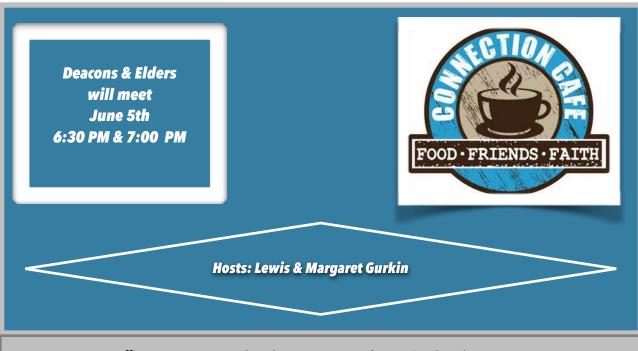
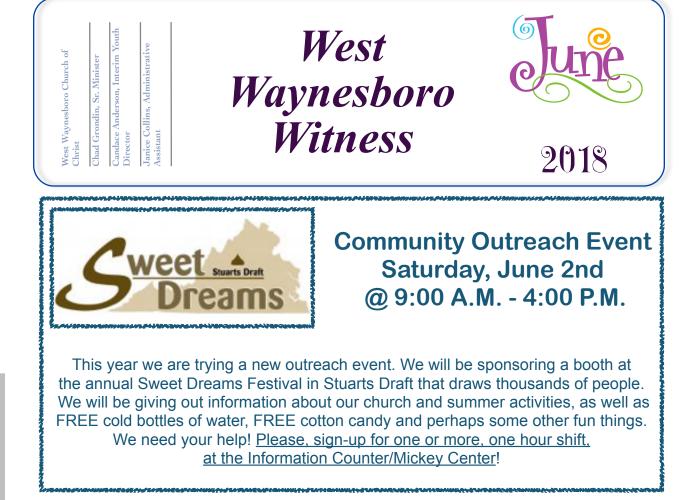
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"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)



Have a blessed Father's Day!



Graduate Recognition

On Sunday, June 10th we will be honoring the high school & college graduates in our church.

Congratulations and may the Lord bless you abundantly!

Chad Grondin, Sr. Minister chad@westwaynesboro.com

Challenging Times

Seemingly everywhere we look, we find signs that remind us of the challenging times in which the Church today exists. Recently, I was reminded yet again, of these challenging times, while reading the "Waypoint ENDEAVOR," a quarterly publication of one of our long-time mission partners, Waypoint Church Partners, formerly the Virginia Evangelizing Fellowship. That issue of their quarterly newsletter featured an article entitled, "2 Difficult Endings Become 3 Beautiful Beginnings." It was a fantastic story highlighting the great Kingdom work of Waypoint in starting new churches, but it was also an incredibly sad story, as the beginning of these three new churches, resulted from the long-time decline and eventual death of two other churches. Both in Virginia, one had dwindled to an average weekly attendance of 30 each week, after reaching their peak 125 years ago and the other church had only a handful of people left, despite a 47- year history. These churches were finally forced to close, in the face of the reality of no growth, dwindling attendance and soaring maintenance costs. After many years, they gathered for their final service, sang their last song, sold their property and transferred any remaining assets.

It hurts my heart to see stories like these, about now, non-existent churches in Virginia, but I'm also glad that these stories are published, because they ought to motivate every single church, including WWCC, who are facing the very same challenges, but who still have time to overcome them. The sometimes hard truth is, that there are reasons that churches like these two, decline and eventually die and almost always, those reasons are in some way tied to members and attenders who have stopped growing in their faith, have become spiritually lukewarm and refuse to peaceably accept change.

May each and everyone of us seriously contemplate these challenging times in which we live and the implications of these challenging times for the Church. May we all commit to understanding the changes and mindsets that are absolutely critical, if we are to avoid becoming yet another one of these sad stories and negative statistics. Let us remember that the Kingdom of God and the Church of Jesus Christ is bigger than any one individual and more important than your personal plans, desires and agendas. For many of us, it's time to take up your cross, step out of your comfort zone and become uncomfortable, all for the Glory of God.

So, the next time you don't like something that has been changed or you find yourself wanting to complain about something that isn't your preference or because you would have made a different decision, remember the alternative to not changing. When a church does not change, it will, sooner or later, begin a process of decline and eventually, it will die. If you don't believe me, ask a former member of one of the many churches in our nation that have permanently closed in recent years. Better yet, check out a copy of the latest Waypoint Church Partners newsletter. I have a copy that I would love to share!

Navigating Change,

Chad

CANDACE'S CORNER

Spring and Summer is always a time of reflection for me because of the new growth that comes along with the season. The leaves come back, the flowers bloom, the grass is greener, and the plants start to sprout. Most of this all happens without any real help, it just happens. I can't help but to think of Matthew 6:25-34 when Jesus is telling those to not worry about what they will eat or drink or wear. Every spring I am shown the truth behind this passage and am reminded that there is no real reason to worry. But, almost every year I forget this beautiful reminder and the worries come rushing back which results in living in a lot of fear and anxiety. It is so easy to get caught up in the day to day tasks of accomplishing check lists, planning for the future, running errands, etc. and forget to seek the Kingdom first. I want to encourage myself and others to not forget this reminder when the summer heat settles in and the blooming flowers aren't as noticeable. All of our needs will be met and there is no need to stress over those things. There is enough trouble in today, don't worry about tomorrow as well. Live in the moment, seek God, and love others; the rest will take care of itself.



ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS

ENGAGE (Elementary Youth) Sundays @ 5:00 PM

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

June 10th - All youth will meet from 5:00 PM - 7:30PM, with a break for a meal. This will be a service night to make bags to be sold at the Valley Mission market.



<u>June 17th</u> - NO Youth Group - Happy Father's Day!

June 23rd - We will be at the Valley Mission to sell bags, more information in weekly bulletins as it becomes available.

A small meal is provided for all

Background Check Policy



Effective as of January 1st, <u>EVERYONE</u> who works with kids in any capacity (Infant - High School) <u>MUST</u> submit to a background check. If you have yet to receive and/or return your background check form, please do so ASAP.

This policy is for the protection of our kids and our church. Thank you for your cooperation.

Registration for Camp Rudolph is now open. Camp Rudolph

The dates for camp are: High School week (Grades 9-12) - July 1-6 Middle School week (Grades 6-8) - July 8-13

> To register or to view the complete schedule, please go to <u>www.camprudolph.org</u>. If you have any questions, please contact Candace.

*If you or your Sunday School class would like to help sponsor a camper, please make checks out to "WWCC" with "Camp Rudolph" on the memo line.



Middle & High School Youth Lock-In Friday & Saturday, June 8th & 9th 8:00 PM - 8:00 AM

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. Questions? Contact Candace.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 23RD - 27TH

VBS is right around the corner! Our theme this year is "Flight School"!

If you have questions or would like to help, contact Candace Anderson.



