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January 2017 West Waynesboro Witness

God Loves



Ordination Sunday
for New Leaders -
January 1st



Elected leadership 2017: Elders: Greg Mabry, Dick Moyer, Al Taillon; Deacons: Sam Dunlap, Paul Gochenour, Roger Mathias, James Parker, Tim Simpson; Financial Secretary: Amy Emerson; Treasurer: Teresa Wilt; Church Clerk: Angie Critzer; Sunday School Superintendent: Diane Spurlock; Congregational Chairman: Roger Slack.

May the Lord bless you with the gift of servanthood, revelation, knowledge, wisdom and understanding as you go forth in your leadership roles. May you continue to build relationships and be salt and light in the world.

New Sermon Series
Starts on
Sunday, January 8th:
“Figuring Out Your Finances”

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



Hosts: Roger and Nancy Slack

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As I write this article, we are just a couple weeks away from entering a new year. Wow, where did 2016 go!? For all of us, 2016 was filled with lots of life events, some good and some bad, but I hope more good than bad. Either way, we all have so very much to be thankful for, as we've been blessed and are being blessed in countless ways. However, as we prepare to enter into 2017, we ought to pause for a moment and consider, what we can do to ensure that 2017 is better than 2016, for us personally and also for our church. While we do not know what 2017 has in store for us, one thing we can know for sure, is that without change and intentionality, we should not expect a new year to be any different than the previous year. As you reflect on 2016, consider whether you invested your life and your resources in things of temporal or eternal value? Did you spend more time serving than being served? Did you take time to build relationships, both with people in the church and those outside of the Family of God? Did you share the reason for the hope you have and your faith in Jesus Christ? Did you prayerfully and lovingly extend invitations to people who don't have a church family to belong to?

As I reflect on 2016, I am thankful for our church and for each person that is a part of it. I'm thankful for those of you that have chosen to spend more time serving, than being served and have committed to making our church better, rather than complaining about the things you don't like. I'm thankful for the ways that we as a church are making a difference in our community and beyond, through sacrificial service and giving. Indeed we have many faithful, generous and servant-hearted people in our church, but make no mistake about it, we need many more. As I've often said, we cannot and will not become all that God wants us to be and accomplish all that He wants us to do in "Pointing People To Jesus," without all of us working together. We need you and the gifts that God has blessed you with, so as we enter a new year, I encourage you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to make the most of those gifts, so that our church can become healthier and more effective in shining the light of Jesus in a spiritually dark world.

Another way, in addition to your faithful service and involvement, that we can make our church better, is through evaluation. Evaluation and a commitment to improve on areas of weakness, makes us healthier. With this goal in mind, in 2017, the elders and I believe that it would be helpful for us as a church to go through the Natural Church Development evaluation offered by Waypoint Church Partners. If you have been around WWCC for a while, you might recall that this process was begun when Jonathan Feathers was the Sr. Minister, however, because he resigned not long after it had been started, it never was fully completed. I will be meeting with a representative from Waypoint Church Partners soon and as we receive more information, you will be brought into the process and asked for your participation.

Lastly, as we look to a new year and a host of new opportunities to build up the Kingdom of God, let me again remind you of your need to pray. Please, pray for our church and its leaders, as well as our community, nation, world and its leaders. Pray that God would raise up servants and leaders and that He would soften hearts that have grown hard, so that they might be receptive to your love, service, invitations and ultimately the love God has for them. Pray that each of us who calls WWCC home, would humbly and sacrificially work together to help our church achieve its fullest potential. Don't forget that we have a prayer room located downstairs in room #101, you are welcome and encouraged to make full use of it to engage in spiritual battle.

Happy New Year!

Chad

New Year, New Goals, New Life.

There are many people that want to change their lives once the New Year hits. Many people make a resolution to change themselves for the better, but most of them don't even see the resolution through to the end. Only 8% of people that make a New Years Resolution are successful in seeing it all the way through to the end, 49% of people have infrequent success with their resolution, but at least they are trying. Last but not least, 24% of people who make a resolution fail or don't succeed in the goal that they have set for the year. But at least they try to make themselves better.

This upcoming year I would like to ask everyone to pray for this church, the leadership and all of the ministries that we have here. Specifically this year, I would like to ask you all to take some time out of your day and pray for the Youth Ministry. Pray that the kids will be bold in sharing Jesus with their friends and inviting them to come to church and Youth Group. Remember, if we don't invest in the next generation of the church the church won't be around much longer. Not just this church but the church as a whole, because people are caring less and less about God and want to do their own thing. Also pray for all of the volunteers that have taken time out of their busy lives to teach and be here for the kids every Sunday. I would like to thank all of the volunteers that help out each week, this ministry could not be what it is without all of you! I would like to encourage you to make this a habit, a new study says that it takes 66 days to form a habit.

In 2 Corinthians 5:17, Paul says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone and the new is here!" This is an awesome verse for everyone going in to the new year. With the new year comes new things and with new things come new goals and with new goals come new things to look forward too. I truly believe that if we all set a goal to do something, that we can change things for the better, specifically growing the church and changing the way that we feel about the church. The times are changing and as a church we need to be able to change so that we can reach the lost.

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 (unless there is NO EQUIP U)

Middle & High School Youth Lock-In

Friday, January 6th - Saturday, January 7th
7:00 PM - 7:00 AM @ the WWCC church building.



Boys bring a snack to share and girls bring a 2-liter drink to share. Also, bring a pillow, sleeping bag/blanket and a change of clothes. Come out and enjoy the fun and invite a friend.



Youth & Children's Ministry Meeting

There will be another meeting regarding background checks for all youth and children's workers on Sunday, January 8th, immediately following the worship service. Please bring the forms you were previously given and your questions.



Youth Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 17th @ 7:00 PM



Youth Sunday January 29th

No Children's Church.

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

Snow Tubing at Wintergreen

Friday, January 27th

More information will be in the bulletin, so be sure to keep an eye out for future announcements.



Youth Ministry Shirts



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



Youth Invite Night Sunday, January 15th

This is a chance to invite your friends and have them come and hang out with us. We will be having Nachos so come hungry!

What's Happening



Bouquet of Blessings - Ladies Day
Saturday, January 28th
Begins at 8:30 AM with a light breakfast, conference to begin at 9:00 AM.

This is going to be a dynamic conference taking you into the presence of God through thanksgiving & praise, no matter what season of life you are enduring at the present time.

The conference will begin a journey bringing to your remembrance a list of benefits you receive daily from our Creator's generous hands that goes on and on.

The Pardon Jesus won for us in baring his cross would be more than enough "benefit" to create a lifetime of thanksgiving to God and thanks-living in love to those around us. But the benefits our Savior earned for us don't end there. Christ's pardon brings peace. Life lived by faith in him brings fresh meaning and purpose to the minutes and hours of our days. And, of course, we dare not overlook all his many promises to protect, rescue, and help us in every time of trouble. Nor can we help but bring to mind the hope we have in knowing that in everything, even our worst problems, our Lord is at work for our good. (Romans 8:28)

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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.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) & CPR Training

Saturday, January 14th @ 10:00 AM
Sign-up at the Mickey Center/Information Counter.



Please email the office or drop off a note with information you would like in the February Newsletter by Monday, January 16th @ 10:00 AM.



EQUIP U
Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM

David: Developing a Heart for God

January 4th: NO EQUIP U
Quarterly Congregational Meeting

January 11th: "Secure in the Lord"
1 Samuel 25

January 18th: "Finding Strength in the Lord"
1 Samuel 30:1-25

January 25th: "God's Wrath & Blessing"
2 Samuel 6

*Schedule subject to change due to weather related cancellations.



Interested in serving others at WWCC? Please stop by the Mickey Center/Information Counter to sign-up to help prepare communion or serve as a greeter in 2017.

If you'd like to serve on sound during the service, see Al Taillon (280-8880) to learn the system. To help with video, see Teresa Wilt (294-3590).



Our prayer room is located downstairs, in Room #101 and is available before and after services, as well as during the week (office hours 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM). There is a key hanging on the left side of the door.

January

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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2017

Who's busy in January ?

PREPARING COMMUNION

Mary Donna Beardsworth & Lelia Bolton

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Jim Hayes & Roger Slack

USHERS

Jeff Gurkin & Gene Kline

SECURITY

Paul Gochenour

WEE WORSHIP 1 (Ages 2 & 3)

Mary Donna Beardsworth & Lelia Bolton

WEE WORSHIP 2 (Pre-K & Kindergarten)

Teresa Gauldin

GREETERS

Diane Spurlock & Dylan Seal

IN THE NURSERY

1 Sunday School Worship Betty Parker
Angie Critzer & Amanda Estes

8 Sunday School Worship Betty Parker
Donna & Paul Crosby




















15 Sunday School Worship Betty Parker
Susan Gochenour & Carrie Leeson

22 Sunday School Worship Betty Parker
Barbara Zimmerman & Miranda Harris

29 Sunday School Worship Betty Parker
Jessica VanDevander & Debbie McCracken

CONNECTION CAFE

Roger & Nancy Slack

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day 8:45 AM Connection Cafe 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Ordination Sunday 5:00 PM ENGAGE (Elementary Youth) 6:15 PM CONNECT (Middle/High School Youth)	2 New Year's Day (observed) Office Closed	3 6:30 PM Deacons meet 7:00 PM Elders meet 	4 7:00 PM Quarterly Congregational Meeting 8:00 PM Choir 	5	6 Middle/High School Lock-in 7:00 PM - 7:00 AM 	7 Middle/High School Lock-in 7:00 PM - 7:00 AM 
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15 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM ENGAGE (Elementary Youth) 6:15 PM CONNECT (Middle/High School Youth)	16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 10:00 AM Deadline for Newsletter Information 	17 7:00 PM Youth Council 	18 7:00 PM Equip U 8:00 PM Choir 	19 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study 	20 Inauguration Day	21 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 ENGAGE (Elementary Youth) 6:15 PM CONNECT (Middle/High School Youth)	23 9:30 AM Food Pantry 	24 7:00 PM Missions Meeting 	25 7:00 PM Equip U 8:00 PM Choir 	26 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study 	27 6:00 PM Snow Tubing at Wintergreen 	28 8:30 AM Ladies Day Bouquet of Blessings 
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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.