

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 13 – DECEMBER 20**

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| Sunday December 13 | 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 Sanctuary Bell/Chancel Choir Rehearsal Senior High WaYouth |
| Monday, December 14 | Noon | Trustees Meeting |
| Wednesday, December 16 | 7:00 P.M. | MEDS |
| | 4:00 P.M. | WOW |
| | 5:30 P.M. | Primary Choir |
| | 6:00 P.M. | Fellowship Dinner/Middlers |
| | 6:30 – 7:30 P.M. | WOW Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday, December 17 | 7:30 P.M. | Session Meeting |
| | 7:00 P.M. | Prayer Shawl Ministry Chancel Choir |
| Friday, December 18 | 7:00 P.M. | Night Owls Christmas Party |
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SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Ginny Wiese and Karen Cook, in loving memory of John.



THANK YOU

A big thank you goes to all the cookie bakers that made this year's effort the best ever! Over 100 volunteers participated in this project to raise funds for Presbyterian Women Missions.

NEWLETTER DEADLINE

Just a reminder that newsletter articles are due December 14, 2009.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

While the early Christmas Eve service remains at 7:00 p.m., the late service has been moved up an hour to 10:00 p.m. Special Sanctuary Bell Choir Music begins at 9:40 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.

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.

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.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

Any contributions for 2009 must be received by December 31. The only exception is a check mailed and postmarked 2009 which is deductible in that year even if it is received in 2010.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK ON WEDNESDAY

Please join us at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday for our annual Christmas Potluck Dinner. Please bring a dish or dessert to share. Drinks will be provided. No reservations necessary.

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 spaghetti and spaghetti sauce. All non-perishable food items are always welcome.

SCRIP CARDS

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

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.

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.

PRESENTATION OF MISSION GIFTS

In the spirit of giving and as an expression of our gratitude to God, it is our blessing each year to provide financial support to a number of local programs that provide important ministries for our community, most of which have Wayside volunteers or that we work with on our Second Saturday projects. Representatives from many of those groups are with us for worship this morning and it is our privilege to recognize them and thank them for their wonderful work. Those programs receiving support this year include:

Diaper Project/Catholic Charities
Case Management
EHCA
Kids' Café
House of Healing
Asbury Woods
TLC/Safenet
Community Shelter Services
Habitat for Humanity
Second Harvest Food Bank
St. Paul's Clinic
Presbyterian Homes
VOSH
Hooked on Books
West Millcreek Food Pantry
Inter-Church Ministries
Erie City Mission
Protestant Campus Ministry/Behrend
CHOSEN

WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 13, 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: 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

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

Ushers: Jeremy Brinling, Paul Carpenedo, Bobbi Jo Fye, Gary Goodwin, Tyler Goodwin, Tom & Vaska Lewis, Ron May, Marissa Pardini, Andrew Steehler, Kevin Steehler, Ashley Stamm, Evan Watkins, Maddie Westfall
Worship Assistant: Lars Weborg
Sound Board: Jerry Brown
Acolytes: Jessica Brinling, Grace Lewis
Greeter: Rob & Brenda Harcourt
Information Table: Pam Monaco
Childcare Helpers: Karen & Emma Haas, Nursery; Amy Fuchs, Preschool
Fellowship Time: Amy Valentine

CE TODAY AND THE COMING WEEK

WOW Kids Club

We will meet at 4:00 for snack and choir. This week there will be an extended rehearsal from 6:30 to 7:30. We will do fun activities from 5:30 to 6:00 and dinner follows.

Middlers WaYouth

We will go out for pizza and a fun gift exchange. Meet at the church at 6:00. We will return by 7:30. Bring a \$2.00 to \$3.00 gift for the game and \$5 for dinner.

Senior High WaYouth

Today, right after church, we will have lunch and then share our voices by singing carols at the nursing home. We will be done by 1:30. Next week we will go to Serafini's for dinner at 5:00 pm. Bring a \$3 gift for the exchange and \$10 for dinner. Let Keith know if you can attend so he can make reservations.

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 Marjorie Masse leads the class discussion of the book, The Shack. Next Sunday, Becky Worthington looks at the book, God Winks.

Family, Faith and Fellowship: The class continues its focus on faith for the 21st 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.

INSPIRATIONS

Our encouragement group for those with cancer and their families are invited to the next gathering on January 4th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the church. Kathy Curry and Sharon Riley will do some recipe demonstrations. Their program is entitled: "Easy, Healthy Recipes for Cancer Patients."

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.