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OUR JOURNEY THROUGH...



Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY

A Passover meal will conclude the children's Lenten study of worship during the Sunday School hour on Palm Sunday. They will dress in costume, don the prayer shawls they have made, share the Hebrew music, eat the Passover food, and tell the story with puppets. Children in fifth grade and younger are asked to come early that day, 9:30 a.m., so we can be sure to enjoy the celebrations.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

The Maundy Thursday Service will be held on Thursday, April 9th at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The service will include the observation and celebration of the Last Supper in preparation for the events of Good Friday.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

The Worship, Music, & Fine Arts Committee is again coordinating our Easter Prayer Vigil which will run from 7:00 p.m. on Good Friday until 7:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday.

If you have not already signed up but would still like to be included, please call the Church Office by Wednesday, April 1st.

As has been the case in each of the past three years, we hope all those participating will find this to be a rewarding component of your Holy Week experience here at Wayside. Peace.

EGGS-PERIENCE

Wayside's annual Eggs-perience is Saturday, April 11th from 10-11:00 a.m. This event is an Easter Party and egg hunt for children in 2nd grade or younger and their parents.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP...8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



This Month at Wayside:

- Palm Sunday, April 5
- Maundy Thursday Service, April 9
- Good Friday, April 10
- Easter Sunday
8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
- PW's Fellowship Salad Luncheon,
Quarterly Meeting, April 22
- Women's Banquet, May 4

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All non-perishable items are always welcome.

Requested items for April:
Spaghetti, Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce, Fruit, Toilet Tissue, Peanut Butter, Soup, Macaroni & Cheese

WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY



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WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1208 Asbury Rd.
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James Haas, Senior Pastor
Keith Sundberg, Associate Pastor
Dawn Weborg, Director of Music/Organist
Ernie Enssle, Sexton
Newsletters Coordinators in March
Shirley Diller, Karen Dunn, Georgina Peterson, Annette Rothschild,
Anne Shenk

Wayside Church is a welcoming, caring community of God's people committed to developing Christian disciples. We gather for worship, study, fellowship, and prayer. We seek to reach out with Christ's love to our community and the world.

"MISSION STATEMENT"

MANY THANKS

The Board of Trustees would like to express its genuine gratitude to several people who have gone out of their way to meet one of the specific needs of the church. Special thanks to:

- Ellen Brockwell who coordinated the lunches for the Confirmation/Commissioning Class, and o all the parents who helped
- Melissa Grimm and members of the Congregational Development and Nurture Committee for all their good work in preparation for the Talent Auction
- Tom McLaren who continues to provide outstanding leadership to MEDS

There are many others who contribute generously of their time and efforts in support of the church; we are grateful to all of them.

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to place Easter lilies in the sanctuary in memory or honor of loved ones, please sign up at the Information Table in the lobby or fill out the information below and send to the church office. Requests are needed by April 5.

Name _____

In Memory or Honor of: _____



WAYSIDE'S MISSION PARTNER Frank & Nancy Dimmock and Family

Frank and Nancy Dimmock have been under appointment as PC(USA) missionaries since June 1, 1985, which happens to be the day they were married. In fact, they interrupted their honeymoon to be commissioned during the General Assembly that year.

The Dimmocks' latest appointment, which began in August 2007 is to Lesotho, where Frank serves as PC(USA)'s Africa Health Liaison. He works with partner churches and ecumenical agencies to develop programs for children.

After two terms of service in Lesotho, they moved to Malawi in 1992, where Frank became the health coordinator for the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAO) and began his work as regional health consultant for the PC(USA) in southern Africa.

Nancy supported this ministry with hospitality through their home and raising their eight children. She also found time to found and coordinate the Crisis Nursery, an orphanage for children whose parents were victims of HIV/AIDS.

Frank earned a B.S. in botany and zoology at North Carolina State University and an M.P.H. in epidemiology and tropical medicine from Tulane University School of Public Health in New Orleans.

Born in the Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire), Nancy is the daughter of Presbyterian missionaries, David and Polly Miller who served in Africa 40 years.

APRIL 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 4:00 p.m. WOW 4:15 p.m. Choir 5:30 p.m. Primary Choir 6:00 p.m. Dinner Middler WaYouth 6:45 p.m. Study with Rev. Haas 7:30 p.m. CDN & Deacon's Meeting	2 12:05 p.m. Lenten Service/Luncheon	3	4
5 8:30 a.m. Early Celebration of Worship 9:30 a.m. Choir 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Worship 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time Confirmation Class 5p.m. Bell Choir	6 7:00 p.m. MEDS 7:30 p.m. Outreach Meeting	7	8 7:30 p.m. Session Meeting	9 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service	10 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil begins	11
12 Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m. Early Celebration of Worship 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Worship 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time	13 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 p.m. MEDS	14 Noon Trustees Meeting	15 4:00 p.m. WOW 4:15p.m. WOW Choir 5:30 p.m. Primary Choir 6:00 p.m. Dinner Middler WaYouth 6:45 p.m. Study with Rev. Haas 7:30 p.m. CE Meeting	16	17 Newsletter Articles due to Wayside office	18 12:30 p.m. Lunch Bunch at Red Lobster
19 8:30 a.m. Early Celebration of Worship 9:30 a.m. Choir 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Worship 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time 5p.m. Bell Choir	20 7:00 p.m. MEDS 7:30 p.m. Outreach Meeting	21	22 Noon- PW Lunch Quarterly Meeting 4:00 p.m. WOW 6:00 p.m. Dinner Middler WaYouth 6:45 p.m. Study with Rev. Haas 7:30 p.m. W.M. &F.A.	23 Noon Elizabeth Circle	24	25 Lake Erie Presbtery PW Spring Gathering Waterford Presbyterian Church
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WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Schedule for Wayside on Wednesdays (2nd—5th grade)

- 4:00 Snack & Game
- 4:15 Choir
- 4:55 - Drop off children for program
- 5:00 WOW Club Program
- 5:30 Primary Choir
- 6:00 Dinner

- April 1 - Visit to a Cemetery
- April 8 - Holy Week, No Wow Club
- April 15 - Sing at Manchester Presbyterian Home
- April 22 - Mother's Day Gifts

APRIL MIDDLEL WAYOUTH SCHEDULE

6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Dinner and Program

1st	How do you pray? Prepare for Easter Vigil
8th	Easter Week - No WaYouth
15th	What is Catholicism about?
22nd	God's Plan for my life
29th	Scavenger Hunt

APRIL SENIOR HIGH WAYOUTH SCHEDULE

Noon on Sunday - Choir Rehearsal
Programs on Sunday 5 to 6:30 p.m.

5th	Tunnel Tour/Movie and Discussion
12th	Easter - No Choir or Club
19th	International Speakers
26th	Movie and Discussion

ADULT EDUCATION

April 12 - No Classes

Sunday Mornings:

Issues of Faith

- April 5 - Easter Movie
- April 19 - "Shintoism" - Keiko Miller
- April 26 - "Buddhism" - Keiko Miller

Family, Faith, and Fellowship

- April 5 - What does Resurrection mean to you?
- April 19 - "Sexuality on College Campuses" - Rebecca McFee
- April 26th - To Be Announced

Adult Bible Study-Don Worthington leads a study of the lectionary readings each week.

Weekdays:

MEDS: Monday Evening Discussions-Rev. Tom McLaren leads the group as they continue exploring the book by Bishop Spong, entitled, Liberating the Gospels.

WOW Adult Study continues the series entitled "Living the Questions" led by Rev. Jim Haas.

"EGGS-PERIENCE"

Annual Easter Egg Hunt and activities for children 2nd grade and younger along with their parents.

Saturday, April 11

10 - 11 a.m.

At the church

Invite your friends and their children.



FAMILY NEWS

Recuperating at Home:

- 5th—Sue Hain, Steve Porter
- 6th—Caitlin Blake, Bill Pentz, Jonathan Wolford
- 7th—Vanessa Paris, Jill Rietmann, Amanda Sidman
- 8th—Gary Goodwin, Joanne Gustin
- 9th—Chuck Minnick, Jessica Steffan
- 10th—Bill Martin, Jarod Wallwork
- 11th—Nicole Lowry
- 12th—Chad Martin, Jessica Steger
- 13th—Diana Day, Jessica Garcia, Judy Hamilton
- 14th—Alex Borowski, Laurie Brugger
- 15th—Jenn Behn, Mark Buseck
- 16th—Sara DeBello, Andrew Potocki
- 17th—Ed Snyder, Kevin Steehler, Stephen Steehler

Deaths:

- 18th—Ally Barnes, Darlene Jackson, Dave Loesel
- 19th—Mary DeBello, Megan Miller
- 20th—John Evans, Leigh Loesel, Ron May, Janet Mitchell, Chad Mummert, Jasmine O'Connor, Hayley Yahn
- 21st—Dan McGill, Katie Sundberg, Adrienne Catrabone
- 22nd—Joan Cross, Dottie DeVitt, Les Stone
- 23rd—Ed McEllroy, Sydne Pollifrone
- 25th—Brian Reed
- 26th—Andrew Steehler, Faith Petsch
- 28th—Doug Bert
- 29th—Bill DeWitt, Marilyn Spensley, Joy Steffan
- 30th—Lauren Dulabon, Chuck McGeary, Kyle Pentz, Nancy Snyder

Anniversaries:

- Neil & Ginny Harris 4/1
- Don & Mimi Lasher 4/9
- Chad & Kate Martin 4/12
- Harry & Sue Eighmy 4/14
- Don & Becky Worthington 4/19
- Rick & Pam Weaver 4/19
- Kerry & Lisa Moyer 4/28

Birthdays:

- 1st—Carol Blake, Jordan Sanfrotello
- 2nd—Judy Bestwick, Madeline Westfall
- 3rd—Shawn Babcock, Jessica Kocan
- 4th—Bill Bremmer, Jan Lansberry

MUSIC NEWS...

It's not too early to be thinking about summer schedules. If you would like to provide special music during our summer worship, please see Dawn.

PRAYER CHAIN CONCERNS

We are praying for all the ill people you call and tell us about. We are very active but very quiet and private. We pray every day. Many people do not want their names to be publicized. It would be helpful to us if you would call and tell us that your loved one has recovered. We love to hear good news. We have had some people on our list for two to three years. It helps to know how people are doing.

Our prayer list is separate from the one in the Sunday Bulletin. Please do not hesitate to call Alice Allman at 838-2891 or the church office at 833-7653 if you need help. After three months, if we do not hear from you, we will assume that your loved one has recovered.

Alice Allman, Prayer Chain Coordinator

WAYSIDE BOWLERS

Wayside annual bowling event will be held in April. More details soon. Watch your bulletin for more information once a date has been set.

WORSHIP IN APRIL

April 5th Palm Sunday/Celebration of Holy Communion

Text – Mark 14:1-15;47 Selected Verses
Title – “Palm Sunday Expectations

The sermon will be a series of reflections on what happened and what different folks actually expected. They may well be the same expectations and misunderstandings we have today of Jesus.

April 9th Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Our service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and will again include the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

April 10th Good Friday Service

April 12th Easter Sunday

Text – “Astonished, Astounded, Amazed, and Awestruck”
Title – John 20:1-18

The accounts of the first Easter are different from one gospel to another. Specific details about who went to the tomb and what happened when they got there. Yet consistently there is a sense of wonder and amazement and incredulity. Though we are privileged to know “the rest of the story,” hopefully that is still our response to the most crucial story of our faith.

April 19th

Text – Acts 4:32-36; Psalm 133
Title – “Loosely Held”

The early church, as it is described in the book of Acts, tells of the first Christians sharing possessions and witnessing to the resurrection of Jesus. Those acts changed the world around them and continue to do so 2000 years later. The Acts story makes it all sound so simple but, as we all know, when you are dealing with human beings, nothing is quite as easy as it may seem. That is still true, but we are still called as Christians to emulate the model of our faith ancestors.

April 26th

Text – I John 3:1-7
Title – “Childlike, Though Not Childish”

The members of the early Christian community who were the recipients of John's letters did not fully realize the broad implications of God's relationship with them. It was a work in progress. And John called them to live according to the love and hope that they did know, as children of God. The same remains true for us.



Dear Friends:

The Iona Community in Scotland provides some of the most creative, meaningful worship materials available. We will include some Iona material as we gather to worship on Easter.

As we continue our Lenten journey and approach the day of resurrection, I would share this prayer from Iona, both as an offering to God and for each of us to think about and reflect on. It seems to me to speak very clearly the message we all seek to live and proclaim.

“Glory be to you, God, our Strength and our Redeemer.

The vacant cross and the empty tomb vindicate your claim that the love which suffers is the love which saves.

So fill your people with joy and your Church with celebration.

That the world may know that your Holy Son, Jesus, is not a dead hero we commemorate,

but the Living Lord we worship, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be our praise forever.” Amen.

I realize with school breaks and family vacations, Waysiders will be scattered far and near on Easter Sunday. Wherever you worship that day, may you be filled with joy and new life.

See you in Church.

Peace.

Jim

Rev. James Haas

CHOSEN DINNER

CHOSEN Auxiliary is sponsoring a swiss steak dinner, Saturday, April 25 from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. It will be held at Wesminster Presbyterian Church. CHOSEN is an inter-denominational non-profit organization that provides medical supplies for Christian mission hospitals in under-developed countries around the world. For prices and menu please see the bulletin board across from Keith's office.

SUPPORT GROUP

A diagnosis of cancer can be very overwhelming. It can be difficult coping with the diagnosis and researching your treatment options, often when holding down a full time job or caring for family and children at home. There are many useful resources out there, however not everyone is aware that they are available.

My suggestion of setting up a support group was met with enthusiasm from Keith and the Deacons here at Wayside. Following a meeting, Keith and I agreed that the next step forward would be to invite anyone going through cancer treatment or who have completed treatment along with their careers, to come on board and help us plan how the group would function. We discussed many interesting topics for discussion which included, but are not limited to resources available locally and nationally, coping with treatment, complementary therapies, nutrition throughout treatment and also a class for discussing cancer and faith.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Keith, or myself at 814-860-1297.

Sharon Riley
814-860-1296



NURSE'S NOTES

Each year, thousand of older Americans fall at home. Many of them are seriously injured and some are disabled. In 2002, more than 12,800 people over 65 died and 1.6 million were treated for falls.

Many falls can be prevented. By making some changes, you can lower your chances of falling.

Four things you can do to prevent falls:

1. Make your home safe (remove clutter from floors, have adequate lighting)
2. Have your vision checked routinely
3. Have your health care provider review your medicines
4. Begin a regular exercise program

Stay safe and healthy.
Georgianna Harrington



*Dear Church Family:
Thank you so much for your phone calls, the "Thinking of You" and "Get Well" cards while I was nursing a compression fracture in my back. You all are so thoughtful and kind.*

I experienced so many blessings: a "cozy warmer" from Alice Allman and her encouragement, the advice and calls from our Parish Nurses, Sally Mapstone and Georgi Harrington, meals from Dawn Weborg and my own family members.

When life hands me lemons, I am sure glad I belong to Wayside Presbyterian Church - best lemonade makers in the world!

Thank you again, Ginny Sundberg

Financial Report

Financial Statement as of February, 2009

Receipts:

Month.....
Year-to-Date

Expenses:

Month.....
Year-to-Date

A Note of Thanks

Dear Friends at Wayside,

I would love to be with you for the Auction. Connie and I had such good times in years past. Our grandson, Adam will be home for his Spring break from his Junior year abroad in Oxford, England and the weekend of the Auction is when Adam and his family are coming to see me. I am looking forward to seeing all of them but will also be thinking of all of you - I know the Auction will be a huge success as always. I will surely miss the pie and pecan roll that we always bought.

I miss you all.
Love, Louanne

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

LUNCH BUNCH IN APRIL

The Lunch Bunch will meet April 18th at the Red Lobster at 12:30 p.m. To make reservations please call Peggy Bules, 836-0096, or Annette Rothschild, 836-0835.

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

Presbyterian Women and all women of Wayside Presbyterian:

You are cordially invited to attend the Fellowship Salad Luncheon to be held in the Church parlor on Wednesday, April 22 at noon, hosted by Elizabeth Circle. Please bring a salad to share. Dessert, rolls and beverages will be provided.

Sign up at the Information Table in the Narthex if you plan to attend.

MOTHER TO MOTHER CO-ORDINATOR

Mother to Mother volunteers needed to empower single mothers with parenting skills, life skills and emotional support. Volunteer training is available at your convenience. If you have 1 - 2 hours per week to enter a one-on-one, supportive relationship with a single mom, please call Laurel Stidham at Family Services at 866-4584.

MARTHA MOMENT....

Easter Beatitudes

Blessed are they of the Easter Faith,
for theirs is the risen Lord;
For them He lives, and to them He gives
The fountain of life restored.

Blessed are they of the Easter cheer,
For theirs is the burning heart;
For them the tomb is bereft of gloom;
They walk with their Lord apart.

Blessed are they of the Easter hope,
For theirs is the open gate.
It swings through the tomb to that other room
Where the Lord and our loved ones wait.

Clarence M. Burkholder



REMEMBER MAY 4TH

Come if you're young; come if you're "sort of" old but not really, come if you're in-between, come and bring your children. The Women of Wayside will celebrate together at their annual Spring Banquet. We'll have fun, eat well, and share good conversation and laughs.

PW SPRING GATHERING

Lake Erie Presbyterian Women have planned their Spring Gathering for April 25th at the Waterford Presbyterian Church. Watch for more details in the weekly bulletin.

TALENT AUCTION

Thank you to all who shared their gifts of time, talent and treasure during Wayside's annual Talent Auction. A wonderful array of auction items and creative baskets made this year's event another great success. Watch next month's newsletter for specific details about how our many gifts benefited One Great Hour of Sharing and special projects at Wayside!