

## Share-A-Thon 2011

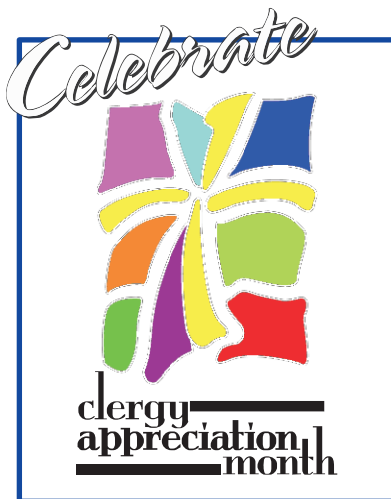
Share-A-Thon is always an exciting time at WRGN as we share with our listeners the needs of the station for the coming year. It takes lots of effort from our staff and volunteers to make it sound good, and of course YOU to help us reach our goal.



**Doug & Dina Hamilton and Gavin, Sweet Valley, recorded spots for our WRGN Fall Family Skate. Listen for Doug as he helps guest host during Share-A-Thon, November 8-11 2011.**

This year's goal is \$150,000 and we have four days to accomplish it, Tuesday November 8 to Friday, November 11, 2011. As always, the sooner we reach the goal the sooner we go back to regular programming!

Please pray for God's blessings on this endeavor and for endurance for our staff and volunteers during Share-A-Thon!



October is traditionally the month to honor our pastors; it's also when many churches honor their Sunday School teachers.

Send WRGN your comments of appreciation for any of your special church workers including your pastor, Sunday School teachers, church secretary, Youth Group leader, choir director or your janitor. They may be paid staff or volunteers. These notes will be read on the air during Connect Live! weekday mornings between 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

During October one church worker will be selected each show to receive a gift. Two pastors will be chosen at the end of the month to receive a special gift basket.

Listeners are asked to email their comments of appreciation to [thankyou@wrgn.com](mailto:thankyou@wrgn.com) or mail them to us at WRGN, 2457 State Route 118, Hunlock Creek, PA 18621. Be sure to honor your favorite pastor or church worker!



**Chaplain Jim Pall and Heather Madeira with items that WRGN's Good News Library donated to the inmates at the State Correctional Institution – Dallas.**



**Lee Lauver and Gilbert Velez**

A monitored alarm system was donated by CST Installations in Kingston. Lee Lauver, WRGN supporter and company owner, said any home or business installation that mentions they heard about his company from WRGN will receive \$10.00 off each month's monitoring fee. Also, for each installation, CST will donate \$100 to WRGN's Share-A-Thon! Contact Lee at 570-709-3074



One of our favorite programs at WRGN only happens once a year. It's *See You At The Pole Live* when we talk to students as they meet together at their school flagpoles to pray.

Students met early on a gray Wednesday morning and prayed for their schools, their administrators and teachers, and our country among other things.

Each gathering was different, as some had one or two students, while others had between 50 and 100. Some spent the entire time in prayer, while others had praise and worship as well.

What they all had in common were students willing to come together and pray no matter what the consequences, much like Daniel in the Old Testament.

This year's theme was Converge, from Matthew 18:20, which tells us "...where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them" and gather they did. We heard from more than 600 students from nearly 30 public, Christian, and homeschool groups reporting in to WRGN's hour-long live call-in program.

Praise the Lord for students willing to stand up in their schools and testify to their faith and trust in God!

## *Please pray with us*

**PRAY:** for our many listeners who suffered from the flood effects of early September 2011.

**PRAISE:** for students who gathered around their school flag poles to participate in this year's See You at the Pole event.

**PRAISE:** for new callers on WRGN's Connect Live! program. We hear from someone new almost every morning.

**PRAY:** for our upcoming Share-A-Thon, November 8-11, that listeners will continue to contribute and that those who have never given will be led by God to begin to support the WRGN radio ministry.

**PRAY:** for area teens attending our upcoming Fall Family Skate on October 10. May they hear the devotional message and make a decision to follow Jesus Christ.

**PRAISE:** for Jonathan Broschious' technical wisdom as he keeps our equipment running.

**PRAY:** for many of our WRGN listeners who are suffering serious health-related issues.

**PRAISE:** for notes of encouragement we have received during this time of transition as Burl & Shirley Updyke have stepped aside from the day-to-day operations at WRGN and Tim Madeira has taken over as General Manager.

**PRAY:** for the continued support from WRGN listeners during these difficult economic times.

**PRAISE:** for the pastors and churches who stand with us in the ministry of WRGN, especially during Pastor Appreciation Month.

**PRAY:** for Jonathan and Tiffany Bowman and their four children as they minister at WIVH in the US Virgin Islands.

**PRAISE:** God for the beauty of the creation as we enter this fall season. *The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.* Psalm 19:1



Tony & Gail McWilliams from Dallas, Texas visited the WRGN studios to talk with our Connect Live listeners about Gail's speaking ministry of encouragement. Gail, who has recorded five albums and written several books, was in the middle of an eleven state tour. For information, go to [www.gailmcwilliams.com](http://www.gailmcwilliams.com)



## New at the Library



The Good News Library celebrates its 9th Anniversary this month. We invite you to stop by and visit us on Thursday, October 27. Memberships are available for a \$5.00 donation. This membership will give you year-long access to over 14,000 items including books, CDs and DVDs.

We've received some wonderful new additions to the Library. *Have a New Teenager by Friday* by Dr. Kevin Leman helps parents of teenagers to gain respect from their teens, turn selfish behaviors around and navigate these critical years with confidence.

Speaking of teens brings us to our next book *Welcome to College* by Jonathan Morrow. The author tackles the frightening questions that teens have of what they want to do with their life. Morrow shares that it's important to know how you will handle college before you find yourself in the thick of it because it is a time that will shape a person's future. The book has quick, easy-to-read chapters packed with good advice.

Several books in the **Circle C Beginnings** series have been added to our collection. Two of the books are *Andi's Scary School Days* and *Andi's Lonely Little Foal* by Susan Marlow. These books are great for children ages 6-8. In this series, readers will meet Andi Carter who is eager to grow up and experience the exciting Wild West. She doesn't like school because it means wearing dresses and sitting next to a boy who isn't very nice.

Andi is worried about her foal, Taffy, who is growing up and leaving her mama. Another boy tells her stories of foals who get sick or hurt when they are away from their mothers. How can Andi keep her little horse safe and happy? Check out the book and read what happens on Andi's many adventures!

With the increased amount of cases of autism being diagnosed, *Bright Not Broken* by Diane Kennedy and Rebecca Banks will be helpful to parents of children of gifted, ADHD and autistic children. Too often, the authors share that these children get lost in an endless cycle of chasing diagnostic labels and are never given the tools to fully realize their own potential.

On a lighter note, as we enter the busy upcoming holiday season, readers may want to check out the new book by Rozanne and Randy Frazee, co-pastor with Max Lucado, at Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas. *Real Simplicity* reveals how to develop a lifestyle that focuses on conversation and community over a lifestyle that focuses on working faster or having more gadgets. The Frazees' practical insights show readers how to balance work and play, establish healthy boundaries for children's activities and homework, bring Jesus to our neighbors and how to build authentic bond with a circle of close friends.

We'll look forward to sharing these and our entire library collection with you during the month of October!

*Celebrate*

*Write and tell us who you would like to honor, or email us at [thankyou@wgn.com](mailto:thankyou@wgn.com)*

**clergy appreciation month**



*From us to you...*



October 2011

To the WRGN listening family,

Has someone ever encouraged you? Have you encouraged anyone lately? 1 Thessalonians 5:11 says *"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."* **Clergy Appreciation Month is in October**, and we asked you to encourage your pastor and church workers. We have begun to receive those words of encouragement. Some come in the mail, and some come from an email address we set up specifically for this event at "[thankyou@wrgn.com](mailto:thankyou@wrgn.com)." We look forward to passing these on not just to those you are encouraging, but also to our listeners. We will be awarding items each day to one of the honorees, and at the end of the month, **two pastors will receive a gift box of ministry helps.**

What encourages us at WRGN is when we hear from you. As we gear up for Share-A-Thon November 8 - 11, will you take the time to fill out the pre Share-A-Thon form you received in the mail last week? Your support before Share-A-Thon gives us a "kick start." You can *really* jump start things by making your Faith Promise **ONLINE**. If you donate online by November 1st, we'll send you a CD of music. Go to [www.wrgn.com](http://www.wrgn.com) and click on the **Donate Online** button. Thank you for standing with us another year as we seek to minister to those who are struggling and all who listen. We hear from listeners on an almost daily basis who are reminded of God's mercy and grace through the teaching and music on WRGN.

**We are glad to be able to work together with the pastors and church workers you are honoring this month** as we see the day of the Lord approaching. 1 Thessalonians 5 goes on to say in verses 23-24 *"Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it."* May you rest in that peace that can only come from God as you face difficult times, and may you encourage others in that as well.

With Share-A-Thon just around the corner, we also ask you to please **pray for our staff, volunteers, and those who donate to make WRGN's ministry possible.** If it weren't for your gifts, help, and prayers this ministry could not continue.

Trusting God to "do it,"

*Tim + Heather Snadeira*



## *Here at the studios*



It was another busy month here at the WRGN studios as Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee kept us busy! The effects of Irene's storm damage left us without power for two days as many trees were toppled due to the wind and water-logged ground. Tim and Jonathan worked to get a generator going that hadn't been used in nearly 15 years. After working on the unit all day, they finally got it started and took it up to the transmitter site in Sweet Valley. They made all of the necessary connections, turned it on and WRGN was back on the air! Then, less than 30 seconds later, the actual electricity came back on! Some of our listeners were without power for the entire week.

The following week, remnants of Tropical Storm Lee brought heavy rains to the area and caused the evacuation of residents from the Wyoming Valley whose properties had been affected by the Agnes flood in 1972.

Jonathan and Tim pre-empted regular programming or broke in as necessary to give WRGN listeners the latest information on road closings and evacuation information. Jonathan also interviewed Luzerne County Commissioner Maryanne Petrilla and Steve Urban several times to get the most up-to-date information. Tim arranged to carry the live feed from Governor Tom Corbett's press conference in Forty Fort. Throughout the ordeal we tried to give our listeners the latest information while also playing encouraging music and inspirational programs.

Throughout the month of September we heard from ten new listeners from WRGN and eight new listeners from

the West Indies. With all of the rainy days we'd been having in Northeastern Pennsylvania, Jonathan enjoyed talking to our WIVH listeners to get their weather reports of sunshine and warm temperatures!

One of those new callers was Andrew Fisher from East Earl in Lancaster County. He is a service technician for Turkey Hill and was driving through the area and scanned the dial to find a good station! We spoke with Stephen from Wilkes-Barre who works for Pride Mobility and travels around the country for Pride's national seminars. He loves seeing how his company's products help people regain their independence. Stephen has been listening to WRGN for nineteen years!

One morning during Connect Live! Jonathan shared how the fish he had purchased at the recent Luzerne County Fair didn't "fair" so well, and he was looking for tips on how to keep a goldfish longer than a day or two. That intro led to a discussion on pets.

Heather Madeira relayed an unusual pet story that her family experienced when she was younger. Baby opossums were discovered by Heather's family and they cared for these babies for about a month.

We also heard from Daniel Akers, Stoutsville, OH, who has been a trucker for over 36 years and was driving through Milton when he tuned in his radio dial and heard Christian music and found out it was WRGN. We were talking that day about our favorite fast food restaurants. He called in and told us he has had his fair share of fast food, but he prefers Subway! He makes trips from OH to NY three times each week.



*We invite you to join us for our  
Christmas Banquet and Concert*

*on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>*

*at 6:00 p.m.*

*Ramada, Public Square, Wilkes-Barre,  
as we celebrate the Christmas season and honor*

*Burl & Shirley Updyke*

*for their faithful service to WRGN*

*Special Christmas Music will be provided by A.W.E. Band*

*Tickets may be reserved for \$25.00*

*(children 5 - 11 are \$12.50)*

*The dinner will be served family style with three main entrees:*

*Chicken Francaise, Sliced Beef with mushroom sauce,  
and Baked Haddock with lemon.*

*Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the WRGN Christmas Banquet.*

*\_\_\_\_\_ adult tickets at \$25.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_*

*\_\_\_\_\_ child tickets at \$12.50 each = \_\_\_\_\_*

*Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.*

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

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

*Phone: \_\_\_\_\_*

*email: \_\_\_\_\_*



*Reservations must be made by November 30th, 2011.*

To purchase tickets online go to [www.wrgn.com/christmas.php](http://www.wrgn.com/christmas.php)

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### **Upcoming Events:**

- ***WRGN's 27th birthday***  
Wednesday, October 19
- ***Good News Library 9th Anniversary***  
Thursday, October 27
- ***Share-A-Thon 2011***  
Tuesday - Friday, November 8 -11
- ***WRGN Christmas Banquet/Concert***  
Friday, December 9 at 6:00 pm,  
Ramada on the Square in Wilkes-Barre

