

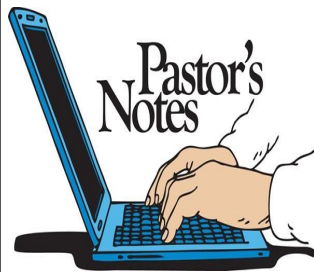
# Inside Wayside

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My sisters and brothers in Christ,

There is a statement of Jesus in all the gospels except John referring to the reality of what is "new" in a world accustomed to the "old."

*"And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins." Mark 2:22*

This is a broad statement about beliefs and perspectives and practices. Sometimes when we try a new practice within a community, the idea may be very good, but the community may struggle to accept it. Sometimes the new in the midst of what everyone is accustomed to creates division. The new is coming in Christ and within the world and our lives and so much that is new is very good. It seems inevitable that we must straddle the borderlands between new ideas and practices and perspectives and what we have accepted and understand and use.

I wonder if Jesus, the light of the world, the Word of God in flesh and blood, has any help for us in negotiating change? It seems inevitable that some of the "skins" are going to burst and some of the wine is going to be lost – but must it all burst or be lost? Might we be strengthened and renewed as "old wineskins" by prayer and waiting and listening? Might the "new wine" be poured in by measure instead of all at once? It does seem impossible to avoid the discomfort of accepting the new and the fatigue of having to accommodate the old – but in the community of God's people, and the community to which God's people go – I believe the same Spirit that stirs in us what is new and even revolutionary also equips us so that as we go we bring love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. I believe that for those who have difficulty with change, these same fruits of the Spirit equip us so that our wineskins might be transformed. In this way, the hope expands that came with the Spirit on Pentecost, that the young will see visions, and the old will dream dreams. Then may the new wine of Christ be poured into all wineskins for the coming days – the capacity of the Holy Spirit guiding us into new days full of goodness, hope, and joy.

May the Spirit guide us, through the love of Christ, into the coming days and the new things promised in them.

Grace and peace to you all,

James

***Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way and Presence*** by Diana Butler Bass. Read and study this book together with James Bernhardt, Wednesday evenings, September 8 through October 13 at 6:40 PM. Come enjoy Wednesday dinner at Wayside and join in for conversation and learning together. Contact Jennifer in the office to register and order a book.

## Back-to-School

### Supply Drive

Wayside Deacons are proud to partner again with Community Shelter Services to collect school supplies for Erie children this year, equipping them with the items they need for a successful school year.

#### Requested Supply Items

**Backpacks   3-Ring Binders   Folders**  
**Notebooks   Paper   Pencils   Pens**  
**Crayons   Markers   Highlighters**  
**Glue Sticks   Erasers   Scissors   Rulers**  
**Sticky Notes   Index Cards   Pencil Boxes**

#### Other Useful Items

**Locker Locks   Tissues   Hand Sanitizer**  
**New Socks   New Underwear   Hair Ties**  
**Ziplock Bags   Baby Wipes**

- Item Drop Off in Lobby
- Gift Cards and Monetary Donations welcome and will be used to purchase items above. Please take to office.
- Collection ends on Mon, Aug 9<sup>th</sup>
- Questions: Contact Britt Daehnke @ 814-882-7351

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Join the Wayside “gleaning team” for Second Harvest Food Bank to harvest fresh produce from local farms for food pantry clients. You will be notified when an opportunity arises with the details; there is no obligation, and you can glean as often as you’d like when it fits your schedule.

Please contact Jennifer at [wpc@wayside-erie.org](mailto:wpc@wayside-erie.org) or 814-833-7653 or sign up at the Information Table in the church lobby.

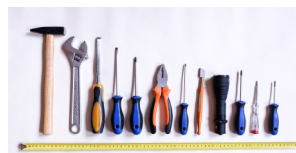


#### Saturday Service Project

Academy Neighborhood

Tool Lending Library

- Saturday, August 7 from 9-12
- All ages welcome; bring gloves
- Work will include organizing, sorting, and photographing tools for computerized inventory
- 329 East 28th St.--residential neighborhood with on-street parking
- Please contact Jennifer at [wpc@wayside-erie.org](mailto:wpc@wayside-erie.org) or 814-833-7653 or sign up at the Information Table in the church lobby.



# WAYOUTH NEWS

## Confirmation Classes

***Starting this September for 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SHOUT OUT  
TO**

- Special thanks to **Karen Sidorowicz** for organizing the WaYouth concessions stand at the recent production of *Into the Woods*.
- Special thanks to **Britt Daehnke** for organizing the reception for Graduate Sunday and the upcoming Back to School supply drive.

### **International Institute Urban Garden and Community Market**

*Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.



## GENEROSITY THOUGHTS

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

We happily anticipate the beginning of a new church year, starting on Sunday, September 12 with in-person worship at 8:30 and 11:00 and the resumption of Sunday School for all ages at 9:45. Opportunities for engaging your generosity of time, talent and treasure abound in the coming year. Be a worship leader, offer to teach Sunday School, join a women's circle, come to Wednesday dinners, attend an educational offering, bring refreshments for fellowship time after worship, help with youth events, participate in a mission work project, support Wayside's mission financially...just to name a few. As we acknowledge the difficulties faced during the pandemic, we rejoice that God has brought us to a time of renewal and we pray that you will jump in with both feet and "dance" to the tune of all the possibilities to grow in faith here at Wayside.

## BUDGET BYTES from the Budget Committee

It's a lovely Erie summer....what we wait for all winter long...and that fact leads into this month's Wayside financial status theme, as of the end of June: "smooth sailing." Bear in mind that this term is used in a relative sense because we are still operating under a deficit budget (waves and white caps). However, in terms of how the month turned out, the waters were calm. Read on.

Pledges were budgeted at \$21k and we received almost \$28k in June; YTD we were projected to be at \$188k and we sat at \$187k. Furthermore, YTD unpledged receipts were projected to be \$18k while we have actually received \$21k. In terms of total YTD revenue, we were projected to be at \$228k and we have received \$219k. However, we still have the not-yet-realized \$10k transfer in from "prior year surplus" which will occur at the end of the year, but which theoretically allows us to state that we have achieved budget in our receipts. (As our Financial Secretary expressed it: "I'm doing a happy dance!!"). Those positive numbers reflect the continuing generosity of Waysiders and we are grateful to God for your ongoing gifts of support for the mission of this church.

On the expense side, we continue to be underspent in terms of our budget. YTD we projected spending \$295k and have spent \$265k, giving us an impressive \$30k savings. That is the quick view of the expense side of the ledger but as we have been saying for the past few months, with the return to a more normal church year our expenses will begin to rise.

What is the bottom line to our sailing adventure? It is a reality check. YTD we were expected to have a deficit of (\$66k) at the midway point of the year and we are at (\$46k). However, the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Session Designated Mission Giving has not yet been disbursed and when it is distributed, we will have a deficit of (\$50k). So, yes, the lake is smooth in terms of our being in a better place than projected in January, but below this calm, we need to be aware of what lies beneath the placid surface. God will continue to be with us as we navigate these waters in the months ahead and we can count on that promise.

### Financial Report

June Rev	\$33,839.35
YTD Rev	\$219,075.83

June Exp	\$49,962.71
YTD Exp	\$265,218.57

### 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.





We are so thankful for the successful return of Vacation Bible School to Wayside. Our theme for 2021 was "Adventure Island," in which we explored the lights that show us who God is. Crafts, games, lessons, and a puffin named Beacon helped light the way! A special thanks to all of our volunteers who led groups and activities, provided and prepared food, and provided rides.



This month we are awarding a

## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

To those who help us handle all sorts of paperwork in the office:

Louise Martin

Stuffing Bulletins for Sunday Worship

Nancy Fye

Recording Friendship Pad Information and anything else we ask

Wilma Valentz, Jane Hess, Louise Martin, Jan McElroy, Annette Rothschild, Helen Smith

Folding and Preparing Newsletters for Mailing

Nancy and TJ Dolan

Assisting with Design and Preparation of Other Bulk Mailings

Karen Sidorowicz

Preparing Children's Activity Bags for Sunday Worship

**Don't Forget Erie Gives**

**August 10**

**8 AM-8 PM**

at [eriegives.org](http://eriegives.org)



### WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY

Requested Items for August

*Mac and cheese, peanut butter, cereal, baked beans, tuna, canned spaghetti, toilet tissue, bar soap, 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"*



#### Get Involved!

**There are multiple opportunities for you to participate at Wayside as we continue to reopen. 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/](http://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 Lunch Bunch

Thursday, August 19, 12:30



Jrs on the Bay/  
Sloppy Duck

726 West Bayfront  
Parkway, Erie

*RSVP by 8-17-21 to*

*Linda Lorah 814-450-2108*

*Or*

*Jean Moore 814-397-9860*

## Wayside Circle News

The **Elizabeth Circle** will not meet in August, but will resume September 23 at 11:30 in the parlor.

The **Naomi Circle** will begin meeting again September 15 at 12:00 in the parlor, studying the *Horizon Magazine Bible Study*. They would be thrilled to welcome new attendees to bring a lunch and join them!



## Wayside Presbyterian Women

*3rd Quarter Business Meeting*

Sunday, August 29th

Immediately following the  
church service

All women are encouraged  
to attend. We will make plans  
for fall/early winter events.

## Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie Presbytery

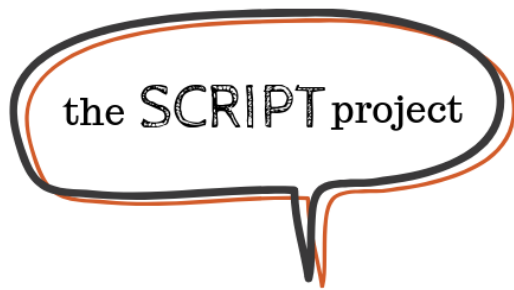
*Fall Gathering*

Saturday, October 16

10:00 AM-1:30 PM

First Presbyterian Church of  
the Covenant





Many of us are interested in examining the "script" by which we live our lives, and understanding the "script" by which others are living theirs. Many things are part of each person's and each culture's scripts that became part of our own before we were born. For some of us, our position and life path are helped by this. For others, their lives are constrained by this. This is key to issues of race and growing in our understanding and making changes.

Join with others to participate in The Script Project to convene this fall for six weeks. James Bernhardt will coordinate, and Janelle Newman will be our guide. Day and time for meeting will be determined by the participants. We will be in conversation with people in our community and with each other on the way to adjusting our script, with the Spirit's help. Make known your interest through the church office or on the Participate tab on the Wayside website.

## MULTICULTURAL DINERS' CLUB

### ONE TABLE PICNIC

We want to welcome everyone to come to a SUMMER "ONE TABLE" PICNIC, at Presque Isle State Park on Thursday, August 5. **ONE TABLE** is a loosely knit group of people who strive to gather people of different religions, cultures, and nationalities for conversation, just to get to know each other. Please feel warmly welcome to attend this picnic.

It will be held at the runner's pavilion, which is near Beach 1. Upon entering the park, when the road divides, take the 2nd left turn, crossing exiting traffic. You'll see the building ahead of you. Please bring a dish to pass (no pork, please) and your table service and lawn chair. We will provide drinks.

If you have questions, please call Gary Larson 716-307-5815. The event begins at 5pm, with the meal shortly thereafter. Come rain, or shine.

## PW Annual Rummage Sale Is Finally Here

August 27-28; donations will be accepted August 12-26.

### Wanted:



Clothes



Furniture



Books



Toys



Kitchen Items

### We are unable to accept:



Help is needed to sort and set up and to work sale days.

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





## WORSHIP IN AUGUST



### **Sunday, August 1**

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalms 78:23-29

John 6:24-35

10th Sunday after Pentecost

"God's Gifts of Memory and Perspective"

Holy Communion

James preaching

### **Sunday, August 8**

1 Kings 19:4-8

John 6:35, 41-51

11th Sunday after Pentecost

"Get Up and Eat"

Worship on Front Lawn

James preaching

### **Sunday, August 15**

John 6:51-58

12th Sunday after Pentecost

"Hungry for More"

Nathan preaching

### **Sunday, August 22**

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalms 34:15-22

13th Sunday after Pentecost

"Claiming God's Promise in Shifting Times"

James preaching

### **Sunday, August 29**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

14th Sunday after Pentecost

"Inside Out"

James preaching



Linda Bremmer	1-Aug			Jack Grimm	21-Aug
Barbara Jones	2-Aug	Jamie Bowes	12-Aug	Jon Hoyt	21-Aug
Kenneth Momeyer	2-Aug	Elaine Garts	12-Aug	Susan Baltes	22-Aug
Audrie Watkins	2-Aug	Mac Pollard	12-Aug	Kimberly Morrow	22-Aug
Kathleen Reed	3-Aug	Karen Potocki	12-Aug	Steve Hutzelman	23-Aug
Benjamin Coyne	4-Aug	Jonathan Jewell	14-Aug	Nicki Jares	23-Aug
Nancy Fye	4-Aug	Kurt Menges	14-Aug	Jonathon Sidorowicz	23-Aug
Chris Wolford	4-Aug	Linda Wilkinson	15-Aug	Johanna Anderson	24-Aug
Mollie King	5-Aug	Ginny Ackley	16-Aug	Jim Marsh	25-Aug
Sally DeWitt	6-Aug	Maria Carpenedo	16-Aug	Paula Reade	26-Aug
Brooke Marsh	6-Aug	Cammy Melaragno	16-Aug	Maggie Christensen	28-Aug
Kameron Bastow	7-Aug	Becky Worthington	16-Aug	Rod Foutz	29-Aug
Lindsey Kirkpatrick	7-Aug	Jane Moelk	18-Aug	Debbie Peterson	29-Aug
Molly Fritts	8-Aug	Eli Yahn	18-Aug	Tom Lewis	30-Aug
Barb Sundberg	10-Aug	Elias Fuchs	20-Aug	Pam Johns	31-Aug
Eliza Sundberg	11-Aug	Anna Hurley	20-Aug	Hannah Morrow	31-Aug

## August Anniversaries

Barb & John Egg	2-Aug	Kirk & Rosanne Steehler	17-Aug
David & Kylie Sundberg	4-Aug	Gene & Jami Sundberg	18-Aug
Ritch & Mary Marsh	6-Aug	Bill & Sally DeWitt	19-Aug
Matt & Jill McGill	7-Aug	Vanessa & Kelly Fremer	19-Aug
Cammy & John Melaragno	7-Aug	Barb & Keith Sundberg	19-Aug
Jim & Jackie Cross	9-Aug	Harry & Sue Hain	19-Aug
Matt & Daren McCullough	10-Aug	Holly Skala & Doug Villella	20-Aug
Roger & Laurel Taft	10-Aug	Debbie & Tom Peterson	22-Aug
Patrick & Renee Callahan	14-Aug	James & Anita Bernhardt	24-Aug
Dave & Micki Loesel	14-Aug	Paula & George Vilushis	27-Aug
Barry & Carol Stamm	14-Aug	Dale & Sally Cage	28-Aug
Jim & Jackie Tingley	17-Aug	James & Mary Lou Edgett	28-Aug
Jack & Heidi Utley	17-Aug		





# AUGUST 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Online Worship 10a Celebration of Worship 11a Outdoor Fellow- ship	2 6:30p AA  7p Outreach	3	4 IU 5p Generosity	5 IU 1:30 Sewing Guild  5p ONE TABLE picnic at Run- ner's Pavilion  7p Al-Anon	6	7
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**Many thanks to you all for your help!!**

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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.

*Be welcome here.*