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# November 2016 West Waynesboro Witness

God Loves



## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gifts

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

All the materials and information you need will be available on a table in the main entry foyer.

Drop off your shoebox gifts in the church foyer **NO LATER than Sunday, November 20th.**

Since 1993, more than 123 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child. Samaritan's Purse works with local churches and ministry partners to deliver the gifts and share the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Deacons & Elders  
will meet  
November 1  
6:30 PM & 7:00 PM**



**Host : Lewis & Margaret Gurkin**

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## Harvest Dinner

**Wednesday, November 16th @ 6:30 PM**



A special evening to bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish and share with all your family and friends. If you can help with set up and clean up, please sign up at the Mickey Center/Information Counter. A second sign up sheet is available for food.

**\*In order to be sure we have enough, we need to have three turkeys prepared.**

*Matthew 21:13a, "It is written," he said to them, "My house will be called a house of prayer,"*

At the beginning of September, we kicked off our EQUIP U season by showing the movie, "War Room." This incredible movie powerfully communicated the Biblical principle that prayer is a powerful weapon and that when God's people intentionally & sincerely commit themselves to praying, not only does God hear those prayers, but in His timing and according to His perfect plans, He also answers prayers. To say it another way, earnest prayer not only changes things, but it also changes us. If you are familiar with this movie, then you are familiar with the idea of a "War Room." In the movie, one of the characters transformed her walk-in closet into a designated place of prayer, where she could go and be alone with God, in order to wage spiritual war, against all the harmful attitudes, relationships and sins that were keeping her from walking with God in complete obedience and from experiencing the abundant life that Jesus offers.

This movie and specifically the idea of establishing a "War Room" inspired and convicted me to consider the idea of having a designated place of prayer in our church building, a "War Room," so to speak. I know that we are a church that believes in the power of prayer, as evidenced by ministries like our weekly prayer list that is distributed with the weekly bulletin and our prayer chain that is activated when there is an urgent and/or emergency prayer concern, but recently, God has been impressing on me that our prayer involvement needs to be ramped up. While I continue to prayerfully contemplate what this might look like, the one thing I know, is that prayer must become more fully woven into the fabric of who we are at WWCC. As I prayerfully processed this idea of developing a "War Room," I thought about the possibilities of where such a room could be located and then I remembered that we have a room in our church building that is rarely ever used. At one time, we had a very functional and although I was not around at that time, probably a highly used church library, however in recent years, our church library and for the most part, the more general idea of church libraries, has all but been abandoned and for several years now, our church library has remained shut up, locked up and rarely ever accessed, except for an occasional Sunday school teacher that needed a last minute lesson idea.

After consulting with our elders, I announced at our most recent congregational meeting on October 5th, that the church library would soon become a PRAYER ROOM, a place that would be available for anyone who chooses to go and spend some private time pouring out their hearts to our God who hears and answers. The potential benefit of having a designated prayer room in our building is huge and I pray that it will be used by many to more fully unleash the power of God! For those that might be wondering about the books, don't worry, the books are still there, but the room has been rearranged to better accommodate its new purpose. Our new PRAYER ROOM is located downstairs in room # 101 and is NOW OPEN. If you go down the main stairs, which are off of the main entry foyer, you will see the PRAYER ROOM clearly marked, as being the first room on the left. The PRAYER ROOM is available for anyone to use before or after our Sunday morning Worship Service or Wednesday evening EQUIP U Bible Study, as well as at any time during the week during office hours (9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.). There is a key hanging on a hook to the left of the door, so that you may let yourself in. Inside the PRAYER ROOM, there is a bulletin board, where you are free to post prayer requests, as well as answered prayers.

I want to encourage you to use this room to go to "war" for our church, community, world and for all the people dearly loved by God, many of whom you know, that have been blinded by the Prince of darkness and are presently far from God. Please, go to "war" as if the future of our church depends upon your willingness to pray, because to a large degree it does. While there is so much to be thankful for about the fellowship we share at WWCC, the fact remains that there are still strongholds to be broken and mindsets and selfishness that must be overcome and victory in Jesus is possible through the power of prayer.

**Philippians 4:6, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."**

Praying with you,

*Chad*

I am sure many of you have heard of the new game for smart phones called Pokemon Go. If you haven't, it is a game where people walk around and try to catch Pokemon with their phones, and for each one they catch they get a certain number of points. I am not one of the people that play this game, but I have heard about it and there are some kids in the Youth Group that do play, even some adults that I know of that play. I know, I know, by now you are probably thinking, "Where in the world is Andrew going with this, but hang with me. we are getting there."

Recently in Children's Church we have started playing a version of Pokemon Go in the form of a lesson series, but it is not what you think it is. Instead of catching the Pokemon, we are hunting for books of the Bible. In this series, we are going through the books of the Bible, and each week we are talking about 5 or 6 books at a time so that we can get through it in a timely manner. After Sunday school is over, either Laura or I go outside and hide the books of the Bible that we are talking about that week and then the kids get between 7 and 10 minutes to go and find them. Each book is worth a certain number of points. It is the number of chapters in the book and then adding a "0" at the end. So Genesis is 50 chapters, so it is worth 500 points. At the end of the series the top three with the most points will get prizes. Along the way they are also going to be memorizing memory verses and what the section of the Bible is called that we are talking about that week. The kids are also encouraged to bring their Bibles and a friend if they want. Hopefully by the end of this series they will all know the books of the Bible and will be able to say them when they are asked. Also, they will hopefully be able to have some important verses memorized. I just realized that I was telling you all about the series and forgot to tell you what it was called. We are calling it Bible Go.

The reason for this series is because many of the kids don't know where the books of the Bible are found and it takes them awhile to turn there when we are doing lessons. So Laura came up with the idea of having them hunt for the books of the Bible, and learn them in a more fun and engaging way. I hope and pray that at the end of this series it will be successful and the kids will be able to know where the books are located in the Bible and will also know them all by memory. If you see any of the kids you should ask them what they learned about and see if they can tell you what books were talked about during Children's Church.

# Youth News



## Elementary & Middle/High School Youth Groups

Remember to invite your friends!

**ENGAGE** (Elementary Youth Group)  
Meets from 5:00 - 6:00 PM

**CONNECT** (Middle/High School Youth Group)  
Meets from 6:15 - 7:30 PM

Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM

**\*NOVEMBER 20TH - ENGAGE & CONNECT WILL NOT MEET!**



## Youth Council Meeting

TUESDAY, November 15th @ 7:00 PM



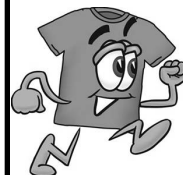
## Background Checks for Youth & Children's Ministry Workers

**EVERYONE** that is helping in the Youth & Children's Ministry will soon be required to have a background check. This is for the safety of the kids and also for the adults that are serving. There will be more information to come, so watch the bulletin for new information.



## Family Sunday November 27th

**No Children's Church.**  
All children, except Nursery & Wee Worship, are to remain in the Sanctuary.



## Youth Ministry Shirts

We have 180 Student Ministry shirts still available, if you would like to purchase one, please contact Andrew.



## Youth Christmas Play Practice

Practice for all youth who would like to be in the youth Christmas Play, will be on Wednesday evenings @ 7:00 PM.



## Children's Ministry Check-In

Don't forget, if you have a child who goes to Children's Church, please go and pick them up after Sunday School. You don't have to sign them out, just take them up to the Sanctuary with you until it is time to go down. Also, teachers, please make sure you keep your children in the classroom until their parents come to get them.

\*If you would be willing to help with the children's check-in process, please contact Andrew.

# What's Happening



## Men's Bible Study

Meets on Thursdays @ 7:30 PM in the Youth Room (Room #201).  
Questions? Contact Tim Simpson.



## Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, November 19th @ 8:15 AM  
All men are invited to join us at Golden Corral.



## Faith Promise Mission Sunday Update

Thank you to everyone who made a Faith Promise Missions Commitment for 2017. Total committed as of 10-2-16 is \$24,900.

If you have not made a commitment, it's not too late. Just fill out a "Faith Promise Mission Pledge" card and drop it in an offering plate as they are passed. You can find these cards on the back of each pew, with the Connection Cards.



## CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesdays @ 8:00 PM



If you miss a sermon, you can listen to or download it on our website. If you prefer a CD, contact the office and we will make you one.



## Ladies Bible Study

Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM, in the church fellowship hall. Questions? Contact Carolyn Fitzgerald.



## Ladies Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, November 19th @ 9:00 AM  
All women are invited to join us at Panera Bread.



## New Equip U Study Begins, Wednesday, November 2nd

David:  
"Developing a Heart for God"

Nov. 2nd - The Lord Looks at the Heart  
1 Samuel 16:1-13

Nov. 9th - The Battle is the Lord's  
1 Samuel 17

Nov. 16th - Harvest Dinner  
No Equip U

Nov. 23rd - Happy Thanksgiving  
No Equip U

Nov. 30th - True Friendship  
1 Samuel 20:1-17, 30-42



# November

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 November ?

### PREPARING COMMUNION

Carrie Leeson

### HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Lewis Gurkin & Rick Modlin

### USHERS

Jeff Gurkin & Bob Rickard

### SECURITY

Al Taillon

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

Emma Houghton

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

Candace Anderson & Courtney Billings

### GREETERS

Lelia Bolton & Cynthia Modlin

### IN THE NURSERY

6 Sunday School Worship Betty Parker  
 Ashley Gauldin & Teresa Gauldin

13 Sunday School Worship Betty Parker  
 Marsha Dean & Amanda Estes

20 Sunday School Worship Betty Parker  
 Angie Critzer & Debbie McCracken











27 Sunday School Worship Betty Parker  
 Donna & Paul Crosby

### 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
		6:30 PM Deacons meet 7:00 PM Elders meet 	7:00 PM Equip U 8:00 PM Choir 	10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study 		
Daylight Saving Time Ends 8:45 AM Connection Cafe 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM ENGAGE (Elementary Youth) 6:15 PM CONNECT (Middle/High School Youth) 		Election Day	7:00 PM Equip U 8:00 PM Choir 	10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study 	Veterans Day	
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