

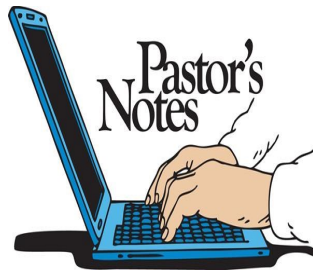
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"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" Psalm 122:1

This psalm expresses the joy and anticipation of people choosing to go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. They were going to visit the temple. For some it was an annual, or perhaps less frequent, journey. It was cause for excitement.

I feel some of that sense of pilgrimage as we resume worship in our sanctuary. Come and worship. There are a few procedural matters to negotiate, but there is relief to again be in our holy place, and joy when we see friends who we may not have seen in months. Come and worship.

Beginning June 6 and continuing to September 5 we will follow a summer schedule of one service at 10 AM. Each second Sunday, June 13, July 11, and August 8, worship will be outside at 10 AM, weather permitting. Online worship will continue.

I look forward to seeing you as we gather in worship.

Other parts of worship life are resuming. Would you like to provide flowers for worship? Refreshments will be outside this summer. Would you like to share refreshments? A list of those who will be lay readers/worship assistants is growing; will you answer the call to lead in worship? There is a sign up available in the lobby and on the church website, and in the Wayside Weekly email. Your role in worship life is essential. Thank you for the gift of your presence and sharing.

A matter for prayer

Finally, the sad present irony of Psalm 122 is how it concludes. "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.' For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, 'Peace be within you.' For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good."

Real people are hurt in the struggle for power and justice in the nation of Israel. Advances that have created neighborhoods of Jews and Arabs, both Muslim and Christian, together, are being hurt by political speech and division. There are voices representing extreme positions on both sides, but children and families want peace that is dependable, rooted in equity and justice. Friends, pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Grace and peace to you all,

James



WAYOUTH NEWS

Erie Playhouse Fundraiser

July 9-11, 6:00-9:00



In conjunction with Erie Playhouse's production of *Into the Woods* in Wayside's backfield, WaYouth will be hosting a concession stand to raise money for the 2022 mission trip with the Appalachia Service Project the nights of July 9-11 from 6:00 to 9:00. Please contact Pastor Nathan if your youth or family would like to help out as we raise money for this upcoming trip and welcome our community to enjoy an evening of the arts (and you enjoy the show!).

International Institute Urban Garden

and

Community Market

Monday, August 9th, 10am-2pm

The International Institute works to help refugees find a new home and new life in the Erie area. One of their projects is an educational garden in Little Italy that trains clients in agriculture and commerce.



On Monday, August 9th, youth and families are invited to help out in the morning with harvesting, cleaning, and packaging produce, then helping to set up for the farmers market that will be held that afternoon. Participants will have a chance to learn more about urban gardening and the resettlement experience in Erie, enjoy a lunch break with foods from parts of the world that have made their home in Erie, and participate in building community and opportunity in the city. Please contact Pastor Nathan to participate.

Confirmation Classes

Starting this September for 9th graders and up

Often we have been supported and nurtured by a community of faith, but then there are opportunities for us to explore the Christian faith personally and ask, "What do I believe? What do I put my trust in?" This fall, Confirmation Classes will present that opportunity, starting in later September and going through February.

A formal schedule is in the works, but here are features of what to expect:

- Class discussions after worship (lunch included)
- Visits to experience other religious traditions
- Opportunities to engage in community service
- Developing a statement of faith (either written or in artistic medium)
- Overnight confirmation retreat in January

If you are interested in this opportunity for discovery, please contact James or Nathan. A complete schedule will be available and an orientation will be scheduled by September.



Wayside Presbyterian Church
Vacation Bible School 2021

REGISTRATION

- 4 years old through rising 5th grade
- Dates: July 19-23, 2021
- 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM (only snack will be provided)
- Cost is \$10/ child and no more than \$20/ family
- Scholarships are available by speaking with Nathan

All rising 6th grade and older youth are invited to be staff aides.



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Address _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Age _____ Last grade completed _____

Parents' Names _____

Parent's email address _____

Allergies _____

Special Needs _____

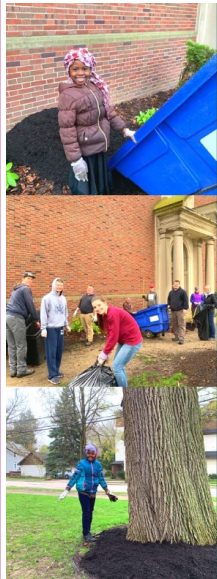
Fee: \$10.00 _____ Check _____ Cash

*I _____ (parent/guardian) give Wayside Presbyterian Church permission to use the photograph of the child named above in church publications, website, and social media.

Signed _____ Date _____

T-SHIRT SIZE (Circle) Child Small Child Medium Child Large

Also, For Teens and Adult teachers: Adult Small Adult Med Adult Large Adult XL Adult XXL



SERVErie Saturday

06.12 | ServErie.com
Register Today!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

On Saturday, June 12th, [ServErie](https://www.serverie.com) will be hosting a day of service projects in Erie County with three different launch location options starting at 7:45 a.m. While the specific projects and directions will be provided at the time of arrival, generally no prior experience is needed and the projects may be indoor or outdoor tasks with a nonprofit organization and a group leader. The registration link is on the ServErie website or directly by clicking here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sesjune2021>. The project completion is approximately 12:30 p.m. Questions can be directed to Ashley at ashley@serverie.com. Masks will be required. This is a family-friendly service opportunity for folks who would enjoy giving some time to help the community as well as the opportunity to connect with others.

Homeless Ministry with Church of the Cross

Saturday, June 26th, 10am-Noon

For the last year, our friends at Church of the Cross have been providing bag lunches for homeless residents of Erie one Saturday a month. They are now expanding that ministry to every Saturday and are extending opportunities for other churches to be a part of this ministry.

There are **two opportunities** on Saturday, June 26th to join with Church of the Cross to prepare and distribute meals to the homeless in Erie. Ten to fifteen volunteers are needed at **10:00 AM** for one hour to **prepare bag lunches** at Church of the Cross (5901 Millfair Rd). Five to ten volunteers are then needed for **distribution in different parts of Erie**. This distribution will be facilitated by experienced Church of the Cross members and will meet at **11:15 AM** in the parking lot of the Episcopal Cathedral of Saint Paul (134 W. 7th St.).

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Nathan.



Into the Woods...In Wayside's Field

An Erie Playhouse Production on Wayside Presbyterian's Property



For so many people and institutions, Covid has been a time of finding creative ways to gather and enjoy the things that bring us together as a community. One of those opportunities was presented to Wayside Presbyterian Church to provide a place for Erie Playhouse to stage its production of Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods* in the backfield of our property. After verifying insurance, permits, and that our property could meet the playhouse's needs without interfering with church operations, the staff, Session, and Trustees were excited to be a part of an event that brings together community, the arts, and nature as indoor venues remain limited at best. Letters have been distributed around Wayside so neighbors are aware of the upcoming production.

The play will be held July 9, 10, and 11 (rain dates on the 12th-14th) and 15, 16, and 17 (rain dates on the 18th and 19th); the play will begin at 6:30 and conclude at approximately 8:45pm. Tickets will be on sale (\$25/person) at the Erie Playhouse website (erieplayhouse.org) starting June 7. WaYouth will have a concession stand set up for the 9th-11th evenings to raise money for the 2022 summer mission trip.

BUDGET BYTES from the Budget Committee

Our monthly reports reflect our budget status from the prior month due to the deadline for newsletter articles. This one is no different, as we now write about where we stood at the end of April. Last month's article presented a "rosy" pink picture for March but what a difference a month has made in terms of feeling "in the pink", so to speak. We will tell you about an April-showery month in terms of revenue and pray that we can paint a drier picture for you next month.

Historically, we get a bump up in pledges after mailing out the 1st quarter contribution statements, but not this April. We were \$11k shy of that budget projection. For the month's overall receipts in all categories we had projected receipts of \$46k while receiving \$24k. YTD in the same category we had hoped to receive \$172k but received \$153k, leaving receipts \$19k short for the year. Umbrellas were needed.

Let's move to expenses which continue to be our bright spot in this rainy weather report. In April expenses were only \$2k over budget (had a big bill for one-half of the boiler repair cost) and overall YTD expenses were \$19k under budget projections. As was mentioned last month, however, expect actual expenses to become more in line with projections as the church becomes fully opened.

The overall YTD picture as of April 30 in terms of revenue vs. expenses was this: we projected to be in the red at (\$23k) at the end of April and that was right where we stood. We were told by Karen, our Financial Secretary, that May was going to be an expensive month with these words: "Hold onto your horses, folks, we are in for a ride!"

We end this with an admittedly strained and mixed metaphor but here goes: Let's stop horsing around, rein in our doubts, and if possible, cast away those showers in favor of some sunshiny, generous outpourings of our tithes and offerings. We remain committed to our belief that God's blessings will encourage and sustain us, no matter the weather. Thanks be to God for that..

Financial Report

April Rev	\$24,188.03
YTD Rev	\$152,546.42
Apr Exp	\$45,972.42
YTD Exp	\$176,223.30

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS

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

For those of you who closely and carefully read each and every article of the newsletter, this explanation is for you. If you are a skimmer of articles, picking and choosing what to read, you may scratch your heads and wonder what this is about!

In the May newsletter we introduced Generosity's Scripture verses for 2021, two of them. However, after a recent productive discussion, we have decided to save one of them for another year and to focus on the verse from Ecclesiastes. This verse alone has so much to say to us in this time of emergence from deep anxiety, as we tiptoe back and forth between sadness and joy. Notice that each part of the verse ends on a hopeful note and while recognizing that we may yet have times of weeping and mourning, we will pray to our generous Creator to supply us with increasingly more moments of laughter and dancing. May the spirit of generosity of our time, talent and treasure flow through all the down times and the up times as we live each day thanking God for our many blessings.

There....now we have properly introduced to you our ONE theme for the year.

The Generosity Committee

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.

News from Presbyterian Women



Sophia Circle Lesson Nine: "The End of Lament"

The main idea of the last lesson of *Into the Light-Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament* Bible study is that God has promised that one day there will be no more crying, no more death, no more tears, no more lament. We struggled with this lesson but found strength in the knowledge that our God is a God of hope. Author P. Lynn Miller has taught us so much about lament and we thank her for being an excellent teacher. Our final prayer of lament includes some statements taken directly from the study:

God of Hope,

We thank you for being with us as we learned how to lament.

We communicate with you through the gift of lament.

Our laments make us aware of how much we need your love and grace.

When we feel like you are absent, it leaves a God shaped hole in our lives.

Thank you for your promise to be fully present and fill that hole.

You, O God, are the source of our hope.

Hope that our work will bring your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Hope that you will be beside us every step of our journey.

For your unfailing love for us, and the hope you give,

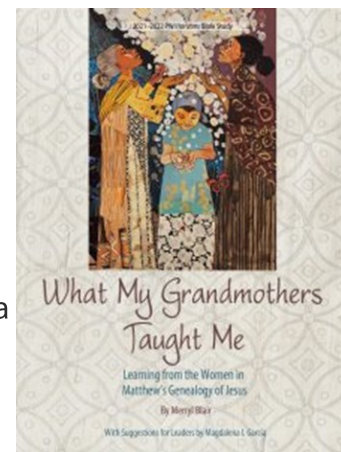


The new PW Bible Study ***What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*** will be used by the Sophia Circle starting in September.

Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary—Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers? What might the young Jesus have felt as he heard about his family? What might the stories of these women have added to his sense of identity, as part of a particular family in a particular time and place?

Have you thought about Jesus' grandmothers? What can these Grandmothers-of-the-Faith teach us? Their stories will lead us into the gospel, the good news about Jesus Christ. By exploring these stories together, we will have a richer idea of what the good news is.

If you want a copy, please let Karen Haas know. The cost is \$11 (\$10 plus \$1 for shipping). The order will be placed at the end of July. The Sophia Circle welcomes all women to join us for this Bible Study!





PW Birthday Offering

Thank you for your generous gifts to the PW Birthday Offering!! Your gifts will help fund:

***Nkhoma Mission Hospital - Women's Health Center/OBGYN Theatre in Nkhoma, Malawi** (James noted that he and Anita have been to this hospital!!)

***Garden Gate Ranch, Inc. – Education Center Renovation in Des Moines, Iowa**

*** Memorial Drive Ministries, Inc.**



Happy Father's Day from PW

Presbyterian Women will sponsor a special Fellowship Time on June 20th - Father's Day - to honor all our fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, and men who have had a special place in our lives. We hope you plan to stay and enjoy a special treat!



PW Annual Rummage Sale

August 27-28

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.

Get Involved!

As mentioned in "Pastor's Notes," there are multiple opportunities for you to participate at Wayside as we open up again. As always, sign-up sheets are available at the information table, but we have also added an online option for those who may need to check their calendar and to ease congestion in the lobby. These are included in the Wayside Weekly email and can be found under the "Participate" tab on the Wayside website at www.wayside-erie.org/sign-up-forms/. As restrictions continue to be lifted, we will make you aware of more ways to join in as they arise.



WAYSIDE MULTICULTURAL DINERS CLUB

Suggestions for **quick** downtown inexpensive **lunches**.

⇒ Try out **Lake Erie International Market at 601 Brown Ave** (where Brown meets the cemetery at Cherry St.) Buy a Shawarma. Yummy.

⇒ Try out **Bayfront Convenience Store at 4th and Cherry**, in the middle of the plaza, where they sell \$5 Krispy Krunchy Chicken. Yummy.

We'll eat out at least one more time this summer. Look for the emails.

If you would like to receive emails for the Multicultural Diners' Club, send an email to wpc@wayside-erie.org.

ERIE GIVES 2021

August 10 is this year's date for *Erie Gives*, the Erie Community Foundation's signature event (now in its 11th year) to support local charities. Waysiders, let's think about how we will share in this special opportunity to compassionately use our money to spread God's love. (In 2020 Wayside received gifts from 111 generous donors.) The success of *Erie Gives* has grown every year (to date it has raised over \$32.2 million) and we encourage your participation once again.

How does *Erie Gives* work?

- It provides the vehicle for making charitable contributions by posting a list of all the participating charities on its website (www.eriegives.org). Donations may be made online, by check, or with a gift of stock or required minimum distribution from your IRA. To contribute online visit the *Erie Gives* website on August 10 from 8 AM to 8 PM. To pay by check see below.
- The charities receive the monies pledged to them and in addition, *Erie Gives* matches a percentage of the monies collected on behalf of each charity and adds it to that charity's total.

How can I further God's work through *Erie Gives* with my own financial blessings?

- Select Wayside Church and make a gift to support our mission. Your donation enables Wayside to continue to be a light in our community. Your gift means that we can continue to provide funds for Wayside's programs, as well as for the many local missions we ourselves support. Of the matching monies that Wayside received in 2020 (\$10,924), 25% was earmarked for mission. We will continue that practice in 2021.
- When you select Wayside consider giving a portion of or all of your usual 2021 gift to the church and Wayside will receive those funds, plus the *Erie Gives* match. You may wish to designate the balance of your Wayside Legacy Campaign pledge through *Erie Gives* and also to consider making an additional one-time gift to Wayside through *Erie Gives* and the church will see an increased benefit in the form of additional matching funds.
- Please also make an additional impact by donating to other charities listed on the *Erie Gives* website. Those organizations also need our help, especially this year. In this way, Wayside can make a real difference in Erie.

How do I make my donation if I want to pay by check? (You have two options.)

- For donations to Wayside send a check (minimum \$25), payable to The Erie Community Foundation, accompanied by the Erie Gives Check Contribution Form (appears in July newsletter). It must be received by Karen Rae at the Wayside office no later than Monday August 2 in order to be processed and delivered by Wayside. Gifts made by check have the added benefit of eliminating credit card charges incurred by *Erie Gives*.
- You may also send checks for Wayside and for other charities (minimum \$25 per charity) directly to the Erie Community Foundation, 459 West 6th St, Erie PA 16507, to be received no later than Monday August 9. Checks payable to The Erie Community Foundation and the Erie Gives Check Contribution Form are also required.

Please contact Karen Rae at Wayside with questions or for any confidential assistance you may need. Each gift is tax-deductible. Unless otherwise designated by you, your donation to Wayside will be applied towards your 2021 pledge (if you made one), or considered as an unpledged contribution, or towards your Legacy commitment.

Please support *Erie Gives* in 2021!



WORSHIP IN JUNE



Sunday, June 6

Mark 3:20-35

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

"When They Say, 'You're Crazy'"

Holy Communion

James preaching

Sunday, June 13

Mark 4:26-34

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

"Ordinary Miracles"

Graduate Sunday

James preaching

Outdoor Worship

Sunday, June 20

Mark 4:35-41

4th Sunday after Pentecost

"Blinkered by Fear"

Father's Day

Nathan preaching

Sunday, June 27

Mark 5:21-43

5th Sunday after Pentecost

"Crucial Healing"

James preaching



Happy Birthday

Ryan Starr	6/1	Harry Hain	6/8	Jean Moore	6/19
Bill Conner	6/2	Matt Jeglinski	6/8	Dan Snyder	6/19
Terry Olsen	6/2	Ian Ross	6/8	James Bernhardt	6/20
Nancy Ebinger	6/3	Naomi Foust	6/9	Susan Moore	6/20
Nathan Miller	6/3	Colleen Bojewski	6/10	Nancy Kern	6/21
Jacob Kocan	6/4	Sue Eighmy	6/10	A.P. King	6/22
Lynn Lewis	6/4	Brian Theisen	6/11	Sydney Craig	6/24
Karen Sidorowicz	6/4	Laurel Taft	6/12	Jim Cross	6/24
Marilyn Anderson	6/5	Jill Abbott	6/13	Michael Sinner	6/24
Diane Briggs	6/5	Kelly Craig	6/13	Nick Grimm	6/25
Logan Catrabone	6/5	Mitchell Connors	6/15	Dot Smith	6/25
Henry Lewis	6/5	Carson Jeglinski	6/15	David Sundberg	6/25
Heather Yahn	6/5	Tim Brugger	6/16	Henrik Weborg	6/25
Kurt Duska	6/6	Marilyn Dennen	6/16	Nancy Cederlof	6/26
Emma Olsen	6/6	Wilma Valentz	6/16	Lucas Olsen	6/26
Don Rupert	6/7	Pat Bennett	6/18	Alex Grimm	6/27
Thomas Boyd	6/8	Linda Massing	6/18	Marilyn Russell	6/29
Ron Fretwell	6/8	Micki Loesel	6/19	Lenora Lewis	6/30

Happy Anniversary

Dan & Barb McGill	6/2	Paul & Donna Bittner	6/21
John & Claire Fair	6/3	Aaron & Kim Garrity	6/22
Lee & Hilary Gehrlein	6/4	Jon & Chris Hoyt	6/23
Stacy & Pat Fox	6/5	Kay & Rudy Lascek	6/25
Susan Moore & David Miller	6/10	Brian & Michele Reed	6/25
Bill & Linda Pentz	6/11	Andrew & Karen Potocki	6/25
Kristen & Aaron Taylor	6/11	Cindy & Ed Grode	6/27
Mac & Ginny Pollard	6/13	Marilyn & Donald Russell	6/27
Gretchen & Hal Kelley	6/13	Jerry & Nancy Cederlof	6/28
Chuck & Pattie Pora	6/20	Marion & Tom Tucker	6/29
Ed & Nancy Snyder	6/20	Jack & Melissa Grimm	6/30
Brian & Kimberly Hutzelman	6/21	Georgia & John Del Freo	6/30
		Dick & Barb Reese	6/30





June 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 IU	2 IU 5p Generosity	3 IU 1:30 Sewing Guild 7p Al-Anon	4	5
	6 Online Worship 10a Celebration of Worship 11a Outdoor Fel- lowship	7 6:30p AA	8	9 7p Session	10 Staff lunch by the PW ladies 7p Al-Anon	11 ServErie Day
	13 Graduate Sunday Online Worship 10a Outdoor Cele- bration of Wor- ship 11a Outdoor Fel- lowship	14 5p Trustees 6:30p AA 7p Outreach	15	16 7p WMFA *July Newsletter Deadline*	17 7p Al-Anon	18 Parking Lot in Use for Wedding
	20 Father's Day Online Worship 10a Celebration of Worship 11a Outdoor Fel- lowship	21 6:30p AA	22	23	24 7p Al-Anon	25 Homeless Minis- try w/ Church of the Cross
	27 Online Worship 10a Celebration of Worship 11a Outdoor Fel- lowship	28 6:30p AA *Newsletter Col- lating*	29	30	<i>Be welcome here.</i>	



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Many thanks to you all for your help!!

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.

Be welcome here.