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West Waynesboro Witness



2018

Church Picnic @ the Dunlaps Wednesday, August 22nd 6:00 PM - ?

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Hotdogs & Drinks will be provided. Pool will be open. Bring a swimsuit, a covered dish, lawn chairs and your favorite lawn game! Get directions at the Information Counter/Mickey Center.

End of Summer Bash

<u>Saturday.</u> <u>August 18th from</u> <u>4:00 PM - 7:00 PM</u>

Make plans to join us for this FREE community event. Be sure to invite your family, friends, neighbors & co-workers. There will be inflatables, food & fun!



<u>Grundy Mountain Mission</u> <u>School Christmas</u>

We have been blessed to be blessings to others. As a church we are choosing to share the love of Christ by giving Christmas gifts to our young brothers and sisters who are students at the Mountain Mission School in Grundy, VA.

<u>www.mmskids.org</u>

- 1. Select a child (Heart's Desire Sheet) from the tree.
- 2. Pray for your child.
- 3. Shop for your chosen child.
- 4. Highlight the items you purchased on the Heart's Desire Sheet.
- 5. Wrap your gift, or place it in a gift bag.
- 6. Write the child's name (including last name/initial) on the outside of the gift.
- 7. Attach a self-addressed, stamped envelope, so your child may thank you.
- 8. Place your gift under the tree by Sunday, August 26th.
- 9. Turn in your child's Heart's Desire Sheet, with the items you purchased highlighted.
- 10. Pray for your chosen child.
 - Thank you for your kindness and generosity in being the hands and feet of Jesus.

(If you wish to donate money for gifts or gift cards, see Stephanie Grondin.)

CHAD'S CHAT

Chad Grondin, Sr. Minister <u>chad@westwaynesboro.com</u>

CHANGE!!??

On Sunday, July 8th, I preached a message that was very difficult for me to communicate and I suspect for many of you to hear. If you missed this message, entitled, "Moving Forward," I highly encourage you to watch it on our website. You can find it by navigating to www.westwaynesboro.com and then by clicking on the "Media" tab. Even if you have heard this message, it would probably benefit you to hear it again. Seriously, if you missed this message and you care about the future of our church, please, please, please watch this message (or watch it again) and take it to heart. I also ask that you continue to pray for our church, because while we have a great church, with lots of wonderfully generous and servant hearted people, my concern is that there may still be a few that just don't get the challenges of our culture, as they relate to the enormous task of growing the Church of Jesus Christ. I'm concerned that there still are a few that are thinking or even saying, "CHANGE!!??, why do we need to change?" I've tried to communicate to you in a variety of ways, as to why we need to be willing to change and be accepting of change, however, the simple answer is, because we live in a rapidly changing culture and if a church does not change, it will die, that is forever close its doors and cease to exist. What it took to reach people far from God and outside of a saving relationship with Jesus Christ many years ago, is not necessarily the same, as what it takes today in the 21st century. Yes, God never changes and the Gospel message of Jesus Christ will never change, but, to grow God's Church today, requires changes to programming, music and most importantly attitudes. Change requires courage, risk, sacrifice and determination, but the alternative is to join the thousands of churches that have and will permanently close their doors in the not so distant future.

This year in North America 5-10 thousand churches will permanently close their doors and currently 80% of all churches are stuck. A stuck church is defined as a church that has a plateaued or declining attendance. The saddest part of these statistics is that many of these churches will choose to remain stuck, because the pain of changing is often greater than the pain of staying the same. May WWCC not be one of those churches that would rather complain about change, than accept and implement change. May WWCC not accept the fate of the thousands of stuck churches, who without change, will continue down the path of decline and eventual death. If we as a church are willing to commit to moving forward and making changes, even if we don't like those changes, our church's best days do not have to be behind us, they can be ahead of us. Let us pray, that collectively we will be willing to be uncomfortable for the sake of reaching a generation of people who are living in a world that is much different than perhaps the one you grew up in and even prefer.

Moving Forward Together,

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Camp Friends at West Waynesboro Church of Christ,

Our annual Pack the Pantry campaign was another GREAT success this year! We had over 10 churches and some individuals contribute food items, janitorial supplies, paper goods and financial support to the effort. The value of all the goods are still being calculated but we know that all the generous donations will save the camp several thousand dollars. That is a BIG deal !!

We thank you for supporting camp ministry in this way. It is greatly appreciated!! The Lord is doing some awesome things at Camp Rudolph and you are helping to keep camper cost low so more campers can experience it.

Thank You! Camp Rudolph Staff

YOUTH MINISTER SEARCH UPDATE

As of the printing of this newsletter, the Search Committee is unified in their decision to further pursue a specific candidate, in hopes that he may be the one God has prepared to become our next Youth Minister. A phone interview with this candidate is scheduled and they hope to have good news to report soon. Please, continue to keep the Search Committee and this process in your prayers.

Chad





If you would like to help with the cost of our contracted weekly mowing, the cost is \$65.00. You can place your designated gift in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office. Thank you for vour generosity!

CHURCH LAWN MOWING

everyone who donated

blessing to one of the families served by our Helping Hands food pantry. 22 School Supply bags were given out.



A BIG thank you to everyone who helped to make our Vacation Bible School a success! We couldn't have done it without you!



LADIES BIBLE STUD

THANK

YOU!

Praver Breakfasts Saturday, August 18th

Fall Ladies Retreat

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!



Blessings Lodge Keezletown, VA October 19th & 20th Registration is open! Open to all ladies 14 and older. Let's make it a family event. Contact CathyVanEpps to register & pay.

NEWSLETTER CHANGE

Due to the increasing cost and continued unreliability of bulk



mail, effective January 1st, 2019, we will no longer be sending the church newsletter out by U.S. Mail.

You will be able to continue to receive it by email, view it on our website or pick up a paper copy at the Information Counter/Mickey Center.

If you are a shut-in (someone who for medical reasons cannot get to the church building), you can request that a copy be sent to you by regular mail, by calling or emailing the office.



available at the Information Counter/ Mickey Center in the foyer.



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. Acts 2:38. "...Repent and be baptized every one of you,

August



WEST WAYNESBORO Sunday School 9:15 AM **CHURCH OF CHRIST** Worship 10:30 AM Equip U Wednesday 7:00 PM (Sept. - May) **Office Hours 9-3**

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