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# Inside Wayside

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

A few years back Bette Midler came out with a wonderful song that captures the deeply human but ambivalent sense of longing for what could be. Titled "From a Distance," it projects a life that feels safer and better than what we experience up close and personal. Several representative verses go this way (and, if you remember the song, I dare you to sing them, aloud or just to yourself):

*From a distance there is harmony, and it echoes through the land.  
It's the voice of hope, it's the voice of peace, it's the voice of every man.  
From a distance we all have enough, and no one is in need.  
And there are no guns, no bombs and no disease, no hungry mouths to feed.  
From a distance you look like my friend, even though we are at war.  
From a distance, I just cannot comprehend, what all this fighting's for.*

It is a beautiful song, a favorite of many of ours back when it was popular. It holds up what often seems to us a lofty vision of what life could be, indeed what life is meant to be according to God's will, a goal all Christians are to work toward.

And in this season I think of the verse of another song that reminds us that there is hope. Again, please feel free to sing along.

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel.*

Christmas reminds us that God does not relate to us "from a distance," but instead becomes Immanuel – God with us! Regardless of what we have done or left undone, said or left silent, God is near to us.

Hope to see you in church – and we can all sing together (which comes out sounding a lot better).

Peace.

Rev. James Haas



### This month at Wayside:

- PW Holiday Cookie Sale  
December 7
- PW Christmas Party  
December 7
- Shower for Baby Jesus  
December 3
- Christmas Eve Services  
7:00 & 11:00 p.m.

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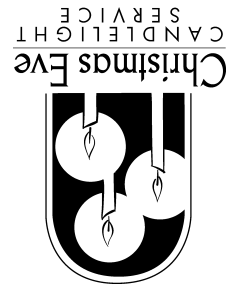
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Buddies are asked to call their buddies and make a date for fun and celebration of the Advent season.

Sunday November 30, 2008  
9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

### GENERATIONAL

### INTER-ADVENT



December 24th  
7:00 & 11:00 PM

Christmas Eve  
Worship Services



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November Newsletter Coordinators:  
Peggy Bules, Shirley Diller, Sally DeWitt, Jane Hess,  
Georgina Peters, Annette Rothschild

Ernie Enssle, Sexton  
Dawn Weborg, Director of Music/Organist  
Keith Sundberg, Associate Pastor  
James Haas, Senior Pastor

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WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We gather for worship, study, fellowship, and prayer. We seek to reach out with Christ's love to our community and the world.

Wayside Church is a welcoming, caring community of God's people committed to developing Christian disciples.

"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 some of the specific needs of the church. Special thanks to:

- Melissa Buseck and the Deacons who are coordinating the Angel Tree project
- All the Waysiders and friends who have participated in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday projects this year (they total somewhere just over 100).
- All the Sunday School teachers and others throughout the week who help us to understand our faith and grow as disciples

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



### WORSHIP SERVICE TAPES

Audio tapes are made of all our 11:00 a.m. Sunday services. They are then made available to anyone who would like to borrow them; just check them out from the shelf in the Library.

If you know of anyone else who would like to listen to the tapes, just call the church office.

### CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

A Presbyterian tradition for more than sixty-five years, the Christmas JOY Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to provide congregations direct ways of supporting causes that help those in need.

Wayside will receive the JOY Offering on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. All our gifts will be distributed equally to the Board of Pensions, for programs that assist retired church workers and their families in times of special need, and to the General Assembly Council to support the eight Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges.

Please use the special offering envelopes that can be found in the packets or in the pew racks.

### NAOMI CIRCLE

Please mark your calendar: Naomi Circle will meet December 3, at noon for lunch and then baking cookies.

### HOLIDAY COOKIE SALE

The Women of Wayside are having another Holiday Cookie Sale on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Now, more than ever, funds are being requested to help those in need. Please volunteer to bake cookies or order cookie platters at the lobby information table or call Becky Worthington at 474-3192. Money earned by this fundraiser will be given to the Presbyterian Women’s Mission Fund and to local projects chosen at the Women of Wayside Christmas Party.

### WELCOME, ERIK HUET

We welcome to Wayside our first College Intern, Erik Huet. Erik is a junior at Behrend College where he is active in the chapel ministry with Rev. Rebecca McFee. He is from Allentown, Pa. and is majoring in Political Science. He recently worked on a local political campaign. Erik will share his time and faith with our Senior Highs on Sundays alternating weeks between the morning hours and the afternoon WaYouth programs. He is a delightful young man and we are grateful for his enthusiasm for ministering to the youth of our church.



### SENIOR HIGH WAYOUTH

December

- 7 Dinner and Speaker: 5:00-6:30 p.m.- Rev. Ellie Johns, from Pittsburgh Presbyterian Theological Seminary, will speak on two subjects: Summer Youth Institute for High School Students and the difficult situation with illegal aliens over the United States and Mexico borders. The Westfall Family will host the evening at their home: 5678 Culpepper Drive which is off Millfair Road before 38<sup>th</sup> Street
- 14 Christmas Progressive Dinner
- 21 Christmas Movie and Dinner
- 28 No Club

### Financial Report as of October, 2008

<b>Receipts:</b>	
Month.....	\$38,468
Year-to-date .....	\$340,177
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Month.....	\$40,069
Year-to-date .....	\$348,245

### STEWARDSHIP AT WAYSIDE

Thanks to all who made Stewardship Sunday so special! The music offered by our youth, Chancel and Intergenerational choirs was beautiful and set the tone for the day. The Senior High WaYouth photo presentation reminded us all of the stewardship we experience through Wayside year round. The messages offered by our pastors gave us much to reflect on as we move forward as good stewards into 2009. The celebration luncheon, prepared and served by Presbyterian Women, along with the pies by Wayside’s many talented bakers, was not only a delicious but very fitting way to round up our celebration of stewardship.

In addition, we’d like to extend our thanks to our speakers who provided Stewardship Minutes during the three Sundays preceding Stewardship Sunday – Amy Fuchs, Karen Seggi of Second Harvest Food Bank, and Jack Grimm. Their words and stories gave us all many things to reflect on as we considered our stewardship commitments for the upcoming year.

We also extend our thanks to Kelly Craig for designing our “All Things Come of Thee” logo. We look forward to continuing to use this beautiful logo to remind us of our commitment to stewardship throughout the year. Thank, too, to Lisa Watkins, owner of Kimkopy, for her assistance in printing our poster and commitment cards.

We look forward to watching Wayside grow in stewardship in 2009 – thanks to all of you for helping to make it happen!

In His love,  
The Stewardship Committee – Melissa Grimm, Vic Babcock, Alice Duer, Mary Marsh, and Brad Westfall

### COMMITMENT UPDATE

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.

## DECEMBER MIDDLEL WAYOUTH SCHEDULE

*A Program for Sixth through Eighth Graders  
Includes dinner followed by the program*

**Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

December 3	6:30 to 7:30 Service Project: Host the Shower for Baby Jesus
December 10	Game and Discussion: Is there a God?
December 17	Christmas Party
December 24	Christmas Eve, No Club Today
December 31	Christmas break, No Club today

## WOW Calendar for December

**Wednesdays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

### Schedule for Wednesdays

- 3:00** Van picks up Second to Fifth Graders at Asbury and Fairview Schools and at homes for choir
- 4:00 - 4:15** Snack and Game
- 4:15 - 5:00** Choir
- 4:55** - Drop off of children for Program only
- 5:00 - 6:00** WOW Club Program
- 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.** Primary Choir (1<sup>st</sup> grade & younger)
- 6:00** - Dinner for whole Family
- 6:45** - Adult Study in Parlor

**December 3** - Make a Christmas Favor for Children at Party; **6:30 to 7:30** Shower for Baby Jesus – for Parents and First Graders and Younger

**December 10** - Rehearsal for Choir Members  
Christmas Gifts for Parents

**December 17** - Rehearsal for Choir Members  
Christmas Gifts and Party

**December 24** - Christmas Eve No Club Today

**December 31** - Christmas break No Club today

### Family, Faith, and Fellowship

#### December

- 7** - Revisiting “Unplugging the Christmas Tree”,  
Kim Morrow
- 14** - “Christmas Tree” cont.
- 21** - Open Discussion – Christmas Party

## SHOWER FOR BABY JESUS

We are holding the Shower for Baby Jesus this year on Wednesday, December 3, from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Children in first grade and younger (and their parents) are invited to the Christmas party to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The middlel 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).

## ADULT EDUCATION

- \*Sunday Morning Classes:  
9:45 to 10:45 a.m.
- \*MEDS: Mondays 7:00- 8:30 pm
- \*WOW for Adults:  
Wednesday 6:45–7:30 pm
- \*Weekly Email Devotional

### Weekdays:

Monday Evening Discussions meets at 7:00 in the Parlor with Rev. Tom McLaren. The group is discussing a new book, Living Buddha, Living Christ by Thich Nhat Hanh. WOW for Adults convenes at 6:45 pm on Wednesdays with Rev. Jim Haas. Jim is leading a new video study entitled “Living the Questions.”

### Adult Bible Study

Don Worthington leads a study of the lectionary readings each week on Sunday morning.

### Issues of Faith

Meets in the Parlor

#### December

- 7** - “Putting Feet to Prayers: Mexican Illegal Aliens” Rev. Ellie Johns,  
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
- 14** - “Putting Feet to Prayers: the Busness World” Dr. Kevin Sullivan,  
Mercyhurst College
- 21** - “Putting Feet to Prayers:  
Holy Surrender: Opening to the Gift” Mimi O’Connor
- 28** - No Classes today

## PW ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

All women are invited to come to a Christmas Party on Sunday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the church lobby area for a delicious dessert and entertainment provided by Dawn Weborg and several talented youth of our church. This is a wonderful time filled with fellowship and Christmas joy. Please plan to attend and invite a friend.

PW will again purchase poinsettia plants for surviving relatives of Wayside folks who died during 2008. We need your help to deliver the plants which will be available for pick up in the narthex after both the early and the 11 o’clock services on December 7.

## MORE PW NEWS

Crate and Barrel of Tyson’s Corner, Virginia has generously donated over 30 place settings of high quality silverware for use in our church kitchen. Much of the silverware is an assortment of styles and is already mixed in with our existing silverware. Twenty-three sets (eight of 1 style and 15 of another style) are being kept separately in the parlor. This silverware is in the top drawer on the left hand side cupboard as you face north in the parlor. This silverware may be used anytime we have a large gathering but groups should also keep these sets in mind if you are going to have a small gathering and would like to use them instead of our regular silverware. A special thanks to Melissa Grimm and her sister for the work they did to make this donation take place! The silverware is a great addition to our kitchen!

## CHRISTMAS STOCKING PROJECT

PW participated once again in the annual Warren State Hospital Christmas stocking project sponsored by Church Women United. Twenty stockings were filled with needed items such as soap, combs, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Many thanks to Millie Shenk, Barb McGill and Staci McGill for shopping for the many items that filled the stockings; Nicki Jares for sewing all the stock-

ings; and to everyone who generously contributed to help cover the costs of the stockings. Your efforts will help make Christmas a joyous time for many residents of Warren State Hospital.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ELECT OFFICERS FOR 2009

PW Offices for 2009:

*Moderators* - Dawn Weborg, Jean Moore,  
Karen Haas

*Treasurer* - Barb Jones

*Secretary* - Micki Loesel

*Bread for the World:*

Naomi Foust,  
Wilma Valentz

*Historians* - Elaine Garts, Georgi Harrington

*Ways & Means:* Cookie Tray Sale:

Judy Bestwick, Kay Laseck,  
Jeanne Nyberg

*Rummage Sale* - Nancy Fye

*Nominating* - Rita Brown (chair),

Jean Taylor, Annette Rothschild

*Honorary Life Membership* -

Marilyn Spensley (chair),

Jane Hess, Rita Weaver

*Church Women United Representatives:*

Jean Taylor, Rita Weaver

*Presbyterian Women Representative:*

Gretchen Kelley

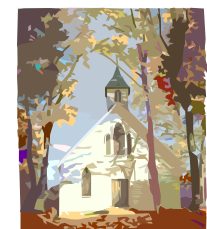
*Circle Representatives* -

*Elizabeth* - Naomi Foust

*Martha* - Marilyn Stern

*Naomi* - Mildred Shenk

We congratulate the new officers! We appreciate the willingness of all of these women to serve in their respective positions. It is through their leadership that Presbyterian Women at Wayside will continue to thrive and work to fulfill the mission of PW. A *grateful thank you* to those who served in 2008.



## FAMILY NEWS

### Recuperating at Home:

Don Dennen  
Peach McVey

### Deaths:

Kenneth Tyson 10-31-08  
Arlene Rectenwald 11-8-08  
Lorna Bonnell 11-13-08  
Dick Shenk 11-21-08

### Anniversaries:

1st—Bob & Denise Pollifrone  
3rd—Ray & Nancy Brozewicz  
22nd—Lou & Cheree Harris,  
A.P. & Mollie King  
26th—Steve & Maggie Hutzelman,  
Jim & Susan Harris  
28th—Greg & Kimberly Morrow,  
Jeff & Amy Brinling  
30th—Don & Betty Rupert,  
Chris & Doris Christianson

### Birthdays:

1st—Florence Joifrita, Ritch Marsh,  
Christine Bubeck  
2nd—Marion Gallivan, Kitty Menges  
3rd—Dave Borowski, Pam Monaco  
4th—Harry Anderson, Philip Jackson,  
Shirley Wagner  
5th—Ryan Nair  
6th—Raeanne Hasbrouck, Caleb McLaughlin,  
Ashley Stamm  
7th—Addison Garrity, Bob Pollifrone  
8th—Trisha Hoyt, Hadley Jones,  
Jayne Start, Bethany Wickham  
9th - Sophia Sidorowicz  
10th—Jim Haas, Karen Haas,  
Nathan Feltmeyer, Jacob Mumert,  
Annette Rothschild, Mark Steehler  
11th—Hayley Bannister, Paul Bittner,  
Justin McEllroy, Linda Pentz,  
Mike Reed  
12th—Rita Brown, Jim Harris,

Simon Yahn  
13th—Jon Steffan, Jill Sundberg  
14th—John Fair, Norma Harrington  
15th—Gene Sundberg  
16th—Dorothy Hutzelman  
17th—Mary Lasher, Holly Skala  
18th—Gregory Yahn  
19th—Katie Haas, Carol Yahn,  
Richard Gebhardt  
20th—Natalie Thompson, Brian Stamm  
21st—Joseph Monaco  
23rd—Claire Christensen, Pete Nixon  
24th—Mimi Lasher  
25th—William Betz, George MacIsaac  
27th—Gary Klepfer  
28th—Matt Monaco  
29th—Karen Evans, Blossom McBrier,  
Daren McCullough  
30th—Melissa Buseck, Anne Shenk  
31st—Teresa Bliley



## PURCHASE A POINSETTIA

You can help in decorating the church for the Advent and Christmas season by purchasing poinsettias for the sanctuary. Simply sign up at the information table, call the church office at 833-7653, or complete the form below and return it to the church office.

Rita Weaver will need your order by December 7th so that your name can be included in the special insert in the bulletin. Your gift may be in memory or honor of a loved one.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory or Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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## CHRISTMAS EVE AT WAYSIDE

The Primary, WOW, Junior/Senior Choir as well as the College Choir will present several anthems at the 7:00 service on Christmas Eve. The 11:00 service will begin with a special music concert by the Sanctuary Bells and Chancel Choir. This special presentation will begin at 10:45.

Plan to be a part of the intergenerational choir that will sing on December 28 at the 11:00 p.m. service. More details will follow.

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

In bringing the organ refurbishing project to its rightful conclusion, thanks is offered to the Muller Organ Co., the committee of Wayside members, to those who attended the inspiring Rededication Service, Erik Meyer at the console, and to the many who contributed to the reception in a variety of ways, most notably the Worship, Music & Fine Arts Committee and Chancel Choir members.

Throughout Wayside's history many talented organists have graced our services. To them we offer our thanks and prayers: Dorothy Onisko - 1962 - 1974, Steve Tally - 1975 - 1981, Sharon Calvano Downey - 1982 - 1988, Michael Frank - 1989 - 1994, Newton Lewis - 1995 - 1999, Leslie Weber - 2001 - 2007, Dawn Weborg - 2001 - present, and two faithful substitutes, Fran Schellhammer and Kathy Swanson.

## ORGAN REDEDICATION RECITAL AND RECEPTION

The organ rededication program held at Wayside on Sunday, November 9, 2008 was well received by all who attended. The extraordinary talents of Erik Meyer were displayed during the forty minute program as well as a well balanced, diversified repertoire. The Chancel Choir performed a rousing arrangement of "O God Our Help in Ages Past". A very special thank you to Jane Hess who provided the bulletins as well as a lovely fall arrangement for the sanctuary honoring Wayside's musicians. Also a special word of thanks to Chris Hoyt and the Music/Fine Arts Committee for organizing the reception following the program. Wayside can once again be proud of a meaningful project completed.

## WOW CHOIR

The WOW Choir is excitedly preparing its annual Christmas musical entitled, "RADIO JOY" that will be presented on Sunday, December 21, 2008 at both services that morning. "Dee Jay" (Bryce Yahn) will be interviewing our own Pastor Jim Haas at Radio Station J.O.Y. with the WOW singers, the Junior/Senior singers performing "live" on the show. There will be special appearances by Joseph (Jonathan Sidorowicz) and Mary (Harlie Yahn). Please don't miss this joyous presentation and its Christmas message.

The Junior/Senior High Choir is looking for more participants. They meet each Sunday in the choir room immediately following the 11:00 service. Please consider being a part of this group.

## GIFT CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS

Just a reminder that there are two more opportunities prior to Christmas to order gift cards through the church's Scrip program. These make great presents and you can use them to do your shopping and many local retailers and restaurants are on the list. Some of the local retailers and restaurants are Giant Eagle, Wal Mart, Max and Erma's, Panera, Lowes, Best Buy, Borders, and many, many more. If you have relatives out of town and want to see if other retailers or restaurants are available, check out the website ([www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com)). Orders can be placed December 7 or December 14, and cards will be available the following Friday. Remember: you will receive the full value of the card while the church also receives a small percent commission, being used to offset our winter heating bills. Order forms are available on the Information Table. If you have any questions, please contact Bobbi Jo Fye at 449-1808 or [fye@gannon.edu](mailto:fye@gannon.edu).

## ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

### Children

NEW – “A Place for Christmas”

- devotions, stickers and pop-up Nativity set

NEW- “We Want to See Jesus”

- an Advent Coloring Book

NEW- “Christmas Corral”

Bed Bug Bible Gang activities book

“Have You Heard the Story of Jesus and His Love? –

daily devotions, rhymes, and seek and find pictures

“In thy Dark Street Shineth” – devotions, stickers

and Bethlehem stand up (limited number)

“Bethlehem is Bright Tonight” – devotions, stickers

and Bethlehem stand up (limited number)

“Twirling Toward Bethlehem” – a cut out mobile of

Christmas symbols

### Youth

“Let’s Light Up the Wreath”

“Journey of the Wise”

“Advent Seasonings”

### Adults

“Living in Hope: Advent Meditations from the Writings of Henri Nouwen”

“The Lord is Near: Advent Meditations from the Writings of Henri Nouwen”

### Families

“A Revealing Light” by Mark Neilsen

“In the Presence of the Lord” by Caroline Pignotth

## NURSE’S NOTES

Are you feeling stressed lately? I am!!!

The Dept of Health says that Stress is an automatic physical reaction to danger or demand. Stress is a fact of life. And some Stress can be good for you, because it helps inspire you to meet life's challenges. But too much Stress can harm you physically as well as mentally. That's why you need to control Stress - so it doesn't control you.

Some ways to manage Stress:

Prioritize ... Simplify

Take time to be good to yourself.

Maintain a positive attitude and always a good sense of humor.

Work on learning to accept things that you cannot change.

Share your worries with a good friend. Talking about your troubles can lessen their impact.

Turn to prayer and God for guidance. He is always there for you....

Best wishes for a warm and wonderful Christmas and a New Year full of health and happiness.. God Bless... Georgi

## THE JOY OF RESPONSIBLE GIFT-GIVING

There are creative ways to express the spirit of peace, joy and generosity suitable for this special season.

1. Chronicle your family history.
2. Record a family oral history on audio tape with commentary from parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles.
3. Knit a sweater or build a birdhouse.
4. Frame one of your best photographs.
5. Make a tape of selections of your favorite music.
6. Design a gift certificate which gives babysitting to a close friend, an afternoon at a museum or art gallery.
7. Host a potluck party instead of a giant holiday feast.
8. Make your own cards and send them only to relatives and good friends.
9. Work with social services agency to find a family in need and then share appropriate gifts with them.
10. Shop for secondhand toys.

(From “Whose Birthday is it Anyway?”, Published by Alternatives for Simple Living)



### WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY

Requested items for

December:

Soup, Toilet Tissue,  
Spaghetti, Cereal,  
Spaghetti Sauce, Fruit,  
Peanut Butter

*All non-perishable items  
are always welcome.*

## WORSHIP IN DECEMBER

On the first Sunday of December we will both celebrate the Lord's Supper as well as welcome guests representing various local ministries that Wayside supports through our local mission giving. A week later we will receive the Christmas JOY offering and on the 21<sup>st</sup> we will enjoy the annual children's musical. Our two Christmas Eve services are scheduled for 7:00 & 11:00 p.m. On the 28<sup>th</sup>, there will be just one service (11:00 a.m.) immediately preceded by our traditional Holiday Family Breakfast.

December 7<sup>th</sup>

Communion Sunday/Second Sunday of Advent

Text - Isaiah 40:1-11

Title - “Messengers of Hope”

The Bible, particularly in the Old Testament, is filled with stories of God's people in distress. Invariably, messengers of hope come to remind people of God's steadfast love, whether that might take the form of a homecoming from exile or release from oppression.

Christians throughout the ages have turned to messengers of hope in the same way. Can we find such messengers – and their message – even today?

December 14<sup>th</sup>

Third Sunday of Advent

Text - Psalm 126

Title - “From Tears to Joy”

Our faith is a great mystery. Advent calls us into wondering about it all over again. How can our pain lead to joy? How can life ever recover? How can this little child someday save us?

December 21<sup>st</sup>

Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday

The WOW musical, “Radio Joy”, will be presented at both services this morning. This will include the regular group who rehearse every Wednesday afternoon, and they have also invited some of the middler and senior high WaYouth to join them for this enchanting story.

December 24<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Eve Services; 7:00 & 11:00 P.M.

We will again have services at 7:00 and 11:00 p.m. Both will feature the traditional Christmas readings with lots of wonderful music and the service of candlelighting. Our worship at the earlier time will include many of our younger musicians and will be more child-friendly. Both the Chancel Choir and the Sanctuary Bells will be included in the late service.

December 28<sup>th</sup>

First Sunday after Christmas (11:00 a.m. only)

Lots of good Christmas music will be included in our worship this morning as well as some stories that are designed to help us give new thought and understanding to the gift of this season. Join us for breakfast at 9:45 a.m. and then for our final Sunday worship of the year.

# DECEMBER 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 p.m. MEDS	2	3 12:00 p.m. Naomi Circle Meeting, Lunch, Bake Cookies 4:00 p.m. WOW 5:00 p.m. Budget Meeting 5:30 p.m. Primary Choir 6:00 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Middler (Baby Shower) 6:45 p.m. Bible Study	4 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir	5	6 PW Cookie Tray Assembly
7 8:30 a.m. Early Service 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Worship 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Wayouth Choir 5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Bells Sr. High Wayouth	8 12:00 p.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m. MEDS 7:30 p.m. Outreach	9	10 4:00 p.m. WOW 5:30 p.m. Primary Choir 6:00 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Middler 6:45 p.m. Bible Study	11 12:00 p.m. Martha Circle 7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir	12	13 9A.M. - 9 p.m. Second Saturday Project Bell Ringers
14 8:30 a.m. Early Service 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Worship 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Wayouth Choir 5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Bells Sr. High Wayouth	15 7:00 p.m. MEDS	16	17 4:00 p.m. WOW 5:30 p.m. Primary Choir 6:00 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Middler 6:45 p.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. CE	18 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir	19	20
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WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## WISE NIGHT OWLS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Watch for upcoming announcements for the WISE NIGHT OWLS (We are WISE but not OLD) ANNUAL Christmas Party to be held December 20th at the home of the Hoyts'. We will once again exchange those "special" white elephant gifts but this year we will also exchange a special Christmas ornament. Bring each gift exquisitely wrapped! Everyone is to bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share. A sign-up sheet will be in the lobby.

## NIGHT OWLS EVENT

Those Owls who still have owlets in their nest are welcome to join us on December 20th at 6:00 p.m. for our holiday gathering. The party will be hosted by Holly Skala & Doug Vilella, 431 Shawnee Drive. Please bring a gift (not white elephant) under \$10 for exchange, and an appetizer or dessert. The main course and beverages will be provided. Call Holly or Doug at 833-2584 to RSVP.

## HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 28, 2008 at 9:45 a.m. is our traditional Holiday breakfast. Please bring a favorite bread, muffins, or rolls on a plate ready to serve. Beverages are provided. There is one worship service at 11:00 a.m.

## SECOND SATURDAY WORK PROJECT IN DECEMBER

Our bell ringing gets better every year – and the Salvation Army has invited us back again! On Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, Waysiders will ring the bell beside the Salvation Army kettle in front of the

Giant Eagle at K Mart Plaza on W 26<sup>th</sup> Street. We will work two-to-a-team in one hour shifts from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. If you are interested in being one of our bell ringers, please sign up in the Lobby.

## LUNCH BUNCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Lunch Bunch will meet FRIDAY, December 12th at the Shrine Club at 38th and Zuck, at 12:30 p.m. Please call Annette Rothschild, 836-0835 or Peggy Bules, 836-0096 to make reservations. You may or may not bring a wrapped gift to exchange. Please come and have a great time!

## MARTHA'S MOMENT

*Prayer on Christmas Eve*

O wondrous night of star and song,  
O blessed Christmas night!  
Lord, make me feel my whole life long  
Its loveliness and light!  
So all the years my heart shall thrill,  
Remembering angels on a hill,  
And one lone star shall bless me still  
On every Christmas night!



## YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions for 2008 must be received by December 31 to be included in the 2008 totals from WPC. If a contribution is postmarked in 2008, it is tax deductible in that year, even if it is not received and posted until 2009. At this time when we count our many blessings, we hope you will count Wayside among yours and make a financial commitment to support the good work of the church in the new year!