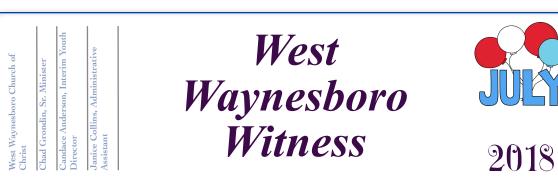
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Vacation Bible School July 23rd - 27th 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Small Meal @ 5:30 P.M

Middle & High School Students will be doing service projects. Questions or ideas? Contact Diane Spurlock.

If you would like to help with VBS, contact Candace Anderson.

Our Mission for the week, will be the WWCC Helping Hands Food Pantry. Please bring non - perishable food items, in addition to your nightly offering.

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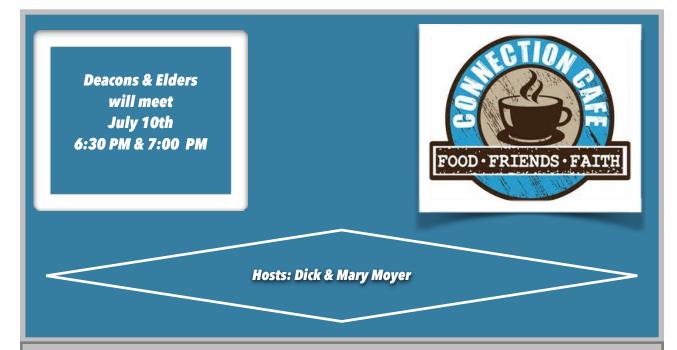
### Community Outreach Back to School Supplies

Donations are needed for back to school items for kids of families who come to the West Waynesboro Church of Christ food pantry. We are collecting: #2 Yellow pencils, boxes of crayons, marble composition books, glue sticks, loose leaf paper & 3-ring binders, as well as other items. A complete list of required school supplies is available at the

Information Counter/Mickey Center. This project will help approximately 50 children, which are in Kindergarten - 12th grade. If you would like to donate items, please place them in the bin located in the foyer. If donating money, please see Margaret Gurkin or Diane Spurlock. Deadline to contribute is Sunday, July 22nd. Thank you for your help.







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## CHAD'S CHAT

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#### Asking The Right Questions

Too often we end up in a bad place, on the wrong path or with an undesired result, not because we didn't ask questions, but sometimes because we ask the wrong questions. Recently, I read an article (Christian Standard, June 2018) by Haydn Shaw, who is a generations expert. In that article, he states that he is frequently asked the question: *"Why won't younger people come to my church?"* In response, Shaw says, *"Because you are asking the wrong question."* He further explained that asking this question, *"traps you in a dead end,"* because that *"question is about you and not about them."* Shaw says that the right question to ask, if in fact you truly want to reach younger generations and keep your church from dying, is to ask, *"What must we do differently to reach the younger generations?"* This question is the best question to ask because as Shaw states, *"it takes the focus off you and places it on the people you are called to reach. It pushes you to quit going in circles and complaining about what is wrong with them and start talking about your options."* 

Our church will never become effective at reaching younger people or achieve our Great Commission potential, if we don't ask the right questions, by focusing more on those we're trying to reach, than on ourselves. We must continually be reminded of the challenging culture in which we live and the difficulties it creates for the church. If we continue to focus on ourselves and on what we want, we will inevitably, at some point in time suffer the same consequences that many churches already have or are experiencing. We simply cannot remain comfortable and insist on what we like or keep doing things as they have always been done AND build a thriving and growing church. We cannot have it both ways. Either we choose life for our church, which will require a fair amount of sacrifice and discomfort or we choose death.

There are about 7.5 billion people in the world today and while the world has experienced a population boom in recent years, the United States is experiencing an overall decline in church attendance. According to Barna Research, overall church attendance dropped from 43% in 2004 to 36% in 2014. Even in this challenging spiritual climate, it is still very possible to grow a church and reach people with the message of Jesus Christ, but the only way that we can do that, is to acknowledge that changing times require changing methods and in doing so, humbly accept change and willingly take up our cross. By the way, taking up your cross is not a comfortable thing to do, but we're told to do it anyways!

Asking the Right Question,

Chad

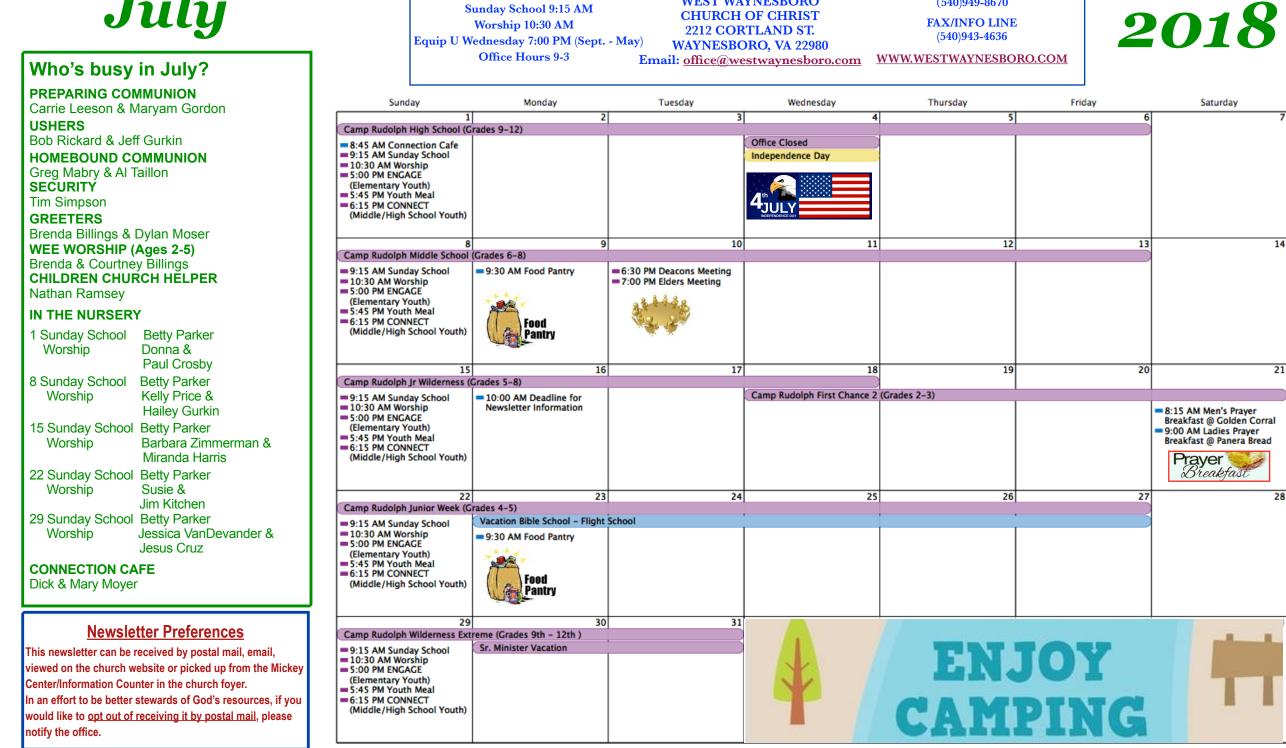
### CANDACE'S CORNER

Candace Anderson, Interim Youth Director

In this past month I decided to take a step back from teaching to "free up" my schedule and focus more on this ministry. I thought if I went back to waitressing it would allow me the freedom to have more weekdays to get everything done throughout the week. While I've given myself a little bit more time, I've realized I've just allowed myself to become even more busy than I was before. I am juggling three jobs still and I'm really learning I am no good at "being still". When I'm asked why I don't take days off, my answer is always because I don't want to slow down or spend that time alone. I am an extrovert 100% and am always desiring to be around people. But, as Christians we are called to be still. Sometimes we need that time of silence and stillness to refocus our hearts on Jesus. How can I have an effective ministry if I'm not taking the time to be still with the One I am doing this all for? My challenge for myself and you this month is to turn off the distractions, take the day off, and be still. Open my Bible, open my journal, and just sit in the presence of my Father and recharge. Realize there's a time for everything and sometimes rest should be the priority.



## July



Sunday School 9:15 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

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