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*This month at
Wayside:*

- Gulf Coast Mission Trip
September 27th - October 2
- Congregational Meeting
October 18
- Soup Sunday, October 18
- Fall Convocation
October 31-Nov 1

Dear Friends,

I was headed back to the church from St. Vincent's Hospital earlier this week and made the mistake of coming straight out 12th Street. That is my normal route, but on this day I had neglected to remember that so much of the road is under construction. In many places the lines were long and the traffic was at a stand-still. It was frustrating.

On my best days when I find myself in that type of situation – if I can work through my impatience and the accompanying petty thoughts – I try to lighten the gloom and see if I can make something positive out of an unwanted situation. I try gently waving at people (most don't seem to be in the mood to respond) or leaving room for them to cut in front of me where the road narrows (some seem appreciative, while others almost seem smug, as if they're saying, "Boy, I just pulled one over on that slow, old guy.")

On this particular trip, I had an unusual response, extreme in a very positive way. The lady in the large SUV looked surprised, but then smiled and waved kindly when I let her cut in front of me. I ended up in line right behind her for the next mile or so (what seemed about half an hour!). Then when she put on her turn signal to pull into a parking lot, she rolled down the window, stuck out her arm, and waved back once again, as if to say, "I really do want you to know how grateful I am." I waved back and then drove on, but her friendly gesture really made my day.

There has been a lot made in recent years about "random acts of kindness." When they are offered by Christians, we probably need to take out the word "random." For that is what we are called to. And especially in this day and age, when times have gotten tougher and nerves and tempers are likely to be a bit frayed, that kind of response to life is needed all the more. We truly can be, as the Bible suggests, the "leaven" that raises the level of social interaction.

On my next trip back from downtown, I'm sorry to admit, I was obsessed with time and not too friendly as a driver. So I'm still working on it. As I hope we all are.

See you in church.
Peace.




Rev. James Haas

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STEWARDSHIP
SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 8, 2009


*All non-perishable items
are always welcome.*
 & Cheese
 Peanut Butter, Macaroni
 Sauce, Fruit, Toilet Tissue,
 ghetti, Cereal, Spaghetti
 Soup, Toilet Tissue, Spa-
 October:
 Requested items for
**WEST MILLCREEK
FOOD PANTRY**

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WAYSIDE CHURCH

"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.*

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MANY THANKS

We would like to express 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:

- Rob and Brenda Harcut who coordinated Wayside's participation in the annual CROP Walk; we had one of our largest Walk teams in recent memory
- Karen Potocki and the Deacons who coordinated the "Back to School" project
- The Trustees for their continued efforts at making improvements to our facilities: the refinished outside doors and the re-sealed parking lot being the latest evidence of their good work

There are others who contribute generously of their time & efforts; we are grateful to all of them.

SECOND SATURDAY WORK PROJECT

Our outreach into the community takes us back to the Kids' Café this month. We will be working on Saturday, October 10th, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Our good friends there - Margaret Kloecker and Sister Mary Miller - have more good work planned for us and are looking forward to our visit. In previous trips to the Café we have painted, cleaned, and done other basic maintenance. We'll find out just prior to our visit what's in store for this visit. If you would like to be part of the work crew, please sign up in the Lobby.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual fall meetings of the congregation and corporation will be held at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, October 18th, for the purposes of hearing and acting on the report of the Nominating Committee as well as conducting any other business that may rightly be presented. Breakfast will be served. Please plan to attend.

This is a very important gathering of our congregation; those elected are being asked to provide vision and leadership for Wayside in the years to come. A brochure with biographical sketches of all the nominees will be available. Please add all these good people to your prayers.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Anyone interested in updates about Wayside's Prayer Shawl Ministry can join our Facebook group. Meetings dates and times, changes to schedules, photos, and related news will be posted - and you can start conversations and post your own ideas there as well. Come join us!

WISE OWL UPDATE

The Wise Owls will hold an organizational dinner meeting on October 24 at 6:00 p.m. at Ruby Tuesdays at the Millcreek Mall. Please sign up at the information table in the lobby if you can attend.

LUNCH BUNCH NEWS

This month's gathering of "lunch bunchers" will be on Saturday, October 10 at 12:30 p.m. at the Golden Wok at 32nd and Pittsburgh Avenue. Call Peggy Bules at 836-0096 to make your reservation!

WaYouth JAR SALE

The WaYouth will be holding a jar sale beginning on Sunday, November 1 following both worship services. This year the jars are available immediately! The selections will include several soups, muffin and cookie mixes.

The jars make great holiday gifts with the cost being \$8.00 each or 2 for \$15.00. The WaYouth will prepare the jars on Sunday, October 25th at 3:00 p.m. with dinner following.



Please see Dawn Weborg or Micki Loesel if you have questions.

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.

OCTOBER 2009

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WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

Our worship during the month of October begins with World Communion Sunday, perhaps the best opportunity we have throughout the year to celebrate our Christian unity with brothers and sisters around the world. At the very end of the month we will witness to the church triumphant and give thanks for all those Waysiders who have completed this life and begun a new one during the past twelve months.

October 4th World Communion Sunday

Text- Romans 14:1-12

Title- "Things We Share"

On this one day of the year when we are most intentional about recognizing our connections with Christians around the world, we focus not on our divisions or our differences, but on what we share in common. Just as Paul did in his letter to the Christians in Rome, so are we called to remember and celebrate the unifying gifts that Christ brings and our responsibility to care for one another.

October 11th

Text- Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Title- "Questions About Hope"

The story of Job in the Old Testament is one of incredible suffering and struggle. As we read it we wonder where Job found the strength to keep going. Obviously it came through his faith and trust in God but, even then, we might ask where he found any hope for the days ahead. This morning we'll look at the matter of hope – where it comes from and what it says about our faith.

October 18th

We will be blessed to welcome Sue Wright to our worship this morning. Sue and her husband, Ted, are PCUSA missionaries in Zambia in southern Africa. She is part of a group of missionaries spending time back in the US at the invitation of the General Assembly, sharing their stories of the incredible work being done in the name of Jesus Christ all around the world. It is our good fortune to have her with us this morning.

October 25th

Text- Based on Mark 10:46-52

Title- "What Do We Want to See?"

All who are convinced of their point of view seek to convince others of their perspective. Bartimaeus on the other hand, asks to see with Jesus' eyes. He sets aside his perspective on the world as blindness. What shall Bartimaeus see after Jesus heals him?

WAYSIDE WORK CREW TO THE GULF COAST



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

The sixth Wayside work crew being sent to the Gulf Coast to assist with the ongoing relief efforts will be arriving home just as this newsletter is being read. The group left Erie on September 27th and returns on October 2nd. Unlike previous trips which took our workers to Pearlinton, Mississippi, this crew was asked to work in New Orleans, staying at the Olive Tree volunteer village, housed in the a former Presbyterian church. No details yet on the type of work the group was asked to do; as in previous visits, Waysiders simply make the best of whatever is requested. Members of the team included Tom and Nancy Fye, Paul and Karen Carpenedo, Don Worthington, Sophie Lillie, Gary Popson, and Jim Haas. Every one of them would be glad to answer any questions you might have about their experience.

DEACONS SOUP SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 18th, the Deacons will be making their delicious soup, with your contributions, for the Emmaus Soup Kitchen. Watch for the flyer at Sunday School and on the information table, which will list what ingredients are needed.

WAYSIDE WISH LIST

Periodically people come into the Church Office with very generous offers to cover the cost of some recently identified need. With that in mind the Session has encouraged committees to propose items for a church "wish list" that could be shared with the congregation and offered as possible gifts from members. To date that list includes the following:

- Special bulletins for Christmas, Palm Sunday, Easter, and other occasions
- Advent candles
- Choral anthem sheet music for special occasions

If you would like to express your gratitude to God by joyfully offering to cover the costs of any of these items, please speak to Karen Pettit, our Administrative Assistant and Financial Secretary. Gifts can be made to the glory of God in memory or honor of loved ones.

BUDGET CONCERNS

Once again as we approach the end of the year our budget reflects the stresses and strains of a growing church. The Budget Committee, as well as the Trustees and Session, has been keeping a close eye on things and offers a few thoughts for all of us:

1. Keep your pledge payments as up-to-date as possible
2. Consider proportionate giving the next time you make a pledge. Take a moment to actually calculate the percentage of your giving and, if it's not a tithe (10%), formulate a plan of incremental increases that will bring you closer to that goal.
3. If it's possible, consider including a little extra in your weekly envelope, but only if doing that brings a smile to your face or a warmth to your heart.

PW FALL GATHERING – “Fishin’ for Mission”

The Presbyterian Women’s Fall Gathering, will be held at the Linesville Presbyterian Church on October 24, 9:30 to 2:30.

The guest speaker is Lisa A. Phelps, D.O. Dr. Phelps has directed a medical mission, Hope for Hispaniola, in the Dominican Republic for the past six years. She will share her amazing experiences with us. The female lay pastors of the Lake Erie Presbytery will be leading our worship and both workshops will be led by Wayside women! Linda Lorah will teach us about Body Prayer and Karen Haas will talk about revitalizing our PW groups. Please consider attending the Gathering. They are spirit filled events and a great way to meet women from throughout our Presbytery. See the PW bulletin Board for more details and sign up at the information table in the lobby. All women are invited! We would love to see some Wayside women attend. If you need a ride, please see Linda Lorah.

PW WARREN HOSPITAL STOCKING PROJECT

Once again Wayside’s Presbyterian Women’s Association will be filling twenty Christmas stockings for patients at the Warren State Hospital. Specific articles are needed and in order to keep the gifts uniform, please watch the weekly Sunday bulletin for monetary donation information.

MARTHA MOMENT

Thy beauty, O God, is upon us, autumn splendor everywhere - days lucid with vision or dim with mist, haze and smothered sunshine; nights wistful with summer memories. The trees are touched with ripe, mellow colors, and the leaves begin to fall and flutter away. The birds are going south, following a viewless path like the homing instinct in the soul of man.

Lord, we thank Thee for beauty. Let our thankfulness be the flower of thoughtfulness and our prayer the fruit of joy. Help us, O God, to make the life of man as lovely as the world in which he lives, the brotherliness of humanity equal to the beauty of nature. Amen.

Joseph Fort Newton

PW RUMMAGE SALE

This year’s sale raised over \$2900 for Mission projects. Left over items went to Kids Café, Stairways, SafeNet, Saint Martin’s Center, City Mission and to a refugee woman and her family from Iraq.

Shoppers had a beautiful day and the rummage sale workers received many compliments on the sale. Thanks go out to: all those who spent endless hours sorting and organizing; those who contributed items; all workers on the day of the sale; and of course, the clean-up crew.

Special thanks to my right hand man, Tom, who checked equipment and appliances, lifted, moved, set up, took down tables and was always there to lend a hand.

Nancy Fye, Rummage Sale Chairperson

PW FOURTH QUARTER BUSINESS MEETING

Presbyterian Women will meet on Wednesday, October 28th for our Fourth Quarter Business Meeting in the parlor at 7:30 p.m. At this meeting we will review and vote on a new slate of officers. We will also vote on the program calendar and budget for 2010. All women are encouraged to attend!



Birthdays

- 1st Chelsea Baltas, Emily Eighmy
- 3rd Amy Brinling, Barry Zembower
- 4th Brianna Morrow
- 7th Marilyn Stern, LeeAnn Warnaka
- 8th Kelly Duska, Claire Fair, Bryce Yahn
- 9th David Miller
- 11th Ella Garrity, Kerry Patton, Diane Wagner
- 12th Nancy Brozewicz, Allison Wickham
- 13th Alissa Brugger, Gretchen Kelley, David Tague

- 14th Lisa Moyer
- 15th Margaret Bayus, Kim Garrity, James Ommert, Karina Wismer
- 16th Ella Grimm, Rick Lorah, Denise Pollifrone
- 17th Grant Filbeck
- 19th Adam Snyder
- 21st Alissa Patrick
- 23rd Caroline Grimm, Jenny Martin
- 25th Vic Babcock, Bailey Zembower
- 26th Nikki Brockwell, Diane Garcia
- 27th Aurora Fuchs, Andrew Masse
- 28th Linda Behn, Dick Glass, Kalena Popson
- 29th Steve Briggs, Brian Ripley
- 31st Scott Bastow, Brynn Gleason

Anniversaries

- 1st David & Pam Johns
- 5th Aric & Christine Szklenski, Ramon & Lisa Watkins
- 6th Gary & Char Popson, Jim & Karen Haas
- 12th Jerry & Rita Brown, Tim & Laurie Brugger
- 18th Todd & Mary DeBello
- 19th Rob & Brenda Harcourt
- 21st Gregory & Heather Yahn
- 23rd Tim & Lynn Lewis
- 28th Richard & Sheila Kocan

FAMILY NEWS

Recuperating at Home:
Nicki Jares
Pam Johns
Sally Nixon

SYMPHONIC SINGERS

Symphonic Singers, under the very talented direction of Jean Verdecchia, holds rehearsals each Monday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at our Wayside Presbyterian Church. The group welcomes new singers and cordially invite you to become part of this very special choir. Questions, speak with Pat Fish (774-2910).

MUSIC NEWS!

The Music program at Wayside is off to a rousing start! The Primary Choir at 14, WOW Choir at 20, Sunrise Singers at 10, and Chancel Choir at 25. As Pastor Haas stated in his September 6 sermon, “You can never be overdressed!” We can never have too many voices singing to the Glory of God. (A special thanks to Shawn and Vic for hosting the “kick off picnic”.)

ATTENTION: MUSICALLY TALENTED MEMBERS

Sanctuary Bells is looking for another ringer to play the lower octave (yes, those large bells). If you can read music, we can teach you how to ring. Contact Ron May or any of the members of the Sanctuary Bells. We rehearse in the sanctuary Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Wednesday Fellowship dinners are back! Plan to join us Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for food and fellowship, *no reservations necessary!* Interested in cooking? Contact Bobbi Jo Fye at fye@gannon.edu or 838-1770.

SCRIP PROGRAM

Wayside’s scrip program continues. This program allows you to order gift cards through the church. You get your gift cards delivered to you the next Sunday and the church benefits by receiving a small percentage from cards purchased. Keep SCRIP in mind when you need a gift, or start your Christmas shopping or when you are just doing your everyday shopping or eating out. A list of participating retailers is on the information table or at www.glscrip.com. Questions? Contact Bobbi Jo Fye.

Financial Report

Financial Statement as of August 2009

Receipts:

Month.....\$42,157
Year-to-date.....\$284,061

Expenses:

Month.....\$32,743
Year-to-date.....\$279,148