

WRGN RADIOGRAM FM 88.1

The Good News Network

Number 320

2457 S.R. 118, Hunlock Creek, PA 18621 Phone: 570-477-3688 www.wrgn.com

December 2015



\$28,000 away from our Share-A-Thon goal!

Your faithfulness to the ministry of WRGN over the years has been evident, as God has allowed us to THRIVE for the past 31 years. Due to the challenges in the economy we know everyone is facing, WRGN has kept the budget the same this year as last. This does not mean we will be cutting back on ministry opportunities. In fact, we will be redoubling our efforts to reach out to the lost and to help Christian families THRIVE as well! We believe that as God guides, He will provide.



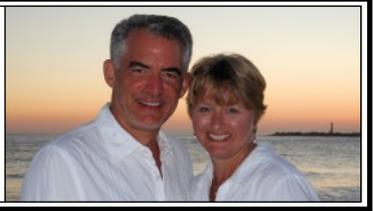
We also trust that as you see the value of Christian radio in your home, family and community, you will help us reach our Share-A-Thon goal of \$160,000, which is a major portion of our operating budget. Last year, we actually met the goal on the last day of 2014, but wouldn't it be great to reach the goal earlier this year? If you have not made your Faith Promise, will you do so today?



Promotions Director Laura Madeira adds another \$5,000 leaf to our tree during Share-A-Thon

Large or small, monthly gift or one time, each gift is essential for the continued operation of the ministry here. Call us at 1-800-245-3688 and tell us you want to help WRGN THRIVE in 2016, or go online and make your Faith Promise for 2016 at wrgn.com!

From us to you...



December 2015

To the WRGN listening family,

The year 2015 gave us much to look back on, and the year 2016 gives us much to look forward to!

As I glanced over the calendar from the past year, I was excited about the many events we shared with our listeners. **It's also been our joy to have many ministries come through the doors of the station to promote the work that God is doing here in Northeastern Pennsylvania.**

Our work is by no means complete! In fact, as we look at the coming year in light of the events going on in the world around us, we can see that there is still much to do. **One of our goals here at the station is encourage the pastors, workers and ministries...**the "boots on the ground," as they "...do the work of an evangelist, fulfill [their] ministry" (II Timothy 4:5, ESV).

I (Tim) have the opportunity to meet with pastors, youth workers and ministry leaders on a regular basis, and nothing brings me more joy than to hear them share their hearts for what God has called them to. **As we come alongside these leaders and lift them up, will you come alongside us in the coming year?** Much more is being planned for 2016, but it will not happen without your help.

Many of you have already told us you will continue to help us do the work here, but there are many who have not yet done so. **As you see the value of WRGN's outreach to the community, support of area ministries, and encouragement in your own family, will you give a year end gift to help make that happen?**

Fulfilling our ministry,

Tim & Heather Madeira

"... To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen" (II Timothy 4:18, ESV).

WRGN Christmas Program



Foley artist Dan Close, Mike Warner as Mitch Winger, Denise Warner, Raina Wensell and Patty Petts as The Andes Sisters



Doug Hamilton as Arthur and Tim Madeira as Scott



The Andes Sisters with makeup artist Hailey Watkins



Mike Hiscox and Elizabeth Madeira with WRGN volunteer Maryanne Lipinski



LeAnn and Mark Malacavage chat with Tim Madeira at the dessert reception following the program



Hear the "LIVE" broadcast of

*The Spirit of Christmas
Yet to Come*



**Saturday, December 19th at 7 p.m. and
and Wednesday, December 23rd at 8 p.m.**





Here at the Studios



It seems hard to believe, but as we all look at our calendars, the last month of 2015 has arrived. While it's been a hectic couple of months here at the WRGN studios, we are so thankful for our listeners, our volunteers, and our "Friends of WRGN" who have come alongside us in the past year to make WRGN a vibrant ministry, helping our listeners THRIVE. As you read on the cover, we still must close a large gap to reach our goal, but we are confident that with our listeners' help, God will provide the necessary funding for 2016.

Share-A-thon 2015 is behind us (sort of!) and it was a wonderful three-day event here at the studios, with many visitors to the station and wonderful food, including a chocolate and vanilla cake that was made to look like an antique radio!

We enjoyed our visits with area pastors, including Jacob Claypoole, Don Hartshorne, Kevin Straka, Wayne Morgan, Neil Martin, and Jack Munley, as they shared God's Word with us and shared why they believe local Christian radio is important in our community.

One highlight of this year's Share-A-thon was Tim's remote broadcast from the Bethany Wesleyan Church in Cherryville during the concert with Among the Thirsty, Unspoken, Chris August, and The Afters. Tim and Laura Madeira were able to meet many of our listeners from the Lehigh Valley and some from the Wyoming Valley who traveled south for the concert.

Special thanks to those who provided our meals and answered the phones during Share-A-thon. Many others brought snacks and desserts to keep our on-air hosts and volunteers

well nourished! Thank you!

Just two weeks after Share-A-thon was our big Christmas program, The Scott & Arthur Show: The Spirit of Christmas Yet to Come. This event, held at Misericordia University in Dallas, was attended by over 400 people!

Laughter was heard throughout the evening as Tim Madeira and Doug Hamilton (Scott & Arthur) took guests on a musical journey of Christmas with the Mitch Winger Orchestra. Mitch, played by Michael Warner, delighted the crowd with tunes from each of the decades from the 1940s to current day.

The Andes Sisters, Denise Warner, Raina Wensell and Patty Petts, mesmerized the audience with their rendition of the Andrews Sisters' "Christmas Island" and then over the course of the musical journey donned sunglasses to sing "Searchin' for the Babe" set to classic Beach Boys music.

Everyone was delighted with our child star, Kendyl Miner, age 5, who sang "Silent Night." The show closed with the popular 1940's classic, "White Christmas," complete with snow falling over the audience! In case you missed the live performance, you can listen to the radio version on WRGN on Saturday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, December 23 at 8:00 p.m.

There are numerous Christmas radio specials scheduled for the month of December so be sure to check them out on page 7 of this Radiogram or online at wrgn.com.

From our WRGN family to yours, we wish you a very Merry Christmas!

Share A Thon 2015 - THRIVE



Dan Longmore, host of *Refresh & Renew*, placed a leaf on our tree as we crossed another plateau.



In Your Presence host Denise Warner is joined by Russell, who stopped by to thank WRGN for its ministry.



Joe and Lynette Breymer, Moosic, won tickets for the *Time of My Life Tour* at the Bethany Wesleyan Church.



Tim Madeira live broadcasts with Kathleen Dieter of Bethany Wesleyan Church, Cherryville, before the concert.



Doug Hamilton with Mike Butash & Dan Seibert from Grace Bible Church, Dunmore, who shared about their upcoming community Christmas Village.



Tim Madeira with Dorcas and Cynthia from the Daraja Children's Choir of Africa.



Christmas at the Library



The Good News Library is the perfect place to find some books and DVDs for this year's Christmas season. Membership for the Good News Library would also make a great stocking stuffer for a friend or relative. Memberships are available for just a \$5.00 donation. Stop by the Library weekdays 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

A new novel for Christmas is *Keeping Christmas* from author Dan Walsh. For the first time since their children were born, empty nesters Judith and Stan Winters spent Thanksgiving without the kids, and it's looking like Christmas will be the same. Judith can't bring herself to even start decorating for the holiday; her kids always hung the first ornaments on the tree - ornaments they had made each year since they were toddlers - a tradition she's heartbroken to miss this year. With Judith refusing to decorate the bare spruce tree in their living room, Stan knows something must be done. And his only hope for saving the holiday is found in a box of handmade ornaments. Readers will enjoy this nostalgic Christmas story that celebrates our most cherished seasonal traditions, especially the importance of family.

A special display of Christmas related items from the Library's collection is ready for

avid readers of fiction, non-fiction and movie-lovers alike. Kids will enjoy the Christmas offerings on audio CD from *Adventures in Odyssey*, Buck Denver's DVD *Why Do We Call it Christmas* from Veggie Tales creator Phil Vischer, Susan Marlowe's book *Andi's Circle C Christmas*, and numerous books for toddlers and young readers all centered on the birth of Jesus!

There are plenty of fiction books from all of your favorite authors including Max Lucado, Karen Kingsbury, Beverly Lewis, Janette Oke, Melody Carlson, and many others.

There are various non-fiction books on helping you to plan financially for the holidays, how to keep the true meaning of Christmas, Christmas devotions to share with your children, and inspiring holiday stories.

For movie lovers, the list of Christmas DVDs includes: *The Christmas Candle*, *Christmas Oranges*, *The Christmas Shoes*, *The Heart of Christmas*, *The Nativity Story*, *Silver Bells*, and many more! You can check out the complete listing on the Library page at wrgn.com.

The Good News Library has exciting events planned for the upcoming year so be sure to stop by the Library and continue reading your WRGN Radiogram for more information!



WRGN *Radio Specials*

December Live! with Laura Story - Saturday, December 5 at 4 p.m.
Music, original Christmas stories, and candy cane comedy - all in front of a live audience.

Wheaton College Christmas - Sunday, December 6 at 12 p.m.
Wheaton's Women's Chorale, Concert Choir, and Men's Glee combine to create an astounding array of sounds celebrating the spirit and true meaning of the season.

The Hope of Hanukkah - Thursday, December 10 at 8 p.m.
To understand the origin of Hanukkah is to understand that there is hope in Jesus Christ.

December Live! with Mark Schultz
Saturday, December 12 at 4 p.m. & Thursday, December 24 at 9 p.m.
It's an all new *December Live!* with Dove Award winning singer/songwriter, Mark Schultz!

Christmas Through The Eyes Of Isaiah
Sunday, December 13 at 12 p.m. & Monday, December 21 at 8 p.m.
This Old Testament prophet had a uniquely clear vision of his coming Messiah. Scripture, classic Christmas songs, and hymns will focus listeners on our only hope: Jesus.

O Little Town of Bethlehem - Thursday, December 17 at 8 p.m.
Go with us on a journey into Bethlehem. Listen to the rich sounds of the real life hustle and bustle of marketplace sites, neighborhoods, and other areas depicting both Bethlehem today and yesterday.

Joy - An Irish Christmas with Keith and Kristyn Getty
Friday, December 18 at 9 p.m. & Thursday, December 24 at 10 p.m.
Join Keith and Kristyn Getty for a lively celebration of the birth of Christ featuring their band of virtuoso instrumentalists fusing Celtic, Bluegrass, Americana, and Classical music.

Candlelight Carols - Sunday, December 20 at 4 p.m.
Recorded at the historical Moody Church, 2 hours of Candlelight Carols will inspire everyone to reflect upon the joys of the holidays through dramatic and musical expression.

Trail Of Two Kings - Tuesday, December 22 at 8 p.m.
Herod invites audiences to share in the path of two kings. One experiences a rise of power on earth that is fleeting, while the other is the very essence of power and life in the Father.

Continuous Christmas Music - Friday, December 25 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Let WRGN be your Christmas soundtrack all day long! Hosted by: Tim Madeira, Doug Hamilton, Dan Longmore, Denise Warner, and Dan Close.

Waiting for the Ball to Drop - Thursday, December 31 at 9:30 p.m.
Times Square Church pastor Carter Conlon brings a message from I Kings for the New Year, just a short distance away from where thousands will gather to ring in 2016.

Year In Review: 2015 - Saturday, January 2 at 4 p.m.
SRN News reviews the top news stories of the year 2015.

For a complete program schedule, visit wrgn.com.

Tune in to
WRGN
for continuous
Christmas
music on
Christmas Day!



WRGN
2457 State Route 118
Hunlock Creek, PA 18621-5022

Return Service Requested