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The Monthly Word

FROM
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It's Vacation Time

Summer is a time for vacations, at time to relax but no retreat. Here's a practical look at the believer's approach to a little R & R.

Vacation time has started. It's a season when many will pack the bags, round up the kids and head out of town to "get some R and R". A time to "just be me" –but not without the laptop, the cell phone, the portable DVD player and don't forget the Game system. Isn't it funny how we take it all so that we can "get away from it all"?

Getting away is important - Scripture is peppered with examples of Jesus getting away, sometimes with the twelve (and you thought it was tough just taking your four kids to Disney) - And sometimes by himself. I think it's cool to see Jesus in these settings.

Picture Jesus on the beach Flip flops – No, wait, barefoot, gets thirsty - No money, catches a fish, Sack bar, "no diet coke" - - "Just give me a "water" ...Gets hungry calls down manna. He gets in the water but it's kind of choppy It gets late - He tells the sun to be still for another 3 hours. Okay, maybe not, but He did need to get away sometimes – And we can learn some great lessons from His earthly life on how to relax but not retreat.

It's easy to get burned out. "Weary in well doing" - convert our "business" into busyness. Schedule demands can leave you dragging to bed at midnight just to toss and turn thinking that it starts all over in the morning.

- * Problem - The Christian family has adopted the world's priorities.
- * There was a day when events were scheduled around church.
- * Going to Worship on Sunday morning was not an option or topic of discussion.
- * Did stores remain closed so people wouldn't buy or because people wouldn't buy???

We get to the point that we say, "something has to give" and the first place we look to "trim" is the Church. God's not in a building. Yet scripture tells us of the power of corporate worship. I can worship God anywhere, yet the Bible teaches to assemble together. Why, Because God knows our fleshly frailty.

Lone Rangers are unhealthy individuals:

- * Always wearing a mask
- * Showing off on their "high horse"
- * If they do have friends, they gravitate toward needy people. Just look at Tonto always needing to be freed up or set loose. Always the follower. Lone Ranger did his thinking for him.
- * Somewhere became too good for standard issue bullets, his had to be "silver"
- * Always looking for a "deeper word"
- * No one is as good or as spiritual unless you do it like me.
- * The Lone Ranger eventually just rides off into the sunset. Kicks up dust, shoots a few people down then just leaves town.

God doesn't call us to be Lone Rangers. He calls us to be a Body!
We all need time to relax ~ but don't retreat!

Here's a few lessons we can take some lessons from Jesus:

1. He knew when to get away.
2. There is a time for ministry, for self-evaluation and for renewing the spirit and body.
3. The disciples had just returned from a mission
4. Jesus needed to spend some time with them to "debrief".
5. Took them to Bethsaida "the Fishing Place"
6. He knew how to say connected
7. Even on vacation He took time for people. (a great lesson to the Disciples)
8. He had a purpose for leaving
9. He had a renewed focus when He returned

So, take that vacation.... Relax, yes, but don't retreat. Get away... but don't go astray. Unwind... but don't decline. Recess... but don't regress. Get rested... but stay invested!

Enjoy this season of life!
Blessings, Pastor Troy and Mindy



In this wet and wild VBS, kids will learn that what you do today can change the world around you. When you put your trust in Jesus, you can "make waves" because of His Spirit living inside you.

WAMA VBS 2022 at Warren United Church of Christ

July 10th - 14th
6-8pm

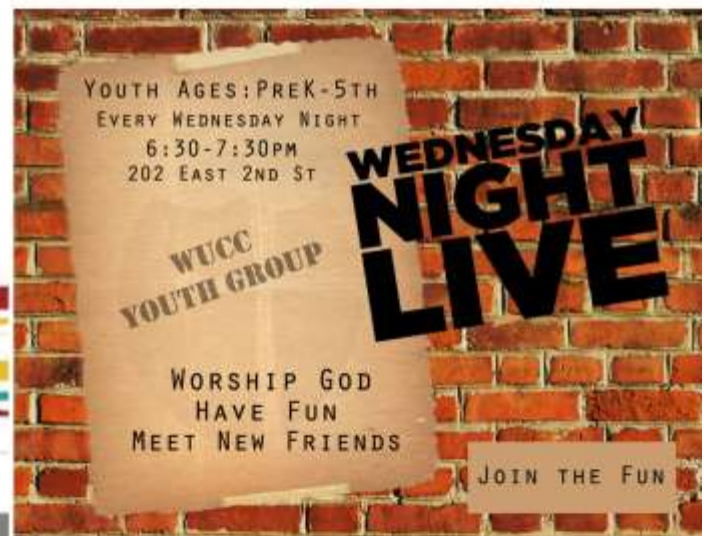


WAMA VBS is Scheduled for July 10-14. All the area churches come together and take part in providing the volunteers needed to make this an annual success. This year WUCC is the hosting church which means we have a lot to do to make sure everything is ready for a fun week. We need your help! I promise it will be easy! The main areas we need help with is set up and tear down after and help with moving groups of kids to and from their stations. Just let us know what nights you can help.



FOUR:12 YOUTH

We will be taking a summer break!
Mark your calendars for August 28
for our "FOUR:12 Kickoff Party"!



As we have discussed many times, the children of this church are the future of this church. And staying on track with our 2022 slogan, "Refresh, Rebuild, Renew", the WUCC Board decided to rebuild our youth program. We are currently searching for a Youth Director along with creating a youth room that will be a fun and exciting place for our kids and future youth to gather. We have renamed our 6th-12th grade youth as FOUR:12 Youth. (Reference to 1 Timothy 4:12) Our donation board for the youth room fundraiser will be taken down this week but we will have the donation envelopes on the back table of the sanctuary. Thank you to all who have donated so far! We are currently half-way to meeting our goal. Work has begun on the room with new lights and ceiling tiles being installed. If you would like to be a part of this project, donations can be mailed to PO Box 344, Warren, or you can drop it off in the church office.

Congratulations Luke Trickle and Keagan Trout! Please join us as we celebrate our graduates on Sunday, June 5th at 9:30am. Prayers and blessings on your graduation and your future.



Lucas Trickle, a 2022 graduate of Huntington North High School, is the son of Matt and Jane Trickle of Warren. Throughout his time at HNHS, Luke has been an active member of the FFA program. He served as an Officer for two years, was a member of the Crops Judging and Livestock Judging teams and has received both his Chapter Degree and State FFA Degree. Luke is also beginning his 9th year of Huntington County 4-H, where he has primarily focused on Rabbits, Swine and Rifle. Luke is employed full-time at Truck & Trailer Services Inc in Huntington where he is a heavy-duty diesel mechanic. He looks forward to his continued work there and growth in his trade.



Keagan Joan (pronounced JoAnn) Trout graduates on Friday June 3rd from Eastbrook High School. While in High School, Keagan has been an active FFA member. She participated on several Judging teams including Livestock Judging, Soil Judging, Wildlife and Horse and Pony Judging. The Horse and Pony Judging team participated in the State Contest in April. Keagan also participated in many other FFA events including Truck and Tractor Pull, National Farm Machinery Show, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Walkway of Lights and more. Keagan is a Ten Year 4-H Member with her final county fair later in June. She will be attending Black Hawk College in Galva, Illinois where she will be in the Equestrian Science Program.



Graduates of Taylor University

Emma Dahlquist

B.A. in Theatre Arts, minor in Psychology

Lindsay Rice

B.A. in Theatre, minor in Environmental Science

Kipp Miller

B.S. in Professional Writing

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Order now through June 15th and receive a **10% discount** on your entire order. Either on-line (use code take10) or with the order form. Order forms need to be returned to Sarah in the church office no later than June 15th to receive discount.

CONGRATULATIONS
GRADUATES!



Graduation Sunday, June 5



★ ★ ★ ★ ★
MEMORIAL DAY
★ IN MEMORY OF OUR HEROES ★

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Taco Salad

Joy Class Party
Sunday, June 5
Following Service



Please RSVP to:
Connie Mounsey
or Ellen Laymon

CHURCH PICNIC
Warren United Church of Christ

Mounsey's House
5398S-600E, Markle

SUNDAY
June 26
Service begins at
10:40am



Please join us for a Potluck Picnic!
(meat and drinks provided)
Just bring chairs
and a covered dish to share.

SWIMMING - FISHING - GAMES

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TOGETHER
We can make a Difference

**Join us for our:
FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE**

Our June challenge is Ketchup and Mustard!



There are several ways you can contribute to our local Food Pantry. The first is by donating the item of the month. Through the month of June we are collecting Ketchup and Mustard. You can drop it off Sunday morning or in the church office through the week. Another way is by volunteering your time. The Food Pantry is open on Wednesdays from 2-4. Our church is assigned weeks throughout the year to help. June 22nd is our next work day. Lastly, monetary donations are always appreciated. Our Mission's Committee donates monthly to the Food Pantry. If you would like to make a contribution, your donation may be placed in the Sunday morning offering or dropped off in the church office.



2022

SSF Parade
Friday, July 1

This year we will be walking in the parade to promote the community VBS. Everyone is invited to join us! We would love to see a large group walk with us this year. We have a banner to carry and items to pass out. If you get your church shirts ordered now they will arrive in time to wear for the parade! Mark your calendars!

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 Contemporary Youth Group 6:30pm	2 Barry Hammel	3 Mark & Shayna Stucky Kent Poulson	4 Ron Wartzok
5 Sunday Service Graduation Sunday Communion 9:30am Joy Class Party	6	7	8 Contemporary Youth Group 6:30pm Zachary Tolen	9 James Green	10 James & Kari Green	11
12 Sunday Service 9:30am	13	14	15 Contemporary Youth Group 6:30pm	16 Terry & Carrie Miller James Koberlein	17 Joe & Danielle Shape Adam Rooks Carolyn Rittenhouse Meggan Rittenhouse	18 Jackson Johnson
19 Sunday Service 9:30am Father's Day	20	21 AB Board Meeting 6:30pm	22 Contemporary Youth Group 6:30pm Greg & Kathy Stucky Madelyn Clark	23	24 Brian Bowling Dwayne Jones Amiah Easthom	25 Joanie Paxson
26 Church Picnic 10:40am	27 Ed & Mary Clark	28 Barb Jones	29 Contemporary Youth Group 6:30pm	30		

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The Salamonie Summer Festival
"UNITY of COMMUNITY"
WAMA Worship Service
Sunday, July 3, 11:00am
Warren Riverside Park & Pavilion
There will be special music
by "SNYDER", a Christian
Contemporary group that will bring
a Pre-Service presentation and will
lead our worship time. They will also
have a concert following worship.