

12/14/25	Today's Servants
Messenger	Ryan Arndt, Licensed Minister
Piano / Keys	Naomi Clugston, Traci Clugston
Guitar/Bass	Lance Hitz
Vocals	Dawn Shirk, June Kolp, Sylvia Coble
Drums	Mike Cicero
Orchestra	Lillian Youtz, Olivia Chavez
Host	Kaylee Hollinger
Prayer	Jim Spickler
Scripture	
Advent Lighters	The Daryl Harnish Family
Sound Board	Rylen Clugston
Computer/Slides	Chris Chavez
Cameras/Live Stream Sound	Jerry Huber
Greeters/Welcome Center	June Gerhart, Audrey Landvater
Deacons/Anointing	Jim & June Kolp
Nursery/Toddler	
Steward Counters	Shane Schwanger, Jason Leonard
Jr. Church	Donna Hollinger, Laura Hollinger, Kaylee Hollinger, Noelle O'Brien, Kathy Martin

"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 12/7/25	\$7,387.61
YTD Average Weekly Giving	\$5,655.60
Weekly Giving Goal	\$7,098.00

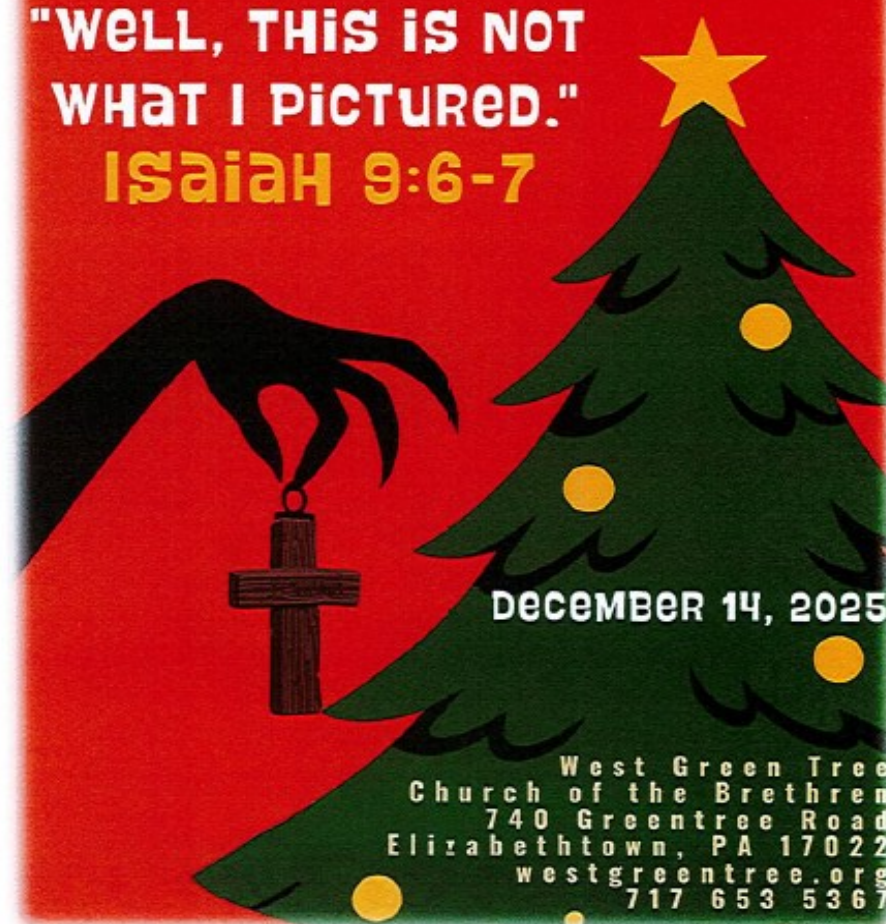
Ways that you may give to support our ministries:

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

What Stole CHRISTMAS?

**NAMING THE CULPRIT,
RECLAIMING THE GIFT**

**"WELL, THIS IS NOT
WHAT I PICTURED."
Isaiah 9:6-7**



DECEMBER 14, 2025

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December 14, 2025

9:45 AM Large Group Gathering

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

Opening Song

"O Come All You Unfaithful"

Advent Candle Lighting & Reading

Reprise

"O Come All You Unfaithful"

Missions Invitations

Collecting tithes and offerings as an act of worship.

Time of Prayer

Advent Songs of Praise

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

Isaiah 9:6-7

"He Shall Reign Forevermore"

*(Children ages Pre-K to 5th grade are dismissed
to Junior Church)*

Message

"Well, This is Not What I Pictured"

Song of Response

"Who Else"

Benediction

"Well, This is Not What I Pictured"

Isaiah 9:6-7

Isaiah 9:2

Isaiah 8:21-22

Sermon Point One:

_____ is the gap _____ what
we _____ and our present _____.

Sermon Point Two:

Disappointment is the _____ of us _____
our trust in _____ of this world _____
of in _____.

1 Samuel 8:4-7

Isaiah 9:7

Sermon Point Three:

Jesus _____ into our disappointment to _____
us a better _____ than the one we
_____.

James 1:2-4

Sermon Point Four:

Through _____, disappointment _____
our opportunity to _____ Him more _____.

West Green Tree Upcoming Events/News.

⇒ **Christmas Treats and Fellowship!**

Please join the Nurture Ministry Team in celebrating Jesus' birthday each week! We will have coffee, hot chocolate, and COOKIES each Sunday morning before small group gatherings. Today you'll enjoy sugar cookies! Come early, enjoy a drink and cookie, and fellowship in Jesus' name!

⇒ **Vacation**

Pastor Shawn & Family will be out of town through December 14th. If you need assistance, please contact a Deacon or Ryan, WGT's Licensed Minister.

⇒ **Christmas Caroling - [Servant Opportunity](#)**

The New Horizon Small Group is planning to go Christmas caroling TODAY! Meet at WGT at 3 pm. Anyone interested in spreading a little cheer is invited to go along!

⇒ **Evergreen News Submissions**

Submissions for the January Evergreen News are due to the church office by Monday, December 15th.

⇒ **Christmas Eve Gathering**

Plan to share a special evening as we gather to remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus! Join us at 6:30 pm, Wednesday, December 24th.

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

The Christmas Fellowship Meal is almost here! If you have signed up to donate a turkey please be sure to drop it off at the church no later than tomorrow to give them adequate time to thaw before cooking. If you have any turkey related questions please see Brienna Brown or Helen Keener.

⇒ **Holiday Office Closures**

The church office will close at Noon December 24th & reopen December 29th. The office will close at Noon December 31st, and reopen Monday, January 5th.

⇒ **Game Night**

Pizza, games, and friends! Come join the Nurture commission January 31st from 4 pm - 8 pm for a game night. Bring your favorite snack and favorite games and enjoy an evening of laughter and fellowship!

⇒ **2026 Juarez Mission Trip - [Servant Opportunity](#)**

Mission trip to Juarez dates are February 28th - March 7th. If interested, see Dennis Saylor.

⇒ **Meals Coordinator Volunteer - [Servant Opportunity](#)**

Looking for someone to be the meals coordinator for 2026. You would speak with the church family to get requirements for the meals and set up a sign up genius for the congregation to sign up! Further education is available. Reach out to Nurture if interested. Holly Leonard, Sarah Kolp, Allison Huber, Greg Wiker, or Ben Youtz.

⇒ **Card Ministry Volunteer - [Servant Opportunity](#)**

Seeking volunteer to send anniversary & birthday cards to WGT family beginning January 1st. Cards & postage supplied. See Holly Leonard, Sarah Kolp, Greg Wiker, Allison Huber or Ben Youtz if interested.

⇒ **Open Prayer Night**

An Open Prayer Night is held the last Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. This is a come and go as you please type event. There is no formal structure, just WGT family members joining in prayer.

⇒ **2026 Reimbursement Receipts**

Beginning in 2026, copies/images of receipts will no longer be accepted for reimbursement. To be reimbursed for a purchase, you must turn in the original receipt.

⇒ **End of Year Givings**

If you would like to give to WGT ministries and receive tax credit for 2025, donations need to be received by 12/31/25. Giving statements will be made available prior to the end of January 2026.

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 Iglesia Berith, Oasis De Esperanza in prayer. May our great God provide for them abundantly, and may they know, love, and follow Jesus by serving all.



CHRISTMAS
FELLOWSHIP MEAL
12 - 1:30 PM
DECEMBER 25, 2025

Volunteers are needed and may sign up
at the Christmas Fellowship Meal station
next to the Welcome Center in the lobby.

See Brienna Brown with questions.

GAME NIGHT
SATURDAY
JANUARY 31ST
4 pm - 8 pm

WEST GREEN TREE'S
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Pizza and drinks provided.
Plan to bring your favorite games
and a snack to share.

We can't guarantee you'll win, but you can have a good time trying!

This Week at West Green Tree

Monday, December 15	11:00 a. m.	Ladies Bible Study Paula Out of Office
Wednesday, December 17	6:30 p. m.	Youth Christmas Party
Thursday, December 18	7:00 p. m.	Men's Bible Study

Future Events at West Green Tree

Wednesday, December 24	Noon	Office Closing
	6:30 p. m.	Christmas Eve Gathering
December 25 & 26		Office Closed
Thursday, December 25	11:30 a. m.	Christmas Fellowship Meal
Friday, December 26		Private Function/Fell. Hall
Saturday, December 27		Private Function/Fell. Hall
Tuesday, December 30	7:00 p. m.	Open Prayer Night
Wednesday, December 31	Noon	Office Closing
January 1 & 2		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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paula@westgreentree.org

Gathering Times

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

WGT Winter Delay/Cancellations

For activities that take place Monday - Friday, the leader of each meeting/activity will determine cancellations. Please ensure you have the contact information to contact the appropriate person regarding cancellation concerns.

For weekend activities/gatherings, please check local tv stations, WJTL (fm90.3) or the church website (click the *Worship* tab & then click *Updates & Changes*) for information on delays/cancellations.

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

