

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF
MARCH 15 – MARCH 22**

Sunday, March 15	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 Class
	11:00 A.M.	Celebration of Worship
	12:00 P.M.	Fellowship Time/WaYouth Choir
	12:30 P.M.	Confirmation/Commissioning Class
	5:00 P.M.	Sanctuary Bell Rehearsal Senior High WaYouth
Monday, March 16	7:00 P.M.	MEDS
Wednesday, March 18	4:00 P.M.	WOW/WOW Choir Rehearsal
	5:00 P.M.	WOW Program
	5:30 P.M.	Primary Choir
	6:00 P.M.	Fellowship Dinner
	6:45 P.M.	Adult Bible Study
	7:30 P.M.	Christian Education Meeting
	12:05 P.M.	Lenten Service/Luncheon
Thursday, March 19	7:15 P.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 A.M.	Women's Retreat
Saturday, March 21	8:30 A.M.	Early Celebration of Worship
Sunday, March 22	9:30 A.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 A.M.	Sunday School for All Ages New Member Class
	11:00 A.M.	Celebration of Worship
	12:00 P.M.	Fellowship Time WaYouth Choir Rehearsal
	12:30 P.M.	Confirmation/Commissioning Class
	2:30 – 6:30 P.M.	Senior High WaYouth
	5:00 P.M.	Sanctuary Bell Rehearsal

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

It is Wayside's turn to host the community Lenten services and lunches. Service begins at noon each Thursday throughout the season, with a light lunch following at 12:30 p.m. The cost of the meal is \$4. The Rev. Jim McCormack, Pastor of Church of the Cross, will bring the message while members of his congregation prepare and serve the meal this Thursday, March 19th.

FLOWER CHART FOR 2009

A new flower chart has been placed on the bulletin board in the lobby for sanctuary flowers in the year 2009. Please stop by and sign up for the coming year. Flowers can be placed in memory or honor of loved ones.

·FLOWER CHART·



STAMP OUT HUNGER EVENT

Join us on Monday, March 23rd at 6:00 p.m. for this worthwhile event. Debbie Peterson will be giving us tips on "light" suppers. Please bring your appetite, a dollar contribution and a canned good item, which will be given to the Millcreek Food Pantry.

WOMENS'RETREAT

The Presbyterian Women will host the Annual Women's Retreat on Saturday, March 21 from 9 to 3:30. The theme is "The Friendship of Women: A Spiritual Tradition" with Sr. Carolyn Gorny, OSB. Sr. Carolyn uses Joan Chittister's book of the same name as the basis for an exploration of spirituality and friendship and the question of what exactly is a friend? Is friendship a necessary good or a social filler? Is friendship spiritual? This year the Retreat will be held at 51 Stephany Road in Fairview (just past Rte.98 on West Lake Road). We encourage women to carpool for easier parking. Those with extra time are welcome to stay until 5:00 to enjoy company, conversation and a natural setting! The cost for the day is \$25 and includes a light breakfast and lunch. To make reservations, sign up in the church lobby or call Alice Edwards 833-0731.

ABOUT THOSE AUTOMATIC DOORS

The main doors coming in from the parking lot have now been fashioned with automatic opening devices. You only need give a slight pull or push and the door will swing open and then close automatically. If you are coming or going right after someone else has used the door, please allow it to complete its cycle before using it again. If the cycle is interrupted, the opener turns itself off and it becomes a manual door once more.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

DEACON SOUP SUNDAY

Next week is Soup Sunday. Items needed are: uncooked meat, cabbage, okra, barley, corn, carrots, beans, canned tomatoes, onions, celery, peppers, potatoes, tomato juice. It helps if fresh vegetables are already chopped.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Throughout Lent, we continue our participation in the One Great Hour of Sharing. One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four special denominational offerings. All proceeds are divided among the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Self-Development of People program. Your offering can be made anytime up through Easter. Please use the special envelopes.

CANCER ENCOURAGEMENT GROUP

Sharon Riley is beginning a group to educate and encourage individuals diagnosed with cancer. Her vision is empower individuals to live well with the disease by providing community resources for education and financial help. The group will be open to the church and the community. If you would like to help with the initial planning or would like more information, you can sign up on the Information Table or contact Sharon (838-4803) or Keith.

WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY

Canned and dry goods are accepted every Sunday for the West Millcreek Food Pantry. The basket for your donations is located in the lobby next to the coffee table. This week the Pantry suggests macaroni and cheese and peanut butter. All non-perishable food items are always welcome.

MISSIONARY SPEAKER AT FELLOWSHIP DINNER

At our Fellowship Dinner on Wednesday, March 25th, we will be privileged to welcome Mike and Rachel Weller. The Wellers are longtime mission workers in Ethiopia, home on furlough for a few months, before they return to that country. They have some remarkable stories to tell of their work in Africa and the dramatic growth of the Presbyterian Church in that part of the world. Please join us for dinner or immediately after (6:45 p.m.) for the Wellers' presentation.

Though the meal that evening is a "soup and salad" potluck, everyone in attendance is encouraged to contribute financially as though they were out to dinner at a restaurant. All our donations will be given to the Wellers in support of a specific project of their choice.

EMMAUS SOUP KITCHEN

The Emmaus Soup Kitchen has requested that we make desserts for two of their meals at the end of March. To meet the need we will need to provide 350 individual servings of desserts for both March 30 and March 31. Personal donations can be made on Sunday March 29 or individuals can sign up to help bake that Sunday afternoon in the church kitchen.

TALENT AUCTION SIGN-UP

Signed up yet to attend Wayside's Annual Talent Auction on Saturday, March 28? If not, now is the time! Stop by the Information Table in the lobby to sign up to make a donation to the auction or to donate a basket. Examples of auction items from previous years include a week or weekend in a vacation home, baked goods, car washes, handmade items, art work, home improvement services, tutoring, babysitting, and much more.

The Auction provides an ideal opportunity for stewardship as you commit your time and talent through your auction donation and your financial support as you purchase items at the Auction on March 28. Your stewardship will benefit others as the proceeds are divided between One Great Hour of Sharing and special projects here at Wayside. Stop by the Information Table today and sign up!

WEDNESDAY DINNERS

Soup and Salad Pot Lucks... Please join us through Lent for a Soup and Salad Pot Luck Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We ask that you bring either a soup or a salad to share. Drinks and dessert will be provided. No reservations necessary!

WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 15, 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:	Kevin Steehler, Rachel Bert, William Betz, Paul Carpenedo, Bobbi Jo Fye, Tyler Goodwin, Heather Kern, Maddie Westfall, Ron May, Evan Watkins, Gary Goodwin
Worship Assistant:	Peggy Bules
Sound Board:	Jerry Brown
Acolytes:	Henry Lewis, Eliza Porter
Greeter:	Annette Rothschild
Information Table:	Rob Harcourt
Fellowship Time:	Alice Duer
Childcare Helpers:	LeeAnn Warnaka, Nursery; Mary DeBello, Preschool

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

Ushers:	Becky Jackson, Nathan Brinling, Mitchell Connors, Nathan Erie, John Fair, Andrew Twinem, Rob & Brenda Harcourt, Brian Stamm, Brian Theisen
Worship Assistant:	
Sound Board:	Jim Allman
Acolytes:	Brianna Bojewski, Jeremy Brinling
Greeters:	The DeBello Family
Information Table:	Elaine Garts
Fellowship Time:	Barb & Ron Trisket
Childcare Helpers:	Karen Potocki, Nursery; Karen Haas, Preschool

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

LENTEN EMAIL DEVOTIONAL

On weekdays during Lent we share email scripture reflections together. If you care to participate, read the passage the night before or in the morning of the particular day and email a couple of thoughts to Karen (karen@wayside-erie.org). She will compile them and send them out to everyone at the end of the day. The list of scripture passages is available on the devotional table in the lobby.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Lent is a time for reflecting on our relationship to God through the teaching of Jesus. Guides for children, youth and adults to use as home are available in the lobby. A dollar donation is asked for most of the materials. The Cry of the Prophet by Joan Chittister is offered at \$5.00. A Monk in the Inner City by Sr. Mary Lou Kownacki is available for \$15.

WOW KIDS CLUB – Penny Porter is the guest speaker this week. She will tell us about Mali. Choir begins again for all ages.

MIDDLEL WAYOUTH – Middlers are making gifts for children who will attend the Eggs-perience program next month.

SENIOR HIGHS – Today we will meet at 5:00 at the church for dinner and make care packages for college students. Next Sunday we need a team of five to go the City Mission to prepare dinner from 2:30 to 6:30 pm.

ADULT EDUCATION

Issues of Faith: This week Dr. Robert VonThaden will return to speak about “Thinking with Jesus: Putting the New Testament and Qur’an in Conversation.”

Next week: Rev. Rebecca McFee will address “The Next Generation of the Church”

Family, Faith and Fellowship: this week the class will discuss “Feminism and the Church”

Next week: the class begins a two week study of Spirituality and Children

Adult Bible Study: Don Worthington explores the lectionary readings for each Sunday

WOW for ADULTS continues the series entitled “Living the Questions.” It is an excellent series with contemporary theologians who discuss openly the most difficult questions of our time

MEDS, tomorrow night at 7:00 in the parlor, will continue their exploration of a book by Bishop John Shelby Spong, entitled, Liberating the Gospels.

WAYOUTH MISSION TRIP 2009

The Pilgrimage in Washington D.C *Dates: June 28 through July 3, 2009*

Space is limited so sign up soon. Forms are available on the Information Table.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL – FIFTH GRADE

This week and next, we will continue to feature the lessons for children about the Apostle’s Creed and the Trinity. Classrooms will rotate - watch for the Hallway Sign. Goodies for the Social Hour are made by the children. Look for the symbols of the Trinity!