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I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds"

Psalm 9:1

The annual fall stewardship campaign is upon us as Waysiders prayerfully consider their gifts of treasure to the church. Please join us Sunday, November 11 to celebrate our contributions to the church. Lunch will follow the 11:00 service. Please RSVP at the Information Table in the lobby.

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November 11 is Stewardship and Generosity Consecration Sunday. That day we will present our good faith commitments for giving through Wayside in 2019. A celebration lunch will follow. It will be a great day to look to the coming year.

If I have a favorite stewardship passage it is the fun story on Exodus 35:6-7. God's people have been asked by Moses to make "freewill offerings" of items needed to construct the tent of meeting (tabernacle) and all the furnishings for worship and outfits for the priests. The people give generously because they are so grateful for God's salvation and for their freedom as God's people. The people are so generous in their giving that the builders, Bezalel and Oholiab, tell Moses to make the people stop bringing their offerings. This little vignette ends with the great line that any stewardship

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chairperson would love to quote: "So the people were restrained from bringing; for what they had brought was already more than enough to do all the work."

It is likely a rare occurrence that people have to be restrained from bringing. The reality, though, is that God's people, God bless us all, keep bringing. And, truly, I think that is a wonder. I know of churches whose financial reserves make it possible for the church to almost operate independent of financial partnership with the members. I think it is important that we all have a stake in what we are doing here. We ask God to help us to know our calling and be true to it. Our money is an important part of how we place a value on our time, intellect, energy and commitment. Giving money to the church along with our energy, intelligence, imagination and love creates a common bond. Our dollars together form a unity of commitment for the things Wayside does as followers of Jesus.

The new officer class of 2021 was duly elected on October 14. Elders-elect are Jeff Brinling, Paul Carpenedo, Marion Gallivan, Justin Grimm, and Jean Moore. Deacons-elect are Britt Daehnke, Diane Feltmeyer, Lee Gehrlein, Jill Gomes, Paul Jewell, Lenora Lewis, Colleen Loeslein, and Lisa Moyer. Trustees-elect are Karen Carpenedo, Jim Edgett, Bill Pentz, and Dave Yonkers. Members elected to the Nominating Committee for a one year term are Rita Brown, Sally DeWitt, Barb McGill, Dan McGill, and Gene Sundberg. Many thanks to all these people for their willing spirits and sense of God's call to serve at this time. This, too, is a form of generosity and stewardship. Many thanks to all who have served who are completing their terms: Elders Tracey Bowes, Bobbi Jo Fye, Micki Loesel, and Pam Monaco; Deacons Amanda Fried, Missy Grimm, Nicole Lowry, Polly Momeyer, and Paula Reade; and Trustees Jack Grimm and Jim Perkins. Thanks everyone. We are Presbyterians. We believe the Holy Spirit is better known through groups of people. We could not do it without you.

Elements of the Legacy Project for the building are under way. The full project will be rolled out at the Annual meeting on January 13. The Legacy Committee is Trustees Bob Scholl. Jami Sundberg and Bill Pentz, Elders Shawn Babcock and Jeff Brinling and members Bill DeWitt and Dave Yonkers (who is now a trustee elect).

We were hosts to my friend and colleague, Rev. Ruth Everhart, who led our convocation event on October 6-7. Sexual violence is a tough subject and some might wonder if the church is an appropriate place to talk about it. Our scriptures do not shy away from the unfortunate reality of sexual violence and Jesus brings healing to women in his encounters with them. Ruth led us to consider and discuss realities and difficulties and the hope that the church may be a brave place for all who suffer violence, especially women who suffer sexual violence. Her sermon on Sunday made some of us uncomfortable. I believe that often is as it should be. As someone once



said, "the minster comforts the afflicted, and afflicts the comforted." I know I was roused from my comfort, and awakened to realities people I know have endured. I was helped. If you want or need to talk about the convocation, matters we discussed and things Ruth said, my door is open, and I am available.

Grace and peace be with you all.

**James** 



#### Youth News



#### **Presbytery Youth Retreat**

"Made" is a retreat for 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders to explore the idea of being made in the image of God. The overnight event will include service projects, a special meal, a tour of a landmark, small group discussions, games, and worship. There is no cost for the event to families. Register with Keith and fill out the form. It will be from 2:00 pm on Saturday, November 3 through Sunday, November 4 at 10:00 am. at First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, 250 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### **WaYouth Mission Trip**

Our mission trip this coming summer is to Asheville Youth Mission in North Carolina. We will serve the needs of many people in that community and learn about ourselves at the same time. The AYM staff offer small group discussions, creative learning opportunities and build relationship within our group and others who will attend. These trips have shaped our youth's and advisor's hearts over the years. It is worth making the time to go. We will head out on Sunday, June 9 and return on Friday, June 14. Applications are available in the lobby or upon request.

#### **Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

Youth and parents are invited to help serve 1000 people a Thanksgiving dinner at East High School on Sunday, November 18 from 1:00 to 3:00 (maybe 4:00 for cleanup). Please sign up in the lobby. The event has been hosted by Eastminster Presbyterian Church for the last 23 years.

#### **Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2019**

Every three years the PCUSA gathers 5000 youth from around the world for a life changing 4 days. Held at Purdue University in Indiana, this is one of the best programs offered by our church. Our delegation is sponsored by the Presbytery of Lake Erie. The cost is divided three ways between the presbytery, our church, and the family, to make the cost reasonable. Applications are available for rising 9th graders through graduated 12th graders. The theme this year is "Here's My Heart." Look on line for the trailer and more information. https:// presbyterianyouthtriennium.org

#### **Advent Calendars**

#### **Teen Advent Email Calendar**

A couple of years ago Gregg and Sallee Rabenold sent me an interactive and entertaining Advent Calendar through email. Each day a new cartoon story is told, or a new game is revealed. It is more secular than religious, but I loved getting it. Although most teens do not use email I would suggest you make an exception for this. I would like to make it your Christmas card from me and the Spiritual Nurture and Education Committee. Check out: www.jacquielawson.com . If you think you would like it, let me know, and I will purchase one for you. Keith

#### **Children's Advent Devotionals**

The Spiritual Nurture and Education Committee has purchased a delightful Advent Pop-up Calendar for families with children up to 5th Grade. Pick them up in the church lobby during the month of November.

#### **Adult Advent Devotionals**

Some thoughtful daily devotionals are available for adults to prepare the way for Christ's birth. Pick one up at your leisure in the church lobby.





## SPIRITUAL NURTURE & EDUCATION

#### November

#### **WOW KID'S CLUB**

WOW Kids Club is a club for children in 2nd through 5th grade. They meet on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 6:00. This program includes choir, a snack and a program.

- 7 Create cards and gifts for Wayside Neighbors
- 14 Deliver cards and gifts to neighbors
- 21 No Club today!
- 28 Hanging of the greens

#### WaYouth

WaYouth is a fellowship group for teens in 6th through 12th grade. They meet every Wednesday evening for dinner at 6:00 followed by discussion, service project, or just fun.

Overnight retreat at First Covenant on Saturday November 3rd and Sunday November 4th

- 7 Trick or Treat for Second Harvest
- 14 Dinner out! Bring \$5
- 21 No Club today!
- 28 Hanging of the greens

#### **ISSUES OF FAITH**

- 4 Robert von Thaden, Ph.D., Blackness in Antiquity
- 11 Lisa Marie Malishke, Ph.D., Mercyhurst: Biology, Race, and Culture
- 18 Randy Clemons, Ph.D.: Reviewing the election
- 25 To Be Determined

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

9:45 -10:45 a.m.

Preschool, Kindergarten-First, Second-Third, Fourth-Fifth Classes

Sunday School lessons each week are based on the same gospel lesson being read in worship. This way parents and children can compare notes on what they learned each Sunday. The new curriculum offers humorous animated DVD's to help the lesson be understood. Thanks to all our teachers for welcoming all the kids.



#### **FAMILY DAY**

Sunday, November 25th at 9:45 in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 25, Rev. James Bernhardt will lead a program for parents and children on the subject of "The Celebration of Communion." The Sunday school event will meet in Fellowship Hall. The following Sunday, December 2, will be an Advent Intergenerational to create banners for all our homes marking the change of church seasons. The children will also be invited to serve communion that week with a Deacon. Family Days are for children up through 5th grade and their parents.

"The Church and Politics"

Dear Friends,

I am troubled by a common statement that politics and religion should not be discussed at church. I am troubled because I don't know what people mean by that. If they mean that a particular candidate should not be advocated for in the



worship service or the church publications, I would agree. If they mean that prayers, sermons, and Sunday School lessons may not explore what our faith says about the social issues of our culture then I would feel uneasy.

To follow Jesus is to seek to apply his lessons of the kingdom to all aspects of our living. Our faith has implications for how we live at home, at work, and in the world around us. Nothing is exempt. Although what we believe is a very personal journey, it is informed and enriched by the Christians around us. Christianity is a communal faith. Our emphasis is WE not ME. We listen for Christ in one another.

At Wayside we strive to keep the focus on "we." Here we come together to ponder implications of what we believe and how we live it personally in the world. That does not mean we are trying to win others to our side. We simply share our faith and let it stand. Hopefully the wisdom we share benefits all who listen.

Long ago I stopped putting *faith* in candidates. I believe in following Jesus Christ and in him I put my trust. My vote for a candidate sometimes feels like a choice between two evils, or even two good possibilities, but I remind myself--- it is a choice between two imperfect humans.

I really don't believe the challenges of our age, such as poverty, immigration, abuse of power, sexual violence, bigotry, pollution, human trafficking, environmental destruction, and economic inequity can be legislated satisfactorily. None of the Civil Rights Acts ended bigotry. Giving women the vote has not made them equals to men in so many spheres. No matter who is elected the challenges of our society and faith remain.

I have put on the table in the lobby an article, from the <u>Christian Century</u> magazine, about reflections from professors and pastors about this subject. I agree with some and not others, but that is the nature of Wayside! Let's discuss this subject together.

Love, Keith



## Hanging of the Greens

All are invited to help decorate the church for Advent and Christmas, on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> following dinner. Children are invited as well as we prepare for the holidays.

## Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering

On **November 18th we will celebrate our annual Women's Thank Offering.** Since 1988, Presbyterian Women have joyfully expressed gratitude for God's blessings with those in need at home and around the world. The Thank Offering funds programs that provide education, safe housing, clean water, health care, help for prisoners, justice for women and so much more. The bulletin cover on the 18th will feature the chosen programs. Thank Offering envelopes will be in the pews and checks may be made out to **Presbyterian Women of Wayside.** Please consider making a donation to the Thank Offering.

Twenty Christmas stockings consisting of toiletries, cards, socks, etc. were prepared for the residents of Warren State Hospital by Micki Loesel and Dawn Weborg. Each year our PW women provide these gifts to the residents.



### Presbyterian Women's Christmas Party

The Presbyterian Women's Christmas party will be at a new time this year! Please plan to stay after church on December 2nd and join us for lunch and a Christmas party! There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby. If you need child care- please mark this on the sheet by November 18th. A free-will offering will be taken. All women are encouraged to attend! This event is a great way to start to celebrate the season of advent.

#### PW CIRCLE NEWS

Elizabeth Circle - Fourth Thursday 11:30 AM

Naomi Circle: Fourth Wednesday 12:00 PM Next Meeting: November 28th

Both of these circles meet in the Parlor

**Sophia Circle** will meet at the home of Shawn Babcock on Friday November 9th at 7:00 p.m. The study leader will be Rita Brown. We will be studying lesson 3 - God with Us in Our Discouragement. Please call or e -mail Shawn (474-2629 or vlbmac@aol.com) to let her know if you are able to attend. All women are welcome!!

#### **PW HOLIDAY COOKIE SALE**

Trays for our Annual Holiday Cookie Sale will be available to pick up on Sunday, December 9th. Money earned from this fundraiser will be given to the Presbyterian Women's Mission Fund. Please volunteer to bake cookies or order a cookie platter (\$20.00 each) at the table in the lobby or call Jill Abbott at 874-5012 or Jane Gilewicz at 454-5495.

Details of what is needed for baking and ordering are on the Information Table in the Lobby. If you agree to assist with baking, please bring two batches of the dough recipe and a rolling pin and cooling rack if you can. Copies of the sugar cookie recipe are also available on the Information Table. We will be baking on Friday, December 7th at 9:30 AM and assembling trays on Saturday, December 8th at 12:30 PM, so please sign up today.

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				6:45 PM Presque Isle AFG 7:00 Chancel Choir	2	3
All Saints Day Holy Communion 8:30 AM Celebration of Worship 9:30 AM Chancel Choir 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Celebration of Worship 12:00 PM Fellowship Time	5 6:30 PM Sanctuary Bells We're Glad You're Here Group HAAEQ 7:00 Symphonic Singers	6 Election Day PW Bake Sale	9:00 AM IU5 Preschool 4:00 PM WOW 5:00 Generosity Meeting 5:30 PM Primary Choir 6:00 PM Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Deacon's Meeting 7:30 PM Personnel Meeting CDN Meeting	9:00 AM IU5 Preschool 6:45 PM Presque Isle AFG 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	9 DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 9:00 AM IU 5 Preschool 7:00 pm Sophia Circle	8:00 ServErie 2:00 PM Wendell August Forge
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#### BUDGET BYTES FROM THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

We have a lot on our budget plate this month as we monitor the 2018 status of our finances and begin the budget process for 2019, but you can be assured that our appetite is equal to the task!

After an excellent August due to Erie Gives, we experienced a bit of a letdown in September revenues. We were approximately \$3,000 behind in unpledged contribution receipts for the month and minus \$18,000 year-to-date. Receipts from actual pledges were \$6,000 lower for the month but remain above projections for the year and we are optimistic that the YTD pledged contributions figure will end on a positive note at year's end. Per capita receipts remain \$2,000 under budget but we continue to have hopes that we can meet our goal by December 31. Therefore, overall revenues YTD show a deficit of approximately \$9,000.

2018 expenses are about \$2,000 below projections as of September 30 but Karen, financial whiz extraordinaire, tells us we cannot rest on our laurels because that surplus will be gobbled up by the bills that keep coming...and coming..., just as we experience with our own personal expenses. Vigilant monitoring of our expenses is evident.

Where does that leave us with 2018 revenues/expenses year-to-date? We have a cushion of \$734.85.

The 2019 budget planning portion of our plate has begun in general terms as we await the results of the Fall Financial Stewardship Campaign. We have every expectation that the ever-faithful generosity of Waysiders will exceed last year's outpouring of pledge commitments. We pray that the gratitude we feel for all of God's blessings in our lives moves us to provide a bountiful platter of resources from which we can further the work and mission of Wayside Church.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

As of September 31, 2018

September Revenue \$ 25,465.86 YTD Revenue \$431,443.89

September Expenses \$ 38,938.36 YTD Expenses \$418,028.94

Please remember to keep your pledge up to date. *Thank you.* 

#### 2018 PER CAPITA APPEAL

We set a goal to raise \$8,500 (of our total \$15,965 obligation).

Please help. (\$31 for each confirmed member of your family). Thanks!

## Save the Date!

No, it's not for a wedding but it is for a special celebration of who we are at Wayside and of how God has blessed this generous congregation. What is this important day, you ask?

It's our annual *Consecration Sunday*, the day we dedicate the financial gifts we pledge to the work and mission of our church in 2019 and then share a lunch together. Our Scripture theme this year is "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of your wonderful deeds." (Psalm 9:1). How appropriate for a celebration!

Mark your calendars ... Sunday November 11.



1	Bethany Hurley
2	Blake Kopac
3	Ellen Eighmy
4	Bob Scholl
	Evelyn Weaver
	Kathy Wolford
5	Gary Behn
	Owen Rush
	Marcia Twinem
6	Jennifer Eddy
	Deborah Pora
7	Ron Craig
	Emma Haas
	Paul Mullett
9	Jerry Cederlof
	Grace Garrity
10	Noelle Latimer
	Grace Lewis
11	Marion Tucker
13	Ashton Zimmerman

16 17	Randy Valentine Linda Jackson
19	Terri Wallwork Mildred Shenk
20	Kay Lascek
	Ethan Potocki
	Mindy Scholl
21	Renee Callahan
	Tim Lewis
22	Nolin Hurley
	Matt Lowry
23	Brenda Harcourt
24	Kevin Egg
25	Linda Lorah
27	Haile Martin
	Ginny Sundberg
29	Eliza Paris
	Corey Pentz



1	Tom & Leslie Momeyer
	Gerald & Jill Gomes
4	Matt & Maureen Schneider
5	Michael & Leslie Youngo
7	Harry & Marilyn Anderson
21	Barry & Pat Zembower
28	Tom & Vaska Lewis



Congratulations to Jill and Matt McGill on the birth of their daughter *Josephine Susan McGill* who was born on October 17th.



Congratulations to Bethany Weaver van Helden and Greg Baney who married on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **Directory Updates**

Beginning November 1st there will be a copy of the Directory in the lobby. Please take a moment to review your information and make any changes for your household.

Alternatively, you may email the office.

We want to stay in touch, but need your help!



## **WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER**



2018 Stewardship Theme: Give thanks to God. Give thanks for faithfulness.

"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1

November 4 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Communion Sunday

Ruth 1:1-18 Mark 12:28-34

Ruth, the woman from Moab, tells Ruth, her mother-In-law, that she is staying for the long haul; and Jesus reveals his thoughts about which law is No. 1. James'

sermon, considering stewardship, is "Not Far from the Kingdom."

November 11 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Consecration Sunday

Ruth 3:1-5 Mark 12:38-44

Ruth, now living in Bethlehem, obeys her mother-in-law, and makes a way for the future. Jesus notices a poor widow whose devotion puts financial considerations into

perspective. James' sermon will be, "All In".

November 18 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thank Offering Sunday

Scriptures and speaker to be announced

November 25 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

Weekly Devotions and Sermons are now available for replay on the website.



Rev. Ruth Everhart discusses the story of Tamar during the 2018 Fall Convocation.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

#### Jerry Cederlof

I was raised in Sheffield PA, graduate of Sheffield High School. Went to California State Teachers College in 1951-1953. Enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1953. Went back to C.S.T.C. and graduated in 1961. Started teaching Industrial Arts in Millcreek in 1959 and retired in 1991. My sport was football and wood working my hobby.

#### Nan Cederlof

I really never thought I would be joining another church in my lifetime. I joined the Fairview Presbyterian Church on July 4th, 1948... along with my best friend, Janet Pedersen, and 51 other candidates! I am a graduate of Fairview High School and Slippery Rock University. I taught P.E. at Westlake when it was a Junior High School and at Chestnut Elementary in Fairview, and retired 28 years ago. Jerry and I celebrated our 55th wedding anniversary last June.

I was born AT HOME in Fairview Township and have lived in Fairview all of my 83 years. We have two wonderful children... both of whom live out of town, and both had fantastic starts to their education in Jane Hess' kindergarten classes. We also have two marvelous teenage grandsons who live much too far away... in Edwardsville, Illinois.

I have held most every office and been on most every board in a Presbyterian Church (including clerk of session and a member of two pastoral nominating committees) and still firmly believe that Presbyterians have the best form of government. I remember when this congregation was formed.

We have been worshiping at Wayside since the final days of James Haas. I particularly enjoy the sanctity of the sanctuary, the multiple generations of the congregation, the children's choirs (in fact - ALL of the choirs, including the bells) and the "motto"..."Be who you are, and be welcome here."

I DO believe that GOD has led us here, and I look forward to being a member of Wayside Presbyterian Church.

#### Janet Pedersen

I am a life long Presbyterian. Though born in upstate New York, I feel that I am a native Fairviewite, residing in the area since 1947. A Fairview High School graduate and further a graduate of Saint Vincent School of Nursing. I joined the Fairview Presbyterian Church in 1948. July 4, with my family and Nan Cederlof along with 48 other candidates. I worshipped and served there for 52 years as an ordained Elder and deacon, Pastoral nominating committee, Sunday School teacher - grades 3 to Jr. High. Vice president of UPW and circle chairman, Bible School, sang in Choir and chairman of the building committee. 18 years ago I found my self a drift, church wise, and after "trying" several other churches, I feel that I have found a haven in which to serve and belong. I love cooking, gardening, reading and some crafts. I also enjoy doing an occasional Children's Time.



## **Coffee Crew**

CDN has been experimenting with new and improved coffee on Sunday mornings. We have received many positive comments. Our members and guests appreciate the increased quality, the variety, and the addition of decaffeinated coffee. A small, but determined group of individuals have been working behind the scenes to ensure we continue to provide this enhancement.

We are looking for people to join our "coffee crew". Benefits include enjoying the interactions with members as the Church comes alive, the exercise as pots are delivered, and the free coffee.



If you are willing to help us continue to offer improved java (and tea), please contact Jeff Brinling at <a href="mailto:Jeffrey.Brinling@gmail.com">Jeffrey.Brinling@gmail.com</a>.



## Thanksgiving dinner

Join us on **Wednesday, November 14th** for our Thanksgiving dinner that will include turkey and all the fixings. Dinner will be followed by a brief Thanksgiving service.

## Scrip orders



Wayside has a Scrip (gift card) program that earns money for the church and saves you time. Scrip order forms that list local, and some online, retail gift cards can be found on the Information Table in the Lobby. You order the cards from the church one week, cards are delivered the following Sunday.

**Beginning November 18th we will be placing an order weekly.** Through your purchases of cards, you receive full value, the church receives a small percentage, and everyone wins. Remember, you can do your weekly shopping or purchase other cards with gift cards at Giant Eagle. Any questions, call Bobbi Jo Fye at 449-1808 or email her at fye001@gannon.edu



Wayside will be collecting "Coats for Kids" again this year. We encourage you to bring in gently used coats, jackets, mittens, scarves, gloves, hates, and boots (Erie winters can be brutal, think of what you would use to stay warm) of any size infant through adult. These items will be distributed as needed to members of the community through the "Caring Closet" of the Erie City School District. Please leave items on the coat rack just inside the ramped entrance by the parlor.



### Wayside Multicultural Diner's Club

Wayside Multicultural Diner's Club will again gather on Monday, November 19 at 6pm at THAI EATERY, 5641 Peach Street in Erie. Everyone is welcome to reserve at the Church's office, 814-833-7653 by deadline, Wednesday, November 14. For \$18 per person, tip included, hosts Nate and wife Pam are opening especially for us. You may

BYOB; only water will be served as beverage. The restaurant has parking in front and back and is located on the east side of Peach St. at the first light into Millcreek Mall, driving South. Gary and Sarah Larson

To be included in the email list for upcoming dinners, please email the church office. wpc@wayside-erie.org





It seems only appropriate during this time of Thanksgiving to express our heartfelt thanks to all of you who contribute your talents to the various ministries of Wayside. I could never possibly mention every name, as that in itself would fill an entire newsletter. Instead please know that you are all appreciated and we could not do this without you.

If you are interested in volunteering, but have questions, please contact the church office.

Don't ever question the value of volunteers. Noah's Ark was built by volunteers; the Titanic was built by professionals. – Dave Gynn

#### ServErie

Join with Wayside friends on November 10th to "be the hands and feet of Jesus" together with other local faith communities to complete projects with service agencies across Erie County. Please sign up in the lobby or contact Katie in the church office.





#### **Lunch Bunch**

Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, November 8th at 12:30 PM at Lakeshore Country Club. Please call Linda Lorah 450-2108 or Jean Moore at 461-9665 to confirm attendance.

#### Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is November 17th at 9:00 AM. The group will meet at Perkins on West 8th Street.

Mark your calendars for the third Saturday of each month.



#### Pets in the Parlor

Please take a moment to visit the Parlor and view the beautiful array of artwork contributed by Waysiders of their beloved pets. Thank you to Becky Worthington for coordinating this beautiful exhibit.



#### News about Rev. Anita Bernhardt

Most of you know that Anita completed an 18 month interim pastorate with St. Paul's Lutheran Church in March 2018. She has been a regular part of the worship and fellowship here since then. It has been good to have her here! Beginning November 1, Anita will be serving as pastor of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Erie, at 35<sup>th</sup> and Perry Streets near Mercyhurst University. Please add her to your prayers as she begins this new ministry.

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#### **Newsletter Collating Team:**

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#### WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY

Requested items for November:

Toilet tissue, bar soap, spaghetti and sauce, mac and cheese, peanut butter, cereal, baked beans and soup.

All non-perishable items including diapers, feminine hygiene products and pet food are always welcome.

Remember: West Millcreek Food Pantry is **NOT** a member of the Second Harvest Foodbank.

All donations are received directly from volunteers like you.

Checks may be made out to

"West Millcreek Food Pantry"

FOOD BANK

## WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Our Wednesday evening Fellowship Dinners will be served at 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to take the night off from cooking and join your Wayside family for good food and fellowship - no reservations necessary.

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

Individuals are free to cook a meal of their choosing and the cost of the dinner is covered by freewill donations and the church.

Fellowship Meal

#### **WELCOME**

"I will show love to those who were called unloved and, to those who were called 'not-my-people', I will say 'you are my people' and they will answer, 'you are our God'." (Hosea 2:23)

Wayside Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) is a place where the mind is nourished as well as the spirit, and where we affirm the dignity and worth of every person. As we are all created in the image of God, we believe discrimination is incompatible with Christ's Gospel of unconditional love. While we celebrate our Presbyterian identity, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. We invite conversations that move us to seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit.

Be who you are and be welcome here.

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