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God Loves



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



Hosts: John Opstad & Ruby Sprouse

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November 2017 West Waynesboro Witness

SAMARITAN'S PURSE®



Bless a Child With a Shoebox Gift

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gifts

www.operationchristmaschild.com

All the materials and information you need are available on a table in the main entry foyer.
Drop off your shoebox gifts in the church foyer **NO LATER than Sunday, November 19th.**

Since 1993, more than 135 million boys and girls in over 150 countries and territories 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.



Wednesday, November 15th @ 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 Information Counter/Mickey Center.

***Please indicate what you will bring on the sign-up sheet at the Information Counter/Mickey Center.**

***We need three people to provide turkey.**

***NO EQUIP U BIBLE STUDY ON THIS NIGHT**

Making An Impact

It's been said that, **"The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity."** I love that statement because it reminds a church that God's idea of success is not necessarily defined by how many people gather in a building each week, that God's definition of success goes much deeper. In God's economy church health is not determined by the number of people we claim to have, but rather by the positive impact, that group of people is having on the world around them.

With that said, I am so thankful to each and everyone of you, who has already made a Faith Promise Mission commitment for 2018. At the writing of this article, \$32,480.00 has been committed in order to continue making an eternal impact through our supported mission partners. This is exciting, because this amount is an increase of nearly \$10,000.00 over the current year's mission commitments. So, thank you for your faithfulness, generosity and desire to make an impact in pointing people to Jesus, at home and around the world. For a complete list of the mission partners that these mission offerings help to support, please see the bulletin board in the foyer, fellowship hall or visit our website. If you are new to WWCC and/or have made a Faith Promise commitment for the first time, please give these offerings using the blue missions envelopes that are located on the backs of the pews in the Sanctuary.

While I want to remind and encourage you, that WWCC is making a huge impact through our support of our mission partners, I also want to remind you, that the giving of financial mission offerings does not remove the responsibility each of us has to personally make an impact. Every follower of Jesus ought to be doing more than just giving money, as important as that is, as we work together in the mission of "Pointing People To Jesus." As we enter into this holiday season, which begins with a season of giving thanks, may we all consider the many opportunities that are before us, to make an impact in the lives of people in our community and throughout the world. Your desire to take action, doing something, is a great way to demonstrate your thankfulness.

Over the next couple of months, you will have an opportunity to make an impact in a variety of ways, to include, preparing an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox gift, ringing a bell for the Salvation Army, donating food to our very own Helping Hands Food Pantry for Christmas food boxes and inviting people to a worship service, who might be more receptive to that invitation, simply because it's Christmas. Whatever you do, please choose to make an eternal impact, pointing people to Jesus, because the way to the awesome place called Heaven is only through Him. Our goal as followers of Jesus is to make sure that as many people get to Heaven, as possible.

Finally, I ask that you keep praying for the people that you are building relationships with and inviting to church. Please, keep praying for WWCC, that God would continue to move in our hearts, so that we might continue to humbly and sacrificially make an impact. I thank you and praise our God, for your continued prayers and for the ways those prayers have been and are being answered. Praise God for your prayers, that have allowed us to celebrate nine baptisms this year!

Making An Impact Together,

Chad

Wow, November already! It is crazy how fast the month of October went. This is the time of year that we all start to think of the things that we are thankful for because of Thanksgiving, followed by Christmas. I wanted to tell you some things that I am thankful for this year. The first is another year of life. It is hard to believe that I turned 29 in October, it seems like just yesterday that I was graduating from college and not knowing what was going to happen next with our lives. I am also thankful for an awesome family who is very supportive of me and always wants what is best for Laura and I. Another one of the cool things about this year is watching Selah grow up and seeing her personality come out. One minute she can be really crazy and the next thing you know she is giving you a hug. I could go on forever about all of the things that I am thankful for, but there is one thing that I am thankful for the most and that is having a Savior who is alive, and not dead, laying in a tomb somewhere.

A few years ago, I was reading a book called The Historical Jesus. At the beginning of the book there are many different challenges to the Bible, and about the life of Jesus in general. There was one theory that was mentioned in the book that made me chuckle a little and that was that Jesus didn't really die on the cross, called the Swoon theory. The main point of this is that Joseph of Arimathea made arrangements for an unidentified man to give Jesus a drink so that he would be drugged and slip into a state of unconsciousness. He was then taken to the tomb and on Saturday he was taken out of the tomb after regaining consciousness. The man who drugged him, then went and told the disciples that he had risen from the dead, and shortly afterward, he died and was buried somewhere else. To me this seems like a way out there theory, and that is just what it is, a theory. We all know that Jesus died and rose again three days later.

One way that we know that Jesus died on the cross, is that when the Roman soldier put the spear in Jesus' side, blood and water came out. Then they took him off of the cross and three days later, He appeared to the women who were coming to the tomb. There is no mention of a man with them until they go and tell the disciples. There are also people who don't think Jesus ever lived because the Bible doesn't mention anything about him when he is young, except the time where Jesus is in the Temple talking with the religious leaders. But, as we find in John 21:25, "Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written." What John is talking about is, there is no book that is big enough in the world that can hold all of the stories of Jesus and everything that he did for people while he was here. I am thankful that we have a Savior who is not dead and who is alive up in Heaven right now, interceding for us. I am thankful that he loves us so much that he would die on the cross to forgive us all of our sins, and give us the gift of grace! I hope you all take this time of thanksgiving to thank God for all of the good things that we have!

ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

YOUTH GROUPS



ENGAGE

(Elementary Youth)
Sundays @ 5:00 PM

CONNECT

(Middle/High School Youth)
Sundays @ 6:15 PM

***No Youth Groups on Sunday, November 26th**

A small meal is provided for all youth from 5:45 - 6:15 PM
Questions? Contact Andrew.

If you would like to contribute food or supply a meal, please sign-up at the Information Counter/Mickey Center.

Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM
(unless there is no EQUIP U)



Youth Christmas Play Practice

Practice for all youth who are in the youth Christmas Play, is on Wednesday evenings @ 7:00 PM.

*Youth Christmas play dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 2nd from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM. If your child is a part of the play, please make sure you have them there.

*The Youth Christmas Play will be presented on Sunday, December 3rd @ 10:30 AM.

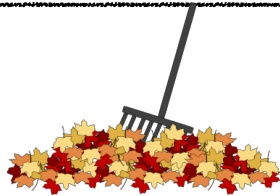
Helping Hands Food Pantry Is In Need of Donations



One of the ways we get to show the love of Jesus to our community, is by providing food assistance to those who don't have enough to eat. Every 2nd & 4th Monday, a faithful group of servants, shares this love through the WWCC Helping Hands Food Pantry. You partner with us in this mission, through your support.

We are in need of contributions such as sweet potatoes, canned meats, cake mix, jelly and etc. for our Christmas Boxes. We also collect plastic shopping bags (Kroger, Wal-Mart style).

You can place your donations in the collection box located by the upstairs restrooms or bring them to the Harvest Dinner. Thank you for your support!



Youth Leaf Raking Saturday, November 18th

On this day the Youth will be raking leaves. We will meet at the church building, at 9:00 AM and head to houses to rake leaves. If you or someone you know would like us to help with this, please contact Andrew.

Free Daily Devotional Books



The current quarter of the "Our Daily Bread" devotional books are available at the Mickey Center/Information Counter. For a daily blessing from God's Word, pick one up and enjoy!



Box Tops for Grundy Mountain Mission School

Place labels in the box at the Information Counter/Mickey Center or give to Emma Houghton.



Winter Weather Cancellations

We want to remind you of our procedure. If Waynesboro schools are closed on Wednesday, then all Wednesday church activities are canceled. If the decision is made to cancel Sunday services it will be posted on WHSV-TV 3 (Harrisonburg), NBC 29 (Charlottesville), CBS 6 (Richmond) and our Facebook page.



Ready to take the plunge?

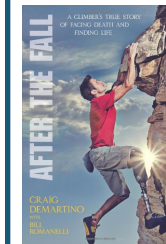
Whether you are just deciding to follow Christ or have been following Christ for years, if you have never been baptized, baptism is for you! If you would like to take this next step, come forward during the invitation at the end of the service, email chad@westwaynesboro.com, call the church office or indicate your desire on your connection card.

EQUIP U SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAYS @ 7 PM

"AFTER THE FALL"

A climbers true story of facing death and relying on God.



After the fall chronicles the horrific climbing accident that changed Craig Demartino's life forever. A tragic miscommunication sent Craig plummeting 100 feet off a sheer rock cliff onto jagged rocks below. Against all odds, Craig's life was spared and the only thing that saved him from certain death was a tree. We too have been saved by a tree, the cross.

November 1: "You've Got To Put God First" (Priorities)

November 8: "Craig's Injuries...Still Turn My Stomach" (Suffering, Pain and Disabilities)

November 15: No EQUIP U - Harvest Meal @ 6:30 PM

November 22: No EQUIP U - Happy Thanksgiving

November 29: "A Lot Of It's His Outlook" (Keeping A Positive Attitude)



"Glorious Christmas Nights" Richmond Trip

All those who purchased tickets for the program at West End Assemblies of God, "Glorious Christmas Nights" in Richmond, please meet at the church building at 8:30 AM on Saturday, December 2nd. We will be taking the church van and carpooling. We will have lunch in Richmond & return in the afternoon.

Prayer Breakfasts

Saturday, November 18th

Ladies will meet @ Panera Bread @ 9:00 AM.
All ladies are welcome to attend!

Men will meet @ Golden Corral @ 8:15 AM. All men are welcome to attend!



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).

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If you miss a sermon, you can now watch it on our website. If you would like a DVD instead, contact the office.



Faith Promise Mission Sunday Update

Thank you to everyone who made a Faith Promise Missions Commitment for 2018. Total committed as of 10/22/17 is \$32,480.00.

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.

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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Who's busy in November?

PREPARING COMMUNION

Lelia Bolton

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Lewis Gurkin & Paul Gochenour

USHERS

Jeff Gurkin & Roger Mathias

SECURITY

Paul Gochenour

GREETERS

Lelia Bolton & Diane Spurlock

WEE WORSHIP (Ages 2-5)

Candace Anderson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELPER

Courtney Billings

IN THE NURSERY

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

12 Sunday School Worship Betty Parker
 Ashley Gaudin & Teresa Gaudin

19 Sunday School Worship Betty Parker
 Angie Critzer & Debbie McCracken

26 Sunday School Worship Betty Parker
 Donna & Paul Crosby

CONNECTION CAFE

John Opstad & Ruby Sprouse

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
			7:00 PM EQUIP U & Youth Groups 8:00 PM Choir 	10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study 		
5 Daylight Saving Time End 8:45 AM Connection Cafe 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM ENGAGE (Elementary Youth) 5:45 PM Youth Meal 6:15 PM CONNECT (Middle/High School Youth)		6 Election Day 6:30 PM Deacons meet 7:00 PM Elders meet 	7:00 PM EQUIP U & Youth Groups 8:00 PM Choir 	10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study 	10 Veterans Day (observed)	11 Veterans Day
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