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May 2016 West Waynesboro Witness

God Loves



**Deacons & Elders
will meet
May 3rd
6:30 PM & 7:00 PM**



**Sunday, May 1st @ 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM
Hosts: Lewis & Margaret Gurkin**

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A Mother's Love

*A mother's love is something
that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
& sacrifice & pain,
It is endless & unselfish
& enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away...
It is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
even though the heart is breaking...
It believes beyond believing
when the world around condemns,
and it grows with all the beauty
of the rarest, brightest gems...
It is far beyond defining,
it defies all explanations,
and it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation
A many splendored miracle
man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand*

(by Helen Steiner Rice)

End Of EQUIP U Season Picnic

Join us at North Park
Wednesday, May 25th, 5:30 PM - ?
Eat at 6:30 PM



Please bring a covered dish & a lawn chair! If you have a favorite lawn game, bring it, and be ready to have a good time at this beautiful site. Drinks & fried chicken will be provided. Come spend some quality time with your WWCC family! Be sure to invite your friends!

**All gave some...
Some gave all**

**Remember them this
Memorial Day**



Passages

Each month in the "Christian Standard" magazine, which by the way (shameless plug) I highly suggest reading, one of the magazine's featured columns, is one called, "Passages." In this column, the magazine usually features long time Christian servants who have passed on from this life on earth or Christian servants who have passed on to a new earthly ministry assignment. So, recently, I was a bit caught off guard, when I saw a different kind of "passage" highlighted in the May 2016 issue. The column featured this "passage": **"After 85 years, the Southwood Church of Christ, Columbus, OH, has closed its doors. The congregation's last worship service was Feb. 7."**

I'm not sure why this announcement caught be off guard, except that the Christian Standard does not usually post announcements like this in their print magazine. I certainly wasn't unaware of this sad and all too often reality, as I have shared with you on more than one occasion the very difficult position that the American Church now finds itself in and the drastic measures that must be taken in order to reverse the trend. I have often read and shared stories and statistics regarding the fact, that depending on exactly which sources of information are used, somewhere between **4,000 and 7,000 churches close their doors permanently every year**. Each year more and more people are joining the ranks of the "nones," that is those who are religiously unaffiliated, meaning they do not attend church services with any regularity. And sadly, over half of the churches in the U.S. have not added a single new member in the past year, only increasing the chances that they will some day, perhaps sooner than they might think, join the long list of the thousands of churches that have forever closed their doors.

Perhaps, the reason that this "passage" caught my attention in a startling way, was because it reminded me of the sad reality that no church, to include WWCC is immune to the possibility. As I read of this sad news, affecting just one of the many churches, that have fallen victim, I couldn't help but think about why this church had finally made that agonizingly difficult decision. Columbus, OH is a very large city, so it certainly wasn't because there wasn't enough population to reach, but perhaps the church had consciously or unconsciously made a decision to not do what it takes to reach all those people, who undoubtedly are different than them and far from God. Had the church's members and leadership demanded that anyone new be welcomed only if they looked, acted and believed like them? Had the church refused to try new methods and new ways of doing church and committed to making the life of everyone who tried to introduce any change, as miserable as possible? Had the church become inwardly focused, instead of making an earnest attempt to become externally involved in their local community? Had their been a time in the history of the church, when it was thriving and when did the decline begin, ultimately leading to this "passage" story?

Obviously, I don't have answers to any of these or the many other questions that popped into my mind regarding this church in Ohio, however, this "passage" should make us all think about the future of the Church in America and specifically the church we all love, WWCC. So, the next time, you're tempted to complain about something that you don't like or are thinking about limiting your involvement because the leaders made a decision that isn't in accordance to what you wanted done or your thoughts are more in line with creating conflict and division, rather than unity, remember what could happen to our church. WWCC is a great church, with a great history, but it could become one of the thousands of churches, that have become a statistic.

Unified in Christ,

Chad

Well it's almost summer, and you know what that means. It means camp, VBS and hot weather. Another thing that this summer means is, we are going to be helping out in the community by working on Habitat for Humanity houses. We have about 20 or so people from the church that signed up to help out and build houses for people in need. I am really excited that many people are willing to help. We are going to be working on 3 different Saturdays, 2 in June and 1 in July. We are looking forward to doing this and making a dream come true for people who need a new home. If we want to be more involved in the community, this is something that people will hopefully take notice of.

The lady that I have been coordinating the dates and getting everything set up with is really excited that we are willing to take time out of our busy schedules and help them do something good for the people of our area. If you don't know anything about Habitat for Humanity, I will give you a little rundown on what they stand for and who they are. First of all, they are a Christian organization, who just wants to love on people and be the hands and feet of Christ. This organization was founded by Millard and Linda Fuller in 1976, and since then they have done projects all over the world, but most of their projects have been here in the United States. If you want to learn and read more about this awesome organization just go to their website, www.habitat.org and click on the About Us tab.

The verse from the Bible that is at the bottom of the emails from the lady that I have been talking to is, 1 John 3:17, which says, "But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?" This is a very profound verse, and one that we as Christians should all look to when it comes to people in need. We are called to help the lost and those in need. If we were one of those people in need would we want other Christians to help us? Or would we want them to be like the Priest and the Levite in the Story of the Good Samaritan and walk on the other side of the street? I would encourage each and every one of us to look for those kinds of people and help them if we can, and not walk on the other side of the street, but instead cross the street and offer to help them. Remember, when it comes to the church, it isn't a club for people who have already been saved, it should be a place where the sick (sinners) come to get well. The church is not a building, but the people who gather together and worship the One True God!

Youth News



Elementary & Middle/High

Sunday Evenings @ 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM (September - May)

Invite your friends and look out for special events.

***NO YOUTH GROUPS ON MAY 8TH.**

Family Sunday - May 8th
No Children's Church.



All children, except Nursery & Wee
Worship, are to remain in the sanctuary.



Youth Hiking Trip

Sunday, May 15th

We will leave immediately after the worship
service. If interested, please let Andrew know.



Elementary Youth Mini Lock-In

Saturday, May 7th, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

There will be snacks, but if you want
to bring something to share, please do!

Discovery Museum Trip

On Saturday, May 21st, kids aged Pre-
K-3rd Grade are going to the
Discovery Museum in Harrisonburg.
After the Museum, we will go to a park for a picnic and
some play time. We will be leaving the church at 8:00 AM
and returning around 2:00 PM. Cost for the Museum is
\$6.50/person.



The dates for the Habitat for Humanity project are
Saturday, June 11th; Saturday, June 25th; and Saturday
July 9. If you signed up to help, and were not at the
meeting, Andrew will give you a call to see what date
you can help.



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

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



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 it to Chad or Stephanie Grondin OR
you can register online at 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.

Ladies Fall Retreat



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



KeenAgers

Tuesday, May 17th
12:00 PM

We will be having a Carry-In Meal in the Fellowship Hall,
with the emphasis on helping as many of the "shut-in"
persons to attend as practical. Come out and enjoy good
food, family, fellowship and entertainment. We may have
live music, health permitting.



Weekday Religious Education (W.R.E.) Graduation Ceremony

Tuesday, May 17th at 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

WWCC will host the W.R.E. Graduation, in which
the fourth graders will receive their Bibles. Punch
and cookies will be served after the presentation/program.
Please come out and support one of our local mission partners.



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?



May 4th - Chapter 25: Hope
Hebrews 6:19-20

May 11th - Chapter 26: Patience
Proverbs 14:29

May 18th - Chapter 27: Kindness/Goodness
1 Thessalonians 5:15

May 25th - End of Equip U Season Picnic
Join us at North Park at 5:30 PM - ?
Eat at 6:30 PM

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 21st @ 8:15 AM

All men are invited to join us at Golden Corral.



Ladies Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, May 21st @ 9:00 AM

All women are invited to join us at Panera Bread.



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.

May

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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Who's busy in May?

Preparing Communion

Diane Spurlock
HOMEBOUND COMMUNION
 Lewis Gurkin & Greg Mabry

USHERS

Clarence Coeyman & Lyle Fitzgerald

SECURITY

Jim Hayes

WEE WORSHIP 1 (Ages 2 & 3)

Tammy Wood

WEE WORSHIP 2 (Pre-K & Kindergarten)

Sue & Schuyler Allen

GREETERS

Taylor & Brandon Johnson

IN THE NURSERY

1 Sunday School Betty Parker
 Worship Karen Beegles &
 Debbie McCracken

8 Sunday School Betty Parker
 Worship Lisa Moneymaker &
 Taylor Johnson

15 Sunday School Betty Parker
 Worship Amy Emerson &
 Hailey Gurkin

22 Sunday School Betty Parker
 Worship Barbara Zimmerman &
 Miranda Harris

29 Sunday School Betty Parker
 Worship Ashley Gauldin &
 Teresa Gauldin






























CONNECTION CAFE

Lewis & Margaret Gurkin

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
1 8:45 AM Connection Cafe 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM Elementary & Middle/High School Youth  	2	3 6:30 PM Deacons meet 7:00 PM Elders meet 	4 6:00 PM Praise Team 2 Practice 7:00 PM EQUIP U 8:00 PM Choir Practice 	5 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study 	6	7 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Elementary Youth Mini Lock-IN 
8 Mother's Day 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship   	9 9:30 AM Food Pantry 	10	11 6:00 PM Praise Team 2 Practice 7:00 PM EQUIP U 8:00 PM Choir Practice 	12 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study 	13	14 9:00 AM Comfort Care Walk for Life 
15 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Youth Hiking Trip 5:00 PM Elementary & Middle/High School Youth  	16 10:00 AM Deadline for Newsletter Information 	17 12:00 PM Keenagers 7:00 PM Youth Council 7:00 PM W.R.E Graduation  	18 6:00 PM Praise Team 1 Practice 7:00 PM EQUIP U 8:00 PM Choir Practice 	19 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study 	20	21 8:00 AM Pre-K-3rd Discovery Museum Trip 8:15 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Golden Corral 9:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast @ Panera Bread 
22 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM Elementary & Middle/High School Youth  	23 9:30 AM Food Pantry 	24	25 5:30 PM End of EQUIP U Season Picnic at North Park 	26 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study 	27	28
29 John F. Kennedy's Birthday 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM Elementary & Middle/High School Youth  	30 Memorial Day Office Closed 	31				