



First Fruits Farm is a nonprofit, Christian ministry dedicated to providing fresh, nutritious food for the hungry through volunteer service and community partnerships.

The Farm is blessed beyond measure by God's goodness, provision, and faithfulness. Little did we know when First Fruits Farm started in 1998 that God would use us to make such an incredible impact on our community.

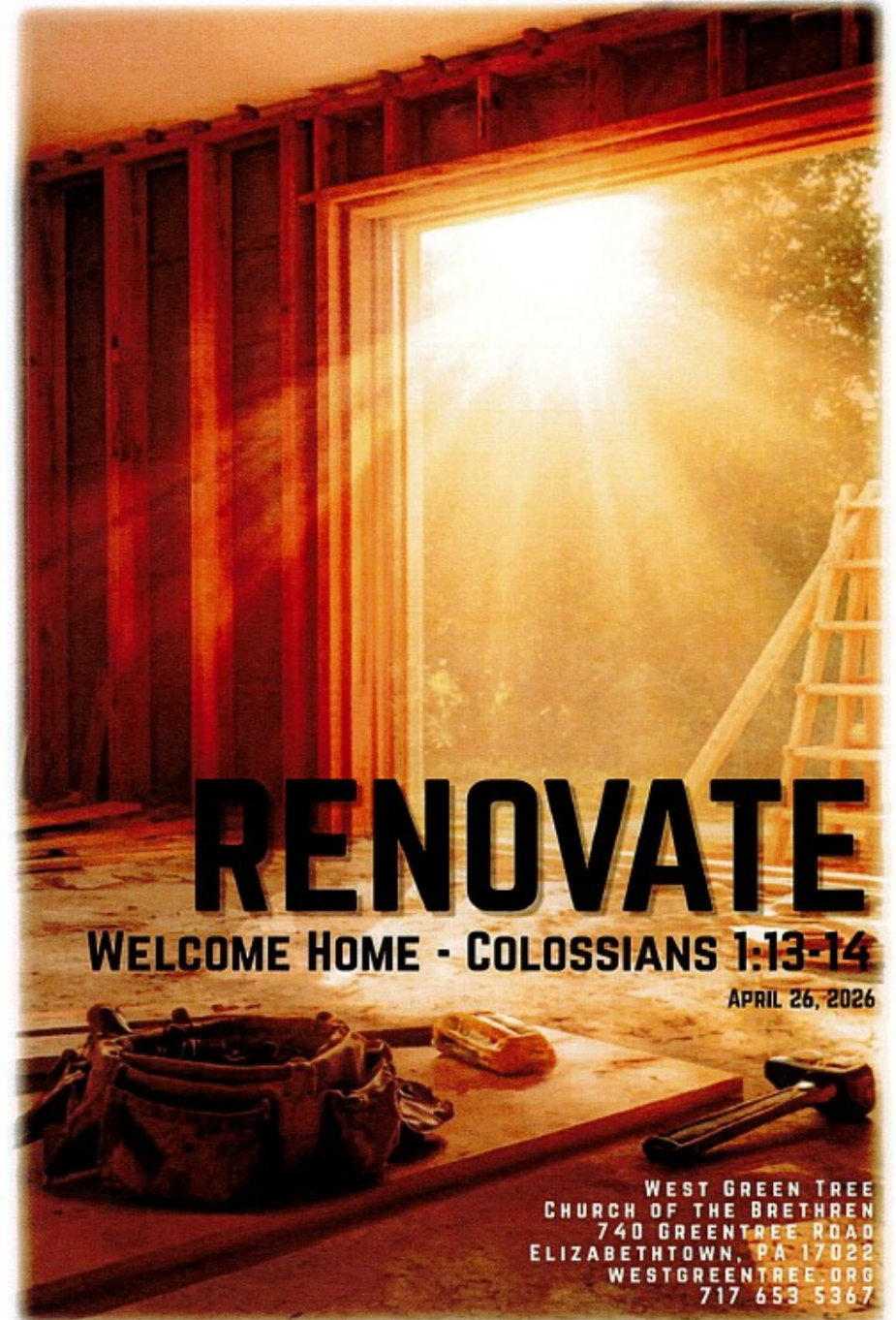
100% of everything the Farm grows is donated in Jesus' name to feed children and adults who are struggling with hunger and access to healthy food.

Since our inception, over 38 million pounds (that's 152 million servings!) of our fresh produce has been harvested and distributed to food banks, shelters, schools, churches, and other organizations throughout Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic region.

This does not happen without His continued guidance and our volunteer community which is the lifeblood of the Farm. It truly takes a village to keep our operations running and productive, so we are beyond grateful for our partners, volunteers, and benefactors whose generosity is extraordinary and make our mission possible.

The harvest is waiting...are you ready?

www.firstfruitsfarm.org



RENOVATE
WELCOME HOME - COLOSSIANS 1:13-14

APRIL 26, 2026

WEST GREEN TREE
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
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West Green Tree Church of the Brethren

April 26, 2026

9:45 AM Large Group Gathering

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

Missions Invitations & Offering

Scripture Reading

Psalm 95:1-7

Worship in Song

"Holy Spirit Come"

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - pg. #11

Time of Prayer

Worship in Song

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" - pg. #581

"Trust in God"

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

Message

"Welcome Home"

Song of Response

"Reckless Love"

Benediction

RENOVATE — Week 2

Welcome Home | Colossians 1:13-14



1. The Problem

You cannot renovate your way out of a _____ plain.

2. Why We Trust Him

He predicted His own death and _____ — and pulled it off.

The _____ knowledge comes first. The self-knowledge follows.

3. The Rescue

Condemned is not His verdict. John 3:17

The cross is where your _____ was defeated.

God says: **You are worth the cost of His Son.**

4. The Story (Luke 15)

"Son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours." — Luke 15:31

Some ran. Some stayed. The invitation is the same: _____.

5. Brought Home

That ache is not failure. It is _____.

The rescue is also a _____.

Be still. Just turn. He is already running.

Practices this week — not homework, just the door staying open:

1. Start with God — Read Psalm 103 or Romans 8:31-39 before you examine yourself.
2. Make it personal — Replace 'us' in Colossians 1:13-14 with your own name.
3. Name a locked room — Write: there is a room I've kept closed because _____.

West Green Tree Upcoming Events/News

⇒ **Grow Your Roots**

Ladies of WGT, you are invited to "grow your roots" at an event sponsored by Sisters in Christ. Bring a friend & drop in the WGT Pavilion Saturday, May 2nd, between 10 am & 2 pm to design your very own outdoor planter! Soil, plants & light refreshments will be provided. **Plan to BYOP (bring your own pot)**. Text Lisa Shelly (717-475-8620) or sign up on the bulletin board .

⇒ **Men in the Woods Event**

Men are invited to join with others at Hawthorne's Woods Saturday, May 2nd. Come when you can, we eat at 5:30 pm! Main meat, drinks & utensils will be provided. Please bring a chair & a dish (if you wish). Isaiah Sheetz will be the guest speaker. Sign up at the bulletin boards adjacent to the church kitchen if you plan to attend.

⇒ **Spring Congregational Forum**

The Spring Congregational Forum will take place Tuesday, May 12th, at 7 pm. Report packets have been emailed to those who have email addresses on file with the church office. Hard copies of report packets are available at the Welcome Center.

⇒ **Sisters in Christ**

The Sisters in Christ gathering is Saturday, May 9th, at 9 am.

⇒ **Drive Your Tractor to Church**

Join us for our upcoming Tractor Sunday! Worship begins at **10:00 AM**, with tractors arriving for display at **9:00 AM**. All are welcome to come early, enjoy the fellowship, and see the tractors up close. Our guest speaker for the day will be Jordan Martin, a lifelong farmer, pastor at Middle Creek Church, and the Executive Director of the ministry First Fruits Farm.

We are seeking volunteers to help make this event a success, including:

- *Friday evening chair setup
- *Food preparation day
- *Assistance on the day of the event

We are also gratefully accepting donations of **pre-wrapped baked goods** and **bottled water**.

The offering collected during the service will be given to **First Fruits Farm** (see back page), and there will also be an opportunity to give directly toward the expenses of Tractor Sunday.

If you're able to help or contribute, please reach out to Angie Harnish. Thank you for your support - we look forward to a wonderful day together!

⇒ **Hymn Sing with Bob Kettering**

You are invited to a hymn sing led by Bob Kettering at the Bucher Meeting House Sunday (376 Scheaffer Road, Lebanon), May 31st, at 4 pm.

⇒ **Vacation Bible School**

It's Spring, but we are already thinking about Summer and Vacation Bible School! Join us this year for, **KINGDOM QUEST VBS** July 13th - 17th. Children will set out on an epic journey to discover God's Kingdom through fun, interactive activities & biblical teachings.

⇒ **Put A Lid On It!**

Your coffee that is! You are welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee/tea as you prepare for the LGG. We encourage you to do so! However, so that our custodians are not overwhelmed with spills, we ask that you put a lid on your beverage when walking through the building or when entering the Sanctuary. Thank you!

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.

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

"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 4/19/26	\$6,145.07
YTD Average Weekly Giving	\$6,452.84
Weekly Giving Goal	\$7,067.60

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

GROW YOUR ROOTS

Saturday, May 2nd
10 am - 2 pm
(drop-in)

Ladies are invited to
design an outdoor planter!
Sign up in the lobby
RSVP to Lisa @
(717-475-8620)

This Week at West Green Tree

Monday, April 27	11:00 a. m.	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday, April 29	6:30 p. m.	Youth
Thursday, April 30	7:00 p. m.	Men's Bible Study
Saturday, May 2	7:00 a. m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 a. m.	Grow Your Roots Ladies Event
	5:30 p. m.	Men in Woods Event

Future Events at West Green Tree

Sunday, May 3		Tiny Timbers Celebrations
Tuesday, May 5	7:00 p. m.	Leadership team Meeting
Saturday, May 9	9:00 a. m.	Sisters in Christ
Sunday, May 10		Mother's Day
Tuesday, May 12	7:00 p. m.	Congregational Forum
Sunday, May 17	10:00 a. m.	Tractor Sunday
Monday, May 25		Office Closed/Memorial Day
Saturday, May 30		Private Event
June 1-5		Office Closed/Paula Vacay
July 13-17		Kingdom Quest VBS

West Green Tree Deacons

Dewey & Kathy Martin	717-629-9343 (Dewey) 717-341-9253 (Kathy)
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Gathering Times

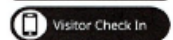
Sunday School/Small Groups 8:30 am
Large Group Gathering 9:45 am

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



Men in the Woods!

Join us at Hawthorne's Cabin in
the Woods Saturday, May 2nd
Meal at 5:30 pm

Main dish provided! Plan to bring
a chair & side to share!

Sign up at the bulletin boards
next to the church kitchen.

DRIVE YOUR TRACTOR TO CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026
10 AM

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