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*This month at
Wayside:*

- ◆ September 13, Rally Day
- ◆ WaYouth Kicks-Off,
Wednesday Dinner
September 16
- ◆ Crop Walk,
September 27, 1:30 p.m.



RALLY DAY PICNIC

Rally Weekend lunch will be held on September 13th! After the 11:00 a.m. service that morning, the Wayside chefs will prepare a picnic lunch with all the trimmings. Plan on staying and enjoy a picnic lunch, root beer floats, ice cream sundaes and fellowship with friends. Come casual to church and stay for some fun to celebrate the start of a new church year. Lunch is \$3.00 per person with a \$12.00 family maximum. Children two and under are free. Please make your reservation by calling the church office or register on Sunday morning at the information table, so we can plan enough food for everyone. See you there.

Make your reservations in advance. \$3 per person, under 2 - free., family maximum of \$12. Please sign up at the information table or call the church office at 833-7653.

RALLY DAY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Come for continental breakfast and a little bit of fun on Sunday, September 13 to kick off the new church school year. Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m.

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CROP WALK SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27 1:30 p.m. - Presque Isle

September is Crop Walk time so get your sneakers dusted off and get ready to walk. If you can't walk then maybe you could consider sponsoring a walker. Wayside has for many years been one of the biggest contributors to Crop Walk both in Erie and in Pennsylvania. This year's walk will be Sunday, September 27th at 1:30 p.m. The walk starts at Beach 1 and does a six or one mile route that ends up back at Beach 1. Presbyterian Women are purchasing tee-shirts for this event (see page 6 for details). We will have a tailgate get-together in the parking lot after you have completed your walk.

Look for sign-up sheets in the lobby and more information in the weekly bulletins.



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All non-perishable items are always welcome.
Spaghetti sauce, cereal, baked beans, bar soap, tuna, fruit, macaroni & cheese
September:
Requested items for

WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY

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"



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WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 Waysiders who so generously offered their wonderful music talents with us during the summer; the special music during the late services has been outstanding.
- Nancy Fye and all her assistants for all their hours and hours of work in preparation for the Rummage Sale

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

DINING FOR DOLLARS

You're invited to go "dining for dollars".

If you are interested in getting to know some of your fellow Waysiders better while helping African orphans at the same time, watch the bulletin for details.

NURSE'S NOTES:

Is it really September already??? I'm still waiting for summer with those lazy, hazy fun days... Did we have any??

With fall approaching, it's that time of year to think about "flu" shots, sniffles, coughing and the passing of contamination from one person and/or object to another. With the busy days we all have, we sometimes forget the importance of hand washing and being a little more cognizant of what we are touching and who else has touched it. Think about the handles on the grocery carts, or door knobs, just to mention a few things. So many bacteria can be moved so many places just from one touch... I can't mention enough the importance of hand washing often and keeping a little bottle of hand sanitizer close by.... Please stay healthy, and happy as we get in to the flu season...

Georgi, Parish Nurse



MUSIC NEWS!

What a beautiful summer it has been at Wayside! Our gifted "in house" musicians provided extra special selections at the 10 o'clock services. It might be cloudy with a chance of rain outside, but in our Sanctuary the "sunny" music made us all smile. Thank you to all who sang and played instrumental numbers.

Our music schedule will be as follows:

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|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Chancel Choir | September 10th at 7:15 p.m. |
| WOW Choir | September 16th at 4:15 p.m. |
| Primary Choir | September 16th at 5:30 p.m. |
| Sunrise Singers | October 4th at 8:00 a.m. |
| Jr./Sr. Choir | October 4th at noon |

PICNIC ALERT!

On Sunday, September 13th the members of Chancel Choir and Sanctuary Bells are invited to a dinner picnic at the Babcocks' at 5:30 p.m. Meat, beverages and table service will be provided. Please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share!

Just a reminder that beginning September 13th our Worship Services return to regular hours. Early celebration of worship will be at 8:30 a.m. and return to the sanctuary; the traditional Celebration of Worship will be at 11:00 a.m.



WOW KIDS CLUB

Kick-off takes place Wednesday, September 9 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. with a fun event. Our regular schedule including choir and Primary Choir will begin on September 16. Keith will pick up children at school between 3:15 and 3:45 p.m. Parents are reminded to send a note to the school office for permission to allow pick up in the church van.

WaYouth SENIOR HIGHS

We will have our first get together on Sunday, September 20 at noon at a place of their choosing. Senior Highs are urged to give Keith their email address for weekly communications and watch the new website at Wayside.

WaYouth MIDLERS

Middlers are invited to go out for pizza on September 9. Meet at the church by 6:00 p.m. and we will choose a favorite pizza place. We will keep our time together to a little less than an hour and half. The youth can be picked up just before 7:30 p.m. Keith would appreciate having email addresses to help with communications.

FIRST MEETING FOR NEW CONFIRMATION/COMMISSIONING CLASS

The first gathering of all ninth-grade and older students who would like to participate in the new Confirmation/Commissioning Class will take place on the final Sunday of this month, September 27th at 9:45 a.m. This brief meeting will be primarily for acolyte training, a responsibility that begins in October.

All those who plan to be part of the C/C Class should communicate that interest to the Church Office by the middle of September.

C.H.O.S.E.N. SWISSSTEAK DINNER

Saturday, September 19th 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Westminster Church, 3642 West 26th St., Erie

Tickets in advance only
\$10 for adults, \$3 for children 10 & under
at the CHOSEN office at 3638 West 26th St.

C.H.O.S.E.N. is a non-profit organization that provides equipment and technical assistance to Christian mission hospitals all around the world.

FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

Earlier this summer, Outreach Committee member Karen Dunn received a wonderful piece of correspondence from Nancy Dimmock, one of our missionaries in Lesotho, Africa. Nancy is in the process of assisting with the creation of a new orphanage. Her letter makes reference to several new children who have just been welcomed there.

"Baby Keneuoe (her name means 'I am given') ... must have been considered a gift by her mother, at least at first, but desperate circumstances must have intervened. She was left in an erosion ditch near the orphan care center, but was wrapped up snugly, with a suitcase of clothes beside her. By that action, her mother seemed to say, 'Please take care of her for me, since I cannot.' Many of the children at MIS have been found in such circumstances, with less attention to their care."

Pictures of baby Keneuoe and some of the other children are posted on the Mission Bulletin Board in the main hallway.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

There are three kinds of giving:

Grudge giving,
Duty giving,
And thanksgiving.

Grudge giving says, "I have to,"

Duty giving says, "I ought to,"

Thanksgiving says, "I want to."

The first comes from constraint,

The second from a sense of obligation,
And the third from a full heart.

Nothing much is conveyed in grudge giving since "the gift without the giver is bare."

Something more happens in duty giving, but there is not song in it.

Thanksgiving is an open gate into the love of God.

(R. N. Rodenmayer, *Thanks Be to God*)

We will gather for worship on Sunday, November 8th for Stewardship Sunday to practice "thanksgiving."

September 2009

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 6 8:00 A.M. EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M. CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M. FELLOWSHIP TIME | 7 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED | 8 | 9 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. WOW KICK OFF 6:00 P.M. MIDDLERS KICK OFF 7:30 P.M. SESSION | 10 12:00 P.M. MARTHA CIRCLE 7:00 P.M. PRAYER SHAWL 7:15 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL | 11 | 12 9:00 A.M.-NOON 2ND SATURDAY PROJECT CAMP LAMBEC 12:30 P.M. LUNCH BUNCH BEECHWOODGOLF COURSE |
| 13 RALLY DAY 8:30 A.M. EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL 9:45 A.M. BREAKFAST 11:00 A.M. CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP NOON - PICNIC 5:30 P.M. CHOIR PICNIC | 14 12:00 P.M. TRUSTEES 7:30 P.M. OUTREACH | 15 | 16 4:00 P.M. WOW 5:30 P.M. PRIMARY CHOIR 6:00 P.M. FELLOWSHIP DINNER MIDDLERS 6:45 P.M. BIBLE STUDY 7:30 P.M. CE MEETING, NOMINATING COMMITTEE MTG. | 17 7:15 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL | 18 | 19 |
| 20 8:30 A.M. EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 A.M. CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP 12:00 P.M. SR HIGH KICKOFF | 21 7:00 P.M. MEDS | 22 | 23 4:00 P.M. WOW 5:30 P.M. PRIMARY CHOIR 6:00 P.M. FELLOWSHIP DINNER MIDDLERS 6:45 P.M. BIBLE STUDY 7:30 P.M. WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING | 24 11:30 A.M. ELIZABETH CIRCLE 7:15 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL | 25 | 26 |
| 27 8:30 A.M. EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 A.M. CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP 1:30 P.M. CROP WALK | 28 7:00 P.M. MEDS | 29 | 30 4:00 P.M. WOW 5:30 P.M. PRIMARY CHOIR 6:00 P.M. PW POTATO DINNER MIDDLERS 6:45 P.M. BIBLE STUDY | | | |
| WORK TEAM TO THE GULF COAST - NEW ORLEANS | | | | | | |

Dear Friends,

As a people we tend to like “new” things: new cars, new friends, new restaurants to visit, new clothes (the Rummage Sale, held last month, is one of my favorite places to look for “new” things). At the same time that we cling to the old, we find the new to be exciting and appealing.

The idea of newness seemed to have a similar appeal for the people we meet in the Bible story. For throughout the Scriptures we find the word **new** or its derivatives used more than 175 times, usually in reference to the “new things” that God is doing in the lives of the faithful.

As we begin the church program year, it is easy to look at the schedule and conclude that there isn’t too much new to be found; as in previous years we’ll have Rally Day, the start-up of Sunday School, Wednesday programming, Second Saturday projects, committee meetings, the CROP walk. Those are all old things in the sense that we’ve done them many times before, but they all have the potential to become new as new materials are introduced, new work sites are identified and, especially, as new people choose to participate.

And there is one totally new opportunity coming up this fall. Advertised as “Dining for Dollars,” this is an opportunity to have a simple dinner with a small group of Wayside friends, enjoying good fellowship and good food. That’s the “Dining” part. We’ll then ask each person/family present to chip in whatever they determine to be the approximate cost of having gone out to dinner at a restaurant. That’s where the “Dollars” comes in. All the funds generated will be sent to support the new orphanage that our missionaries, Frank and Nancy Dimmock, are creating in Lesotho, Africa. We get to have a good evening together at the same time that we support the great work the Dimmocks are doing.

It may seem like just a regular month of September here at Wayside. But it’s really a new day in this part of God’s Kingdom.

See you in church.

Peace.

Rev. James Haas

WELCOME WAYSIDE’S NEWEST STAFF MEMBER

During the summer we welcomed Mrs. Sally Clark as the newest member of our Staff Team. Sally works in the office on a part-time basis. Her primary responsibilities will include production of the weekly bulletins and the monthly newsletter.

Sally previously worked at Flex-Y-Plan. She and her husband, Bob, have one son, Allen. They are members of the Fairview United Methodist Church.

As you have the opportunity, please stop in the Church Office to greet Sally and introduce yourself.

WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

During the month of September we will get back into the full flow of church activities. We will begin the month with our celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion on September 6th. A week later we will make the switch back to the regular worship service times of 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. That will also be our Rally Day with the beginning of the Sunday School program (see details in this newsletter). A week later we will present Bibles to 3rd graders and commission our teachers. On the fourth Sunday we will recognize all our CROP Walkers.

September 6th Communion Sunday

Text – James 2:1-17
Title – “You Can Never Be Overdressed!”

The writer of the book of James takes a different slant on the life of faith. His is the boldest statement in the New Testament that true faith is more about acts and deeds than it is about spoken beliefs and fine words. And he challenges Christians to consider what their actions truly say about their understanding of the good news. In our reading today he offers a warning about judging by appearances.

September 13th Rally Day

Text – Mark 8:27-38
Title – “Struggle as Reward”

Our reading this morning is commonly seen as the midway “hinge point” in Mark’s gospel. Before this, Jesus traveled across Galilee and into Gentile territories. From here on, the theology and the geography move toward Jerusalem. It is at this point in the story that Jesus really makes it clear just what following him and being his disciple are truly about. It wasn’t exactly what those closest to him were expecting.

September 20th

Text – James 3:13 – 4:8
Title – “Wise Ones”

As mentioned earlier, the book of James approaches faith from a somewhat different perspective. As a book, it could perhaps be subtitled “An Exercise in Practical Christianity,” for it deals very directly with some of the practical issues of our daily lives and how our faith should impact those situations. In this particular passage it questions how self-avowed believers can make so many unwise decisions. Many of us can perhaps relate to his query?

September 27th

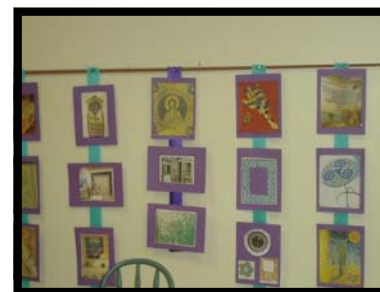
Text – Mark 9:38-50
Title – “Warding off Nargles”

The disciples try to prevent good deeds because they don’t recognize the good deed doer as one of them. There is real danger and potential harm in the world and imaginary as well but knowing which is which is difficult at best. Jesus points to the good that is done as the measuring rod - good advice in a world where our differences are the order of the day.

VBS: “Children of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar: Shalom, Salaam, Peace”

After VBS is over the most common question I receive is “How many attended?” I know they are referring to children but I am tempted to reply with the total number. It requires 60 people doing something to enable our program for 40 children and youth. I am not particularly into numbers but I am into learning and if I were to count the number of people who learned something about Judaism, Christianity and Islam then surely the number was 100.

In the life of the church our congregation is healthier because children, youth and adults are learning together about ideas that directly affect our ministry as a church in a diverse cultural world. Surely we have nurtured agents of peace, reconciliation, and understanding with our sisters and brother in Judaism and Islam. Our teens created a mosaic of our logo for the mosque and temple in Erie. Our mosaic hangs in the CE hallway. Keith



Caption: There were several new features this year to the programs including worship services, a play by our Middlers, mosaic art crafts, as well as all the favorites: snacks, games, a lesson, and music.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2009

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Our regular Sunday School hour will begin on Sunday, September 20 at 9:45 a.m. Children up through third grade are invited to the library for opening exercises while everyone else may go directly to their classrooms. Classes include: Nursery, Preschool, Kindergarten & First, Second & Third, Fourth & Fifth, Middlers, Senior Highs, and four adult classes.

ADULT CLASSES

We will offer four adult classes this year: Adult Bible Study; Family, Faith & Fellowship; Issues of Faith and a fourth to yet be named. The new adult class is for young adults, single, married, with children or without children. The format will be determined by the participants.

Monday Evening Discussion (MEDS) meets weekly to discuss a contemporary book. Led by Rev. Thomas McLaren, the group meets in the parlor from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The group will gather for the first time on Monday, September 21 and begin a book entitled, The Gnostic Gospels. The author, Elaine Pagels, has written an engaging account of the books that were rejected from being included in the Bible.

MIDLERS

The CE Committee is exploring a new curriculum for 6th, 7th and 8th graders to enable them to be better prepared for their Confirmation experience in 9th grade. It has been observed

that those who have attended Sunday School through their Middler years have had an easier time of grasping the concepts and completing the requirements for Confirmation. In an effort to prepare all our youth for adult membership in the church, the committee is considering a year covering the New Testament, a year for the Old Testament and the third year for Church History. If approved, classes will begin on Sunday, September 20 in the Middler Lounge.

BIBLES FOR 3rd GRADERS

Our congregation will present a Bible to all children in third grade on Sunday, September 20th at both services. The children are: Alivia Garrity, Colton Martin, Hannah Morrow, Eliza Paris and Harlie Yahn. If we have omitted someone, parents are asked to call the office so we can correct our records and secure a Bible for each child.

PRESCHOOLERS

The CE Committee has conducted a study of picture Bibles for our youngest members. These will be offered to little ones moving up from the nursery into the preschool class. Spiritual information begins at home and this book will allow parents to begin teaching their child the basic stories of our faith at an early age. Children will be presented with their Bible during services on Sept. 20.

EMAIL DEVOTIONAL

This is a weekly reflection offered by Rev. Keith Sundberg

over the internet. Hard copies are available on the Information Table. Those interested are invited to email the church office at karen@wayside-erie.org.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INFORMATION

Calendars and descriptions of all CE programs are available on the Information Table in the Lobby. They are helpful reminders to our members and great for sharing with friends and neighbors. Share what is going on at Wayside with someone you know.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Help us keep in touch with our youth in the church. Let the church office know of a change or of a new email address. College students' addresses often change every year. We will need to know for mailings and special events. We would also appreciate knowing their email addresses if they also change.

CHILDREN'S SAFETY

For the safety of the children, parents are required to sign their child in and out of the nursery and preschool room. There is a space on the chart for the parent's signature and time of arrival and departure. Please make sure you are careful to follow our guidelines for everyone's sake. Parents with children in Sunday School up to third grade are expected to drop their child off at the classroom door and pick them up. Teachers are not permitted to let the children leave the classroom to find their parents..

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Birthdays:

1st—Jan Anderson, Hope Garrity
 4th—Rachel Swanson
 5th—Jana Babb
 6th—David Jackson
 7th—Jeff Blake, Trina Brozewicz, Jessica Day, Kate Martin, Mia Pierce
 8th—Emily Betz, Jami Sundberg
 9th—Lora Harris, Carrie Murabito
 10th—Chris Christianson, Dale Massing
 11th—Ethan Craig
 12th—Chelsea Bojewski, Ashley Goodwin
 13th—David Abbott, Sandy McGeary, John Valentine
 15th—Diane Feltmeyer
 16th—Bill Weborg
 17th—Marcie Edmiston, Betsy Evans, Seth McCullough, Kathrine Swanson, Patrick Warnaka
 18th—Penny Porter, Jill Weber
 19th—Karen Dunn, Mary Eighmy
 20th—Susan Bert, Amanda Garrity, Justin Grimm, Andrew Watson
 21st—Collin Bowes,

Craig Brugger, Carrie Mummert
 22nd—Jane Hess, Gladys Smith, Keith Sundberg, Stephanie Weaver
 23rd—Todd DeBello, Barb Egg, Alivia Garrity, Kim Hain, Ron Kolb
 24th—Jeremy Brinling, Barb Foutz, Kelsey Grode
 25th—Lavonne Halle, Michael Monaco, Zeke Porter, Paula Robertson
 28th—Erin Gleason, Treven Patrick, Harlie Yahn
 29th—Melissa Grimm, Nicholas Monaco
 30th—Jack Utley

Anniversaries

1st—Steve & Diana Day
 2nd—Dick & Nancy Ebinger
 3rd—Gary & Marcy Goodwin, Scott & Carrie Bastow
 4th—Randy & Amy Valentine, David & Linda Jackson, Scott & Darlene Jackson
 5th—Les & Donna Stone
 6th—Ed & Cindy Grode, Bill Wickham & Stephanie Russo
 11th—Bill & Janet Coyne
 12th—George & Pat Fish, Ken & Debbie Smith
 13th—George & Shirley Diller, Dick & Elaine Glass, Justin & Missy Grimm
 18th—Michael & Vanessa Paris
 19th—Kurt & Kelly Duska

20th—Joseph Martone & Paige Peasley, Doug & Kristen Morgan

22nd—Mark & Melissa Buseck, Tom & Nancy Fye, Ron & Barb Trisket

23rd—Richard & LeeAnn Warnaka

24th - Dave & Denise Borowski

25th—Rod & Barb Foutz, Bob & Shirley Wagner

29th—Steve & Diane Briggs



Recuperating at Home:

Jenny Martin
 Gwen Tower

WAYSIDE BOWLING LEAGUE

Anyone interested in a Church Bowling League beginning this fall, please contact Nancy or Tom Fye. Bowling is Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. at Rolling Meadow Lanes on West 32nd and Zuck Road.



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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN TO SPONSOR T-SHIRTS FOR WALK

Wayside Church annually participates in the Crop Walk- a great mission event that helps fight hunger. This year to encourage participation in the Crop Walk, PW will purchase a Crop Walk t-shirt for any Waysider that signs up to walk by Sunday September 13. A t-shirt sign-up sheet will be in the lobby. The shirts will have our church name on it and the names of the Crop Walk sponsors. It is great to be a part of an event with so many community members that share the goal of fighting world hunger. PW encourages you be a walker!

PW FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Presbyterian Women will host dinner on Wednesday, September 30th. It will be the semi-annual "Potatoes with all those yummy toppings meal". Senior High girls are welcome to help with preparation. The freewill offering will be given to a hunger project. Please sign up at the Information Table in the Lobby to bring a topping and/or help the evening of the dinner. Questions? Contact Melissa Grimm at 838-2496.

SECOND SATURDAY WORK PROJECT IN SEPTEMBER

Each month the Outreach Committee tries to provide a "hands-on" opportunity for Waysiders to put their faith into practice in outward mission. On Saturday, September 12th we will be making a repeat visit to Camp Lambec – one of our two Presbytery camps attended by our own young people – this time doing trail maintenance and cutting in a new hiking path. We'll work just in the morning hours (9:00 a.m. until noon). Please sign up in the Lobby if you'd like to be a part of the work crew.

WORK TEAM TO THE GULF COAST

On Sunday, September 27th, our sixth work team will depart for Hurricane Katrina relief work on the Gulf Coast. Due to the progress that has been made to this point (and some governmental red tape), the Pearlinton, Mississippi volunteer village has been closed, so our crew will work in the New Orleans area for the first time. Those who are part of the group include Tom & Nancy Fye, Don Worthington, Paul & Karen Carpenedo, Sophie Lillie, Gary Popson and Jim Haas.

LUNCH BUNCH - SEPTEMBER

The monthly gathering of the Lunch Bunch will be held at the Beechwood Golf Club on Saturday, September 12th at 12:30 p.m. Please contact either Peggy Bules, 836-0096, or Annette Rothschild, 836-0835, to make your reservation.

MARTHA MOMENT

Where did summer go?

You ask

While packing up the empty picnic baskets...

Shaking out your sand filled shoes.

It went, my friends,

Where summers always go;

You do not know the place today,

Yet when December winds bring snow,

And dark dawns yield no sun...

You'll see.

You've packed the summer up

And stored it well

Within your memory.

ON ENTERING WORSHIP

As we prepare to return to our regular worship schedule (we switch back to the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. service times, both in the Sanctuary, on September 13th) it's a good time to be reminded of a recommendation made by the Worship, Music, and Fine Arts Committee and the Session last year.

It has to do with how we enter the Sanctuary before the service begins. The Lobby is the place for extensive greetings and conversation – and if you've ever been there before or after worship you know how animated and lively it can be. That is an exciting part of our church family life. But once we move from there, through the Narthex and into the Sanctuary, both the setting and the purpose have changed. Now our focus has shifted from visiting with our friends to worshipping our God. It requires a quieter, more prayerful mood – still joyous, but in a more reflective manner. Many people like to use this time to allow the beautiful prelude music to help them temporarily put aside their cares and worries and, instead, center on God. It is a preparation time for the worship that is just beginning.

It will be to the benefit of the entire worshiping community if everyone can move into the Sanctuary in that spirit.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Our weekly Wednesday evening Fellowship Dinners and study will kick-off on September 16th. Supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to take the night off from cooking (except, of course, those whose turn it is to prepare the meal) and join your Wayside family for good food and good fellowship - *no reservations necessary*. After dinner those who wish will move into the Parlor about 6:45 p.m. for some stimulating study and discussion. As always, we will finish up by 7:30 p.m.

If you would be interested in cooking one of the Wednesday evenings please contact Bobbi Jo Fye at 449-1808 or e-mail her at fye@gannon.edu. Please join us Wednesday evenings.

| Financial Report | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| July, 2009 | |
| Receipts: | |
| Month | \$26,703 |
| Year-to-date | \$241,905 |
| Expenses: | |
| Month | \$34,603 |
| Year-to-date | \$246,405 |

READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

about Stewardship at Wayside

Did I get your attention? Well, interested or not, here is the word from the Stewardship Committee about what is happening in this important and exciting area. Yes, "stewardship" and "exciting" were just used in the same sentence!

We are going to focus on the "Joy of Giving" this year during our build up to "Stewardship Sunday" which will be on November 8th. We often associate stewardship with the serious and sometimes uncomfortable discussion about.....FINANCIAL GIVING! YIKES, do we really have to talk about that again this year? Well we do and we will. BUT, in addition to talking about how great a responsibility it is for us to give back just a portion of what our generous God has provided us, we are going to focus on what a great and joyful thing it is to give. I know that sometimes I simply need to be reminded about what stewardship really is all about and the incredible impact that our contributions of time, talent and treasure have on the Church and the world around us.

Well, your faithful Stewardship Committee will attempt to sew some seeds of "stewardship joy". We will also make sure to try to engage you and encourage you to explore how you are approaching stewardship through our youth and adult education programs, Sunday worship, music ministry, Bible studies, and in other ways. At the appropriate time, we will be sending you some additional information that we hope will help put "stewardship in perspective". Finally, if you have any ideas, questions or particular areas that you might want us to consider, please feel free to contact someone on the committee and we will try to address it. We can not wait to talk to you and with you about stewardship and the responsibility and Joy of Giving!