

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 23 – NOVEMBER 30**

Sunday, November 23	8:30 A.M.	Early Celebration of Worship
	9:30 A.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 A.M.	Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Celebration of Worship
	12:00 P.M.	Fellowship Time
		WaYouth Choir Rehearsal
		Lunch followed by “Hanging of the Greens”
	5:00 P.M.	Sanctuary Bell Rehearsal
		Senior High WaYouth
Monday, November 24	7:00 P.M.	MEDS
Wednesday, November 26		NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES
Thursday, November 27		Happy Thanksgiving
Friday, November 28		Office Closed
Sunday, November 30	8:30 A.M.	Early Celebration of Worship
	9:30 A.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
		Inter-generational activity
	11:00 A.M.	Celebration of Worship
	12:00 P.M.	Fellowship Time
	3:30 – 7:30 P.M.	Senior High Wayouth to City Mission

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Pat Yahn in memory of Loretta and Michael Sontheimer and Walter and Elizabeth Yahn.

THANK OFFERING SUNDAY

We are entering a wonderful time of year, when we are busying ourselves with holidays and considering all of the blessings for which we are so thankful. Each year, the Presbyterian Women sponsor a THANK OFFERING Sunday, when we highlight the wonderful projects that are supported by this special fund.....which is our offering, given in thankfulness, appreciation, and compassion for the benefit of others who are affected by natural disasters, human disasters, and just plain bad luck. Please use the special envelopes in the pew racks to make your contribution.

PW CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Presbyterian Women will again purchase poinsettia plants for surviving relatives of Wayside folks who died during 2008. We need your help to deliver these plants. Please visit the Information table in the Narthex where you will find lists of names of the folks who are to receive a poinsettia. Identify one or more persons whom you are willing to deliver their plant, and write your name next to theirs on the list. The sign-up sheets are available today and November 30. The plants will be available for pick-up after both the early and late services on December 7th. Thank you in advance for your help! Elizabeth Circle

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Immediately following the late service today, those who are able are invited to stay and help put up our Advent and Christmas decorations. We’ll have a quick lunch in Fellowship Hall then get right to work, finishing by 1:30 p.m. This is designed to be an activity for the whole family.



CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS 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 located on the information table in the lobby. This may be done in memory or honor of a loved one. Please sign up by December 7.

CE TODAY AND THE COMING WEEK

WOW Kids Club and **Middler WaYouth** will not meet this week.

Senior Highs WaYouth will make care packages for college students this week. If you would like your son or daughter to receive one, please provide their address. Next week our youth will travel to the City Mission to prepare a meal for the residents.

Adult Education: Family, Faith & Fellowship class and Issues of Faith will discuss what the mission statement of our church should be if it had to be rebuilt from the ground up. Don Worthington will focus on the lectionary readings in the Adult Bible Study.

WOW for Adults has begun a new series entitled “Living the Questions.” It is an excellent series with contemporary theologians who discuss openly the most difficult questions of our time. Dr. Borg is one of the presenters.

ADVENT INTER-GENERATIONAL: We will gather with buddies and children and all adults who are young at heart to bring in the Advent season with fun and creativity on Sunday, November 30th at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Becky Worthington will lead us in creating Chrismons, Christian symbols used to decorate a holiday tree.

ADVENT DEVOTION GUIDES

The Worship, Music, and Fine Arts Committee has made available a simple weekly Advent devotional for use at home as a family or an individual as we journey through the season. It is designed to accompany an Advent wreath with candles, which many people made during an inter-generational event a couple years ago. If you need a wreath to use at home, free kits are available on the special table in the Lobby that also holds the devotional guide. Even the candles are included. You are invited to pick up these good resources and put them to good use.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



RINGING THE BELL FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

Again this year our Second Saturday Project in December will find us staffing the kettle and ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. We will be at the Giant Eagle at Kmart Plaza on West 26th Street on Saturday, December 13th. We ask people to work in pairs for a one-hour shift. No prior experience is necessary. If you are interested, please sign up at the Information Table for a time slot that fits your schedule.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

At the conclusion of the Stewardship Sunday luncheon, we had received 112 pledges for a total of \$276,208! Thanks to all who have made a financial commitment to the church for 2009. If you have not had an opportunity to return your commitment card, we encourage you to complete it (don't forget to fill out both sides) and either mail it to the church in the envelope provided in the stewardship mailing, drop it in the collection plate, or drop it off in the church office. We're hoping to finalize the pledges as soon as possible so we can share the information with the Budget Committee as they continue their work for 2009.

SHOWER FOR BABY JESUS

Shower for Baby Jesus will be Wednesday, December 3rd from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. following the midweek dinner. Children in first grade and younger and their parents are invited to the Christmas party to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The Middlers will help lead the children in games, a craft and story time. Families are urged to bring a gift for infants in our community. Catholic Charities has requested: baby wipes, baby wash, rash ointment or baby oil. (no powder please)

DEACONS' ANGEL TREE PROJECT

The Board of Deacons is conducting the annual Angel Tree Project. This year we will again assist the House of Healing and Community Shelter Services by providing gifts and necessities to each of these agencies in an attempt to make the holidays special for many who are less fortunate. Angel Tree cards are available in the lobby following both worship services today.

WAYSIDE COOKIE SALE

The Holiday Cookie Sale is Sunday, December 7th. It is suggested that you order cookies for yourself and friends in advance. The platters will have at least 4 dozen holiday cookies and will cost \$15 again this year. They are wonderful for entertaining or to give as gifts. On the Information Table in the Lobby you will find order sheets and volunteer sign-up lists.

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 Peanut Butter and Bar Soap. All non-perishable food items are always welcome.

SCRIP ORDERS

Just a reminder that there is still time prior to Christmas to order gift cards through the Scrip program. These make great presents and many local retailers and restaurants are on the list. Orders can be placed today, November 23rd, December 7th, or December 14th and cards will be available the following Friday. Remember: you receive the full value of the card while the church receives a small commission, a real win-win situation. Order forms are available on the Information Table.

WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 23, 2008

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). Worship Activity bags for children are available if they are remaining in the worship service. Please return them following the service.

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:	Pam Monaco, Bobbi Jo Fye, Karen Potocki, Erin Henderson, Karen Dunn, Mary Kolb
Worship Assistant:	Rita Brown
Acolytes:	Joey Kocan, Andrew Steehler
Sound Board:	Jim Allman
Greeter:	Naomi Foust
Information Table:	Karen Potocki
Fellowship Time:	Pam & Devin Johns
Childcare:	Aric Szklenski, Nursery; Mary DeBello, Preschool

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

Ushers:	Alice Duer, George MacIsaac, Kitty Menges, Pete Nixon
Worship Assistant:	Elaine Garts
Acolytes:	Henry Lewis, Brian Sundberg
Sound Board:	Jim Dunn
Greeter:	George MacIsaac
Information Table:	Wilma Valentz, Annette Rothschild
Fellowship Time:	Paige Peasley
Childcare:	Marilyn Spensley & Emma Haas, Nursery; Karen Haas, Preschool