

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF  
DECEMBER 6 – DECEMBER 13**

Sunday December 6	8:30 A.M.	Early Celebration of Worship
	9:30 A.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 A.M.	Sunday School for all ages
		New Member Group
	11:00 A.M.	Celebration of Worship
	12:00 P.M.	Fellowship
	12:00 – 1:00 P.M.	WaYouth Choir Rehearsal
		Senior High WaYouth
	5:00 P.M.	Sanctuary Bell Choir Rehearsal
Monday, December 7	7:00 P.M.	PW Christmas Party
	7:00 P.M.	MEDS
Wednesday, December 9	4:00 P.M.	WOW
	5:30 P.M.	Primary Choir
	6:00 P.M.	Fellowship Dinner/Middlers
	7:00 P.M.	Tennessee BackPorch Concert
Thursday, December 10	Noon	Martha Circle
	7:00 P.M.	Prayer Shawl Ministry/Chancel Choir
Saturday, December 12	9:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.	Bell Ringers, Giant Eagle, Kmart Plaza
	12:30 P.M.	Lunch Bunch, Kahkwa Club
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**POINSETTIAS**

The Poinsettias in the Narthex are given to the glory of God by Jane Hess, Jon and Chris Hoyt in loving memory of John & Bill Hess and Jeanette & Dudley Hoyt.

**NEW MEMBER GROUP**

A short series of new member classes begins today. The group meets in Rev. Haas' study at 9:45 a.m. If you or anyone you know is interested in considering membership please ask them to speak to Rev. Haas or Rev. Sundberg.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING**

Blood pressures will be taken today following both Worship Services in the Lobby.

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

It is our privilege to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion this morning. All baptized believers who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are encouraged to partake of the elements, including children who have an age-appropriate understanding of the Sacrament as well as parental consent.

**“PEACE” BULLETINS**

Our thanks to Cathleen Norris who donated the bulletins today, the Second Sunday of our Advent Season. The bulletins are given in loving memory of her Mom and Dad.

**PW ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

All women are invited to come to a Christmas Party today at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the church lobby area for a delicious dessert and entertainment provided by Naomi Circle and the WaYouth Choir of our church. This is a wonderful time filled with fellowship and Christmas joy. Please plan to attend and invite a friend.

**PARKING IN DECEMBER**

As we get closer to Christmas, space in the parking lot becomes more of a premium. If walking is no problem, please consider parking further away from the main door. That will save the closer spots for those for whom walking longer distances is more difficult and for our visitors. Thanks.

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES**

While the early Christmas Eve services remains at 7:00 a.m., the late service has been moved up an hour to 10:00 p.m. Please note the change on your calendar and pass the word on to any friends or neighbors that may have worshiped with us in the past.

**WISE NIGHT OWLS**

A Night Owl Christmas party for all adults of the church will be hosted by Jack and Melissa Grimm on Friday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. at their home, 4248 Prestwick Drive in Millcreek. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and a "white elephant gift". A collection will also be taken to benefit a charitable organization, determined the night of the party. Sign up at the information table.

**CONTRIBUTE TOWARD A POINSETTIA**

If you would like to contribute towards the poinsettias that will grace our Sanctuary during Advent and Christmas, the sign-up sheet is on the Information Table in the Lobby. Plants may be given in memory or honor of loved ones. Please sign up today.

**STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY**

The basket for your donations is located in the lobby next to the coffee table. This week the Pantry suggests soup, tuna, toilet tissue and bar soap. All non-perishable food items are always welcome.

### **SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING**

Waysiders will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army next Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> in front of the Giant Eagle at K Mart Plaza. There are still several slots open, so if you are interested, please check the sign up sheet in the Lobby. All ringers should plan to arrive about five minutes early.

### **TENNESSE BACKPORCH CONCERT**

The popular local music group Tennessee Back Porch is coming to Wayside to present a Christmas concert on Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup>. The concert begins at 7 p.m. following our Wednesday evening Fellowship Dinner. Refreshments will be served during a short intermission. Ticket prices are \$10.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children and may be purchased in the Lobby after each worship service. Fifty percent of the ticket price will go to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Your Worship & Music Committee invites you to enjoy the Christmas music and help the local food pantry.

### **DEACONS' ANGEL TREE PROJECT**

There are still some tags on the Angel Tree in the Lobby. This year we will assist the House of Healing and Community Shelter Services by providing gifts to 47 children and 6 mothers in an attempt to make the holidays special for many who are less fortunate. Please return gifts by next Sunday, December 13.

### **SCRIP CARDS**

Forms are available at the Information Table. Place your order today.

### **THANK YOU**

Our sincere thanks to the members and friends of Wayside Presbyterian Church for the many calendars and gift items given for our Deacons Older Adult Ministry. A special thank you to our Chancel Choir for their continued support of this special ministry. Christmas gift bags filled with your gifts and cards will be delivered to our older adults in early December.

*Merry Christmas to you and yours from Brenda Harcourt and Pat Fish*

### **DINING FOR DOLLARS RAISES MORE THAN \$1200 FOR ORPHANS**

Six dinner groups of 6-8 people raised \$970 for the African Orphanage connected to our missionaries, Frank and Nancy Dimmock. An additional amount from a Sunday school class will enable us to send \$1200. The orphanage has taken in an additional 20 orphans for a total of 134 children. Many thanks to all who contributed. If you missed the fun of the Fall Dinner Groups, watch the January newsletter and bulletins for information on joining in the next round.

### **PRESBYTERIAN HOMES "ANGEL APPEAL"**

You can make a difference in the lives of many older people by contributing to the Presbyterian Homes Christmas Angel Appeal. Gifts will provide medicine, nutritious meals, and quality care for residents in need. Please pick up an Angel Appeal envelope from the Information Table this morning.

### **JUST A REMINDER**

If you haven't submitted a completed stewardship pledge card, now would be a great time to express your gratitude to God and commitment to the church.

### **WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, December 6, 2009

### **WELCOME**

Welcome to Wayside Presbyterian Church. We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and rejoice in the privilege God has given us to serve in this community as part of the Body of Jesus Christ. We thank our Lord for those who worship with us from time to time as visitors and invite any who are without a church home to come and join us in serving Christ as members of this church family.

### **FOR OUR CHILDREN**

Child care is available during the entire worship hour for infants and preschool children. Children may remain for the entire service or take advantage of child care (kindergarten and younger). Children's worship activity bags are available for children remaining in the worship service. Please return them following worship.

### **SERVICE NOTES**

A hearing enhancement system is available for those who have need. An usher will be happy to provide you with a receiver this morning. Large print bulletins are also available.

Thanks to those who helped today at the 11:00 a.m. service:

Ushers:	Chelsea Bojewski, Wade Christensen, Nick Duska, Andy Esper, Seth McCullough, Pam Monaco, Karen Potocki, Stephen Steehler, Dan Taylor
Worship Assistant:	Debbie Peterson
Sound Board:	Jim Dunn
Acolytes:	Sydne Pollifrone, Jennifer Taylor
Greeter:	Steve and Penny Porter
Information Table:	Bobbi Jo Fye
Childcare Helpers:	Christine Szklenski, Nursery; Erin Henderson, Preschool
Fellowship Time:	Warnaka Family

Just a reminder to those scheduled to help next week at 11:00 a.m.:

Ushers:	Johanna Anderson, Brianna Bojewski, Alex Borowski, Bill DeWitt, Tom Fye, Emma Haas, Jon Hoyt, Devin Johns, Ron Kolb, Lee McVey, Michael Monaco, Bill Pentz, Brian Sundberg, Matt Twinem
Worship Assistant:	Jan Anderson
Sound Board:	Jim Dunn
Acolytes:	Maia Edwards-Borowicz, Ashley Stamm
Greeter:	Randy & Amy Valentine
Information Table:	Diana Day
Childcare Helpers:	LeeAnn Warnaka, Nursery; Ron & Kelly Craig, Preschool
Fellowship Time:	Carol Christie

## **CE TODAY AND THE COMING WEEK**

### WOW Kids Club

Practice begins in earnest for the next few weeks in anticipation of the Christmas musical. This week there will NOT be an extended rehearsal from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. as previously announced but there will be one on Wednesday, December 16. We will do fun activities both weeks from 5:30 to 6 p.m.

### Middlers WaYouth

Middlers will help host the Tennessee Back Porch Concert this Wednesday. Let Keith know how late you can stay. The concert will not conclude until 8:30 p.m.

### Senior High WaYouth

Today, right after church, we will make cookies and add a few treats to care packages for college students. Choir members sing this evening for the Women's Association Christmas party.

### WOW Adult Class

Jim Haas leads an engaging class on Wednesday nights after dinner from 6:45 to 7:30. The group is exploring the New Testament with presentations by Professor Bart Ehrman of University of NC at Chapel Hill.

### MEDS

Monday Evening Discussions with Rev. Tom McLaren are each Monday night at 7:00 pm in the parlor. They have begun a new book by Steven Waldman: Founding Faith: How Our Founding Fathers Forged a Radical New Approach to Religious Liberty.

### Adult Classes

Issues of Faith: This week Alice Edwards-Borowicz leads the class discussion of the book, The Sparrow. Next Sunday, Becky Worthington looks at the book, God Winks.

Family, Faith and Fellowship: The class continues its focus on faith for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century through the excellent series "Living the Questions."

The Unnamed Class: there is great enthusiasm in this group to explore the Bible for their lives and for living today. Join them in the library following the children's opening exercises.

### Adult Bible Study

The class will for the next month look in depth at the Gospel of John. Don Worthington leads this weekly study of the lectionary Bible readings.

## **BOOKS FOR CHILDRENS LIBRARY**

The CE Committee has endorsed a list of children's books compiled by Elaine Garts for our church library. They may be purchased in honor of your children or grandchildren. Donors may buy the actual book or make a gift toward its purchase. Mark the book that interests you on the master copy. The list is available on the Information Table. Thank you to all who have contributed! We have over 20 new books.