



# CROSS OF GRACE NEWS

## August 2023

As a reminder, we will be hosting a baby/housewarming shower for Macayla and Wyatt on August 9th at 6:30pm at Area 34.

The list of needed items was emailed to all of you last week and will be resent again this week.

Also, if you would like to bring some type of food to the shower, please sign up using the link that was in last week's Weekly Check-In!



August 11th - Four Lions (Rated R) - a British black comedy about a band of ne'er-do-well terrorists. Rated R for profane language, mild violence, and adult themes.

October - Nightmare Before Christmas (Rated PG) - The stop-motion Halloween/Christmas classic is celebrating its 30th anniversary! Come and see this cute, yet dark, story about what happens when "Halloween Town" tries to branch out and celebrate Christmas too. Rated PG for some scary images and scenes.

November - Joyeux Noel (Rated PG-13) - during World War I, a rare one day armistice takes place on Christmas day and the two sides celebrate with one another - based on a true story. This movie is Rated PG-13 for war violence and a brief scene of sexuality/nudity.

January – TBD



We have been asked to provide 12 backpacks for grade school girls.

Through other initiatives Putnam County Schools has enough items to fill these backpack and they are only looking for children's backpacks.

Thus far we have collected 14 backpacks. What a wonderful response!

The last Sunday for collecting back packs is August 13.



Cross of Grace has a prayer chain. This is a group of people that have volunteered to add people's prayer requests to their routine prayers.

A person with a prayer request contacts Ellen Bragg who is the first contact on the prayer chain and then the need is passed down the chain with Ellen calling the next person and then that person passes the need along to the next person in the chain.

The church prayer chain is alive and well and looking for more members as well as people to pray for. If you have a prayer need please call Ellen Bragg at 304-590-0811.

She is the beginning of the prayer chain and will pass along the prayer request. If you would like to join the prayer chain please drop a note in the collection plate with your name and phone number so that she can add you to the prayer chain.

Every year the WELCA Fall Retreat has a silent auction of different gift baskets provided by the congregations that attend this event. The ladies are working on deciding what the theme will be for this basket so please stay tuned for that important information. We welcome any suggestions for the basket, as we have not yet decided on a theme. Items for the basket will be collected until August 20, 2023.



There will be 2 hot topic sessions for the month of August, 8/5 and 8/19, at 9:00 at Panera Bread in Teays Valley.

There have been some good discussions over the summer.

Nothing is too hot for a discussion!

We have had a couple of people eavesdrop on what we have been talking about with some approving nods and smiles.

The Saturday Morning Book Study will resume on September 16.



## Card Ministry

We have a thriving card ministry that attempts to send a card and recognize important Anniversaries in members of our congregation's lives. If you want to be included in this ministry please return the following information by placing it in the collection plate.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

To date we have sold 350 tickets and have moved the event to larger auditorium at WVSU. This was accomplished through word of mouth advertising and we have now started advertising using Facebook. All proceeds from the ticket sales will be split between Lily's Place in Huntington and the Religious Coalition for Community Renewal in Charleston. The speaking engagement is at Ferrell Hall, WVSU on September 8th at 7pm. We hope to see everyone there. Be sure to grab your tickets at [nadiainwv.org](http://nadiainwv.org) .



To make things easier for all of us on the day of the event, we will have a catered meal at The Pitch at Shawnee Park from 4:30-6:30. Shawnee Park is located next to WVSU so it will make it easy for all involved to eat and then to attend the event. The plan is to have a buffet of assorted appetizers, pizzas and salads which will include gluten free options. Please be sure to sign up on the sheet in the blue folder on Sunday morning so we can have an accurate number for food purposes.

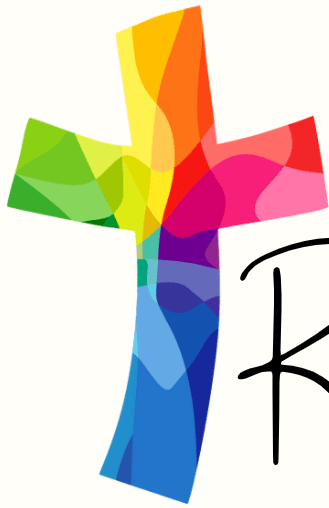


# TAYLOR BOOKS

Taylor Books will have Nadia Bolz-Weber's books available for sale on September 8th and Nadia herself will be doing a book signing after she finishes speaking!

Café Appalachia will be catering the breakfast on Saturday, September 9 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church .





# Rally Sunday

For Rally Sunday and to celebrate our hands God's work we will be reviewing what we have done in the past 12 months to support our neighbors. It is important that we take time to look at what we have done to help our neighbors and determine if what we have done has been having the results we expected etc.

This should be a fun and gratifying activity that will work best with a lot of participation.



Take me out to the ballgame....Take me out to the crowd...

All are welcome to join us as Cross of Grace heads to a Dirty Birds Game on September 16th! The first pitch leaves the mound at 6:35pm.

If you would like to attend, tickets will be \$11 each and all money will be due to Mike Kutz by September 10th.

Hope to see you there!