

2 CORINTHIANS 3:5

EPHESIANS 2:10

MATTHEW 28:19

OCTOBER 19, 2025

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740 Greentree Road
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October 19, 2025

9:45 AM Large Group Gathering

"To Know, Love, & Follow Jesus by Serving All"

Gathering Worship Song

"Rest on Us"

Missions Invitations

Collecting tithes and offerings as an act of worship.

Moment in Mission

Operation Christmas Child Kick-Off

Songs of Worship

"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

"Take My Life and Let it Be" - pg. #597

Children ages Pre-K to 5th Grade are dismissed to Junior Church.

Time of Prayer

Responsive Reading

Leader: We were dead in our transgressions and sins,

People: But God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ.

Leader: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—

People: And this is not from ourselves; it is the gift of God.

Leader: Not by works, so that no one can boast,

People: For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works.

Leader: Which God prepared in advance for us to do.

All: Not that we are competent in ourselves, but our competence comes from God.

(Based on Ephesians 2:8-10 and 2 Corinthians 3:5-6)

Message

"Participation Over Perfection"

Song of Response

"As For Me and My House"

Benediction

Participation Over Perfection

Week 3 of "Over Perfection" Series

THE PROBLEM: PERFECTION _____

The Waiting Game: "I can't serve until I have it all _____ out"

"I'm not _____ yet"

The Result: Perfection becomes about _____ over contribution

Reality: Faith without _____ is dead (James 1:22)

TRAPS THAT KEEP US SIDELINED

1. The _____ Trap - "I can fix me"

Reality: You cannot become perfect by _____ to be perfect

2. The _____ Trap - "I'll study until I'm ready"

Reality: James K.A. Smith: "You can't _____ your way into Christlikeness"

3. The _____ Trap - "God will make me ready someday"

Reality: Acts 1:8 - The power comes as you _____, not before you go

OUR ADEQUACY COMES FROM GOD

God uses the Imperfect - Biblical Examples: Moses, David, Peter, _____

Ephesians 2:8-10 "For it is by _____ you have been saved, through _____—and this is not from yourselves, it is the _____ of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's _____, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in _____ for us to do."

Romans 5:8 "While we were still _____, Christ died for us."

Perfection says: "Wait until you're _____."

Participation says: "Say yes, and God will _____ you."

THE MISSION: GET IN THE GAME

Matthew 28:19-20 "Therefore _____ and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to _____ everything I have commanded you."

The Question: Are you on the _____ or just _____?

1 Corinthians 12:27 "Now you are the _____ of Christ, and each one of you is a _____ of it."

Ephesians 4:16 "From him the whole body grows and builds itself up in _____, as each part does its _____."

West Green Tree Upcoming Events/News.

⇒ **Christmas Fellowship Meal - [Servant Opportunity](#)**

There is a sign-up sheet available at the Christmas Fellowship Meal Station for volunteers. Beginning in November there will be sign-up sheets for those who are interested in contributing food or baked goods. Please see Brienna Brown with any questions.

⇒ **Operation Christmas Child - [Servant Opportunity](#)**

OCC Shoebox kick-off is TODAY. Boxes are available to pick up, fill & return to WGT so that a child will be blessed this Christmas. Please see Dana Youtz with questions.

⇒ **Vacation/Office Closure**

Paula will be on vacation through October 26th and will return to the office October 27th.

⇒ **Family/All Church Picnic in the Woods**

Join us Saturday, November 1st, for a Family in the Woods Picnic! Meal begins at 5 pm with a guest speaker at 6 pm. Main dish, drinks & paper goods provided. Plan to bring a dish to share and a chair. Invite your friends, family & neighbors. Sign-up at the Information Center so we can plan for food.

⇒ **Fall Back!**

Remember to turn your clocks BACK one hour before heading to bed Saturday night, November 1st.

⇒ **Tiny Timbers Fundraiser - [Servant Opportunity](#)**

Support Tiny Timbers Christian Preschool with yummy soft pretzels! We are fundraising with Dutch Country Soft Pretzels in Mount Joy. Please return your order form and payment to the Tiny Timbers church mailbox by November 1st! Order forms and info sheets were in your church mailbox. If you need a new one or have questions, you can talk to one of our committee members: Brenda Drawbaugh, Laura Hollinger, or Dewey Martin. You can also email Amy at director@westgreentree.org. Thank you for supporting Tiny Timbers!

⇒ **Praise & Worship Night**

Plan to join us for an evening of Praise and Worship Sunday, November 9th. This will be a gathering focused on singing songs of praise to the King of Kings. Psalm 150 resounds with the declaration "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." Will you come and use the breath He gave you to praise His name? Refreshments will be served afterwards! Join us!

⇒ **Fall Congregational Forum**

Tuesday, November 11th, at 7 pm will be the Fall Congregational Forum (formerly CBM). Report packets were emailed to those whose emails are in the church list. Hard copies are available at the welcome center. If you take a hard copy, plan to bring it with you to the forum. There will be a limited number of packets at the forum.

⇒ **Annual Holiday Remembrance Service**

A memorial service honoring family members & friends who have passed on will be held Saturday, November 15th, at WGT. Special music at 10:30 am followed by the memorial service at 11 am. After the service, a reception will be held in the WGT Fellowship Hall. This special memorial service is open to all members of the community. Kindly RSVP to Sheetz Funeral home (717-653-5441) with the number of people representing your family plus names of family members to be remembered.

⇒ **2026 Directories**

It's time to update information for the 2026 WGT Directory. You should have received an update form in your church mailbox. Please complete the necessary information and return it to the church office no later than Sunday, November 30th. If you did not receive a form & wish to be included in the 2026 Directory, please contact the church office.

⇒ **Ladies Outing - Amish Prepared Meal**

Ladies and girls come experience a delicious Amish meal, Friday, December 5th at 6 pm. Invite family/friends/ someone who needs some encouragement! The cost is \$12 (4 & under free) with payment due to Kathy Martin (checks payable to her) in advance or the night of the dinner. If finances are an issue, see Kathy. The menu: pot roast & chicken, mashed potatoes & noodles, green beans, salad, homemade bread, peanut butter spread & chow chow. Water, tea and coffee will be available and ice cream, cherry pie & chocolate cake will top off the meal! The address: Allan & Amanda King, 5105 Elizabethtown Road, Manheim.

⇒ **2026 Giving Envelopes**

If you currently use envelopes for your givings, please let the church office know if you need a new box for 2026.

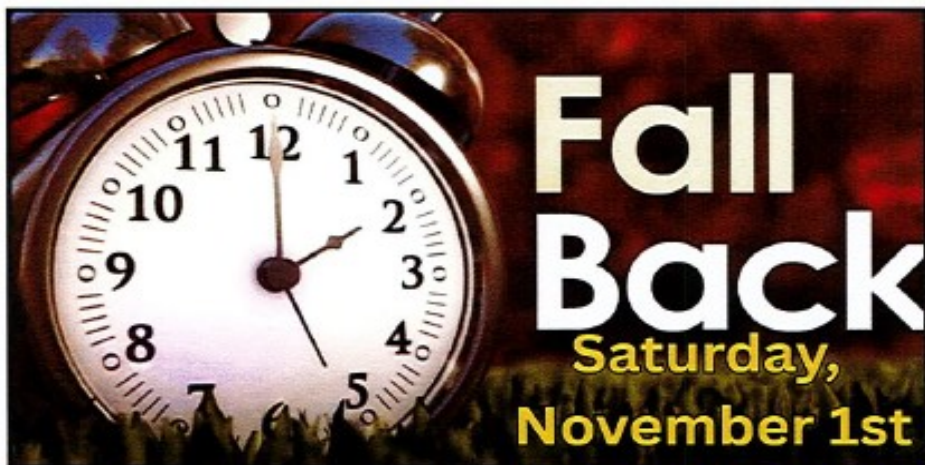
ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

Sponsored by Men in the Woods
Saturday, November 1st, at
Hawthorne's Woods

Main Meal @ 5 pm
Guest Speaker to follow
Bring a dish to share

Come anytime in
the afternoon &
enjoy the woods!

Sign-up at the
Information Center



Prayer

If you would like anointing/prayer, please come to the front of the sanctuary at the end of the service and a deacon or the pastor will be happy to pray with you.

Prayer needs may be emailed to prayer@westgreentree.org, sent using the online form located under 'worship' on the website, or called in to the church office at 717-653-5367.

This week, our congregation is holding the Wilmington Congregation in prayer. May our great God provide for them abundantly, and may they know, love, and follow Jesus by serving all.

Timber Talk

What is your favorite thing to do at school?
"The playground because I like going in the swings on my belly!"

This Week at West Green Tree

Monday, October 20	11:00 a. m.	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday, October 22	6:00 p. m.	Youth to UNTO
Thursday, October 23	7:00 p. m.	Men's Bible Study
Through October 26		Paula Vacation

Future Events at West Green Tree

Sunday, October 26	11:00 a. m.	Worship Team Picnic
Saturday, November 1		Preschool Pretzel Orders Due
	5:00 p. m.	Family Picnic in the Woods
		Turn clocks BACK
Saturday, November 8	9:00 a. m.	Sisters in Christ
Sunday, November 9	5:30 p. m.	Praise & Worship Night
Tuesday, November 11	7:00 p. m.	Congregational Forum
Saturday, November 15	11:00 a. m.	Community Memorial Service
Wednesday, November 26	Noon	Office Closing
Thursday, November 27		Thanksgiving/Office Closed
Friday, November 28		Office Closed

West Green Tree Deacons

Jim & June Kolp	717-905-9242 (Jim) 717-526-9454 (June)
Dewey & Kathy Martin	717-629-9343 (Dewey) 717-341-9253 (Kathy)
Sylvia Coble	717-602-3434 (Sylvia)
Cliff & Dawn Shirk	717-405-4914 (Cliff) 717-468-1761 (Dawn)
Mike & Marcia Hawthorne	717-689-0460 (Mike) 717-475-9314 (Marcia)

Contact Information

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Gathering Times

Sunday School/Small Groups 8:30 am
Large Group Gathering 9:45 am

New to WGT?

New Here? Scan the QR code and tell us about yourself! Stop at the Welcome Center outside the sanctuary for a small gift and for info about our church! You can also fill out the card in the pew to tell us about yourself! Thanks for gathering with us! If you would like further information please visit our website: www.westgreentree.org/new-to-wgt

