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May 2017 West Waynesboro Witness



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 31st,
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!

**Deacons & Elders
will meet
May 2nd
6:30 PM & 7:00 PM**



Hosts: Lewis & Margaret Gurkin

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Stay The Course

One of, if not the most often used weapons of the devil, is discouragement. Satan knows that if he can discourage a follower of Jesus or even an entire church, that he has won an important battle and has done a great deal to minimize and disrupt the work that God wants to do through His people. We all have dealt with discouragement and probably face it on a regular basis, and the truth is, there are many reasons to become discouraged and it is easy to fall victim to it. I believe that this is the primary reason that the Bible so often instructs the people of God to not become discouraged, but instead to fight the good fight and to keep doing good.

At our most recent congregational meeting, I shared with those in attendance, a message that I believe was given to me by God Himself. Before you get freaked out and think that your preacher is a nut job, I want you to know that I did not hear the audible voice of God. Although I certainly believe that God can speak to us in an audible voice if He chooses, I also know that this is not the primary way that God speaks to His people today. God most often speaks to us in this modern age, through His Holy Word (the Bible) and through the promptings and leadings of His Spirit (the Holy Spirit). The message I sensed God giving to me recently, was something more of a still small voice, that God's Spirit, was speaking into my spirit. The message was very clear, just three words, "STAY THE COURSE." I sensed that this message was not only for me personally, although it was definitely for me, but that this simple three word message, was for us as a church as well. So, this is the message that I want to share with you and pray that God will impress on your hearts, "STAY THE COURSE."

The reality is, that it is very easy to get discouraged and to think that what we're doing doesn't matter or isn't making a difference. When change or progress doesn't happen the way we think it should or as quickly as we would like it to, we are often tempted to want to throw up our arms or throw in the towel, and say things like, "What's the use?" or "I give up." So, because of this reality, God has shared this message with me and through me, with you. "STAY THE COURSE!" Whatever you do, don't give up, don't give into discouragement, don't let the devil make you think that what you're doing doesn't matter or that you are not making a difference, because you are. Friends, let me encourage you and challenge you, to keep serving, keep investing in the Kingdom of God for the future and eternity of His Church, keep putting the needs of others ahead of your own as you choose to live selflessly and not selfishly, and keep loving, building relationships with and inviting people to come and be a part of our church family at WWCC, so that they too may learn about and experience the amazing grace of an amazing God.

Staying The Course With You,

Chad

Well summer is almost upon us, and you all know what that means, that's right VBS! It will be here before we know it. This year for VBS we are going back to the Old West and will become cowboys and cowgirls for the week. If you remember from last year, we went to the future and now we are going to the past this year. I am really looking forward to the week of VBS, because it is our chance as a church to bring kids and families in and love on them and share with them the love of Jesus.

So this year I need your help inviting people. Last year we had an average of 35 kids a night. This year I have a goal of averaging 40 or more kids a night and I can't do it without all of you. I can only put up so many flyers around town. I am sure that all of you know at least one child that would have a blast at VBS this year. So I encourage all of you to start now, talking to at least 2 kids and talking up VBS for this year. If you need a flyer or a little card that has the dates on it just let me know and I will get it for you.

Remember, the kids are the future of the church and if we don't have any kids, then the church won't exist in the future. We need to build up the next generation of church leaders and VBS is a great way to get them into the church. Also, the best way to get new families in the church, is to get the kids here first. If the kids are excited, they will want to bring their parents.

This year one of our memory verses for VBS is Mark 16:15, which says, "And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.'" This is what we are all called to do, and why I had the challenge earlier in the article about inviting kids to come and starting to work on this now. So today, I pray that God would put 1, 2 or more kids on your heart that you would like to invite to VBS this year. Let's make this year of VBS the best we can, and like I said, I can't do this without all of you!

I hope you all have a great month, and if you need flyers or anything like that, please let me know so I can get them to you!



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

***NO YOUTH GROUPS ON MOTHER'S DAY.**
Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM (unless there is NO EQUIP U)

Camp Rudolph

camprudolph.org

Registration for Camp Rudolph is now open.

The dates for camp are:

High School week (Grades 9-12) - July 2-7
Middle School week (Grades 6-8) - July 9-14
Solid Foundations (Ages 7-12) - August 6-11

To register or to view the complete schedule, please go to www.camprudolph.org. If you have any questions, please contact Andrew.



"Pack the Pantry"
for Camp Rudolph

In order to help keep camp registration costs as low as possible, Camp Rudolph is asking all supporting churches to help them "pack the pantry." You can place any of the following items in the containers in the foyer during the month of May:

- Ziploc Bags (Gallon & Sandwich Size)
- Tissue Paper (the wrapping kind)
- "All free and clear" laundry detergent (50 loads plus containers)
- Clorox wipes
- Traditional Pasta Sauces (45 ounce jars preferred)
- Rotini Pasta
- Frosted Flakes Cereal (Family Size Boxes)



New Sermon Series
Starts Sunday,
May 7th
Invite a friend!

Ladies Prayer Breakfast

New Location for May & June

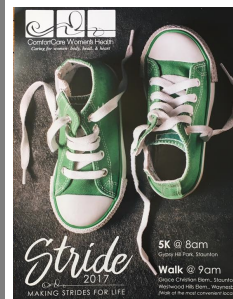
We will meet at Stella, Bella & Lucy's
327 West Main Street, Waynesboro
Saturday, May 20th @ 9:00 AM.
All ladies are welcome to attend!



Men's Prayer Breakfast

@ Golden Corral @ 8:15 AM
All men are welcome to attend!

Stride 2017
Provide Hope,
Walk for Life.



The Stride 2017 to benefit Comfort Care Women's Health will be Saturday, May 6th @ 9:00 AM. 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, pick up a pledge form from the Mickey Center/Information Counter and fill out the card attached to the pledge form. Place the card in the offering plate or give it to Chad or Stephanie Grondin. You can also register online at supportcc.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JULY 24TH - 28TH



VBS is right around the corner! Our theme this year is "Wild, Wild West"! 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.

Middle/High School Lock-in
Sunday May 29th - Monday May 30th
7:00 PM - 7:00 AM

We will be going roller skating in Harrisonburg. The cost is \$3.00 to skate, plus extra money for anything else you may want. Suggested amount to bring is \$10.00. Questions? Contact Andrew Fisher.

Youth Group

Invite Night - Sunday, May 21st



INVITE your friends to come and hang out, build relationships and learn about Jesus. There will be food, so come ready to eat and have a great time!



Please email the office or drop off a note with information you would like in the **June Newsletter** by **Tuesday, May 16th @ 10:00 AM.**

EQUIP U

Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM

"Fruit of the Spirit"

May 3rd: A Night of Prayer

May 10th: Faithfulness
2 Chronicles 20:1-30

May 17th: Gentleness
1 Thessalonians 2: 1-12

May 24th: Self-Control
1 Samuel 26

May 31st: End of EQUIP U Season Picnic

Come spend some quality time with your **WWCC family!**
Be sure to invite your friends!



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.



www.westwaynesboro.com

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.

CHURCH LAWN MOWING



If you would like to help, sign up to mow or contract out a week for lawn mowing at the Mickey Center/Information Counter. 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

Carrie Leeson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Lewis Gurkin & Roger Mathias

USHERS

Clarence Coeyman & Lyle Fitzgerald

SECURITY

Paul Gochenour

WEE WORSHIP 1 (Ages 2 & 3)

MaryDonna Beardsworth

WEE WORSHIP 2 (Pre-K & Kindergarten)

Marlo Allen

GREETERS

Robbi Blackburn & Emma Houghton

IN THE NURSERY

7 Sunday School Betty Parker
 Worship Robbi Blackburn & Dylan Seal

14 Sunday School Betty Parker
 Worship Lisa Money maker & Taylor Johnson

21 Sunday School Betty Parker
 Worship Debbie McCracken & Patsy Ferrier


























28 Sunday School Betty Parker
 Worship Barbara Zimmerman & Miranda Harris

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	2	3	4	5	6
		6:30 PM Deacons meet 7:00 PM Elders meet 	7:00 PM Equip U & Youth Groups 8:00 PM Choir 	National Day of Prayer 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study   		9:00 AM Stride Walk 
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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) 	9:30 AM Food Pantry 	7:00 PM WRE Graduation 	7:00 PM Equip U & Youth Groups 8:00 PM Choir 	10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study  		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mother's Day 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 		10:00 AM Deadline for Newsletter Information 	7:00 PM Equip U & Youth Groups 8:00 PM Choir 	10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study  		8:15 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Golden Corral 9:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast @ Stella, Bella & Lucy 
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