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FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends:

May is annually one of the busiest months here at Wayside, and this year will be no different. With Easter Sunday now past there is the feeling that things must begin to slow down a bit (and there are some of us on the staff that sometimes wish that were the case), but the pace here really does not ease off until sometime in mid to late-June.

You will read about some of these May happenings at other places in this newsletter, but I couldn't resist the opportunity to offer my personal endorsement to a few of them. The Ken Bailey lectures on May 12th are not specifically a Wayside event (Inter-Church Ministries is the sponsor), but I'm hoping that a good many of us will be in attendance. No matter whether you are a Bible study novice or a scholar, you will find Ken Bailey both fascinating and insightful. He spent most of his life in the Middle East, including 40 years as a professor of Bible and New Testament studies, and combines his scholarship with a great understanding of Middle Eastern culture to make the Scriptures come alive in exciting new ways. I heartily recommend your attendance if your schedule permits a day-time Tuesday event.

There are also several great opportunities for service during the month. On the first Saturday is the annual Trustees-sponsored grounds clean-up. That is always a fun morning, made that much better when a good crowd of people show up.

A week later we will be providing volunteers for the annual Second Harvest – mail carriers food collection. Our Confirmation/Commissioning Class will be at two locations and we will enlist a Second Saturday crew to staff a third. Find the specific details in a separate article in this newsletter. Students needing community service hours might want to consider this one.

Worship throughout the month should be exciting. On succeeding weeks we will celebrate communion, Music Sunday and a baptism, reception of the Confirmation/Commissioning Class, and then after a one week interlude, the day of Pentecost. All of which will be great days to celebrate our faith and offer our praise and worship to the God who blesses us so richly.

There are lots of other good things going on in May, all of them designed to build up Wayside as a community of God's faithful people.

See you in church (among other places!).

Peace.

Jim

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**This Month at
Wayside:**

- PW Spring Banquet
May 4
- Music Sunday, May 10
- Confirmation Dinner,
May 11
- PW's Election Day
Bake Sale, May 19
- Memorial Day, May 25

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*All non-perishable items are
always welcome.*

Requested items for May:
**WEST MILLCREEK
FOOD PANTRY**

Baked Beans,
Tuna,
Canned Fruit,
Spaghetti Sauce,
Mac & Cheese,
Soup,
Bar Soap,
Toilet Tissue

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Georgina Peters, Annette Rothschild

"MISSION STATEMENT"

*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.*

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:

- All those who shared in the Easter Prayer Vigil
- Sue Godboldt who has been faithfully assisting with the Middler WaYouth program
- Erin Henderson who coordinates all our child care needs
- Peggy Bules, Sally DeWitt, Shirley Diller, Karen Dunn, Jane Hess, Georgina Peters, Anne Shenk and Annette Rothschild who are the newsletter coordinators

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

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

A bake sale will be held Tuesday, May 19th, while the community comes to Wayside to vote. PW is asking for donations to sell that day with proceeds going toward mission projects. Please bring items Monday or early Tuesday morning. Sign up at the Information Table.



WAYSIDE MUSIC.....

A special thank you to Ron May, Trumpeter on Palm Sunday and Easter, and to the Sanctuary Bell Choir, the Chancel Choir and the WaYouth, Primary and WOW singers for the special music of the Lenten and Easter Season.

Summer is just around the corner and we look forward to a more leisure pace and summer activities. We are beginning to plan for special music during summer worship. If you are interested in providing special music during this time, please contact Dawn Weborg.

Please prayerfully consider joining a music group next fall as part of your Time and Talent contribution to Wayside. Musicians of all ages are welcome!

WOW SINGERS

The children from the WOW choir provided a wonderful concert to the residents at Manchester Presbyterian Lodge. Former Chancel Choir member, Jack Tower, particularly enjoyed the performance. The WOW children did a great job following their hard work at weekly rehearsals.

SANCTUARY BELL CHOIR

A note of appreciation for all the hard work by the Bell Ringers throughout this past year. We are looking forward to a break from rehearsals following Music Sunday on May 10th. When we reconvene in the Fall we would welcome any new players. If you are interested in joining, speak with Ron May or any of the ringers.



SECOND SATURDAY PROJECT IN MAY

On the second Saturday of May each year the mail carriers as well as various Scout and church groups work in support of the food drive for the Second Harvest Food Bank. Our Confirmation/Commissioning Class annually staffs several of the collection sites and will do that again this year.

Wayside has also been asked to provide other workers that day and make this our Second Saturday project for the month. Because this is a fairly extensive event volunteers can choose to work either the early shift (10 a.m. – 1 p.m.) or the later shift (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.). Ideally we would have four or five people at each time, which could make this a great family activity. If you are interested, please sign up in the Lobby.

MAY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8:00 a.m. Grounds Clean-up
3 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 12:30 Confirmation Class 5:00 Bell Choir	4 5:30 p.m. Mother-Child Banquet	5 7:00 P.M. Trustees	6 4:00 p.m. WOW 4:15 p.m. Choir 5:00 p.m. WOW 5:30 p.m. Primary Choir 6:00 p.m. Dinner Middler WaYouth 6:45 p.m. Adult Bible Study 7:30 p.m. .CDN Meeting	7 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	8	9 Second Saturday Work-Project 12:30 p.m. Lunch Bunch
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17 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	18 7:00 p.m. MEDS (last meeting 'til Fall)	19 ELECTION DAY PW Bake Sale	20 4:00 p.m. WOW 6:00 p.m. Dinner 6:45 p.m. Adult Bible Study 7:30 p.m. CE Mtg.	21 Noon - Martha Circle	22	23
24 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	25 Memorial Day	26	27 Noon - Naomi 7:30 p.m. Worship, Music & Fine Arts	28 11:30 a.m. Elizabeth Circle	29	30
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TO PATRONS OF THE TALENT AUCTION

A big part of the success of our annual Talent Auction is the generous response of businesses in our community who contribute to the event. So a big Wayside word of thanks goes out to:

- Arby's Restaurant
- Art's Bakery
- Bob Evans Farm Restaurant
- Butch's Family Restaurant
- Champion Ford
- Cunningham's Auto Sales & Service
- Curve's
- Eat'n Park Restaurant
- Erie Bayhawks
- Erie Playhouse
- Erie SeaWolves
- Hamot Health Connection
- Hamot Wellness Center
- Jr's Last Laugh Comedy Club
- Joe Roots Grill
- Keep-In-Touch Spa
- Kentucky Fried Chicken
- Max & Erma's
- McDonald's Restaurant
- Mighty Fine Donuts
- Olive Garden Italian Restaurant
- Panera Bread
- Peek'n Peak
- Pizza Hut
- Red Lobster
- Romolo Chocolates
- Van Tuil Photo,
- Wegman's
- West Lake Car Wash
- Wild Birds Unlimited
- Ye Olde Sweet Shop

HABITAT'S "HOUSE THAT FAITH BUILT"

Greater Erie Habitat for Humanity has an ambitious project coming up in June. In a period of 21 days (June 1-21) Habitat will build and dedicate a new house! The religious community will provide all the volunteers and financial support, so this will truly be a house that faith builds.

Wayside is one of the "core church" supporters, meaning that we will include the project in our prayers, provide financial gifts (already done through our capital campaign grant), and send volunteer workers. **During the second week of the "build," (June 9-13) we are committed to sending five workers each day. (This will be for the full day: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) So please check your schedules and sign up at the Information Table in the Lobby.** We have a limited number of slots to fill and we'll do that on a first come/first serve basis, so don't wait too long.

Inter-Church Ministries of Erie County presents "Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes"

Tuesday, May 12, 2009
Registration at 9:15 a.m. Conclusion at 2:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
707 Sassafras Street, Erie

Rev. Dr. Kenneth E. Bailey (Th.D., Concordia Seminary, St. Louis) is an author, lecturer and emeritus research professor of Middle Eastern New Testament studies for the Tantar Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem. He spent forty years living and teaching New Testament in Egypt, Lebanon, Jerusalem and Cyprus, and has written many books in English and in Arabic.

Registration forms can be found at the Information Table in the Lobby.

FAMILY NEWS

Recuperating at Home:

- Floyd Christiansen
- Todd DeBello
- Sonya Grant
- Mony Sapp
- Barb Trisket



Births:

Andrew Patrick Start 3/17

Anniversaries:

- Ron & Lois May 5/5
- Hal & Norma Harrington 5/13
- Brad & Brenda Westfall 5/14
- Vic & Shawn Babcock 5/18
- Joseph & Pam Monaco 5/19
- Jim & Barb Richardson 5/19
- Gary & Maggie Christensen 5/21
- Bruce & Sally McCulloch 5/23
- Greg & Lori Miller 5/25
- Jeff & Carol Yahn 5/25
- Tim & Diane Feltmeyer 5/27
- Bill & Nicki Jares 5/27
- Gary & Becky Klepfer 5/29
- Chris & Kathy Wolford 5/31

Birthdays:

- 1st - Julie Baltas,
Jennifer Garcia
- 2nd - Molly Allen, George Diller,
Jim Richardson
- 3rd - Kristin Babb, Lily Babb,
June Dover, Lee McVey
- 4th - Kathy Englert, Missy
Grimm
- 5th - Marilyn Moore, Aaron
Pentz, Katie Richardson
- 6th - Vaska Lewis, Annamarie
Weaver
- 7th - Chloe Olsen, David
Wallwork
- 8th - Lori Miller
- 9th - Michael Cross, Ben Kocan,
Lois May, Flori Porter, Jim
Richardson, Evelyn Wright
- 10th - Jacob Duska, Aaron
Filbeck, Ken Patton
- 11th - Laura Nelson
- 12th - Rich Pulling, Emma
Sidorowicz, Mark Twinem
- 13th - Kyle Goodwin
- 14th - Jesse Edwards-Borowicz,
Cindy Minnick, Eliza
Porter
- 15th - Jane Babbitt, Max Masse,
Greg Morrow
- 16th - Jordan Babcock, David
Haag

- 17th - Anthony Villella
- 18th - Alice Allman, Kirk
Hamza, Sue Godboldt,
Jim Tingley, Brittany
Weber
- 19th - Leslie Babcock, Ashley
Buseck, Jim Endean,
Ginny Pollard
- 21st - Florence Detzel, Kallan
Fuchs, Bobbi Jo Fye,
Sandy Reed, Lisa
Watkins, Ben Yahn,
Graham Yahn
- 22nd - Karla Haag, Amy
Valentine
- 23rd - Joshua Harris, Matt
McCullough
- 24th - Heather Lewis, Bethany
Scholl, Dawn Weborg
- 25th - Ryan Morrow, Jeanne
Nyberg, Lily Olsen, Sally
Reed, Rita Tingley
- 26th - Mitchell Hoyt, Joe Start
- 28th - Owen McCullough,
Katherine Warnaka
- 30th - Kerrisa Moyer, Roger Taft
- 31st - Donna Bittner, Nicholas
Duska, Ellie Westfall



Financial Report

Financial Statement
as of March, 2009

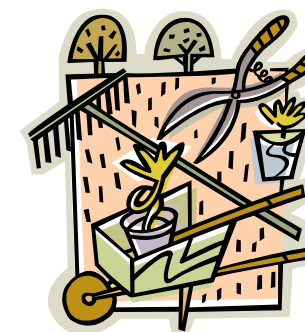
Receipts:

Month.....\$ 37,483
Year-to-Date..... \$ 120,650

Expenses:

Month.....\$ 35,235
Year-to-Date..... \$ 109,914

GROUNDS CLEAN-UP



The Trustees have set the morning of Saturday, May 2nd for the annual clean-up of the church grounds. All volunteers who would like to work are invited to come at 8:00 a.m. (or whatever time you can arrive) and stay as long as schedules permit. All of the work is generally completed by noon.

In case of inclement weather, watch the bulletin for an announcement of a make-up date.

PW NEWS

PW SPRING BANQUET

Monday, May 4th is the PW Spring Banquet "A Celebration of Women". Snacks and Fellowship start at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00. Immigrant Christian women and children from the Sudan will provide a special program of music and dance. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$4 for children (age 4-13). Vegetarian meals will be provided, if requested. If you forgot to purchase a ticket, please call Jean Moore (461-9665) or Karen Haas (833-2053) and they will try to accommodate your request. Please come and enjoy a wonderful evening of good food and fellowship.

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet Saturday, May 9th, at 12:30 p.m. at The Heartland Bed & Breakfast Inn on Rout 20 in Girard. Please call Peggy Bules at 836-0096 or Annette Rothschild, 836-0835, to make reservations.

CHURCH WOMEN

Church Women United 2009 May Friendship Day is Friday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Barnabas Chapel at Brevillier Village. Please join us for a time of reflection on the rich heritage of CWU, sharing who we are and building on the work of the past. Guest speaker is Caroline Wolff (past CWU Leader) who will share her CWU journey with us.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

PW will again be celebrating the "Bread for the World Have Faith End Hunger" Campaign. We will be signing our letters to elected officials in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, May 17. We encourage everyone to stop at the table in the Lobby following both services, to sign the letters.

MARTHA MOMENT...

*Mother's Day
A prize Tribute to Mother*

One day in the year is set aside for mothers - how strange a custom! Like setting one day aside to grasp the beauty of the sun, moon, the stars - all the lovely, natural things that bring warmth, light, comfort.

Many times I have longed to set my thoughts down upon paper. Not in the flowery language of greeting-cards, but in the simple language of love. I write the words, "Dear Mother" - lovely tender words - and grow silent beneath the weight of thoughts and memories that, lying buried like precious jewels beneath the dust of years, arise clear and glowing in mind.

Impossible to describe the homely beauty of these thoughts: warm kitchen filled with the scent of bread; sunlight dappling a clean white cloth, touching the rosy apples in their copper bowl; tender memories of loving acts and dreary tasks done smilingly while the sun shone and the years marched swiftly past, and youth, perhaps secretly mourned, passed with it.

How describe the broad, deep-blossomed earth, symbol of maternity - awakening in the spring of the year, lying fruitful beneath the summer sun, resting from its labors in the autumn, and dreaming peacefully wrapt in snowy mantle? Dwelling upon these thoughts we hear, borne strong on the wind, the galloping hoofs of time astride the ceaseless cycles of the years, drawing nearer and nearer. Then caught by a vague fear, we say or we think or we write, "Dear Mother."

BIRTHDAY OFFERING

Coming in May... an opportunity to support a children's home for orphans in El Paso, Texas! The Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering is a special giving opportunity that comes just once a year. It is a tradition that, in part, inspired the formation of Presbyterian Women. According to the tradition, each woman is encouraged to give 10 cents for each year lived or \$10 to keep her age a secret! However, if you choose to donate, whatever you choose to give will be appreciated. The recipients of the grant money are chosen through an application process. This year, there are two recipients: His Kids, Too! and La Mujer Obrera. His Kids, Too! is a Children's Home for Orphans in Dzerzhinsk, Ukraine, where the money will be used for construction on a new home that "will house up to 30 orphaned children." La Mujer Obrera is located in El Paso, Texas, and "works to revitalize the area and create long-term, sustainable economic opportunities for area residents." Look for special envelopes in your pew during the month of May.

PENTECOST FLOWERS

As was done last year, we would like to decorate our Sanctuary with red geraniums for our celebration of Pentecost Sunday, May 31st. The Worship, Music, and Fine Arts Committee would like to invite members of the congregation to purchase the flowers by signing up at the Information Table. We will place one large order. Following Pentecost all the geraniums will be planted around the building to be enjoyed by the entire community throughout the summer.

PER CAPITA

Every year each Presbyterian church is asked to contribute a certain amount **per member** of the congregation to support the work of the other governing bodies (Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly). It goes to pay for salaries, utilities, office expenses, etc. that enable ministries to happen and is part of the cost of being a connective church.

The per capita amount for 2009 is just slightly over \$27. Most of that supports the work of our local Presbytery (Lake Erie), with lesser figures for the Synod (Trinity) and the General Assembly. Every Wayside member is encouraged to pay that amount as an additional commitment beyond their regular pledge. Checks can simply be earmarked per capita and payment can be made at any time throughout the year.

CONFIRMATION/ COMMISSIONING CLASS

The annual Confirmation/Commissioning Class Dinner will be held on Monday, May 11th at 6:00 p.m. All the members of the class, their families and mentors, and members of Session are invited to attend. Individual statements of faith will be shared and Session will receive our newest members.

Please keep all those in the class in your prayers during this important time in their faith journeys. Members include Brianna Bojewski, Chelsea Bojewski, Alex Borowski, Jeremy Brinling, Dan Brockwell, Nick Duska, Andrew Esper, Joey Kocan, Henry Lewis, Marissa Pardini, Sydne Pollifrone, Eliza Porter, Ashley Stamm, Andrew Steehler, and Brian Sundberg.

2009 GRADUATES

In the next issue of "Inside Wayside" we would like to feature our high school and post-high school graduates. Please let us know of them and indicate the school from which they are graduating, their degree, if applicable, and their future plans. Please have the information to the office by May 19th. We would also like their photograph for a bulletin board recognizing all of our graduates. Thank you.

WALK FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Twenty local non-profit organizations that deliver vital health and human service programs to our community will be recipients of funds raised in the annual "Walk for a Healthy Community" presented by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield. The Walk will take place on Saturday morning, June 6th, beginning at Presque Isle Park. Among the agencies which will receive funds are Presbyterian Homes, Erie Homes for Children and Adults, and Second Harvest Food Bank - all of which are supported by Wayside in a variety of ways. Ideally we would like to have several walkers to represent each of these agencies. If you would like to be among them, please check the Information Table in the Lobby for further information.

6th and FINAL WORK TRIP to PEARLINGTON

Are you interested in one last work trip to Pearlinton, Mississippi before the state closes down the volunteer village?

Late September or early October looks like the best time.

Watch the bulletin for further details.



WORSHIP IN MAY

May 3rd Celebration of Holy Communion
Text – Psalm 23
Title – “Walking Through the Valley”

The 23rd Psalm means different things to different people. The author of these six brief verses intended them as an expression of his confidence in God’s protection. Those who follow in God’s way will find that God provides for their every need, even the needs of our souls.

May 10th Music Sunday
Text – John 15: 1-8
Title – “Family Tree”

It is human nature to see differences between one another, but it is God’s nature to see our similarities. We have more in common than we think.

May 17th Reception of the 2009 Confirmation/Commissioning Class
Text – John 15:9-17; I John 5:1-6
Title – “Abiding or Going? Which Is It?”

Jesus has given what some would think are contradictory commands: to go and bear fruit, but also to abide, i.e. stay, in his love. Obviously the two are not really opposites, so there must be some way to both go and stay. What is the key?

May 24th Text – Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Title – “Holy Substitute”

Obviously Peter took the leadership role among the followers of Jesus after the Lord had ascended into heaven. Quickly the group determined that someone needed to replace the departed disciple Judas, and through the “casting of lots,” which might well have been something like throwing dice, Matthias was chosen. He is not mentioned before this story and is never mentioned again, but that doesn’t mean we can’t know something about him.

May 31st Pentecost Sunday
Text – Acts 2:1-21
Title – “An Unruly Spirit”

There is nothing concerning the behavior of Jesus’ followers after his ascension that prepares us for the astonishing character of Pentecost. Up until now the gathering of believers has been orderly and rather secluded. But then pandemonium breaks loose! Suddenly the walls cannot contain them or the Spirit that moves them. Things get pretty wild and, God willing, have remained that way ever since.



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

May 6: Mother’s Day Gifts
4:00 pm Snack
4:15 Choir
5:00 WOW Club Program
5:30 Primary Choir
6:00 Dinner

May 13: Visit Mt. St. Benedict (4 - 6:30 p.m.)

May 20: Plant garden then Ice Cream Treat!



MAY MIDDLEL & SENIOR HIGHWAYOUTH SCHEDULE FOR MAY

Sundays: Choir Rehearsal noon to 1:00 p.m.

May 6: No Middlers
May 13 - Middlers - Pizza Hut Dinner
Senior Highs, May 3 - Dinner at Land & Shore

SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

May 3: What Happens When We Pray?
May 10: How did Jesus’ Death Save Us?
May 17: What Happened at the General Assembly?
May 24: Guest Speaker
May 31: What Happens When We Sin?

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 20 thru July 24.

“Children of Abraham, Sarah & Hagar:” will take place during the morning hours. Watch the June/July newsletter for details.



ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY MORNINGS: 9:45

Adult Bible Study:

Don Worthington will lead in a study of Lectionary Readings.

Families, Faith, and Fellowship:

Discussions relating to family life and faith.

Issues of Faith

May 3: Movie & discussion:

“West Banks Story”

May 10: “Judaism”, Corrine Egan, Temple Anshe Hessed

May 17: “Comparing Faith and the Afterlife”, Christine Brotherson

May 31: “Islam”, Uzma Siddiquie

MEDS:

Monday Evening Discussions will meet in the church parlor from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on May 18th. The group is led by Rev. McLaren and is continuing their exploration of Lib-erating the Gospels by Bishop John Shelby Spong.

WOW for Adults:

The group continues the series entitled “Living the Questions.” It is an excellent series with contemporary theologians who discuss openly the most difficult questions of our time. The study is led by Rev. Haas.