

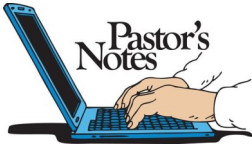


Inside Wayside



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“Welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7

In his letter to the Romans Paul was aware of the constant change of the young congregation in what was then the “greatest city in the world”. Paul lifted up the value and ethic of welcome as glorifying God. In sending Christ into the world God takes the initiative to have open arms, open doors, open hands, and open minds for all who are met and greeted. Wayside chose years ago to put that same value and ethic of welcome out in front. It is the way we hope to glorify God.

It was just four years ago that I arrived as the new pastor on staff at Wayside. I was well welcomed and grateful for it. My colleague, Keith, did what he could to help familiarize me with people and things about the culture of Wayside, and the Pastor Nominating Committee also helped in that endeavor. Still, to enter into a large community of faith that is in process and living out its life following traditions and practices is a little bit daunting. It is like trying to board a moving train and then, once on board, functioning as the conductor.

I am remembering this because I am aware of our new pastor coming on board. Nathan will have many names and faces to try to put in place, roles and responsibilities to negotiate, and figuring out his place in the culture of Wayside. You know the things you can do to partner with Nathan as he learns the ropes: nametags on Sunday, introducing yourselves and your children, and reintroducing yourselves. Nathan brings leadership with a whole set of gifts and abilities that God is sending to us in him. One of the greatest joys of welcome is in receiving people with all they are and bring. This glorifies God.

Paul’s words echo back over the centuries from the beginning of a grand new experiment God started with the church of Jesus Christ– to pull together people who were strangers and make of them a whole new people united in love and witness, proclaiming Jesus in words and through service and welcome. As much as welcome was among the first acts of the ancient church welcome is what guides the church into the future. In an often fractured and conflicted world welcome is witness to the radical love of God revealed in Jesus. “Welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”

Grace and peace to you all.

James

WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

- February 2** 4th Sunday after Epiphany Holy Communion
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5: 1-12
Nathan will preach
“Beatitudes: Wisdom or Folly?”
- February 9** 5th Sunday after Epiphany
Isaiah 58:1-12
Matthew 5:13-20
James will preach
“Righteousness”
- February 16** 6th Sunday of Epiphany
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Matthew 5:21-37
James will preach
“Yes and No”
- February 23** Transfiguration of the Lord
Matthew 17:1-9
James will preach
“The New in the Old”
- February 26** Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm Holy Communion
Imposition of Ashes
Isaiah 58: 1-12
Psalm 51: 1-17
Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21
Nathan will preach



Rise Against Hunger February 8, 9 - 12

Join fellow Waysiders by 9:30 AM Saturday, February 8, 2020 in Fellowship Hall to Rise Against Hunger. This two-hour meal packaging event helps hungry people and provides a good time for participants. Participation is for age 10 and up and can fulfill service hours. Friends from outside the church are welcome. A crew of strong folk is needed to set up prior to the event. Sign up at the table in the Lobby.

PW CIRCLE NEWS



Elizabeth Circle - Fourth Thursday 12:00 AM Next Meeting: February 27th

Naomi Circle: Fourth Wednesday 12:00 PM Next Meeting: February 26th

Both of these circles meet in the Parlor

Sophia Circle will meet on Tuesday February 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Marsh. Rita Brown will lead us in lesson six - Words of Love: Hold Your Marriage Sacred.

Inside Wayside... Did You Know?

Many Waysiders have received special awards, recognitions, experienced joyous life events, or have reached milestones and accomplishments that would be of interest to the Wayside family. Sharing these moments will be included in the monthly newsletter. (***Please call or send your "news" to Dawn Weborg*** prior to the newsletter deadline each month.) "Did you know" about the Chancel Choir "Baby Boom?" Proud grandparents in the past six months included: Chris Hoyt (twin boys), Sallee and Gregg Rabenold (grandson), Dawn Weborg (grandson), Susan and Harry Speakman (grandson), and Cathy McGregor (great-grandson). In the near future, "expectant" grandparents are Shawn and Vic Babcock and Linda Pentz!

Paul and Joy Jewell were presented the Betty Merrvin Volunteer Award at the UPMC Hamot Aid Society luncheon in December. They give countless hours to the UPMC volunteer program!

Music Notes

It is never too late to become a member of Wayside's singing choirs. All are welcome.

Look forward to the Wow Musical "Peace in the Kingdom" this spring.

Presbyterian Women recently mailed to all women a 2020 PW booklet and a request to contribute \$10 or more to help fulfill our mission budget. Donations can be made out to Wayside Presbyterian Women and can be dropped off at the church office or placed in the Sunday Offering plate. All contributions are greatly appreciated!

2019 Angel Tree

Thank you to everyone who contributed to or helped with the Deacons' Angel Tree project. Thanks to your generosity gifts were purchased for 22 children whose families are in Community Shelter Services program.

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, February 6th, at 12:30 at Erie Brewing Please RSVP to Jean Moore, 461-9665

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is February 15th at 9:00 AM. The group will meet at Butch's. Mark your calendars for the third Saturday of each month.

SPIRITUAL NURTURE & EDUCATION

February

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..

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.

ISSUES OF FAITH

A speaker series offered each Sunday at 9:45 am addressing the subjects of our community

- 2** Lisa Austin, Ph.D. Edinboro University: "Urban planning, the proposed Bayfront changes and the community"
- 9** Mimi O'Connor, Psychotherapist, MS, LPC, NCC, BHS. "The Neuroscience of "We"".
- 16** Chuck Joy, Erie County Poet Laureate
- 23** Lynn Johnson, "The Amerimasala Festival and ... drumming!"

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.





Oh the weather outside is frightful, but our Waysider's are so delightful!

Thank you for all your donations, we will continue taking donations of cold weather gear and clothing as long as the cold weather keeps up. Donations can be left at the coat rack marked Coats for Kids (to the left of the parlor) or in the church office.

2020

February

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:00 AM HAAEQ
2 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	3 6:00 PM AAWU 6:30 PM Glad You're Here Group HAAEQ 7:00 Symphonic Singers HAAEQ	4 6:30 PM Scouts	5 4:00 PM WOW 4:00 PM WaYouth Choir 5:00 PM Generosity 5:30 PM Primary Choir 6:00 PM Fellowship Dinner 7:30 PM CDN	6 12:30 PM Lunch Bunch 1:00 PM Northcoast Sewing 6:45 PM Presque Isle AFG	7 MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	8 Saturday Project
9 8:30 AM Celebration of Worship 9:30 AM Chancel Choir 9:45 AM Sunday School 1:00 AM Celebration of Worship 12:00 PM Fellowship Time	10 5:00 PM Trustees 6:30 PM Glad You're Here Group 7:00 PM Symphonic Singers 7:30 PM Outreach	11 9:00 AM HAAEQ	12 4:00 PM WOW Club 4:00 PM WaYouth Choir 5:30 PM Primary Choir 7:30 PM Session	13 6:45 PM Presque Isle AFG Chancel Choir	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15 9:00 AM Men's Breakfast at Butch's 12:00 PEO
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BUDGET BYTES from the Budget Committee

We promised you a 2019 financial summary and if you were unable to attend the Congregational Meeting in January, here it is. Please do not hesitate to ask for further clarification from our Financial Secretary, Karen Pastewka.

	2019 Budget	2019 Actual
RECEIPTS		
Current Pledges	430,000.00	402,432.01
Unpledged Contributions	77,000.00	82,648.00
Loose Offering	5,700.00	4,916.30
Rental of Building	16,400.00	17,383.00
Per Capita Appeal	8,500.00	6,435.50
Interest, Misc., Fund Raising	2,050.00	8,522.44
TOTAL RECEIPTS	539,650.00	522,337.00
EXPENSES		
External (Mission Giving, Per Capita)	64,085.50	65,589.55
Committees	20,175.00	17,559.84
Deacons	1,350.00	891.15
Office	14,050.00	14,024.37
Building	76,503.00	71,108.26
Staff	384,367.95	367,912.84
TOTAL EXPENSES	560,531.45	537,086.01
RECEIPTS/DISBURSEMENTS	-20,881.45	-14,748.76*

*This includes an unbudgeted 3% increase for all employees which was retroactively given, as approved by Trustees and Session in December. If you will recall, they received no pay increase in the original 2019 Budget and it is not the church's intention to penalize our hardworking staff for the receipt shortfall.

And now here's to a blessed 2020!



FINANCIAL REPORT

Dec Rev	\$56,680.99
YTD Rev	\$522,337.25
Dec Exp	\$47,932.56
YTD Exp	\$537,086.01

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



Birthdays of the Month

		15	Cindy Grode
			Jared Stern
		16	Leslie Momeyer
		17	Jim Allman
			Mary Kolb
			Jared Parker
		18	Hayley Coyne
			Pat Fish
			Greg Sbrocco
2	Kerry Moyer	20	Emma Lewis
3	Claus Fuchs	22	Logan Mitten
	Maely Gehrlein	23	Cindy Clark-Wilcox
	Grace Melaragno	24	Brian Buseck
4	Tim Feltmeyer	25	Edythe Endean
	Evan Grimm	26	Hannah Haas
5	Georgia Del Freo		Beckie Jackson
	Brooke Weaver		Ashley Lewis
7	Colin Hurley		Katherine Potocki
8	Jean Huckelbery		Maxwell Wallace
	Lindsay Kopac	28	Elaine Bringling
	Ryan Marsh		Paul Carpenedo
	Carol Stamm		Brian McGill
9	Lisa Weber	29	Oliver Paris
10	Brian Zimmerman		
12	Ashley Behn		
13	Genevieve Feltmeyer		
	Hilary Skala		
14	Sheldon Moelk		



3	Marion & Robert Gallivan
14	Mark & Gwen Smith
	Gary & Linda Behn
20	Hadley & Barbara Jones

"Then they told what had happened on the road, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread." (Luke 24:32).

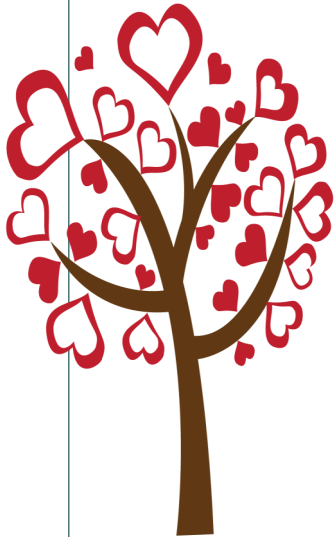
At the end of Luke's Gospel, after Jesus' crucifixion, two disciples were on the road discussing their experience of grief and transition. They had come to know a certain way of life and believed that their life and world were moving in a particular direction; now, they would have to navigate a world filled with uncertainty. They were walking to Emmaus, but did not know where the road was taking them.

All of us find ourselves in a season of transition. I can speak to my own enthusiasm and nerves as I prepare to discover what God is up to at Wayside Presbyterian Church. As I settle into this community and get to know the people who already consider this place to be their spiritual home, I take comfort in the simple lessons learned by the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

The two discovered that they were not alone, that Jesus was in their midst, through the most basic acts. They shared their story: their hopes, disappointments, and the effort to process both. They looked back upon the scriptures to remember God's faithfulness and promises in the past. They welcomed each other and a stranger to a shared meal. In short, they made space for one another in the sharing of stories and bread, and in doing so made space to catch a glimpse of Christ among them.

I am thankful for the invitation to be a part of what is already unfolding at Wayside and look forward to the sharing of time, stories, and bread with you as our paths converge in this season. I pray that we may catch a glimpse of Christ in the journey, our neighbors, and each other. "I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6).

Rev. Nathan Royster



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WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY

Requested items for February

Toilet tissue, bar soap, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, mac & 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"



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.

If you would like to receive your newsletter (in color) by e-mail, please contact Katie at 833-7653 or wpc@wayside-erie.org.

DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER:
February 11, 2020