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# Inside Wayside

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## FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Friends:

Back in December Keith and I were invited on successive Sundays to participate in one of the adult Sunday School classes. Our assignment was to share some insights on the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Reformed theology. Both of us enjoyed the experience immensely and hope that, by God's grace, some of those in the class found our thoughts to be helpful.

In mid-January we were privileged to have Larry Kessler back at Wayside as the leader of our annual Officers' Retreat. With passion and enthusiasm Larry helped us gain a deeper understanding of some of the people and events that were involved in the Protestant Reformation and, subsequently, in the nature of our Reformed faith.

Now I find myself reading a book titled Witness Without Parallel: Eight Biblical Texts That Make us Presbyterian written by pastor Earl S. Johnson, Jr. The author identifies what, for him, are the primary Biblical passages that have provided the scriptural foundation stones of our Reformed tradition and the Presbyterian Church. It is fascinating to see both what he includes in his list and how he prioritizes his choices. His starting point is the basic conviction that Jesus Christ is Lord and he uses Romans 10:9 as his first text.

A recurring theme from all the experiences mentioned above is the centrality of the Bible to our faith. Despite the fact that we often disagree about the way the Scriptures should be interpreted, our faith as Presbyterian Christians and as the church needs to be pounded out on the anvil of the Bible. To that end I would encourage all of us, myself included, to take Bible study and Bible reading more seriously and more intentionally in 2008, taking advantage of the programs the church provides and seeking out other opportunities in our community. It can't help but strengthen the depth of our faith and the witness of this wonderful faith community.

See you in Church.

Peace.

*Jim*

Jim

### *This month at Wayside:*

- WaYouth Brunch, February 3
- Ash Wednesday, February 6
- Lenten Services & Lunch-eons begin Thursday, February 7
- "Katrina" mission trip departs February 24

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**Financial Report**  
ber 31, 2007  
Financial Statement as of Decem-

**Receipts:**  
Month .....\$60,196  
Year-to-date .....\$423,764

**Expenses:**  
Month .....\$43,265  
Year-to-date .....\$420,847



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*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:

- Marion Gallivan who does an excellent job as our Clerk of Session and was just elected to another term
- Ron May who continues to do an excellent job in keeping everything on track with the organ refurbishment project
- Lisa Watkins for all her assistance in helping us make an informed decision about a replacement copier for the church office

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

## ASH WEDNESDAY POTLUCK SUPPER



Wednesday evening, February 6 is Ash Wednesday. Our weekly fellowship dinner will be a potluck that evening. The dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share. Salad, rolls, and drinks will be provided. Our worship service that evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The service will include the opportunity to be marked with ashes in the sign of the cross, symbolizing our need for forgiveness as we begin our Lenten journey. Please join us.

## SECOND SATURDAY PROJECT IN FEBRUARY

Through the efforts of the Outreach Committee, Wayside will have several opportunities to work with Greater Erie Habitat for Humanity this year. Our first chance to help will be this month when we send a work crew on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. We'll start work at 8:00 a.m. and finish at noon.

Our specific work site won't be known until closer to the date, at which time we will notify all our workers. In any case, all our volunteers should dress appropriately for the cold weather.

If you'd like to be part of our work crew, please sign up in the Lobby.

## MAKING SOUP FOR EMMAUS

Soup will be made by the Deacons on Sunday, February 17. This project benefits the Emmaus Soup Kitchen.

Check the list below, and bring the needed items to the church kitchen between 9:30 and 11:00 am. (You do not need to attend Sunday School to participate; this is an all-church project.) Adults & Sr. Hi—meat, beef stock, any cut up items; Nursery thru 2nd — corn, peas, beans; 3rd & 4th—chopped onion, celery, peppers, canned tomatoes; 5th thru 8th—tomato sauce or juice, potatoes, cleaned & sliced carrots.

## WAYOUTH BRUNCH

Save the date for WaYouth's Brunch Sunday, February 3, after both the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Tickets are now available. Prices are children 3 - 11 \$3.00, under 3, no charge; Adults \$6.00. All proceeds benefit WaYouth's summer mission trip.



## NIGHT OWLS- DINNER OUT

On February 23, the Night Owls will have dinner at Ruby Tuesdays at 6:30. Everyone can order from the menu. Please sign up at the information table.

## KENYON COLLEGE CHAMBER SINGERS TOUR

On Saturday, March 1st at 7:30 p.m. the Kenyon College Chamber Singers will open their spring tour with a concert at Wayside. It will be an evening of great music. If you are able to house two singers on Saturday evening, please sign the sheet at the information table. Hosts will provide breakfast in their homes on Sunday morning and then deliver the singers to the church.

# FEBRUARY 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Noon - WaYouth Play/ Brunch Set-up
3 8:30 a.m. Early Worship 9:15 WaYouth Brunch 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Worship Noon - Fellowship 12:15 WaYouth Brunch 12:30 Confirmation Class 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir	4 7:00 p.m. MEDS 7:30 p.m. Outreach	5	6 Ash Wednesday 4:00 p.m. WOW 5:30 p.m. Primary Ch. 6:00 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Middler WaYouth 6:45 p.m. Study 7:00 p.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. CDN	7 12:05 Lenten Luncheon 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir	8	9 8:00 a.m. Second Satur- day Work Project  12:30 p.m. Lunch Bunch, Kahkwa
10 8:30 a.m. Early Worship 9:30a.m.Chancel Choir 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Worship Noon - Fellowship Noon - WaYouth Choir Rehearsal 12:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir Scrip Order Due	11 Noon - Trustees 7:00 p.m. MEDS	12 Noon - Martha Circle	13 4:00 p.m. WOW 5:30 p.m. Primary Ch. 6:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 -8:00 p.m. Middler WaYouth Bowling 6:45 p.m. Study 7:30 p.m. Session	14 12:05 p.m. Lenten Lunch- eon 7:15 p.m. Chancel Ch. 7:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl		16 10:00 a.m. Presbytery at Edinboro
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24 7:00 a.m. Breakfast for WaYouth 8:30 a.m. Early Worship 9:30a.m.Chancel Choir 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Worship Noon - Fellowship Noon - WaYouth Choir Rehearsal 12:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir Scrip Order Due	25 7:00 p.m. MEDS	26	27 Noon - Naomi Circle 4:00 p.m. WOW 5:30 p.m. Primary Ch. 6:00 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Middler WaYouth 6:45 p.m. Study 7:30 p.m. W.M.& FA.	28 12:05 p.m. Lenten Lunch- eon Noon - Elizabeth Circle 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir	29	
			Pearlington Mission Trip			



**Schedule for Wayside on Wednesdays**

**4:00 Snack & Game**  
**4:15 Choir**  
**5:15 WOW Club Program**  
**6:00 Family Dinner**

February 6: Ash Wednesday preparations  
 February 13: Lenten Scavenger Hunt  
 February 20: What are the Stations of the Cross?  
 February 27: Trip to St. Patrick's Church

**ADULT EDUCATION**

**Sundays, 9:45—10:45 a.m.**

**Adult Bible Study:**

A Bible study through Lent is a great idea for becoming more aware of personal faith. Don Worthington offers an insightful look at the lectionary readings that we center our worship services around each week.

**Families, Faith, and Fellowship:** This class shares leadership each week. Heather Yahn is the coordinator.

**February 3** - "Book of Order and the Book of Confessions" Alice Edwards

**February 10** - "Myers Briggs Testing" Greg Filbeck

**February 17** - "Myers Briggs Testing" Greg Filbeck

**February 24** - "Bios of Spiritual Thinkers" Doug Villela

**Issues of Faith:**

**February 3** - "Happily Ever After" – brunch and play fundraiser for Mission Trip to NYC

**Weekday Opportunities**

Monday Evening Discussions (MEDS) is delving into Borg and Crossan's book The Last Week. The publishers are sold out of the paperbacks! They are thinking about reprinting it. We have decided to invite one of the authors here to discuss his books with us in October. So in preparation for Marcus Borg's Fall Convocation, Rev. Tom McLaren is leading the Monday group discussions.

**WOW For Adults** - Jim Haas is challenging our thinking again on Wednesday nights following the community dinner. The group is exploring a video series entitled, "Christianity: the First Three Centuries" by Dr. Paul L. Maier. The subtitle raises the question, "How could a tiny sect ever conquer the world?"

**PW DONATES \$2500 TO MISSION PROJECTS**

Presbyterian Women's 2007 fundraising efforts not only fulfilled our budget of \$3700, we also added five special mission offerings (January Potato Dinner for Heifer International - \$727, Blanket Sunday - \$1,000, Birthday Offering - \$802, September Potato Dinner for Hunger Project - \$136, Thank Offering - \$1036) and raised an additional \$2500 for mission projects. The hard work, dedication, and generosity of the women of our church, combined with the strong support of our church congregation as a whole, made this wonderful accomplishment possible. PW extends a big "Thank You" to all that participated in our fundraising efforts! The \$2500 will be dispersed as follows:

A 5% increase in our PW Presbytery Mission Pledge	\$121
Special Offerings for Presbyterian Women	\$250
Ten new large hard plastic tables for Wayside	\$450
Wayside Mission trips	\$400
Reserved for Harmonsburg Church (destroyed by fire)	\$500
Assistance for Sudanese Men	\$150
Food Bank	\$329
City Mission	\$100
Erie Red Cross	\$100
International Red Cross	<u>\$100</u>
	\$2500

**INKJET RECYCLING**

Only Hewlett Packard ink jets are being accepted for recycling.

**LUNCH BUNCH IN FEBRUARY**



The Lunch Bunch will meet at Kahkwa Club at 12:30 p.m. on February 9, 2008. Wear your Lunch Bunch sweatshirts. To make reservations call Jean Geddis, 838-3417, or Annette Rothschild, 836-0835.

**Birthdays:**

2nd—Tim Lasher, Kerry Moyer	17th—Jim Allman, Mary Kolb, Sally Nixon
4th—Brittany Feher, Tim Feltmeyer, Tyler Goodwin, Mark Grimm, Roger Lansbury	18th—Danny Brockwell, Hayley Coyne, Pat Fish
5th—Ross Dubois, Georgia Mitchell, Brooke Scholl	20th—Emma Lewis, Molly Russo
7th - Jackie Tingley	22nd—Leon Barnes, Jessica Brinling, Michael McGill
8th—Lindsay Egg, Jean Huckelbery, Ted Miller, Carol Stamm	23rd—Cindy Clark-Wilcox, Cheree Harris, Michael Mura-bito
9th - Leslie Weber	24th—Brian Buseck, Jennifer Dulabon, Todd Hain
10th—Rachel Bert	25th—Edythe Endean
12th—Ashley Behn, Chris Behn	26th—Hannah Haas, Rebecca Jackson, Ashley Lewis, Charles Meybin
13th—Genevieve Feltmeyer, Jeffrey Start	27th—Angel Harris
14th—Donna Stone, Ed Tansey, Lauren Valentine, Megan Zembower	28th—Paul Carpenedo, Brian McGill, Kristen Morgan
15th—Travis Bert, Cindy Grode, Jared Stern	29th - Oliver Paris
16th—Leslie Momeyer	

**MARTHA MOMENT**

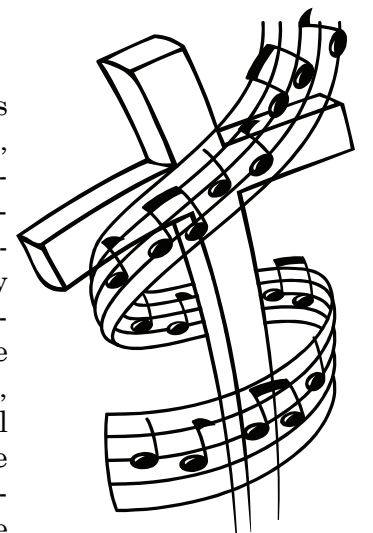
Love is kind and patient,  
 Never jealous, boastful,  
 proud, or rude.  
 Love isn't selfish  
 or quick tempered.  
 It doesn't keep a record  
 of wrongs that others do.  
 Love rejoices in the truth,  
 but not in evil.  
 Love is always supportive,  
 Loyal, hopeful,  
 and trusting.  
 Love never fails!  
 Now all we can see of God  
 Is like a cloudy picture  
 in a mirror.  
 Later we will see him  
 face to face.  
 We don't know everything,  
 but then we will,  
 Just as God completely  
 understands us.  
 For now there are faith,  
 hope, and love.  
 But of these three,  
 the greatest is love.

**ORGAN NOTES**

A new year - a newly refurbished Teller's organ! On Tuesday, January 15th, 2008, two significant projects were undertaken - the first concerning our Church community - the Muller Organ Co.'s representatives dismantled our pipe organ, carefully packaging its parts for transport to Croton, Ohio for work to be performed; the second concerning our bigger community, where crews of men and piles of steel girders were awaiting nightfall for the cranes to hoist them into place in the construction of the new Roller Coaster - The Ravine Flyer II - at Waldamere. Both projects are worthy of our attention and the skills involved in bringing them to fruition.

In the meantime, here at Wayside, an electric keyboard is in place to be used until May when our organ should, according to schedule, be once again in readiness for our use. The generosity of the Evans family is appreciated in the use of this instrument. This is an exciting project for our congregation; it speaks of the values we, as a congregation revere, music, the language of our souls, supported by a fiscally healthy congregation. How Blessed we are!

The Organ Committee



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Saturday - March 29, 2008!

Get out your calendar and save the date! Wayside's annual Talent Auction will take place on Saturday, March 29. This much-anticipated family-friendly event is a great evening full of fellowship and stewardship. More details will be available during announcements and in the bulletin in the coming weeks. We'll be asking for your donations of time and talent soon. Start thinking about what you can contribute to help benefit special projects at Wayside and One Great Hour of Sharing!

## THANK YOU

Thank you for the cards, calls, and all of the beautiful expressions of love and appreciation for Connie. I have lost a most wonderful husband and friend, and pray that memories of our 55 years together will comfort me, in time. I appreciate and value our friendships at Wayside, our church that we loved and served for so long.

Louanne Steinbrenner



## NEW MEMBER TO THE CHURCH STAFF

When you call the Church Office during the week you may be greeted by a new voice. In early January Debbie Smith became the newest member of the church staff. She will be working with Karen Pettit in the office on a part-time basis. We are glad to have Debbie on board. Please welcome her when you stop in or call.

## WORK TRIP TO MISSISSIPPI

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month, ten Waysiders will depart for a week of work with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Pearlington, Mississippi. This will be our fourth "Katrina Relief" trip in this same location. Crew members this time include Gary Popson (who is coordinating the trip), Karen Truchanowicz, Sophie Lillie, Faye Jarmolowicz, Tom & Nancy Fye, Peter and Jane Gilewicz, Don Worthington, and Jim Haas.

The trip is supported by individual contributions of the participants, grants from the Presbytery and the Synod, as well as some special gifts. Members of Wayside are asked to consider financial support for the purchase of Lowe's Gift Cards for the purchase of needed supplies.

Watch for further details in the bulletin or during the announcements.



## FAMILY NEWS

### Births:

Shelby Ann Sheriff - 1/3/08

### Hospitalized:

Eleanor Mathias

### Recuperating at Home:

Peach McVey

### Deaths:

Connie Steinbrenner 12/21/07

Charles Curtze 12/26/07

Myra Jenkins 1/18/08

### Anniversaries:

Robert & Marion Gallivan 2/03

Gary & Linda Behn 2/14

Tim & Kelly McLaughlin 2/14

Hadley & Barb Jones 2/20

## PW KICKS OFF ANNUAL MISSION FUNDRAISER

Wayside Women - hopefully you have just received, or will soon receive in the mail your PW 2008 brochure. This brochure outlines our activities for the year, provides information regarding our three circles (Elizabeth meets the 4th Thursday at noon, Martha meets the 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. and Naomi meets the 4th Wednesday at noon) and the Lunch Bunch, lists our budget, and sincerely encourages each woman of our church to participate in PW as you are able. Included with the brochure, is our annual mission fundraiser letter. Please consider making a contribution of \$10 or more to help meet our \$4038 mission budget.

We are looking forward to an active year filled with opportunities for fellowship, prayer, education and support of Wayside's mission work and the mission of the church worldwide. Please feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns or new ideas!

Dawn Weborg and Karen Haas, Co-Moderators

## SENIOR HIGH WAYOUTH

*Programs and service projects are usually on Sundays. Choir practice follows the 11:00 service each week.*

**February 3:** "Happily Ever After" - brunch and play fundraiser for Mission Trip to NYC

**February 10:** Choir, lunch, and fund raiser project: putting together jars for orders

**February 17:** Distribution of jars at both services

**Friday Night: February 22** Pizza Party and outing with Messiah Lutheran Youth Group

**February 24:** Breakfast *early* Sunday morning to break our Fast. End of the weekend Famine with Messiah Lutheran Church

## MIDDLER WAYOUTH

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

*Choir practice follows the 11:00 service each week*

**February 6:** Ash Wednesday Service

**February 13:** Bowling Night: meet at church at 6:00 p.m. Bring money for dinner and a game.

**February 20:** No Club tonight - set time aside for the Weekend!  
Friday Night: February 22 Pizza Party and outing with Messiah Lutheran Youth Group

**February 24:** Breakfast *early* Sunday morning to break our Fast. End of the weekend Famine with Messiah Lutheran Church

**February 27:** Movie Night

## LENTEN CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

"The Lord's Prayer" will be our theme for the children's Sunday School classes this Lent. We will study what it means, how to say it in sign language, how to sing it, and how to live it. There will be group activities and individual learning centers where each boy and girl can explore the prayer in crafts and fun activities. We will share with the congregation our insights and creativity on Palm Sunday during the 11:00 service.

## LENTEN CLASSES FOR MIDLERS

"Tough Subjects for Discussion" is our theme for this special season. Jami Sundberg and Shawn Babcock will lead reflections on very engaging videos during Sunday School hour. These are subjects every youth needs to deal with!

## LENTEN CLASSES FOR SENIOR HIGHS

The Senior Highs want to continue their engaging conversations about faith and life so they have chosen the subjects they want to address. There will be a few weeks on "Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt" and then on to delving into the debate about contemporary movies and their messages, Buddhism, Mormonism, saints, stem-cell research, evolution vs. creationism, and gender differences.



## LENTEN DEVOTIONAL GUIDES

*These guides will be available in the lobby throughout Lent. A dollar donation is requested for each one. Guides for various forms of prayer are free and can be explored in the Prayer Room.*

### For Children

**New** "Gather round the Cross" a sticker book and chart

**New** "Leap into Lent" action based devotions for each day

**New** "It's a Miracle!" devotions and craft ideas to do at home

"I am Jesus' Little Lamb" a mobile to construct at home

### For Teens

**New** "A Gardener's Guide to Lent" "Snapshots in the Shadows"

### For Adults

"From Fear to Love" by Henri Nouwen "Lenten Prayers for Hungry People"

"Blessed Are You: Overcoming Evil with Good" by Joan Chittister, OSB

Materials for Prayer are available in the Prayer Room