

Inside Wayside



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FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Though I'm not anxious for winter weather, I always look forward to the fall and especially the month of October. By some measures, it is one of the best months for Wayside, with a peak of activity and participation.

It all begins with World Communion Sunday, one of my favorites. I've not traveled nearly as much as many Waysiders but, even with my limits, I still love the idea of Christians of all colors and races and cultures being united around one big table. There is too much in life that tends to pull us apart from one another and divide us into special groups, but much of that is, I think, contrary to the will of God. World Communion Sunday sends an entirely different and more faithful message.

October most always includes our annual Fall Convocation. That is true again this year, when we will be privileged to welcome in four guests, each representing a different faith tradition. That alone will make for a fascinating weekend as we focus on the themes of 'heaven' and 'hell.'

In the middle of the month there will be a couple wonderful 'outward mission' opportunities. Habitat is sponsoring a special week for church groups to help build a house; watch for details in the bulletin on that one. And on October 19th we'll be making our annual visit to the Kids' Café to do some cleaning and other maintenance work. If you haven't shared in that work opportunity before, please consider it this time around.

That same weekend we will welcome Frank Dimmock to Wayside. Frank is one of our mission workers. Two years ago we were blessed to have his wife, Nancy, join us for a weekend, so we are thankful for the opportunity to get to know Frank this time around. He will bring news of the Ministry of Hope orphanage that we support plus he'll be able help us understand some of the new emphases that are now guiding the World Mission office of our national church. Frank has served in Africa nearly thirty years so he comes with a wealth of experience and insight. Stay tuned for the opportunities we'll have during that weekend to learn from him.

There are plenty of other great activities for people of all ages during October. Hope that we can take advantage and share in furthering God's kingdom in this good place.

See you in church.

Peace.

Rev. James Haas

MANY THANKS

The Board of Trustees would like to express its genuine gratitude to several people who have gone out of their way to meet some of the specific needs of the church. Special thanks to :

- Karen Sidorowicz and Amy Fuchs who did a great job coordinating Wayside's participation in the annual CROP Walk
- All the volunteers who are helping keep the building in good order during Ernie's absence

There are many others who contribute generously of their time and efforts in support of the church; we are grateful to all of them.



WISE OWLS OCTOBERFEST

An evening of German food at the home of Chris and Jon Hoyt on Friday, October 18 at 6:00 PM will be the next Wise Owl event! Bring a German dish to share. Sign up on the information table in the lobby. (German attire not required!)

MUSIC NOTES

It's never too late to join a choir at Wayside. New members are always welcome.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual fall meetings of the congregation and corporation will be held at noon on Sunday, October 13th, for the purposes of hearing and acting on the report of the Nominating Committee as well as conducting any other business that may rightly be presented. Please note the change of time. Due to other special events of that morning, having the meeting immediately following the late service seemed to be the best option.

This is a very important gathering of our congregation; those elected are being asked to provide vision and leadership for Wayside in the years to come. A brochure with biographical sketches of all the nominees will be available. Please add all these good people to your prayers.

SECOND SATURDAY WORK PROJECT

In October we are fortunate to be invited back to the Kids' Café. This has become one of our annual projects. Due to the Fall Convocation the previous weekend, we will head to the Café on the morning of Saturday, October 19th, working from 9:00 a.m. until about noon. Most of our efforts will be directed toward cleaning; no equipment is needed, but you might want to bring rubber gloves. If you are interested in participating, sign up in the Lobby.

NEWS ABOUT THE CHURCH GARDEN

Many thanks to all those who contributed their efforts to help make the church vegetable garden so productive. The harvest included tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant, zucchini and squash. From the time the ground was turned back in the spring until the present lots of Waysiders and friends have faithfully tilled and hoed, watered and weeded and gathered. It was truly a communal effort. In addition to all the good produce made available to Sunday worshipers, we were also able to send more than \$250 to the Emmaus Soup Kitchen. So as we were able to feed ourselves, we also helped to feed God's people in need. Good job all the way around.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

A warm, heartfelt thank you to Jane Hess, who has served faithfully in the Chancel Choir for many years. Jane has decided to retire from the choir and be active in other church ministries. We will miss you, Jane. Thank you for your commitment to the choir.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY

A new ministry is forming here at Wayside. As a result of growing knowledge and verifiable controlled studies, the science of health and wellness is creating new opportunities and verifying the validity of century old practices. We feel a calling to bring information and opportunity for spiritual, mental and physical well being to our church family. Stay tuned.

RENOVATED CLASSROOM

Toward the end of September we were able to move back into room 18 (across from the drinking fountain in the cross hallway) after renovations had been completed. It is spectacular with new wall covering and wall paper, new windows, new dropped ceiling and lighting, new carpet, and new chairs. In addition, it is now the most 'high tech' room in the building with a drop-down screen and a ceiling-mounted projector. One Sunday School class meets there each week, but the room is now available for other gatherings as well.

When you have time, stop by and take a look. You won't be disappointed.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The first Sunday in October is always World Communion Sunday here at Wayside and in many Protestant churches around the world. It is perhaps our best opportunity to remember our unity in Christ with brothers and sisters around the world. In celebration of that truth, we'd like our Sanctuary on October 6th to reflect our connections with other countries. So if you have clothing from a foreign land, please wear it. Or if you have some cloth you could drape over the communion table or the back of the pew, please bring it. Or, if you have other mementos that you'd be willing to share for the morning, please bring them and we'll try to find a place to display them. It promises to be a colorful morning and a good reminder of our oneness in Christ.

WAYSIDE WISH LIST

Periodically people come into the Church Office with very generous offers to cover the cost of some recently identified need. With that in mind the Session has encouraged committees to propose items for a church "wish list" that could be shared with the congregation and offered as possible gifts from members. To date that list includes the following:

Special bulletins for Christmas, Palm Sunday, Easter, and other special occasions (a sign-up sheet is on the Information Table)

Advent candles

Choral anthem sheet music for special occasions

If you would like to express your gratitude to God by joyfully offering to cover the costs of any of these items, please speak to Karen, our Administrative Assistant and Financial Secretary. Gifts can be made to the glory of God in memory or honor of loved ones.

Inter-Church Ministries 2013 Annual Dinner Meeting & Keynote

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

Keynote Speaker: Ms. Mary Bula
Vice President, Collective Impact
At the United Way of Erie County and
Project Facilitator for Erie Together

Erie Together is "Working together to make the Erie region a community of opportunity where everyone can learn, work and thrive."

(www.ErieTogether.org)

Be sure to reserve 10/15/13 in your calendars today!

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch is meeting on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at the Ambassador. We will have a table together for the Sarah Reed Retirement Center Fall Fling from 10am to 2pm. The cost is \$25 and reservations should be made with and paid to Ginny Sundberg, 474-2998. Note the change in date- the prior Saturday is Wayside Fall Convocation.

FLU SEASON NOTES

Fall is here, and with it comes the spread of flu. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, so remember to wash your hands with warm water and soap, and get vaccinated for both H1N1 and seasonal flu. We wish you well in body AND spirit.



SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP

Wayside Cares, Wayside Shares

“Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.” 1 John 3:18

‘Tis the season to be jolly....fa la la la la, la la la la..... No, we’re not talking about the Christmas season! ‘Tis the Fall Pledge Initiative season and it IS a time to be jolly. For what should make us happier than to have the joyful opportunity to respond to all that God has already given us? We can show our love for God by deciding to share a meaningful portion of our financial resources with the church in 2014 and receive the spiritual glow that comes with the making of that important decision.

The Scripture verse which the Stewardship Committee has chosen for this year encourages us to love *“with actions and in truth”*. We most definitely believe in the actions of sharing one’s time and talent with the church and in that spirit we will continue to promote *Worship + 2* throughout the year. But for the next month we will push to the forefront the action of sharing one’s treasure with the church.

Here is what you can expect in the weeks to follow:

- Expect to hear and see your fellow Waysiders share how their involvement at Wayside has nurtured and strengthened their Christian faith (brief video presentations during the October 20 and 27 worship services).
- Expect to receive a special mailing later in October from the Stewardship Committee regarding your participation in the Fall Pledge Initiative.
- Expect to be surrounded by excited Waysiders as we dedicate our 2014 financial pledges at both worship services on Consecration Sunday November 10.
- Expect to experience the joy that comes from knowing that you gave your best to the Lord.

*Fa la la la la, la la la la.....*from the Stewardship Committee

BUDGET CONCERNS

Consecration Sunday will be November 10th. About that same time the Budget Committee will be making plans for the new year. Both groups would appreciate your consideration of the following suggestions:

1. Keep your pledge payments as up-to-date as possible
2. Consider proportionate giving the next time you make a pledge. Take a moment to actually calculate the percentage of your giving and, if it’s not a tithe (10%), formulate a plan of incremental increases that will bring you closer to that goal.
3. If it’s possible, consider including a little extra in your weekly envelope, but only if doing that brings a smile to your face or a warmth to your heart.

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Wednesday Fellowship dinners are back! Plan to join us Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for food and fellowship, *no reservations necessary!* Have a great recipe that you want to share? Interested in cooking? Contact Bobbi Jo Fye at fye@gannon.edu or 838-1770.



SCRIP PROGRAM

Here is a great way to support the church *and* get some of your shopping done at the same time! Wayside’s scrip program allows you to order gift cards through the church. Your cards are delivered to you the next Sunday and the church benefits by receiving a small percentage from cards purchased. Giant Eagle, Walmart, Subway and Lowes are just a few of the businesses that participate in the Scrip program. Keep SCRIP in mind when you start Christmas shopping or are doing home improvement work. Orders may be placed on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. A list of participating retailers is on the information table or at www.glscrip.com. Questions? Contact Bobbi Jo Fye.

SOPHIA CIRCLE NEWS

The Sophia Circle has its schedule set for the next few months. We will post it on the PW bulletin board and reminder e-mails will be sent the week of the meetings.

All women are welcome to attend. The meetings are the second Friday evening of each month and start at 7 p.m. in the home of the hostess. If you need information about ordering the book we are studying, "Becoming Fully Human" by Joan Chittister - please contact Karen Haas.

October 11th - "When is War Unjust?" Hostess - Nicki Jares; Study leader - Shawn Babcock

November 8th - "What are the Blessings of Diminishment?" Hostess: Penny Porter; Study leader- Mary Larson

December 13th - "What is Sanctity?" Hostess: Karen Haas; Study leader - Amy Valentine

January 10th - How is Caring for the Earth Spiritual?" Hostess- Jill Abbott; Study leader- Alice Duer
If you have any questions about the Sophia Circle please contact Karen Haas (833-2053).

SAVE THE DATE! PW CHRISTMAS COOKIE TRAY PROJECT

Please mark your calendars now so you will be able to join us.

Wednesday, December 4

Sugar cookie "Bake-a-Thon" 9:30- 12 noon

Saturday, December 7

Cookie Drop off and sort 9:00 - 12 noon.

Tray Assembly 12 noon-3:00.

Sunday, December 8

Pick up following both services.

Jill Abbott and Pattie Pora

PW FOURTH QUARTER BUSINESS MEETING

Presbyterian Women will meet on Wednesday, October 23rd for our Fourth Quarter Business Meeting in the parlor at 5:15 p.m. At this meeting we will review and vote on a new slate of officers, the program calendar and budget for 2014. All women are encouraged to attend!

PW WARREN HOSPITAL STOCKING PROJECT

Be watching for elves that will be collecting money for the PW Christmas Stocking Project. The Elves will be arriving October 20, 2013!



Birthdays

- 1st Chelsea Baltes, Emily Eighmy
- 3rd Amy Brinling, Barry Zembower
- 4th Brianna Morrow
- 7th Marilyn Stern
- 8th Kelly Duska, Claire Fair, Bryce Yahn
- 9th David Miller
- 11th Ella Garrity, Diane Wagner
- 12th Nancy Brozewicz, Allison Wickham
- 13th Alissa Brugger, Gretchen Kelley, David Tague
- 14th Lisa Moyer

- 15th Kim Garrity, James Ommert, Karina Wismer
- 16th Ella Grimm, Denise Pollifrone
- 19th Adam Snyder
- 21st Alissa Patrick
- 22nd Virginia Bowes
- 23rd Caroline Grimm, Jenny Martin
- 25th Vic Babcock, William Swanson, Bailey Zembower
- 26th Nikki Brockwell, Adam Fried
- 27th Aurora Fuchs, Benjamin Sesler
- 28th Linda Behn, Dick Glass, Kalena Popson
- 29th Steve Briggs, Brian Ripley
- 31st Scott Bastow, Brynn Gleason

Anniversaries

- 1st David & Pam Johns
- 2nd Ray & Paula Reade
- 4th Brian & Staci McGill
- 5th Aric & Christine Szklenski, Ramon & Lisa Watkins
- 6th Gary & Char Popson, Jim & Karen Haas
- 12th Tim & Laurie Brugger
- 14th Christopher & Katie Marsh
- 18th Todd & Mary DeBello
- 19th Rob & Brenda Harcourt
- 21st Gregory & Heather Yahn
- 23rd Tim & Lynn Lewis
- 28th Richard & Sheila Kocan

FAMILY NEWS

Hospitalized: Ernie Enssle, Mary Alice Kern, Ethan Johns
Deaths: Olga Grek

WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

Our worship during the month of October begins with World Communion Sunday, perhaps the best opportunity we have throughout the year to celebrate our Christian unity with brothers and sisters in other lands. The very next Sunday we will welcome one of the Convocation speakers, Dr. Rich McCarty, to our pulpit. The third Sunday of the month we will be joined by one of our mission workers, Frank Dimmock. At the very end of the month we will witness to the church triumphant and give thanks for all those Waysiders who have completed this life and begun a new one during the past twelve months.

October 6th World Communion Sunday

Text – Mark 6:30-44

Title – “Bread – It’s Always Special!”

On this World Communion Sunday Christians in all lands will be invited to gather around our Lord’s Table. It is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to remember how God has created us to be one people in Christ.

October 13th Convocation Weekend

Text – Matthew 5:21-22, 29-30; 25:31-46

Title – “Christianity’s Unholy Obsession with Hell”

We will welcome Rev. Rich McCarty to the pulpit for the first time. He has been a much sought after speaker in adult classes over the years. One of our four presenters for the convocation, it was upon his recommendation that we offered the “Hellbound” documentary. Heaven and hell are of particular theological interest to Rich and we look forward to his insights.

October 20th

Text – Luke 18:1-8

Title – “Same Prayers Every Sunday”

You’ve gotta love that woman that made the unjust judge give her what she needed. Such persistence describes well our oft repetitive prayers in worship each week and in our private prayers. We are the people who pray until we get what we need from God, even if it takes a lifetime.


October 27th

Text – Matthew 25:14-30

Title – “It’s All in the Eye of the Beholder”

We are all familiar with the saying, “Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.” But I wonder if we might also say that anger and fear, and perhaps joy and wonder, are in the eye of the beholder as well. The parable we read this morning invites us to consider if our image of God is also in the eye of the beholder and, if so, what does that mean for our practice of the faith.

OCTOBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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WAYSIDE CHURCH

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**STEWARDSHIP
SUNDAY**

NOVEMBER 10, 2013



**WEST MILLCREEK
FOOD PANTRY**

Requested items for

October:

Macaroni & Cheese,
Peanut Butter, Cereal,
Baked Beans, Tuna Fish,
Canned Spaghetti, Toilet
Paper, Bar Soap

*All non-perishable items
are always welcome.*

**WORSHIP
SERVICE TAPES**

Audio tapes are made of all our 11:00 a.m. Sunday services. They are then made available to anyone who would like to borrow them; just check them out from the shelf in the Library. If you know of anyone else who would like to listen to the tapes, just call the church office.

"MISSION STATEMENT"

Wayside Church is a welcoming, caring community of God's people committed to developing Christian disciples.

We gather for worship, study, fellowship, and prayer. We seek to reach out with Christ's love to our community and the world.

Financial Report

Financial Statement August 2013

Receipts:

Month..... \$27,340
Year-to-date \$315,053

Expenses:

Month..... \$42,524
Year-to-date \$322,354