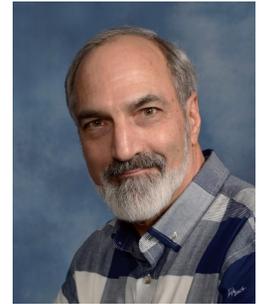




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Dear Friends in the Lord:

“Normally,” this would be the time for you to receive a Summer issue of our quarterly, four-page Good News newsletter. However, these are not “normal” times! We decided to hit the pause button and publish a combination Summer-Fall issue, as the coronavirus is causing complications for Station operations and initiatives.

*** After nearly a year-long search, WIHS 104.9 FM is hiring a new General Manager / Chief Engineer!** In May, the Connecticut Radio Fellowship (CRF) Board of Directors unanimously voted to extend an offer to a chosen candidate, and he accepted! Now, we need to discern when he and his wife can visit Connecticut "safely" to begin their search for housing. We need to pray for a smooth, timely and affordable sale of their current home. We also need to determine an appropriate start date, and when he should give notice to his current employer. We anticipate that he will begin his work at WIHS this summer, with an exact date TBA. Please pray with us for divine wisdom and guidance.

*** The “Celebrate Jesus” Gala & Expo at the Aqua Turf Club on Friday, October 2 is in limbo.** We signed the contract with Aqua Turf Club many months ago, but the facility is currently closed and we do not know what social distancing requirements will be in effect this fall. We also do not know if there will be a second wave of coronavirus in the fall. With this uncertainty, we haven’t begun to sell tickets, line up ministry exhibitors or enlist sponsors. Last year was a record-setting event, with more attendees and exhibitors than ever. We had hoped to build on the momentum in 2020, but we’re waiting upon the Lord for divine guidance. Please pray with and for us.

*** Following the Federal government’s response to the coronavirus outbreak, the CRF Board spent much time in prayer, study and remote Zoom conference calls assessing whether we should apply for Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) funds to help us through this challenging economic time.** While 501(c)3 faith-based organizations may apply, and many have, the Board voted unanimously NOT to apply for PPP funds. By God's grace and provision, we are NOT in an "emergency" situation. There are other organizations across the State who needed the PPP funds to stay alive "now."

*** Nonetheless, summertime is often a time of reduced giving, while employee/operational expenses stay the same.** Given the coronavirus-induced economic downturn, many non-profits (including WIHS) have “concerns” that giving will dip more than usual. To help to ease the pain, as part of the CARES Act, the IRS is allowing a \$300 per person charitable donation on your 2020 Federal tax return *even if you do not itemize your deductions*. Perhaps you could take advantage of this one-time allowance this summer, by sending a special gift to WIHS using the enclosed envelope?

In closing, thank you for your enthusiastic, Spirit-led support of WIHS, your “live and local” Christian radio station for inspiration and information. Please keep listening on the air or online. Please visit our website, YouTube Channel and Facebook page. Please continue to pray for us. ***God still loves Connecticut, and We’re still In His Service!***

Joyfully yours,

Drew

