

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 14 – DECEMBER 21**

Sunday, December 14	8:30 A.M.	Early Celebration of Worship
	9:30 A.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 A.M.	Sunday School & New Member Class
	11:00 A.M.	Celebration of Worship
	12:00 P.M.	Fellowship Time/ WaYouth Choir Rehearsal
	3:00 P.M.	Symphonic Singers Concert
	5:00 P.M.	Sanctuary Bell Rehearsal
Monday, December 15		Senior High WaYouth
	7:00 P.M.	MEDS
Wednesday, December 17	4:00 P.M.	WOW Choir
	5:15 P.M.	Wow Club Program
	5:30 P.M.	Primary Choir
	6:00 P.M.	Potluck
		Middler Wayouth
Thursday, December 18	6:45 P.M.	Adult Study
	7:30 P.M.	Christian Education Committee Meeting
	6:30 P.M.	Bell Choir
Saturday, December 20	7:00 P.M.	Chancel Choir
	6:00 P.M.	Night Owls Holiday Gathering
Sunday, December 21	6:30 P.M.	Wise Night Owls Christmas Party
	8:30 A.M.	Early Celebration of Worship
	9:30 A.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
		New Member Breakfast with Session
	9:45 A.M.	Sunday School for adults
		Breakfast & Movie for Children
	11:00 A.M.	Celebration of Worship
12:00 P.M.	Fellowship Time/WaYouth Choir Rehearsal	
	5:00 P.M.	Sanctuary Bell Rehearsal
		Senior High WaYouth

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Ginny Weise in celebration of the first day of winter.

SYMPHONIC SINGERS CONCERT

The annual Christmas Concert presented by the Symphonic Singers will take place in our Sanctuary this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. The Singers are directed by Ms. Jean Verdecchia. All are welcome to attend.

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.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK ON WEDNESDAY

Please join us 6:00pm Wednesday in Fellowship Hall for our annual Christmas Potluck Dinner. Please bring a dish or dessert to share. Drinks will be provided. No reservations necessary.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS

WOW KIDS CLUB will have an extended rehearsal before and after dinner this week. Next Sunday they will share the Christmas musical at both services. At 5:15 this week the children will complete Christmas gifts for their parents and have a party.

MIDDLER WAYOUTH going out to dinner and are asked to bring a \$1.00 gift to exchange. Meet at the church at 6:00 p.m.

SENIOR HIGH WAYOUTH today will have fun for a progressive dinner. Parents are asked to drop off their son or daughter at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Carrie and Scott Bastow, 832 Chelsea Avenue. Keith will transport them to the Weborgs' and the Grimms'. Pick up will be at 7:30 at Grimm's home, 4238 Prestwick Drive.

Issues of Faith today: "Putting Feet to Prayers: The Business World" Dr. Kevin Sullivan, Mercyhurst College

December 21: "Putting Feet to Prayers: Holy Surrender: Opening the Gift" Mimi O'Connor

Family, Faith and Fellowship today: Second Session of "Revisiting "Unplugging the Christmas Tree," Kimberly Morrow

December 21: Open Discussion and Christmas Party

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 is delving into Living Buddha, Living Christ, by Thich Nhat Hanh, Rev. Tom McLaren.

Advent Devotionals are available in the lobby for all ages offered by Worship and Music Committee and CE Committee.

NIGHT OWLS ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Remember to sign up for the Night Owls adult Christmas party at the home of Holly Skala and Doug Villella, 431 Shawnee Drive on December 20th at 6 p.m. Bring a gift under \$10 and a dessert or appetizer. Dinner and beverages will be provided. Sign up in the lobby. Call Holly or Doug at 833-2584 with questions.

WISE NIGHT OWLS CHRISTMAS PARTY

This annual event will take place on December 20th at the home of Jon & Chris Hoyt. Please sign up at the Information Table in the lobby.

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.

NEWLETTER DEADLINE

Just a reminder that newsletter articles are due December 15, 2008.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Our Christmas Eve services will be held at 7:00 and 11:00 p.m. Both will be candle lighting services of lessons and carols and will include wonderful music. The earlier service is designed to be more “family-friendly” for those with young children.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

Any contributions for 2008 must be received by December 31. The only exception is a check mailed and postmarked 2008 is deductible in that year even if it is received in 2009.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 Baked Beans and Mararoni and Cheese. All non-perishable food items are always welcome.

SCRIP ORDERS

Just a reminder that there is one more opportunity prior to Christmas to order gift cards through the church’s Scrip program. These make great presents and many local retailers and restaurants are on the list. Orders can be placed today, 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.

PRESBYTERIAN HOMES CHRISTMAS ANGEL APPEAL

You can make a difference in the lives of many older people by making a donation 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.

UNITED OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Family Preservation Program which is hosted by Family Services is in need of beds and dressers for several families. Please contact Erica Massella at 866-4503 if you can be of help.

WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 14, 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: Johanna Anderson, Bill DeWitt, Tom Fye, Emma Haas, Jon Hoyt, Devin Johns, Ron Kolb, Lee McVey, Michael Monaco, Bill Pentz, Ian Ross, Matt Twinem

Worship Assistant: Senior High
Acolytes: Brianna Bojewski, Jeremy Brinling
Sound Board: Jim Dunn
Greeter: Mike and Sandy Reed
Information Table: Kitty Menges
Fellowship Time: Sharon Riley
Childcare: Christie Szklenski, Nursery; Mary Debello, Preschool

Just a reminder to those scheduled to help next week at 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: Linda Lorah
Acolytes: Chelsea Bojewski, Ashley Stamm
Sound Board: Jerry Brown
Greeters: Karen, Andy & Katie Potocki
Information Table: Debbie Peterson
Fellowship Time: Kerry & Lisa Moyer
Childcare: Nancy Snyder, Nursery; Carrie Murabito, Preschool



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:

Case Management/Stairways
Erie Homes for Children and Adults
Kids' Café
House of Healing
TLC/SafeNet
Community Shelter Services
Greater Erie Habitat for Humanity
Second Harvest Food Bank
St. Paul's Neighborhood Clinic
Presbyterian Homes
VOSH
Hooked on Books
West Millcreek Food Pantry
Behrend Protestant Campus Ministry
Erie City Mission
CHOSEN
Asbury Woods