

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 22 – NOVEMBER 29**

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| Sunday, November 22 | 8:30 A.M. | Early Celebration of Worship |
| | 9:30 A.M. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| | 9:45 A.M. | Sunday School for all ages |
| | 11:00 A.M. | Celebration of Worship |
| | 12:00 P.M. | Lunch/ "Hanging of the Greens" |
| Monday, November 23 | 5:00 P.M. | Sanctuary Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:00 P.M. | MEDS |
| November 26 & 27 | | Thanksgiving Day/Office Closed |
| Sunday, November 29 | 8:30 A.M. | Early Celebration of Worship |
| | 9:30 A.M. | Inter-Generational Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| | 11:00 A.M. | Celebration of Worship |
| | 12:00 P.M. | Fellowship |
| | 5:00 P.M. | Sanctuary Bell Choir Rehearsal |

SANCTUARY FLOWERS



The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Pat and Walter Yahn in loving memory of their parents.

SPECIAL MUSIC

We would like to extend special thanks to today's musicians: Ron May, Trumpet; Linda Pentz, Nancy Brozewicz, Shawn Babcock, Sanctuary Bells.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

It is our privilege this morning to share in the baptism of Liam James Maus, son of Gavin and Heather Maus. Our thanks to the Maus Family for the joy of sharing this important day.

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 of 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 provided in the pew racks to make your contribution.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Ladies – PW is getting ready for next year and needs your help as we prepare our calendar of events. Please consider signing up to chair or co-chair an event. The events list is on the information table in the lobby. If you have any questions about the responsibilities for the chair please see Karen Haas, Jean Moore or Dawn Weborg.

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 will 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 TOWARD A POINSETTIA

If you would like to contribute towards the purchase of 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 6th.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

DINING FOR DOLLARS RAISED \$970 FOR AFRICAN ORPHANS

Special thanks to the twenty-some households, individuals and couples, who formed six dining groups to raise \$970 for the African orphanage associated with our missionaries, Frank and Nancy Dimmock. If you were unable to be part of the groups but would like to donate, please send a check to the church office designated "African Orphans" as soon as possible. If you were unable to join in the fun this round, watch the January newsletter and bulletins for the next round.

WAYSIDE COOKIE SALE

The annual Wayside Women's Christmas Cookie Sale is planned for December 6th. We need over 100 people to bake cookies and volunteer to assemble platters. Please save us some phone calls and sign up at the information table to participate. This is a fun event and we earn a nice sum of money for very worthwhile mission project!

ADVENT WISH LIST

From time-to-time Waysiders ask if there is something the church needs that they might give. It's a great question for the church to be asked. Items could be given in memory or honor of loved ones and your gift will be noted as such in the appropriate bulletin. The current "wish list" is on the Information Table and includes:

Christmas Eve candles \$20 (9)

DEACONS' ANGEL TREE PROJECT

Today begins 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 will be available in the lobby following both worship services.

WAYOUTH FUND RAISER

If you purchased a Raisin Crunch Jar – you must add one cup of flour to the mix before baking cookies. Jars on sale today for \$8.00 each or 2 for \$15.00.

SHOWER FOR BABY JESUS

Children will prepare for Christmas with our annual party for Baby Jesus on Wednesday, December 2 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Children in first grade and younger (and their parents) are invited. 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. Our gifts will go to Catholic Charities. They have requested baby wipes, baby wash, baby rash ointment, or baby oil (no powder please).

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.

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 at Peninsula Drive on Saturday, December 12th. 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.



WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY

The basket for your donations is located in the lobby next to the coffee table. This week the Pantry suggests cereal and baked beans. All non-perishable food items are always welcome.

SCRIP CARDS

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

TENNESSE BACK PORCH CONCERT

The popular local music group Tennessee Back Porch is coming to Wayside to present a Christmas concert on Wednesday December 9th. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. following our regular Wednesday evening Fellowship Dinner. Refreshments will be served during a short intermission. Adult tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased in the Lobby after each worship service, at Wednesday evening Fellowship and at the church office during the week. 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.

WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 22, 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: Maria Carpenedo, Bobbi Jo Fye, Pam Monaco, Sandy Reed, Nancy Snyder, Maggie Watson
Worship Assistant: Rita Brown
Sound Board: Jim Allman
Acolytes: Jessica Brinling, Jennifer Taylor
Greeters: The McCullough Family
Information Table: Jack Grimm
Childcare Helpers: Melissa Grimm, Nursery; Missy Grimm, Preschool

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

Ushers: Alice Duer, George MacIsaac, Kitty Menges, Pete Nixon
Worship Assistant: Don Worthington
Sound Board: Jim Allman
Acolytes: Alex Borowski, Henry Lewis
Greeter: Gretchen Kelley
Childcare Helpers: Brianna Morrow, Nursery; Carrie Bastow, Preschool
Fellowship Time: Karen Haas

CE TODAY AND THE COMING WEEK

Advent Intergenerational (Next Sunday)

Piñatas, tissue flowers, strings of lights, poinsettias, sombreros...Christmas is coming...in Mexico and at Wayside. Our Advent Inter-generational will begin the season with a wonderful south of the border tradition called Las Posadas. In this delightful and colorful tradition Joseph and Mary search house to house for a place to stay. We will search together with food, stories and crafts on Sunday November 29 from 9:30 to 10:45 in Fellowship Hall. Make a date with your buddy. Do you have Spanish blankets, sombreros or other items to help set the scene for our gathering? We would enjoy hanging your decorations to create a festive atmosphere. Let Keith know or a member of the CE Committee.

WOW Kids Club and Middlers WaYouth

We will not meet this Wednesday. All children and youth with their parents are encouraged to help decorate the church after the 11:00 service today.

Senior High WaYouth

Today, we are helping decorate the church after the service. Next week we need a team of 5 to go down to the City Mission to prepare and serve dinner. Let Keith know if you can serve from 4:00 to 7:30 next week.

MEDS

Monday Evening Discussions with Rev. Tom McLaren are each Monday night at 7:00 pm in the parlor. They are starting a new book by Steven Waldman: Founding Faith: How Our Founding Fathers Forged a Radical New Approach to Religious Liberty. This book focuses on that era of our country when the Constitution was being framed. It speaks of the religious convictions of key players in the drama: Jefferson, Madison, Washington, Adams, and Ben Franklin. This interesting and well written book will be a great resource to us all as contemporary discussion about displaying the Ten Commandments in public places, or school prayer, or teaching evolution, play out in today's world. Waldman writes well and you will find this an easy read. (Guaranteed!) The book is on sale on the information table.

Adult Classes

(NEXT WEEK: All classes suspended for Advent Intergenerational)

Issues of Faith: This week Mimi Connor will urge all to "Join the Fear-less Club."

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.

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.