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Deacons & Elders  
will meet  
April 5th  
6:30 PM & 7:00 PM

Sunday, April 3rd @ 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM  
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I am  
God's Child.  
Lavished in  
**LOVE.**  
Gifted with  
**GRACE.**  
Showered with  
**MERCY.**  
Overflowing with  
**HOPE.**

April 2016  
West Waynesboro  
Witness

>> God's Best Version of You

LOVE

PEACE

SELF CONTROL

KINDNESS/GOODNESS

GENTLENESS

JOY

HOPE

PATIENCE

FAITHFULNESS

HUMILITY

INTRODUCING  
BELIEVE  
LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE  
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS

WHAT YOU BELIEVE DRIVES EVERYTHING.

New Sermon Series  
Begins April 3rd

“Becoming God’s Best  
Version of You”

A “Believe” Series on the 10 Key Virtues  
in our pursuit of living the story of the Bible  
to become like Jesus!

John 15:5  
*I am the vine; you are the branches.  
If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear  
much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*

During these ten weeks, we will be studying  
each one of these 10 Key Virtues, which will  
equip you to grow in Him and bear much fruit.  
God desires to see each of these virtues develop  
to maturity in your life. We are reminded in  
Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through  
him who gives me strength.” Wow! What an  
awesome promise from our Father!

Amazing Grace Ladies Spring Retreat April 21st - 23rd

There will be a meeting in the Fellowship Hall  
immediately after the Worship Service on April 10th,  
for all the ladies going to this Retreat.

Ladies Fall Retreat

The retreat originally planned on Oct. 21st &  
22nd has been rescheduled for Friday,  
October 14th and Saturday, Oct. 15th.  
Questions? Contact Cathy VanEpps.

**The Church....The Hope of the World!**

I suspect that I'm not alone in saying that there are many horrific things in this world that sadden me. Indeed, there is no shortage of examples of tragedy, heartache, brokenness, hopelessness and an overwhelming evidence of the effects of sin in our world. However, what saddens me perhaps more than anything, is seeing churches that once were thriving and full of life, dying, and some which have already died and even permanently closed their doors. This happens to many churches every year. On a somewhat regular basis, I have conversations with people who either are a part of churches like this, used to belong to churches like this or know of churches like this. This saddens me and if you are a follower of Christ, who genuinely loves the Church of Jesus Christ, it should sadden you too, because it doesn't have to be this way and was never meant to be this way.

The reason that this tragedy is at the top of my list, is because the Church is to be the hope of the world. The Church is to be the source of light and positive change in our world and in our community, the one that is shining the light of Jesus in a very dark place, offering hope and an alternative to the ways of our culture. The Church is supposed to be pointing people to a better way of life, an abundant life that is found only in a saving relationship with God, through Jesus Christ. The church is supposed to be offering a better way to live, an eternal way of living and investing, which results in eternal life in Heaven, in the presence of Almighty God. God's intention has always been that the Church would be the solution to every problem and tragedy in the world, not a government program or politician or anything else. However, often this does not happen and churches struggle to stay open and eventually die and close, because the people in many of those churches insist on being comfortable and having their needs and preferences take priority over what actually must take place in order to make sure that no one misses out on the grace of God. Far too often, the church fails, because we do not love like Jesus.

I'm so thankful for each of you who understands the important role of the church in our world and in our community. I so appreciate each one of you who is faithful and committed to making our church all that it needs to be, in order to assure that our church exists and is full of life, for a very long time (unless of course Jesus returns sooner!). So, to everyone who is working to make our church and our community better, I say thank you! Thank you for putting the needs of others, the good of our community and the future proclaiming of the Gospel of Jesus Christ ahead of yourself.

Shining the LIGHT,

*Chad*

In the past month on Wednesday Nights we have started a new series at Youth Group. We are going through the prophecies of the Messiah that are found in the book of Isaiah. We study the prophesy that is in Isaiah, and then we go to the New Testament to see the fulfillment of that prophecy. A couple of weeks ago, we talked about how the Messiah is going to have His way prepared for Him. This prophecy is found in Isaiah 40:3-5. Verse 3 says, "A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.'" I really like how 400-500 years before anything with Jesus happens there are prophets that are telling people that there is someone coming who will save everyone. And many of the people call the prophets crazy and say they really don't know what they are talking about.

In this prophecy, we found out that it isn't necessarily about Jesus, but it was about His cousin John the Baptist. The story of John the Baptist is found in John 1:19-28. Here we find that John is being talked to by the priests and Levites, who were sent by the religious leaders to question him. They ask him if he is the Christ, and he says no. Then they ask him if he is Elijah and he also says no. They then ask him a couple more questions until they finally get an answer, but it isn't the answer that they are necessarily looking for. John tells them this, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." This is a very profound statement. This is the fulfillment of the prophecy that we find in Isaiah.

Over the next month, I would encourage all of you to dig into your Bibles and look up some of the prophecies that are told in the Old Testament about the coming Messiah and then look for them in the New Testament and see the fulfillment of the prophecies by Jesus. It is a really awesome study and I can guarantee that you will learn a lot from this study.

# Youth News



Elementary & Middle/High  
School Youth Groups

Sunday Evenings @ 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM (September – May)

## Children's Church



Just a reminder that 1st - 5th grade will  
dismiss to their classroom (Room #304) after Communion.



## Virginia Preteen Convention

[www.vapreteenconvention.org](http://www.vapreteenconvention.org)

Friday, April 8th and Saturday, April 9th  
"Jeremiah and the Terrible, Horrible, No  
Good,  
VERY BAD DAY!"

John 16:33 "In this world you will have trouble.  
But cheer up! I have overcome the world."



## Youth Council Meeting

TUESDAY, April 19th @ 7:00 PM



## Richmond Squirrels Game

Saturday, April 30th, @ 6:00 PM

We will leave the church building at 3:30 PM  
and game time is at 6:00 PM. We will be back  
to the church building sometime around 11:00  
PM. Questions? Contact Andrew Fisher.



There will be a short meeting on April 17th right after  
the worship service for those that have signed up to  
help. This is to get details in order, so be thinking of  
dates that you can help. The project starts May 2nd for  
a women's house and for all others May 23rd. More  
details to come at the meeting.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 25TH – 29TH

VBS is right around the corner! Our theme this  
year is *Back to the Future!* So, if you would like  
to help, keep your eyes open for announcements  
and needs in the coming bulletins and  
newsletters. Please sign-up at the Mickey Center/  
Information Counter if interested in helping.  
Questions? Contact Andrew Fisher.

## CAMP RUDOLPH TURNS 40!

[camprudolph.org](http://camprudolph.org)

This year celebrates  
the fortieth year of  
Christian Camping at  
Camp Rudolph, a  
wonderful place to  
get away from the  
distractions of this  
world and focus on God. To celebrate, Camp Rudolph is  
having special birthday pricing this year, just \$40! We here  
at West Waynesboro support and appreciate Camp Rudolph  
and its dedication to God and to helping people learn more  
about their Creator and come into a relationship with their  
Savior. **That is why we have a goal this year of \$2000 for  
our Sponsor a Camper program.** Camp registration is  
\$40 per camper, and canteen cards and a t-shirt add another  
\$30. Any funds raised that exceed the cost to send our  
children to camp will go to Camp Rudolph to help pay the  
true cost of camp (\$200 per camper) and help sponsor  
others that cannot afford to pay their way. Please, give  
generously to this God honoring ministry, and help remove  
obstacles for children who wish to attend. Envelopes will  
be available at the Information Counter/Mickey Center  
with the label "Sponsor a Camper". Any donation is  
appreciated, and you may make checks payable to Camp  
Rudolph to receive a tax deduction. Place your sealed  
envelope in the offering plate, or give it to Andrew Fisher.  
Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. You  
can make a difference, \$1 and one child at a time.



# What's Happening



## Ladies Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, April 16th @ 9:00 AM

All women are invited to join us at Panera Bread.

## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 16th @ 8:15 AM

All men are invited to join us at Golden Corral.



## It's a Girl!

All the ladies of the church are invited to Laura  
Fisher's baby shower April 2nd, at 2:00 PM in the  
Fellowship Hall. The Fishers are registered at  
Walmart, Target, and Kohl's.



## WWCC Now has Mailboxes!

Location: In the Fellowship Hall, above the water  
fountain, at the bathroom entrance. Please  
remember to check your mailboxes. All cards,  
notes, serving schedules, etc. should be placed  
in the box corresponding with the first letter of  
the last name.



## Church Workday

Saturday, April 16th @ 10:00 AM

**Rain Date:**

Saturday, April 23rd @ 10:00 AM.

## KeenAgersTrip

Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre  
Tuesday, April 12th

[www.wohlfahrtshaus.com](http://www.wohlfahrtshaus.com)

Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre is a state-of-the-  
art German-themed dinner theatre nestled in  
the beautiful Appalachian mountains of  
southwest Virginia. We will be seeing "Peace in  
the Valley" and having lunch. This is a prepaid  
trip.



## CHURCH LAWN MOWING

If you would like to help, sign up at the  
Mickey Center/Information Counter to mow  
or contract out a week for lawn mowing.  
Cost is \$55.00 to contract out a week. The  
office will call for you to arrange that.



## Equip U Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM

What you believe drives everything. The way you  
behave, the habits you form, the character that defines  
you at your core - all are driven by what you believe. So,  
how strongly do we "believers" believe our beliefs.

**Can we articulate what we believe, and why it  
matters?**

The BELIEVE experience helps Christians of all ages  
answer three significant questions:

- What do I believe?
- What should I do?
- Who am I becoming?



**April 6 : Quarterly Congregational Meeting -**

**No Equip U**

**April 13: Chapter 21 - Love & Chapter 22 - Joy**

**1 John 4:10-12 & John 15:11**

**April 20: Chapter 23 - Peace**

**Philippians 4:6-7**

**April 27: Chapter 24 - Self-Control**

**Titus 2:11-13**

**\*Discussion guides are available.**



## Walk for Life

The Stride 2016 to benefit Comfort Care Women's  
Health will be Saturday, May 14th. You can join us as a  
group on that day, at Westwood Hills Elementary School  
**OR you can walk at a time that fits your schedule.**

To participate, either fill out the card attached to the  
pledge form and give to Chad or Stephanie Grondin OR  
**you can register online at [supportcc.org](http://supportcc.org).** Pledge forms  
can be picked up from the table in the foyer.

\*The WWCC Missions Committee will sponsor the first 20  
walkers to sign-up, with a \$20 pledge.



# April



Sunday School 9:15 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Equip U Wednesday 7:00 PM (Sept. - May)  
Office Hours 9-3

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# 2016

## Who's busy in April?

### Preparing Communion

Emma Houghton

### HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Lyle Fitzgerald & Al Taillon

### USHERS

Gene Kine & Dick Moyer

### SECURITY

Tony Kincaid

### WEE WORSHIP 1 (Ages 2 & 3)

Teresa & Ashley Gaudin

### WEE WORSHIP 2 (Pre-K & Kindergarten)

Marlo & Schuyler Allen

### GREETERS

Emma Houghton & Phyllis Stinespring

### IN THE NURSERY

3 Sunday School Debbie McCracken  
Worship Donna & Paul Crosby

10 Sunday School Debbie McCracken  
Worship Susan Chappell & Jessica VanDevander

17 Sunday School Debbie McCracken  
Worship Amy Emerson & Robbi Blackburn

24 Sunday School Debbie McCracken  
Worship Marsha Dean & Bev Hite

### CONNECTION CAFE

Paul Gochenour & Susan Chappell

## Newsletter Preferences

This newsletter can be received by postal mail, email, viewed on the church website or picked up from the Mickey Center/Information Counter in the church foyer.

In an effort to be better stewards of God's resources, if you would like to opt out of receiving it by postal mail, please notify the office.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <i>Blessings!</i>						<b>1</b> April Fools Day
<b>3</b> 8:45 AM Connection Cafe 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM Elementary & Middle/High School Youth 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:30 PM Deacons meet 7:00 PM Elders meet 	<b>6</b> 6:00 PM Praise Team 1 Practice 7:00 PM Quarterly Congregational Meeting 8:00 PM Choir Practice 	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study  	<b>8</b> Preteen Convention 	<b>2</b> 2:00 PM Laura Fisher's Baby Shower 
<b>10</b> 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM Elementary & Middle/High School Youth 	<b>11</b> 9:30 AM Food Pantry 	<b>12</b> 8:00 AM KeenAgers Trip Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre  	<b>13</b> 6:00 PM Praise Team 2 Practice 7:00 PM EQUIP U 8:00 PM Choir Practice 	<b>14</b> 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study  	<b>15</b> Tax Day 10:00 AM Deadline for Newsletter Information 	<b>16</b> 8:15 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Golden Corral 9:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast @ Panera Bread 10:00 AM Church Work Day 
<b>17</b> 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM Elementary & Middle/High School Youth 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00 PM Youth Council 	<b>20</b> 6:00 PM Praise Team 1 Practice 7:00 PM EQUIP U 8:00 PM Choir Practice 	<b>21</b> Amazing Grace Ladies Retreat 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study  	<b>22</b> Earth Day	<b>23</b> 10:00 AM Rain Date for Church Workday
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