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FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends:

One of the many significant events in the life of Wayside is the annual Officers' Retreat, to be held this year on February 6th. All current and just-retired officers and their spouses, plus staff, are invited to share a morning of faith sharing, consideration of what it takes to keep a congregation alive and vital, and envisioning both where we believe God is leading our church family and how we might get there. It is an important day and I would invite your prayers for all those participating.

Two ideas that surfaced last year and generated a lot of discussion will be considered again this year. The first has to do with the church's ability to draw more of its members into the inner circles of involvement and commitment. It has long been established that 20% of the members of any congregation do 80% of the work and give 80% of the financial support, which risks both burning out those people who are doing so much plus not enabling others to claim ownership. The Boards and committees of Wayside continue to give thought to how we might facilitate that kind of change.

The second idea was even more difficult to get a handle on. It has to do with the younger people and the generations yet to come. It is well documented that, with significant changes in our culture, younger generations tend to be moved and motivated in ways different from their parents. Perhaps this is no more apparent than in the church. Wayside is blessed to be well represented in most age groupings, but I would be kidding myself if I tried to suggest that we have responded well to the challenges of ministering to those in the 20-40 year old category. We are making efforts, but we still have a long way to go.

I doubt we will fully answer those big questions at our Retreat, but we will make some progress. And we will be moved along even further if you would share your thoughts and ideas with any officer. After all, we are in this together and none of us has a corner on the truth. So let's make this a cooperative project, and to God be the glory.

See you in Church.

Peace.

Jim

Jim

*This month at
Wayside:*

- WaYouth Brunch,
February 28
- Ash Wednesday,
February 17
- Lenten Services & Lunch-
eons begin Thursday,
February 18

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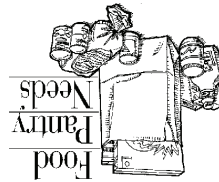
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*All non-perishable items
are always welcome.*

Requested items
For February
Food Pantry
Needs

Soup, Toilet Tissue, Spa-
ghetti, Cereal, Spaghetti
Sauce, Fruit, Toilet Tissue,
Peanut Butter, Macaroni
& Cheese

**WEST MILLCREEK
FOOD PANTRY**



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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 entire congregation expresses its genuine appreciations 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
- All the new officers that were installed, ordained, and recognized in January; all of them are ready to share their skills and abilities in providing leadership for Wayside
- Dan McGill and Georgi Harrington who were recently chosen to be the President and Moderator, respectively, of the Trustees and Deacons; both made a special commitment

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



The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on February 17th. We will worship in the Sanctuary that evening at 7:00 p.m. with the opportunity to be marked with ashes as a sign of our penitence.

Please mark the date on your calendar. More specifics about the service will be available in the Sunday bulletin.

SECOND SATURDAY PROJECT IN FEBRUARY

It has been a few years, but in February we will make a return visit to the City Mission. We have been asked to send a crew to assist at one of their facilities that receives donated household items (clothing, bedding, furniture, etc.) that can then either be sold through their thrift store or distributed to their clients. Our task will be to sort through the items and help determine how they can be used.

Our work time won't begin until 10:00 a.m. (when the facility opens) and we will finish at noon. If you'd like to be part of our crew, please sign up in the Lobby.



MAKING SOUP FOR EMMAUS

Soup will be made by the Deacons on Sunday, February 21. 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! February 28, 2010! Come and enjoy delicious quiche, coffee cakes, sweet bread, muffins and sausage while enjoying an array of inter-generational talent. A special children's menu will be available. Tickets will be on sale in the lobby. Don't miss this fun fellowship event!

MUSIC

As we begin a new year, all of Wayside choirs are welcoming new members. All ages are included in the music program. The winter months go by more quickly by attending a weekly music rehearsal and becoming a part of the fellowship of that particular group. Sing and Ring - Rejoice!



FEBRUARY 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 p.m. MEDS	2	3 4:00 p.m. WOW 5:30 p.m. Primary Choir 6:00 p.m. Dinner Middler WaYouth 6:45 p.m. Adult Study 7:30 p.m. CDN	4 7 p.m. Chancel Choir	5	6 8:30 a.m. Officers' Retreat
7 Communion 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 Noon - Fellowship WaYouth Choir	8 Noon - 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 Middler WaYouth 6:45 p.m. Adult Study 7:30 p.m. Session	11 Noon - Martha Circle 7 p.m. Chancel Choir	12	13 10 a.m. - Noon Second Saturday Work Project 12:30 p.m. Lunch Bunch
14 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 Noon - Fellowship WaYouth Choir	15 7:00 p.m. MEDS	16	17 Ash Wednesday 4:00 p.m. WOW 5:30 p.m. Primary Choir 6:00 p.m. Dinner Middler WaYouth 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service 7:45 p.m. CE Meeting	18 7 p.m. Chancel Choir	19	20
21 Soup Sunday 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 Noon - Fellowship WaYouth Choir	22 7:00 p.m. MEDS	23	24 Noon - Naomi Circle 4:00 p.m. WOW 5:30 p.m. Primary Choir 6:00 p.m. Dinner Middler WaYouth 6:45 p.m. Adult Study 7:30 p.m. Worship, Music & Fine Arts	25 11:30 a.m. Elizabeth Circle 7 p.m. Chancel Choir	26	27
28 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 Noon - WaYouth Brunch						

WAYOUTH

MISION FUNDRAISING EVENT

Sunday February 7: Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sale

On Super Bowl Sunday we would like to suggest that you add to your menu subs from Teresa's Deli. The profits will be scholarships for the WaYouth trip to Philadelphia in June.

Choices include:

- Italian Combo
- Veggie
- Roast Beef and Cheddar
- Turkey
- Ham and cheese

Cost for each 10 inch sub is \$5.00.

LUNCH BUNCH IN FEBRUARY

The Lunch Bunch will meet at Colony Restaurant at 12:30 p.m. on February 13, 2010. To make reservations call Peggy Bules, 836-0096, or Annette Rothschild, 836-0835.

BIRTHDAYS

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

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Bible Study

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

Issues of Faith

February

- 7- "Environmental Economics"
Dr. Gayle Morris
- 14 "Do Little Things Matter?"
Marjorie Masse reviews "Chapters" by Sr. Joan Chittister
- 21 "Do Little Things Matter?"
Gretchen Kelley reviews Amish Grace
- 28 "Do Little Things Matter?"
Steve Porter reflects on living well with the environment

Family, Faith, and Fellowship

The class continues its focus on faith for the 21st Century through the series "Living the Questions".

The Unnamed Class

There is great enthusiasm in this group to explore the Bible for their lives and living today. Join them in the library following the children's opening exercises.

Monday Evening Discussions

meets at 7:00 in the Parlor with Rev. Tom McLaren. The group is discussing a book by Steven Waldman: Founding Faith: How Our Founding Fathers Forged a Radical New Approach to Religious Liberty.

WOW for Adults

convenes at 6:45 pm on Wednesday evenings with Rev. Jim Haas leading a video study on the New Testament.

EXTRA WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT

During the season of Lent there will be some special opportunities for worship. The Ash Wednesday service is mentioned above. The mid-week services and luncheons, hosted by the West Millcreek Ministerial Association, will begin the next day, February 18th, at Westminster Presbyterian Church on 26th Street. Those services begin at 12:05 p.m.; lunch follows at 12:30 p.m. for those who choose to stay for the meal.

As schedules allow, all Waysiders are encouraged to take advantage of these special times of worship.

PRAYERS FOR HAITI

The earthquake in Haiti has caused untold destruction. Survivors are in desperate need of food, shelter, and water. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding to Christ's urgent call to reach out to the people of Haiti; please support their efforts.

You and your congregation can give directly to support PDA's immediate work in Haiti by visiting the following link:

<http://www.pcusa.org/give/online/projectSelectAction.do?numberString=DR000064>.

Gifts can be sent to the presbytery office and will be sent on to that fund. Many of our churches have local ties to Haiti and will be using those local connections as well in this time of chaos. You may want to build connections with one of these neighboring churches so your church can also minister in Haiti.

MARTHA MOMENT

Keep the Faith

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

2 Timothy 4:7

Cling to your standards
and fight the good fight,
Take a firm stand
for things that are right,
And let nothing sway you
or turn you away.
From God's old
Commandments -
They are still new today.

Loving Savior, when temptations come my way be with me as I reflect upon how You handled Your temptations. With sincere interest and purpose of mind, encourage me to ask, "What would Jesus do in this situation?"

PW KICKS OFF ANNUAL MISSION FUNDRAISER "Many Hands"

Wayside Women - hopefully you have just received, or will soon receive in the mail, your PW 2010 brochure. This brochure outlines our activities for the year, provides information regarding our three Circles, lists our budget, and sincerely encourages each woman of our church to participate in PW as you are able. Please consider making a contribution of \$10 or more to help meet our over \$4,000 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.

Micki Loesel, Jean Moore and Dawn Weborg - Moderators

FAMILY NEWS



Births:
Claire Susan
Bowes, born
January 5, 2010

Claire is the daughter of Tracey & Casey Bowes, sister of Collin and Virginia

Avery Joy Lorah, born January 18, 2010
Avery is the daughter of Emillie and Rick Lorah, granddaughter of Linda Lorah

Hospitalized:
Ethan Johns
Margaret Bayus
Rita Weaver

Health South:
Ginny Harris



Many thanks to all of you for your thoughts and prayers for my Aunt Jean Yanow and me. Your support meant so much to me throughout her hospitalization at the Rehabilitation Hospital in Uniontown the past two years.

She was a beautiful lady and lived a wonderful, full life. She died on Christmas Day and my dear friend said, "I am jealous, she got to go to Jesus' Birthday Party."

At her funeral, she looked as though she had attended the party. Beautiful, happy and at peace.....Praise God!

Sally Mapstone

Financial Report

Financial Statement as of
December 31, 2009

Receipts:

Month\$51,603
Year-to-date.....\$438,870

Expenses:

Month\$48,018
Year-to-date.....\$430,314

2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

You should have received a statement of contributions made to Wayside during the year 2009. If you have any questions, please contact Karen at 833-7653.

INSPIRATIONS: LIVING WELL WITH CANCER

Sharon Riley and Kathy Curry will demonstrate recipes that are good for body and soul on Tuesday, February 2 from 7:00 to 8:00pm in the church kitchen. This program entitled, "Easy, Healthy Recipes for Cancer Patients" was postponed in January. Families are welcome.

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.

WOW KIDS CLUB

Schedule for Wednesdays

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

February 3 What is Catholicism?
February 10 Visit to St. Peter Cathedral - 4 p.m.
February 17 Ash Wednesday preparations
February 24 Visit to North Coast Air

MIDDLER WAYOUTH

WEDNESDAYS:

6:00 -6:30 Dinner/ \$2 Donation at church
6:30-7:30 Program: Recreation,
Service Project or Game & Discussion
SUNDAYS:

12:00 -1:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
February 3 Bowling (bring \$5)
February 10 Comparing Religions
February 17 Ash Wednesday Service
February 24 Hockey Game (7 - 9 p.m.)

MIDDLER SUNDAY SCHOOL

February 7 The Life & Ministry of Jesus Christ
February 14 The Gift of the Holy Spirit
February 21 Peter and John
February 28 Stephen, the first Martyr

SENIOR HIGH WAYOUTH

Programs focus on service, living our faith and creating church friends. They are normally on Sunday. Choir practice is held after the 11:00 service on Sundays. Most programs are immediately after choir unless otherwise noted and include lunch. A \$2.00 donation covers meals.

February
7 Subs for Super Bowl Sunday
14 Wash Nursery Toys
21 Rehearsal for Talent Show
28 Brunch/Talent Show

WORSHIP in FEBRUARY

February 7 - Celebration of Holy Communion
Text – Luke 5:1-11
Title – "Who is Worthy?"

The fishing industry was an important source of income in the region around the Sea of Galilee, the area in which the early days of Jesus' public ministry were spent. He witnessed their lives before calling some of those same fisherman to be his disciples; according to some scholars, no less than eight of the twelve fished for a living. Unless you read between the lines of Scripture a bit, it seems that they willingly and easily dropped everything to follow him. But in at least one instance, that was definitely not the case.

February 14 Transfiguration Sunday
Text – Luke 9:28-43
Title – "Exploring Clouds"

Our Jewish brothers and sisters would have more trouble with this story about Jesus than many of the others. It puts Jesus on par with Moses and Elijah, or even supersedes them. The scene is cloudy though and it's meaning seemingly elusive. Maybe we should walk with caution.

February 21 First Sunday in Lent
Text – Luke 4:1-13
Title – "Temptation & Identity"

One of the readings for the first Sunday in Lent each year is this story of the temptation of Jesus. It is told in a slightly different fashion in the various gospels, but the basic story remains the same. We marvel at Jesus' faith that enabled him to reject even the seemingly good, but misguided, options before him. It was a time for him to establish his identity, and challenges us to do the same.

February 28 - Second Sunday in Lent
Text – Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Title – "Foxes & Hens"

Jesus used all sorts of images and metaphors to communicate his message. Here we find him referencing a fox and a hen in our reading for the day and, while his initial listeners probably understood more quickly that we might, we still can grasp his meaning. There are indeed a lot of foxes and hens right around us and we are wise to know the difference.

NURSES NOTES

I am flattered to tell you that I was elected Moderator of the Board of Deacons for this year. My hope is to assist the Pastors and chair persons of committees within the Board of Deacons in their ministry to all members of our Wayside family.

Georgi Harrington

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Saturday - April 10th - Wayside Talent Auction

Put your basket ideas together, be ready with a car wash, pies, art, or any gift of talent or time you would share and come prepared to outbid your friends in an evening of fun! Proceeds will benefit One Great Hour of Sharing and projects at Wayside.

