

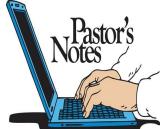
# Inside Wayside

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#### The grace and peace of Jesus Christ be with you all!

In the month of May we transition to in-person worship in our sanctuary at 11:00 AM on May 23, Pentecost Sunday. On that day an earlier service outdoors will take place service at 9:00 AM. In-person,

indoor worship in the sanctuary will continue from then on. Online worship will also continue each week. It is important that each person decide their own comfort level with being in-person as we journey through the pandemic. It is a matter of personal decision and each person is free and beloved within this fellowship.

#### The Session has approved these procedures for in-person worship:

**Make known your intention** – By Thursday each week, register online (www.wayside-erie.org) or call Wayside (814-833-7653). This will help with plans to maintain social distancing and have worship materials in place. Persons arriving without registering will **not** be turned away, but your help in planning is requested.

**Social Distancing is required and masks must be worn at all times in the building.** Mask wearing remains mandatory regardless of vaccination status. Please don't put a pastor or usher in the awkward position of having to turn away anyone who might object to wearing a mask.

**Consider Your Risk Factors.** \*Persons 65+, and those with compromised immune systems and other health risks should exercise caution. \*Many have received their vaccinations and can take that into account. \*If you have symptoms related to COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, please refrain from attending. \*If you are unsure about attending due to health concerns, consult your healthcare provider.

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Hugging, hand-shaking and personal contact is strongly discouraged.

Lobby doors will remain closed until 30 minutes before worship.

The sanctuary, lobby, and restrooms are treated by bipolar ionization airflow filtration to mitigate possible virus transmission. Restrooms will be open. Please be courteous to permit distancing.

**Ushers will coordinate your entry and seating.** Sit only in the designated seating areas. Once seated, remain at your seat. Visit only with those near you. Worship materials will be at your seat. An offering basket will be near the entry to the sanctuary.

**No nursery care will be provided until further notice.** Children are welcome in worship!

**Some parts of worship will be spoken responses.** Until further notice there will be no congregational singing.

**At the conclusion of worship, ushers will dismiss worshipers.** Take all personal items. Return will only be permitted after all worshipers have departed.



**Fellowship time is encouraged outdoors.** Please do not congregate in the lobby. Refreshments may be available outside.

As CDC and local guidelines change, vaccinations increase, and more knowledge is gained, these procedures will change. Your patient cooperation is appreciated.

After the initial indoor service on Pentecost, beginning May 30 and continuing to September 5, indoor, in-person worship will be on a summer schedule with a single service at 10:00 AM. As also stated, online worship will continue. During the Summer, each Second Sunday, (June 13, July 11 and August 8) the service will be held outdoors.

As we move into these changes at Wayside and in our community and world in hope of the ending of the pandemic, let us do so prayerfully and with care and concern for our others. Remain diligent and continue to practice sanitation and safety for the good of all. Thanks be to God for each one of you and the way you have been the church through this challenging time.

Trusting in God's love in all the days to come.

Grace and peace to you,

**James** 

## Sanctuary Flowers

With the return of in-person worship, Waysiders will once again have the opportunity to sponsor flowers each week for Sunday services. If you would like to donate flowers, please contact Jennifer in the church office at 814-833-7653 or <a href="wpc@wayside-erie.org">wpc@wayside-erie.org</a> and specify the size of arrangement (small--\$40 or large \$65), any desired colors (up to two), requested date and/or honor or memorial message, if any.





To all who came out on April 24 to help with the annual Wayside Spring Grounds Clean Up. Your time and work to beautify the Wayside property are appreciated.







Wayside's Outreach Committee sponsored an intergenerational workday on April 10.



Wayside's building is **open** for meetings and gatherings and mission activities of various kinds. Usage is, for now, limited to specific rooms, so please check in advance with Jennifer. Masks, social distancing, and hand sanitizing is required in the building. Office hours are 8:30 - 4:30 M-F.

#### **Vacation Bible School**

July 19-23

Mark your calendars for July 19-23 for this year's *Vacation Bible School* at Wayside. The decision has been made to hold VBS in-person; stay tuned to Wayside's weekly email and Facebook page for more updates!

#### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Like many area non-profits, Habitat for Humanity has experienced a drop in financial donations to support their mission during the pandemic. In springtime, plans for a summer build are usually underway, and the Walk For a Healthy Community held in May raises funds to purchase building materials. Waysiders have walked and contributed, annually raising over \$1,000 for Habitat. This year there will not be a Walk, but we hope that many will still be willing to offer financial support to Habitat. Wayside is giving to Habitat through the Outreach mission, so let's also individually support Habitat. Please give prayerful consideration to this important mission opportunity! You may send a check payable to Greater Erie Area Habitat for Humanity to 4922 Pittsburgh Avenue, Erie, PA 16509. All donations will be used to purchase the materials needed for construction of a Habitat Home.

You may also make a credit card donation by calling the Habitat office at 814-454-7025, ext. 104 or online at <a href="https://www.habitaterie.org">www.habitaterie.org</a>.

## May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	WAYSIDE Presbyterian Church					1 9 a Outreach @Habitat ReStore 9:30 a Outreach @Asbury Woods 1 p Celebration of Life of Joy Jewell
2 5th Sunday of Easter Holy Communion Online Worship	3 6:30 p AA	4	5 IU 5 p Generosity	6 IU 7:00 p Al-Anon	7 IU	8 9 a Wayside Build- ing Cleanup
9 6th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day Online Worship 10 a Outdoor Wor- ship	10 5 p Trustees 6:30 p AA	11 IU 7 PM Outreach	12 IU 7 p Session	13 IU 7:00 p Al-Anon	14 IU	15 9 a Wayside Build- ing Cleanup 10 a Bicycle Ride- meet at Fairview HS
16 7th Sunday of Easter Online Worship	17 6:30 p AA	18 Election Day IU 7 PM Sophia Cir- cle	19 IU 7 p WMFA  Newsletter Dead- line	20 IU 7:00 p Al-Anon	21 IU	22
23 Day of Pentecost Online Worship 9 a Outdoor Worship 11 a Indoor Worship	24 6:30 p AA	25 IU	26 IU	27 IU 7:00 p Al-Anon	28	29
30 Trinity Sunday Online Worship 10 a Sanctuary Worship	Trinity Sunday Memorial Day Online Worship Office Closed 10 a Sanctuary 6:30 AA					re.

#### **BUDGET BYTES from the Budget Committee**

April showers bring May flowers and let's call those flowers pink in color, because Karen, our Financial Secretary, is "tickled pink," according to her latest report. Our revenues year-to-date were projected to be \$126,000, whereas we received \$128,000 as of the end of March. In terms of pledge receipts, we budgeted to be at \$109,000 YTD but in fact our pledge receipts totaled \$112,000. In addition, we are right on target with unpledged receipts YTD. Pink, indeed.

A little less pink, however, ... maybe tending to gray (not a good color for flowers) ... are the receipts for the Per Capita which are lagging by \$1,000 in terms of where we had hoped to be. What we are looking for are some fresh blooms in terms of receiving \$32 for each confirmed member of Wayside directed towards the Per Capita challenge. Let's make a lovely bouquet of Per Capita contributions this month and put that gray behind us.

In terms of expenses, are we "in the pink"? Yes, we are. We budgeted for expenditures of \$151,000 YTD but look at this: we spent \$139,000, which gives us a savings of \$12,000. We'd call that a rosy picture but we also expect those expenses to return to normal once we are fully open.

So where does this put us with overall revenues versus expenses YTD? We projected we would be at a deficit of (\$25,000) but we actually sit at (\$6,000). Last month we told you that we were still in the black overall and this month's report shows that we are no longer on the positive side of the ledger. A big HOWEVER is that we are doing better than our projected deficit budget, and if we can keep it at that level, we will end up the year "smelling like roses," of the pink variety. Amen to that.

#### **GENEROSITY THOUGHTS**

Each year the Generosity Committee chooses a Scripture passage to guide Wayside in its witness to living a life of generous giving of our time, talent and treasure. In 2020 we faced the unknown fears of COVID-19 and chose to focus on Romans 12: 12 -13: "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with those in need."

This year, as we begin, hopefully, to emerge from the worst of the pandemic, we have chosen two Scripture passages which we pray will speak to all of us in 2021:

".... a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance..." (Ecclesiastes 3:4)

"Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

We have indeed been in a time of weeping and mourning, as well living in days where we can laugh and dance. For all of these moments we are encouraged to be joyful, to continue to pray and to give thanks to God through Christ Jesus who has been, is now, and will be forever with us. May we lead lives of generosity as a grateful response to God's sustaining love through all time.

#### Financial Report

Mar Rev \$33,439.38 YTD Rev \$128,358.39

Mar Exp \$39,443.77

YTD Exp \$130,250.88

#### The Inreach Fund

This is money set aside to assist Wayside members and friends who face an unanticipated need.

To make a request, contact James or Nathan.

Confidentiality is assured.

## **Ongoing Wayside Giving Options**

We'd just like to remind you of available ways to simplify your giving. Whether you prefer to write your checks, have them set up on a re-occurring basis, or would like fast access, there is an option for you.

- 1. Set up direct bill pay with your financial institution (see your online banking platform for details or call your bank).
- 2. Sign up for auto-debit which incurs no charges or bank fees; the form is enclosed, return to Wayside.
- 3. Mail your check into the church office.
- 4. Visit <u>www.wayside-erie.org/giving</u> and complete the secure giving form.
- 5. Scan the QR code to be taken to Wayside's giving site.
- 6. Download the giving app "Church by Ministry One" from the app store. After installing, open the app and you will be presented with "Find Your Church" in the search box, type Wayside, select the church, and you will then be taken to the church details page. At the bottom of this page click "Select This Church." You should now be presented with the giving page.
- 7. Send a PayPal payment to <a href="mailto:steward@wayside-erie.org">steward@wayside-erie.org</a>.
- 8. Text the dollar amount you would like to give to 814-247-0003.



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Questions - call Karen at (814) 833-7653 or email at steward@wayside-erie.org

I understand that this authorization will remain in effect until I cancel it in writing, and I agree to notify Wayside Presbyterian Church in writing of any changes in my account information or termination of this authorization at least 15 days prior to the next billing date. If the above noted periodic payment dates fall on a weekend or holiday, I understand that the payment may be executed on the next business day. I understand that because this is an electronic transaction, these funds may be withdrawn from my account as soon as the above noted periodic transaction dates. In the case of an ACH Transaction being rejected for Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) I understand that Wayside Presbyterian Church may at its discretion attempt to process the charge again within 30 days. I acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law. I agree not to dispute this recurring billing with my bank so long as the transactions correspond to the terms indicated in this authorization form. Rev - 2019

#### Attention all Wayside bicycle riders; let's go for a ride!

We are planning a local Waysider bicycle ride on Saturday May 15th. Matt McGill is going to organize and host our first ride of the season. We are planning to meet at the Fairview High School at 10am (by the tennis courts). The plans are to ride about 15 miles at a semi-leisurely pace and stick to roads with minimal traffic. Please contact Matt McGill (Matthew.Mcgill@parker.com) or Gregg Rabenold (gregg.rabenold@gmail.com) if interested in participating.

If you can't participate on the 15th but would like to be considered for future biking adventures, please let us know. We will consider regional parks or rails to trails



rides in the future if there is interest. Text or call your friends to join you (whether they are Waysiders or not).

## ATTENTION PARENTS OF SENIORS

Please email a photo of your senior and a short bio to Jennifer in the office,

wpc@wayside-erie.org by May 19th.

Due to the pandemic and safety concerns, there will be no PW Bake Sale on the May Primary Election Day.

Canceled



In November, Tim and Hannah Stancliff joined Wayside and their baby daughter Natalie, born April 11, 2020, was baptized at the same time. The couple joined by letter of transfer from the Presbyterian Church in Edinboro where they both sang in the choir and Tim was a Deacon. Hannah sang in her church choir growing up and in the Erie Philharmonic Chorus during college. She says they both loved the church in Edinboro, but the travel became a burden after they bought a house on West Lake Road not far from Wayside.

Both Tim and Hannah graduated from Edinboro University, and Hannah stayed on for her master's degree. Tim is a CNC Programmer for Northwest Manufacturing in Lake City, and Hannah works for VisitErie, the non-profit tourism program for Erie County.

Hannah describes their family as "outdoorsy," very social, and very family-oriented. Tim is a hunter, and the family includes a chocolate lab named Wendy. The Stancliffs gather on Sundays for dinner in Millcreek with Tim's family, including his mother, sisters, and their families. Hannah's parents are in Akron, and her brother and his family are in Ohio also, so Natalie, who is very active and beginning to talk, has several cousins and they were able to be together at Christmas.

Remember, when we again are able to worship in person, provide a warm welcome to the Stancliffs and the other folks who have joined during the pandemic, Caroline Bond, and the Keebler family—Leanne and Tim and Vinnie and Leo. We are glad they are among us.



#### Sophia Circle Lesson Eight: "God Laments"

Many laments in the Bible are addressed to God because God is the one with the power to change things. **God's laments** are different because **we** are the cause of God's laments. Laments reject apathy. Laments provide hope. The following prayer of confession acknowledges our responsibility for God's lament. **We repent.** 

MERCIFUL GOD, I CONFESS THAT I HAVE CAUSED YOU TO LAMENT

BECAUSE OF MY THOUGHTS...of Selfishness, Greed, and Arrogance

BECAUSE OF MY WORDS...that are Hateful, Angry, Self-centered, and take the LORD's name in Vain

BY WHAT I HAVE DONE...Taken more than I need, and Ignoring the Pain of Others

BY WHAT I HAVE LEFT UNDONE...Meeting the Needs of my Neighbors, Helping, Caring, Leaving my Comfort Zone and Reaching Out

I HAVE NOT LOVED YOU WITH MY WHOLE HEART, MIND AND STRENGTH...

I HAVE NOT LOVED MY NEIGHBOR AS MYSELF: Forgive my Apathy, for all Human Beings are part of GOD's Creation

IN YOUR MERCY, FORGIVE WHAT I HAVE BEEN; AMEND WHAT I AM, AND DIRECT WHAT I SHALL BE

Bring us Together in Sharing GOD's community and Spiritual Connection

THROUGH JESUS CHRIST I PRAY knowing that nothing in all creation will be able to separate me from the love of God. Amen.



## The Sophia Circle will meet on Tuesday May 18th via zoom at 7:00 pm to study Lesson 9 "The End of Lament."

This is the last lesson of our current Bible study. The main idea of this lesson is that God has promised that one day there will be no more crying, no more death, no more tears, no more lament. The focus

scripture is Isaiah 25:6-10; Revelation 21:1-8.

**All women are welcome to join us!** Please contact Karen (karenhaas79@gmail.com) to have the zoom link sent to you.



#### How do You Celebrate?

Presbyterian Women since 1922 have looked ahead to celebrate their birthdays by paying it

forward. Each year they sponsor a Birthday Offering in hopes that the Presbyterian women will contribute an amount equal to the number of years they have been blessed by God.



Now we are seeing memo-

rial donations, as well as donations made in honor by others, to celebrate the women in our lives. It is appropriate that we begin this offering on Mother' Day and continue through the month of May, as we think of the new life that this offering can bring.

This year as in every year, three organizations will be given grants that will offer funds for major improvements to facilities and expand their services, when funding is difficult.

#### These include the:

- Garden Gate Ranch, Educational Center in Iowa
- Memorial Drive Ministries, Stone Mt., Georgia
- Nkhoma Mission Women's Hospital, Malawi

As we establish a new "normal," let's remember our commitment to support ministries that matter.

Thank you for giving faithfully, Wayside Presbyterian Women

#### Save the Date!

The in-person Churchwide Gathering was cancelled but an online event is being planned for August 4th and 5th.
These are the highlights:

- Six hours of programming over two days
- Installation of new Moderator Team 2021
   -2024
- PW Business Meeting open for observation
- Worship and the Word
- Speakers and preachers, including a special message from Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, president and executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the PC (USA) and author of <u>Beyond Greens and Cornbread: Reflections on African American Christian Identity</u>.

The 2021 Churchwide Gathering theme illuminates our way forward as we continue to navigate change and changing plans.

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering,



persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers" (Romans 12:12-13).

### **Outreach Opportunities**

The Outreach Committee of Session has the following May service opportunities available. For further information please call the Church Office.

- ⇒Saturday May 1--Spring cleanup Asbury Woods
- ⇒Saturday May 1--2 volunteers at Habitat Restore
- ⇒Saturday May 8--Up to 8 volunteers to clean inside church building
- ⇒Saturday May 15 -- Up to 8 volunteers to clean inside church building



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#### Follow us on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCIV5J4uYzLqGsxyuFCF95nw



#### **Newsletter Collators:**

Sally DeWitt, Shirley Diller, Wilma Valentz,
Jane Hess, Louise Martin, Jan McEllroy,
Annette Rothschild, Helen Smith

Many thanks to you all for your help!!



### **WORSHIP IN MAY**



**Sunday, May 2** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Holy Communion** 

1 John 4:7-21 "The Chief Virtue" James preaching

**Sunday, May 9** 6th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

Galatians 5:16-26 "Tending Life's Garden" James preaching

John 15:1-8 Outdoor Worship

**Sunday, May 16** 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

John 17:6-19 "What He Prayed For Us" Nathan preaching

**Sunday, May 23** Pentecost Sunday Outdoor Worship 9 AM

Acts 2:1-12 "Can These Bones Live?" Indoor Worship 11 AM

Ezekiel 37:1-14 James preaching

**Sunday, May 30** Trinity Sunday Indoor Worship 10 AM

Romans 8:12-17 "Children of God" James preaching





Jennifer Garcia	1-May	Flori Porter	9-May	Henry van Helden	22-May
Molly Allen	2-May	Jacob Duska	10-May	MacKenzee Jewell	23-May
Jim Richardson	2-May	Karen Latimer	11-May	Matt McCullough	23-May
Kristin Babb	3-May	Lucy Lowry	12-May	Grace Stack	23-May
Lily Babb	3-May	Rich Pulling	12-May	Maddy Stack	23-May
Lee McVey	3-May	<b>Emma Sidorowicz</b>	12-May	Bethany Lavery	24-May
Thomas Rush	3-May	Mark Twinem	12-May	<b>Heather Lewis</b>	24-May
Kathy Englert	4-May	Eliza Porter	14-May	Dawn Weborg	24-May
Missy Grimm	4-May	<b>Greg Morrow</b>	15-May	Ryan Morrow	25-May
Mitzi Moore	5-May	Jordan Babcock	16-May	Lily Olsen	25-May
Aaron Pentz	5-May	Anthony Villella	17-May	Sally Reed	25-May
<b>Madeline Pora</b>	5-May	Jim Tingley	18-May	Mitchell Hoyt	26-May
Vaska Lewis	6-May	Ashley Buseck	19-May	Tyler Marsh	26-May
<b>Annamarie Sheriff</b>	6-May	<b>Ginny Pollard</b>	19-May	Louise Martin	28-May
Chloe Olsen	7-May	Mary Yonkers	19-May	Owen McCullough	28-May
<b>David Wallwork</b>	7-May	Leslie Youngo	19-May	Matt Schneider	28-May
Fia Fox	8-May	Kallan Fuchs	21-May	Isaac Sundberg	28-May
Lori Miller	8-May	Bobbi Jo Fye	21-May	Ronald Trisket	28-May
Michael Cross	9-May	Sandy Reed	21-May	Maximilian Hutzelman	30-May
Kelly Fremer	9-May	Lisa Watkins	21-May	Roger Taft	30-May
Ben Kocan	9-May	Henry Mullett	22-May	Donna Bittner	31-May
Lois May	9-May	<b>Amy Valentine</b>	22-May	Nicholas Duska	31-May

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#### News from the Unicameral Committee

A Unicameral committee has been formed to evaluate and make a recommendation to combine the Wayside Trustees and Session. Combined boards are very common within our Presbyterian USA denomination and most churches have migrated to a combined board in the last several decades. Within Wayside, the Trustees' primary focus is on the church's physical resources (building, grounds, money, and expenses of running the corporate church). The session's primary focus has been on the mission (outreach, member care, worship, education, etc.). The committee's belief is while all these aspects are critical to the success of the church, it is all in support of Wayside's singular purpose of doing God's work for the church, the community, and the world. Combining the boards will improve our efficiency but more importantly, it will help us corporately focus on our singular purpose of God's work. A combined board will improve our ability for discernment, allowing us to make more immediate decisions with participation individuals representing both the physical resources and mission work of the church. The committee will provide a detailed recommendation to Session (and to the congregation). If approved by session, the recommendation will be presented to the congregation for discussion and approval, which we hope to do sometime in the fall. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gregg Rabenold (Gregg.rabenold@gmail.com / (814)882-2182.

#### **PW Annual Rummage Sale**

August 27-28

\*\*Please note date change\*\*

Donations will be accepted August 12-26.

Wanted:

Clean reusable clothes, toys, kitchen utensils, books, furniture.

No phones, computers, printers, children's car seats, or plastic cups or containers.

Please plan to help sort and set up on sale day.

Call Nancy Fye at 814-838-3607 with any questions.



If you would like to receive your newsletter (in color) by e-mail, please contact Jennifer at 814-833-7653 or wpc@wayside-erie.org.

#### Happy Mother's Day

Wayside will be celebrating Mother's Day in a special outdoor service on our back lot on May 9 at 10:00 AM. The Presbyterian Women will be sponsoring the annual Birthday Offering on this day also.

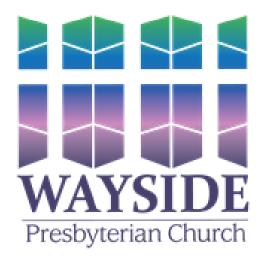
Geraniums

for Pentecost

If you are interested in pur-

chasing a geranium plant for Pentecost Sunday, please mark your \$5 donation "Geraniums" and send to the church. These flowers will be planted on the church grounds.

DEADLINE FOR JUNE NEWSLETTER: MAY 19, 2021



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#### **WELCOME STATEMENT**

"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.

