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On Guard

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It's incredible how sneaky and insidious sin can be in our lives, and we can combat that by, as one of my favorite characters from a book series says, "CONSTANT VIGILANCE!". This month, we're going to hone in on the book of 2 Peter and see what he has to say about keeping an eye out for any false teachings that might come your way and standing firm in your faith.

Peter talks a lot about how important it is to keep growing in what we know and assures us that God has already given us all we need to live a life that is pleasing to him. He encourages us to build up traits like self-control, perseverance, and love. Sounds familiar, doesn't it? Focusing on the gifts of the Spirit not only grows our faith but also allows us to live a life prepared and equipped to lead others to Christ. If we're not reading the scriptures and

connecting with the Holy Spirit daily, false prophets and teachers are hard to spot. Teachings that may be mostly true, just a little bit off, will divert us from God's will and his plan for us. That's why it's vital to stay connected to the truth, look things up yourself, talk with other believers about the Bible regularly, and keep your radar on for anything that doesn't quite add up.

Peter also gives us a reminder that Jesus will definitely come back, and we need to live in a way that shows we're ready for it, no matter when it happens. By being vigilant and keeping a clear mind, we can be all set for when God's promises come true.

I pray you reach a point in your journey with Christ where you and the Holy Spirit are so closely aligned that noticing anything that diverts you from Him becomes as effortless and instinctive as breathing. It takes work and dedication, and I know you can do it!

ON GUARD

JULY 2025

July Sermons

7/6 Grow in Faith (2 Peter 1:1-11)

Key Point: "A growing faith is evidenced through holy living."

7/13 Pay Close Attention (2 Peter 1:12-21)

Key Point: "Staying vigilant in our faith requires a firm foundation in the truth of God's word."

7/20 Don't Be Deceived (2 Peter 2:1-22)

Key Point: "Discernment is crucial to avoid being led astray by false teachings."

7/27 The Day of the LORD (2 Peter 3:1-18)

Key Point: "The certainty of the LORD's return inspires us to live lives of holiness and godliness."

Discovery Series

Starting July 6th @ 9:00 AM



Want to start getting connected or involved with North Main? This class is designed to introduce you to the heart of our church: the vision, mission, and doctrinal teachings that guide us.



Meant to be taken after Discover North Main, this class will begin to unpack what Spiritual gifts are and how the gifts you have been given fit into the body of Christ.



Once you have the foundation from Discover North Main and study how you've been gifted from Discover You, this class is where you'll learn how to serve God and others in the way that He designed.

Sign up online at NORTHMAINCOG.ORG/DISCOVER or visit the Welcome Center to sign up.



EVENTS



northmaincog.org/events

7/19 WPA Camp Meeting

The WPA Camp Meeting is a yearly event that brings together Church of God congregations from across Western Pennsylvania for a week of fellowship, worship, and outdoor activities. This event aims to strengthen community bonds, share faith experiences, and equip the church to return to their hometowns and impact their community for Christ.

Each day provides a variety of Worship Services, Workshops, Outdoor Activities, and Family Activities. Come all day or just in the evening. We will have Camp Meeting booklets with the schedule and list of events available for you at the Welcome Center or Church office once it's available. Visit WPAMin.com for info and the digital download of the booklet. If you would like to be added to a waitlist for a room, RV site, or tent site during Camp Meeting, please call the Whitehall Camp office at 724-867-6861 OR email their Office Administrator, Desirae Sayers, at dez.whitehallcamp@gmail.com.

7/26 Women's Kayak Trip

@9:00am

Save the date for our Women's Outdoor Group Kayaking Trip on Saturday, July 26th. Open to all women 18 & older. More details to follow.

8/10 Living Bread Class

@12:30pm

Grains can become life-sustaining bread when we follow God's perfect design. Learn the history of the corruption of flour and its connection between sin, our health, and myths about gluten. Wheat kernels will be milled and mixed into a dough for a take-home bake. \$10 cash per person. RSVP required.

8/10 Part I: Fresh Milled Flour

9/13 Part II: Probiotic Wild Yeast (Sourdough)

MUST attend Part I to register for Part II



7/12 Pool Party

@3:00pm

Join us July 12th from 3-7PM at Matt & Pam McCarrier's house for a Pool Party and cookout! We'll have swimming, games, and grilled food - just bring a potluck side or snack to share. Don't forget your swimsuit, towel, and a friend for a fun night together!

7/20 Gargoyle

@6:00pm

Gargoyle Night is back!

Get ready for one of our favorite games of the year - Gargoyle Night is happening July 26th from 6-8PM in the Life Center! It's a special team-based game we only play twice a year, filled with suspense, strategy, and fun in the dark. Don't miss it - and be sure to invite your friends!

8/16 Movie Night

@6:00pm

Join us August 16th from 6-8PM in the Life Center for a movie night! We'll have popcorn, snacks, and a great movie to enjoy together! It's a chill night to hang out, relax, and connect - perfect to bring a friend and share the experience!

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Save the date!

The Annual Congregational Business Meeting is Sunday, August 3rd, and will be held directly after the Sunday morning service. If you consider North Main your church home, please plan on staying after service as we will review our annual report, the new budget for the upcoming fiscal year, and ratify new board members.

July Community Partnerships Highlight

Isaiah 117

changing the way foster care begins

connect, reflect & pray

When children are removed from their homes out of concern for their safety, they are usually brought to a child welfare services office to await placement.

This wait can be a few hours to several days. These children often have nothing with them and are scared, lonely, hungry, and in dirty clothing.

Isaiah 117 provides a comforting home where these children instead can be brought to wait - a place that is safe with friendly and loving volunteers who provide clean clothes, smiles, toys, and snuggly blankets. This space allows children to receive the comfort and care they need while child welfare staff can do the necessary paperwork and identify a good placement.

The mission of Isaiah 117 House is threefold:

- *Reduce trauma for children awaiting placement
- *Lighten the load for child welfare services
- *Ease the transition for foster families



Pray for the children who will come through the home



Pray for the volunteers who will be loving on the children



Pray for the CYS workers as they serve and place children in crisis



Pray for the financial stability of the home for years to come



Praise God for everyone involved in opening the first Isaiah 117 home in PA