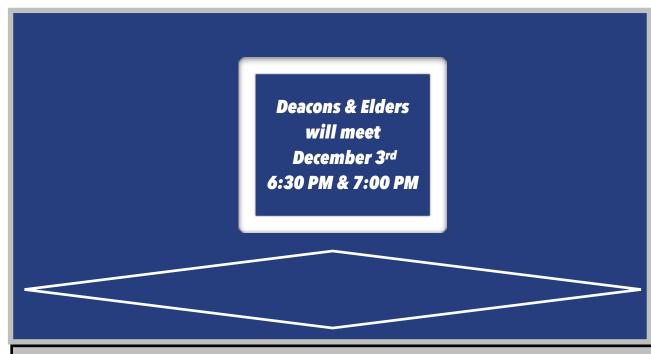




OUR MISSION: Pointing People To Jesus

OUR VISION: To build disciples of Christ that will develop disciples of Christ and to be a church that is pursuing God, extending compassion and building community.



Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM & Friday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - (540)949-8670

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West Waynesboro Witness

2024



Congregational Meeting *Election of Officers Only.

Sunday, December 8th, following the worship service.



Christmas Card Post Office Opens on Sunday, December 1st

Save money on postage by placing your Christmas cards for those who regularly attend services, in the alphabetized box in the lobby.

*Please, do not bring cards for people who do not or cannot attend the Service, in order to pick up their cards.



A Night Of Caroling Wednesday, December 18th @ 6:00 PM

Please meet at the church. Give any requests for shut-ins to Diana Kincaid.

* We will return to church for hot chocolate, coffee and cookies.



Vision Leak

It is Christmas Time once again! For Michelle and I, this Christmas will be a new experience. A new city, new friends, new church family, and prayerfully some new snow on Christmas morning. But how do we make an old tradition feel new again? It seems that Christmas has become a perpetual act of out-performing the previous year. Each Christmas must be bigger and better than before. I think this might be a hollow effort to capture a feeling that can only be fully appreciated in its simplicity. It is undeniable that Christmas has a lot to do with love, joy, peace, and GIFTS. But -- don't let commercialism take this from us, because it is not wrong. The reason we celebrate love, joy, peace, and gifts is because we remember that this time of year is a celebration of receiving the greatest gift ever given to mankind...the gift of Christ our Lord. But if our pursuit of the good things overshadows the God thing, then we might want to take a step back and embrace the simplicity of a gift given to a humble girl, in a dirty stable, to the audience of lowly shepherds.

So when you see commercialism overtaking people's sensibilities, remember your mission. This season is a perfect time to point people to Jesus. Their desire for a memorable Christmas is a desire to grab hold of love, joy, and peace in a way that will last until next Christmas. You just happen to know who can make those feelings last for all eternity. Give the gift of Jesus to someone this year, He is the greatest gift you could ever give.

Sincerely,

Herb Zabel

Member's Moments

What is Really Important?

How many remember watching the Charlie Brown Christmas Special. If you recall there is a scene where Charlie Brown went out and found a sad looking tree to be their play Christmas tree and all the children laughed at him. It was at that point when Charlie Brown shouts, "Does anyone know what Christmas is all about?" That's when Linus speaks up and quotes the story from Luke chapter two. When Linus finishes telling the story, he turns to Charlie Brown and says, "That is what Christmas is all about."

For Linus it wasn't about a tree or the presents, no, it was about Jesus, and that Jesus came into this world as a baby, and that our God celebrated Jesus' birth with a special announcement to us from heaven. And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people".

So, what is really important? Getting our tree decorated just right? Getting the wreaths hung up straight? Being the Black Friday shopping champion? Having the best house lights in the neighborhood? And many more family traditions, all for just one day.

Or, is it really important to deeply believe and trust that Jesus came in the flesh, was born of the virgin, lived a life to show us what it means to be a child of God, died on a cross, rose from the grave after three days and then ascended back into heaven where He at the right hand of the Father and will provide intercession for you and I?

The one day we call Christmas is not any more holier than any other day. What makes it special to believers is that it reminds us of the truth that Jesus came from heaven to earth, to walk among us and show us the Father.

Bob McCracken



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 office@westwaynesboro.com, call the church office or indicate your desire on your connection card.



Stay Connected!Sermons, updates, newsletters and more can be found on westwaynesboro.com



As a church, we would love to join with you in lifting up your request or concern to our Great God! If you have a prayer request, you can call or email the office, or let us know on the back of your Connection Card. Note: If you would like it shared with the church, please check the box, "I would like this prayer request printed on the weekly prayer list."



The church office will be closed on December 24th & 25th for Christmas.

Ladies Bible Study All Ladies Are Invited!



This group meets on Thursdays, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.



for November or December.



Helping Hands Food Pantry

Our food pantry is open every 2nd & 4th Monday from 9:30-11:30 AM. Donations can be placed in the bin, located by the restrooms.

Suggested donation for December is canned vegetables.



Caring Connections-Grief Support Group

Will meet on Wednesday, December 11th @The Village Inn (Harrisonburg)@ 1:00 PM. Questions? Contact Judy Forehand @ 540-241-0839. They will have a buffet for \$11.25 + drink. Meet at the church at 11:15 if you would like a ride to lunch. (Charlie, Billy, Brenda and Diane have volunteered to drive)



Winter Weather Cancellations

If the decision is made to cancel Sunday services, it will be posted on WHSV-TV 3 (Harrisonburg), NBC 29 (Charlottesville) and our Facebook page.



Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, December 4th @ 10:30 AM & 5:30 PM

Please join us for our prayer meetings on the 1st Wednesday of every month at the church.



Prayer Breakfasts

Saturday, December 14th Please bring a white elephant gift!

Men will meet @ Golden Corral @ 8:00AM All men are welcome! Ladies will meet @ Panera Bread @ 9:00 AM. All ladies are welcome!



Faith Promise Mission Commitments

Thank you to everyone who made a Faith **Promise Missions** Commitment for 2025. Total committed is \$30.140.00!

ONLINE & MOBILE GIVING AVAILABLE

We offer Gyve as an online or mobile giving option. You can give online through our website or by downloading the free Gyve App.

To download the App:

Download Gyve from Google Play, the iTunes Store or scan the QR code.







December

Sunday School 9:15 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Office Hours
Monday - Thursday 9-3 & Friday 9-12

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Serving in December: PREPARING COMMUNION

Patty Pugh

USHERS

Lyle Fitzgerald & Tim Simpson

GREETERS

L.G. Ferrier & Tina Critzer

NURSERY (Infant - 2)

December 1st: Barbara Zimmerman

December 8th: Tina Critzer &

Rodney Yankey

December 15th: Angie Critzer December 22nd: Karen Beegles December 29th: Brenda Taillon

WEE WORSHIP/CHILDREN'S CHURCH

1st Sunday - Bev Hite 2nd Sunday - Mary Motley 3rd Sunday -Tina Critzer 4th Sunday -Kelly Gurkin 5th Sunday-

COMMUNION SERVERS

<u>Team 3:</u> Jeff Gurkin, Mike Harlow, Jim Kitchen, Lawrence Motley, Dick Moyer, Tim Simpson

Newsletter Preferences

This newsletter can be picked up at the Information Counter/Mickey Center in the church lobby, viewed on the church website or received by email. To receive by email, contact the church office or indicate your desire on your Connection Card.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday		Friday	Saturday	
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