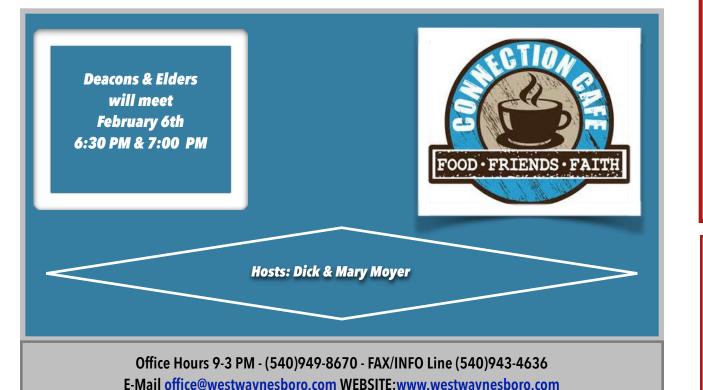
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# West Waynesboro Witness



# **Football Sunday**

Invite your co-workers, friends, and neighbors to worship with us on Sunday, February 4th. This exciting presentation about the mostly-unseen move of God in the lives of NFL players - including exclusive interviews with guys from both Super Bowl teams - gives us a great opportunity to discuss life in Christ in a context that's highly palatable in our culture today. Even casual football fans celebrate Super Bowl Sunday; let's use the Super Bowl to show the unchurched what life in Christ can be like.

\*\*\*WEAR YOUR TEAM JERSEY OR FAVORITE TEAM ATTIRE!\*\*\*

\*\*\*Invite cards are available at the Information Counter/Mickey Center\*\*\*

# "Souper" Bowl Luncheon Sunday, February 4th Immediately following the Worship Service.



Bring your best soup, chili or gumbo, and enjoy lunch immediately following the morning Worship Service. Vote for your favorite by dropping \$1 in the bowl in front of your choice. All donations will go to the West Waynesboro Youth Fund and will be used for different trips and conferences throughout the year. Please sign up at the Information Counter/Mickey Counter. You may also sign up to bring finger food, sandwiches, crackers, or a vegetable tray. Questions? Contact Andrew Fisher.

### CHAD'S CHAT

Chad Grondin, Sr. Minister <a href="mailto:chad@westwaynesboro.com">chad@westwaynesboro.com</a>

#### The Reality Of Change

Recently we made a much needed improvement to our campus, by having new signs installed. The first sign to be installed was an attractive and easy to read sign on the Vedette Avenue side of our property. Amazingly, this was the first permanent sign ever placed in that location, despite the fact that Vedette Avenue is a heavily traveled city road and a popular cut through between Main Street and Rosser Avenue. We have plans to place solar powered lights on this sign, so that it will be visible in the dark as well. Our second sign, which was just completed this past week, matches the first one, but is in a lighted sign cabinet. I believe that both of these signs are an attractive upgrade to the exterior of our building, but most importantly, they draw more attention to our church and allow our campus to be found more easily. I thank God for the provision to make this project a reality and for our leaders that had the wisdom to recognize the importance of this project.

As you can tell, I am proud of our new signage, as it becomes another tool for us, as a church, to shine the light of Jesus in our community and grow the Kingdom of God, sharing the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. However, you might wonder why I am using this article to talk about signs. While the overwhelming response from those who call WWCC home and even some who don't has been very positive concerning the new signs, recently upon completion of the new lighted front sign, a comment was made by someone that they "are not a fan of change," and that they liked the old sign better. This person believed that this sign, which was probably around 40 years old, falling a part and hard to read even when it was brand new, could have been rebuilt. And then, knowing that the old sign was gone forever, never to return, this same person made the comment, "I hope the flower garden was kept."

I do not share this to shame or to embarrass anyone, which is why these comments are shared anonymously, but I share these comments for a very important reason. While every effort was made to save the bushes that are planted around this sign, the fact is, that if our concern is for flowers and an old sign, that had far outlived its usefulness, then our church is in BIG trouble! I understand that as human beings we don't like change, but whether we like it or not, CHANGE HAPPENS. Everything around us has always been in a constant state of change and in today's culture, technology has only accelerated that change, and if we as the Church do not make changes, the Church will be left behind and tragically labeled as "out of touch," "irrelevant," or worse. A failure to change will result in WWCC succumbing to the challenging reality for churches today, in which those who would rather stay the same, continue to decline and eventually lock their doors for the last time.

While God's Word never changes; methods, music and even signs must change, if we desire WWCC to survive and thrive into the future, together pointing people to Jesus and building the Kingdom of God. Don't forget the Church's Biblical purpose! As I said in a recent sermon, the church is not a club you join, but rather the hope of the world. Nothing good will result from fighting, blocking or even complaining about change, because if we choose to respond to change in any of those ways, either we will stay the same and die or changes will be made, but they won't matter, because the unchurched won't want to hear about Jesus from people that choose to complain about those changes. I hope and pray that you will choose to have a bigger and more selfless perspective that focuses on the unchanging Jesus, rather than the changes that are implemented to better proclaim His Name.

On a very encouraging note: A BIG thank you to everyone who made a real difference in our community recently by giving up an hour of their time to ring a bell, in support of the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign. During the time that WWCC volunteers rang the bell, \$439.41 was collected and in part, because of you, for the very first time, the Salvation Army of Waynesboro operated its Red Kettle Campaign completely on volunteers!

On Purpose

Chad

## ANDREW'S ANTICS

Andrew Fisher, Associate/Youth Minister andrew@westwaynesboro.com

As the football playoffs are coming to a close, we are all looking forward to watching the Super Bowl between the two best teams in the NFL. This weekend has kind of become a national holiday with people getting together to watch the game and have a party. Whether or not your team is in the big game, it is still fun to watch two great teams battle it out for the trophy. Even if you aren't that big into watching football, this just may be a day where you get together with family and friends to eat some good food, and to spend time with them.

Just like when football fans come together to watch a game, as Christians we should want to come together to worship and serve Jesus. As I mentioned in my sermon on December 29th, we all have different gifts, but we are all a part of the same team, and that is God's team. As Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12:12, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." What is going on here in this verse could be a lot to take in for some people, because we all want to do things our own way, but we also need to remember that there are other people who might have another idea of how to go about things, and that is ok.

We all need to work together to win people for Jesus. No one can do it all on their own. It takes a team! Just like in football, one person can't win the game for the team, it takes all 11 on the field to help score a touchdown, or to stop the other team from getting a touchdown. This is the same concept for Christians in the church, one person cannot do it all themselves, because they will eventually burn out.

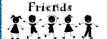
Remember, even though the church has ministers that lead, we are all called to be ministers of some sort, in our church. We are all called to lead others to Jesus!

Don't Forget to come to the "Souper" Bowl after church on Sunday Feb. 4th. We will be having all kinds of soup for you to try, and you can also enjoy spending time with others!



# ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS

## ENGAGE



(Elementary Youth) Sundays @ 5:00 PM





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

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)



#### **Penguin Day**

On Saturday, February 3rd there will be a special day of fun for 5th grade and under from 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Ages 3 and under will need a chaperone. Please, sign up at the Information Counter/Mickey Center.

\*A Pizza lunch will be provided.



# YOUTH SNOW TUBING TRIP @ WINTERGREEN

Friday, February 9th @ 5:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Cost is \$15 per person.

Please pay for the tickets by
February 4th, so they can be
ordered. We will leave the church
building at 4:45 PM and return
around 10 PM. All kids 12 and under
MUST be accompanied by an adult.
Please sign-up at the Information
Counter/Mickey Center.
Questions? Contact Andrew Fisher.



Virginia Preteen
Convention
March 2nd & 3rd

#### www.vapreteenconvention.org

(Grades 3rd - 6th)

Regular Registration - \$50 (before Monday, February 12th) Late Registration - \$60 (after Monday, February 12)

\*We also need to know the shirt size of your child. This event is at Fairmount Christian Church,

Mechanicsville, VA. We will leave the church building at 3:30 PM on Friday, March 2nd.

Please sign-up at the Information Counter/Mickey Center. Questions? Contact Andrew Fisher.



#### Calling All Choir Members Past & Present



Please, return <u>ALL</u> Choir & Cantata books to Diana Kincaid ASAP!

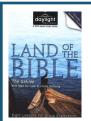


#### Prayer Breakfasts Saturday, February 17th

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!



EQUIP

# **EQUIP U SCHEDULE** WEDNESDAYS @ 7 PM

# Land of the Bible: The Galilee

An 8 week DVD-based exploration of the sights, sounds, culture, history and biblical significance of Megiddo, Mount Carmel, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee and other places you've read about in the Scriptures.

\*Schedule subject to change due to weather related cancellations.

February 7th: Session #3 "Visiting The Lower Galilee: Pausing To Reflect"

February 14th: Session #4
"Visiting The Jezreel Valley:
Breadbasket and Battleground"

February 21st: Session #5
"Visiting Sea of Galilee I:
Going Fishing"

February 28th: Session #6
"Visiting Sea of Galilee II:
On the Water"

# 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).

#### www.westwaynesboro.com

If you miss a sermon, you can now watch it on our website.





### Box Tops for Grundy Mountain Mission School

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



2018 Faith Promise Mission Pledges

Thank you to everyone who made a Faith Promise Missions Commitment for 2018.

Total committed is \$32,480.00.



#### Widow/Widower Luncheon

Sunday, February 18th, in the Fellowship Hall, following the worship service. Please sign-up at the Information Counter/Mickey Center.

#### **Love and Encouragement Ladies Day**

Come join us for a Ladies Day of Love and Encouragement on February 10th from 8:15 AM - 3:00 PM. Cost is \$10 per lady. One of our service projects will be collecting food for the

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WWCC Helping Hands Food Pantry on the day of the conference. Last day to register is Feb 4th. Be sure to bring your Bible, donations for the Food Pantry and a friend!

Contact Cathy VanEpps to register.

#### Who's busy in February?

PREPARING COMMUNION

Al & Brenda Taillon

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Roger Mathias & Tim Simpson

**USHERS** 

Lyle Fitzgerald & Lawrence Motley

**SECURITY** 

TBD

**GREETERS** 

Mary Motley & Brady Grondin

WEE WORSHIP (Ages 2-5)

Ruby Sprouse

CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELPER

Nathan Ramsey

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Chastin Moser

25 Sunday School Debbie McCracken Worship Ashley Gauldin &

Teresa Gauldin

**CONNECTION CAFE** 

Dick & Mary Moyer

#### **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 School 9:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM Equip U Wednesday 7:00 PM (Sept. - May)

Office Hours 9-3

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