This month at Wayside:

October 1
World Communion Sunday

October 8
Zucchini Bread for Mission Sale

October 8-9
6th & 7th Grade Retreat

October 11
Serving at Emmaus

October 13-14
Habitat Build

October 15
Congregational Meeting

October 22
Soup Sunday
Children Sing

October 23
Second Harvest Mobile Food Bank

October 30
Dessert Monday

500TH REFORMATION SUNDAY

This October 29th marks the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses to the Wittenberg Chapel door. This is remembered as the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. We will celebrate the event during Sunday School and Worship. There will also be informative bulletin inserts through the month of October and WOW Club children will make a parament for our use.

We will also honor churches and other religious institutions with a gift in thanks for their enrichment of our life at Wayside. The Spiritual Nurture and Education Committees have selected the children’s book, Who Counts: 100 Sheep, 10 Coins, 2 Sons by Amy-Jill Levine (one of our former Fall Convocation speakers) and Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso (a well-known children’s author).

The stories are from the Christian gospels and highlight the gift of cross-pollination between faithful people. Church members are welcome to suggest churches and other groups to receive the book. Donations are also being accepted to cover the cost of all the books we will purchase. Children and adults will wrap the books on Sunday October 29th during Sunday School and our hope is that church members will deliver them throughout the week with a cover letter from our congregation. They will carry with them the message of God’s love that every ONE is important and for whom this group of protestants is grateful.

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“CONNECTIONS”

Teens are invited to attend an overnight youth event at the First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant on Saturday, October 14 and Sunday, October 15. Wayside is one of the four sponsors of the Presbyterian-wide event. The intent is to have Presbyterian youth meet each other and make new friends. There will be games, a service project, time for reflection, and good conversation. There is no cost for the event.

Registration is due Sunday, October 8. Contact Karen Shor or Keith if you have questions.
ERIE CITY MISSION
THANKSGIVING FOOD BAGS

Look for the red bags on the Information table at Church to help in one of three ways!

1. Take a bag and shop for the groceries on the attached list & return to Wayside
2. Donate $12.00 and we’ll shop and fill a bag in your name
3. Donate cash toward the ECM turkey fund

Erie City Mission distributes 1200 of these Thanksgiving turkey baskets every year. Any extra food donations can be placed in the basket under the table to fill additional bags.

Our goal is to fill 50 food bags, and help purchase 20 turkeys, so let’s get started right away, and watch as the filled bags get returned and placed in our sanctuary.

Outreach Committee

SPIRITUAL NURTURE & EDUCATION
WOW KID’S CLUB CALENDAR

OCTOBER
4  Make spiritual word bracelets for Worship Service
11 Make spiritual word bracelets for Worship Service
18  Bowling
25  Reformation Celebration Parament for the Pulpit

CONFIRMATION CLASS CALENDAR

OCTOBER
1  Class: “Getting to Know Each Other and Ourselves”
8  Class: “The Bible and How It Came to Be”
Saturday night 14 and Sunday AM 15 “Connections” Retreat with the Presbytery Teens
15 at 9:15 Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers
22  Class: “Who Is Jesus?”
29  Reformation Sunday: Sunday School Hour - Confirmands help with Program

ISSUES OF FAITH

OCTOBER
1  Sean Fedorko, CEO of Sharespace: The Future of Erie
8  Robert von Thaden, PhD, Religious Studies, Mercyhurst University:
“Desert Spirituality: Listening to Ancient Voices”
15 Mary Ann Owoc, PhD, Anthropology/Archaeology
Mercyhurst University: Graveyards and Grief Rituals
22 Tyler Titus, LPC: Supporting the Trans Community
29 Orlandrew Danzell, PhD, Intelligence Studies, Mercyhurst University:
Terrorism and the US

Sunday School for all ages
In the study of history, often we see moments as distinct points in which something ended or something began. In America we like to think of 1776 as the moment when independence was a settled fact. But, really, that moment had been building for many years before 1776; and for a great many Americans (women and African Americans to name a few) it would be decades or a century before independence could be claimed as one’s own. Even now it may seem questionable to many.

So it is with the Protestant Reformation. This month we mark 500 years since Martin Luther had the audacity to say out loud what many had been trying to say for a long time. In her writings and lectures, the late Phyllis Tickle points out that Luther took away blind faith to unquestioned authority and made possible the faithful question of where and with whom does authority rest. It is a question that continues to inspire our faith and topple empty idols.

Two of the Reformers who followed Luther, searching Scripture to discern ultimate authority in God, were John Calvin and his Scottish protégé John Knox. One of the great gifts that these Reformers gave to us is the rule of elders – which is the meaning of the word “Presbyterian”. This way of organizing is not just a good management strategy, it is a Biblical and theological model for discerning the Holy Spirit and seeking the will of God – whose authority often seems illusive. Instead of placing ultimate trust in a strong individual for all the inspiration and vision, Calvin and Knox saw how, in the Bible, groups of people came together to prayerfully wrestle out a shared understanding of what they believed God wanted them to do. In a world of Kings and Popes, this was a revolutionary idea – just look how the US government was eventually structured following this model.

Phyllis Tickle taught that about every 500 years the church has what she called “a great rummage sale” when attachments and baggage are discarded and the church moves forward with a new sense of itself and a new shape. If she is right, we are in one of those eras now. Most of us in the church would agree that something is up, at least as the church is concerned. When Martin Luther made public his 95 theses, he gave permission for completely new ways of thinking and the church never went back to the way it had been before. It is a comfort and a source of hope for me that in our Presbyterian way of being church we share the questions during this rummage sale time in the church. We are called to prayer and conversation and thoughtfulness as we seek to understand and trust the authority of God. Surely, God will teach us how to be Christ’s faithful disciples in this strange and wonderful new world into which we are going. Thanks be to God we enter this world together, and not alone.

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**DEACONS: WHAT DO THEY DO??**

- Serve Communion every other month and more often if needed
- Help serve communion to home bound members
- Visit people in the hospital or recovering at home
- Visit people in nursing homes
- Provide luncheons for funerals and bereavement meals to grieving families
- Deliver roses to families on the first anniversary of the loss of a loved one
- Deliver food collected from members to the West Millcreek Food Pantry
- Coordinate and participate in the annual CROP Walk
- Make and deliver soup monthly from October to March to Emmaus Soup Kitchen
- Coordinate and deliver desserts to Emmaus Soup Kitchen on the fifth Monday of the month
- Coordinate the Angel Tree and Back to School Projects
- Provide wedding assistants for members being wed at Wayside
- Deliver bread and a welcoming note to visitors
- Provide meals to families who need assistance
- Provide meals to families welcoming a new baby into their family
- Coordinate Health & Wellness activities
- Provide booklets to support families with a variety of issues
- Foster a welcoming environment for members and visitors
- Provide prayer shawls for members in need
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BUDGET BYTES FROM THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Thanks to the incredible response from Waysiders with their gifts on Erie Gives Day ($84,423.50 from 80 donors), our current budget bottom line is very good. For that worthwhile event 42% of members who pledge participated, of those members 28 families paid their 2017 pledge completely, and eight members who faithfully donate via unpledged contributions donated to Wayside. Most of the money we received would have been given anyway at either an earlier or later time, but approximately $6,600 was new money ($5,651.55 in match money from Erie Community Foundation, additional contributions from members who had already fulfilled their 2017 pledge, and a donation from one of our vendors). These are just a few of the positive statistics which reveal the extent of Waysiders’ generosity for Erie Gives Day and for that we are truly grateful. Erie Gives….Wayside Gives!

We had anticipated that our YTD revenue over expenses at the end of August would be a -$9,195.30. Our actual YTD figure of revenue over expenses was $33,294.51. We do need to keep in mind, however, that this positive position will be eroded in the coming months, as money that ordinarily would come in is already in. We also should set a goal of exceeding budget revenues because the 2017 budget includes 10% in important cuts which we hope to see restored in the future.

The only shortfall in budgeted revenue is the special Per Capita appeal ($8,000 budgeted, $7,160 received). Please consider this our last call for your 2017 per capita support so that we can declare this appeal to be a success.

The Budget Committee is closely monitoring our financial position and is hopeful that the rest of the year will be fruitful in terms of continued income and careful attention to expenses. God’s faithful spirit abides with us at Wayside.

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of August 31, 2017

August Revenue $ 85,852.55  
YTD Revenue $372,026.95  

August Expenses $ 39,543.10  
YTD Expenses $338,732.44  

Please remember to keep your pledge up to date. Thank you.

MUSIC NOTES

♦ Chancel Choir will begin Thursday rehearsals at 7:00 PM on October 5. There will be no rehearsal on October 19. Sunday rehearsals continue at 9:30 AM. Please note: the rehearsal on Oct. 15 will begin at 10:00 AM due to the Congregational Meeting scheduled for 9:30 AM that morning.

♦ Sanctuary Bells rehearse on Monday evenings beginning at 6:30 PM.

♦ Children’s Choirs meet on Wednesdays during WOW. WOW Kids’ Choir rehearses beginning at 4:00 PM; WaYouth Choir begins at 4:45 PM; Primary Choir meets at 5:30 PM.

If you or your child would be interested in participating in any of these choirs, please contact Dawn Weborg, Music Director.
PW CIRCLE NEWS

Sophia Circle: 7:00 PM  Next meeting: Tuesday, October 10
Nicki Jares will be hosting and Linda Lorah will be the study leader. We are starting a new Bible study - "Cloud of Witnesses" The Community of Christ in Hebrews. Please e-mail or call Nicki and let her know if you can attend.

Naomi Circle: Fourth Wednesday 12:00 Noon  Next meeting: October 25 in the Parlor.
Bring your own sandwich or salad, and dessert will be provided.

Elizabeth Circle: Fourth Thursday 11:30 AM  Next meeting: October 26 in the Parlor
This month is OctoberFest. A hearty soup and dessert will be provided by Betsy Deimel so leave your sandwich at home!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS
3 Amy Brinling, Barry Zembower
4 Brianna Morrow
6 Evan Watkins
7 Anthony Kuzmin-Fremer
8 Kelly Duska, Claire Fair, Bryce Yahn
9 Madeline McGill, David Miller
11 Ella Garrity
12 Nancy Brozewicz
13 Justin Eddy, Gretchen Kelley
14 Fallon Kirkpatrick, Lisa Moyer
15 Kim Garrity, Alex Mitten, James Ommert, Karina Wismer
16 Ella Grimm, Denise Pollifrone
17 Kellen Kirkpatrick
18 Gracie Gehlein
19 Adam Snyder
22 Virginia Bowes
23 Caroline Grimm, Jenny Martin
25 Vic Babcock
26 Adam Fried, Diane Garcia
27 Aurora Fuchs, Benjamin Sesler
28 Linda Behn, Dick Glass, Kalena Popson
29 Brian Ripley
31 Scott Bastow, Brynn Gleason

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES
1 David & Pam Johns
2 Paula & Ray Reade
4 Brian & Staci McGill
5 Lisa & Ramon Watkins
6 Jim & Karen Haas
12 Laurie & Tim Brugger
14 Christopher & Kathryn Marsh
16 Lindsay & Matt Jeglinski
18 Mary & Todd DeBello
19 Brenda & Rob Harcourt
21 Gregory & Heather Yahn
23 Lynn & Tim Lewis
28 Richard & Sheila Kocan

WEDDINGS
Tom Kolb & Jean South
August 12
Mary Eighmy & Evan Watkins
September 2

ZUCCHINI BREAD SALE TO BENEFIT MISSION
Mark your calendars! October 8 will be our first example of what can be done with Seed Money for Mission. Dawn & Micki will share their talents for baking to provide us with a multitude of delicious zucchini breads - including gluten free - available for sale in the Lobby. All proceeds will go toward our Mission Fund.

Seed money is still available so if you have an idea you would like to fund, please complete one of the forms that can be found on the Information Table.

PW ANNUAL HOLIDAY COOKIE SALE
Trays for our Annual Holiday Cookie Sale will be available to pick up on Sunday, December 10th. Money earned from this fundraiser will be given to the Presbyterian Women's Mission Fund. Please volunteer to bake cookies or order a cookie platter ($15.00 each) at the table in the Lobby or call Jill Abbott at 874-5012 or Jane Giilewicz at 454-5495.
Details of what is needed for baking and ordering are on the Information Table in the Lobby. If you agree to assist with baking, please bring two batches of the dough recipe and a rolling pin and cooling rack if you can. Copies of the sugar cookie recipe are also available on the Information Table. We will be baking on Thursday, December 7 at 9:30 AM and 6:30 PM so sign up today!
WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

October 1
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Communion Sunday
Hebrew Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:1-17
Sermon: "Things Were Better Then" - Teaching Elder James Bernhardt

October 8
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Presentation of Bibles
Christian Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:1-9
Sermon: "Right Opinions or Right Visions?" - Teaching Elder Keith Sundberg

October 15
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Christian Scripture Readings: Matthew 22:1-14
Sermon: "I Deserve This" - Teaching Elder James Bernhardt

October 22
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Christian Scripture Readings: Matthew 22:15-22
Sermon: "Who Does This Belong To?" - Teaching Elder James Bernhardt

October 29
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reformation Sunday
Play: Faithful God's Call: A Reformation Drama by Tracey Marx and Cherie Riggs

CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS COMING NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church’s mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation’s Generosity Team has selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship emphasis this year. New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need for the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, “What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?”

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church’s missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship, our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climax by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday Team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

On behalf of the Generosity Team, Gregg Rabenold
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Annette Rothschild, Helen Smith, Wilma Valentz

WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY

Requested items for October:
Mac & cheese, peanut butter, cereal,
baked beans, tuna, canned spaghetti,
Toilet tissue, bar soap, cereal and soup.

All non-perishable items including dia-
pers, feminine hygiene products and pet food are always welcome.

Remember: West Millcreek Food Pantry is NOT a member of the
Second Harvest Foodbank. All donations are received directly
from volunteers like you.

Checks may be made out to
"West Millcreek Food Pantry"

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Our Wednesday evening Fellowship Dinners will be served at
6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to take the night off from cooking
and join your Wayside family for good food and fellowship - no
reservations necessary.

If you would be interested in cooking one of the Wednesday
evening dinners, please contact Bobbi Jo Fye at 449-1808 or
e-mail her at fye@gannon.edu.

Individuals are free to cook a meal of their choosing and the
cost of the dinner is covered by freewill donations and the
church.

WELCOME

"I will show love to those who were called unloved and, to those who were called 'not-my-people',
I will say 'you are my people' and they will answer, 'you are our God'.” (Hosea 2:23)

Wayside Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) is a place where the mind is nourished as well as the spirit, and where we affirm the digni-
ty and worth of every person. As we are all created in the image of God, we believe discrimination is incompatible with
Christ’s Gospel of unconditional love. While we celebrate our Presbyterian identity, we acknowledge that we are not alone on
the path to understanding God. We invite conversations that move us to seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit.

Be who you are and be welcome here.

If you would like to receive your newsletter (in color) by e-mail, please contact Karen at
833-7653 or wpc@wayside-erie.org.

DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER:

OCTOBER 13, 2017