

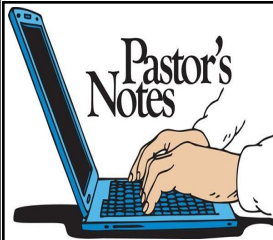
# Inside Wayside

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Well, I had convinced myself that we were free to return to pre-pandemic practices, having had the vaccines and responding to the way the community has adapted. But now that some who are vaccinated have had mild infections of the delta variant, and some who are unvaccinated have had serious illness, we are back into a cautious mode. We proceed into the autumn with hope, and will resume the life of our church while urging caution.

There is so much to be grateful for. Summer worship has been joyful. Worshiping in the shade under the trees on the front lawn and enjoying fellowship time outdoors has been good for the soul. VBS brought together a broadly-aged bunch for learning and giving back. People have given time and energy and resources to organize at the Tool Lending Library, clean up litter at Presque Isle, garden with the Multicultural Resource Center, and glean for the hungry with farmers in Erie County. Many participated in Erie Gives day, participating as was suggested in Give +1 +2, giving to Wayside very generously and also supporting other non-profits in our wider community. Thanks be to God for you all! And finally, the fellowship hall and classrooms are filled with extra treasures as the Annual Rummage Sale resumes. The Presbyterian Women have been great givers of love and support throughout the pandemic – and they have raised funds to continue their great work in the name of Jesus. Thanks be to God for contributions and shoppers, and the giving of time and energy to this good work.

Many thanks is due to the ad hoc committee of Elders, Trustees and Deacons, with the added counsel of Rev. Hal Kelley, the Unicameral Study Committee has been at work to propose the merging of the two governing boards into one – a Session that will also be Trustees. The Session has approved the proposal, and the plan will be available to church members to study and consider. At the October 24th congregational meeting, when we convene to elect elders, deacons, and trustees, the Unicameral Study Committee will present the proposal for a first reading, and a time for questions and discussion. The proposal will come to the Annual Congregational and Corporation meeting in January for a vote.

Many thanks is due to members of the Technology Committee of Trustees, that has been for some years now, looking at adding video technology to the sanctuary of Wayside. Over time funds have been given to Wayside earmarked for that use. The Technology Committee has worked with four local firms to secure proposals. On August 17 the committee made a presentation to Elders and Trustees who were able to attend to discuss the placement and use of the technology. Anyone who has participated in online worship over the past months can see how video technology brings art and photography, video of church members edited and presented (remember the children's Christmas pageant!), and liturgy and hymns into a useful and carefully presented format while preserving the beauty and holiness of Wayside's sanctuary, organ, piano, bells, and instruments. Session will continue this discussion at the September stated meeting.

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Many thanks to the Trustees who, with the guidance of Vic Babcock, have assessed the condition of the ovens in the church kitchen. These ovens have faithfully baked for more than 60 years, but they have reached the end of the line. The expense to repair them is too great. In the search for new ovens it has become clear that the whole cooking unit of stove and gridle cannot accommodate the new ovens, as well as comply with requirements for housing the entire unit appropriately under the exhaust hood. So this is an upgrade that needs to be done. Funding is being secured from current church funds. The backlog of both supplies and work has this project some weeks out. Until then, we will limp along with stovetop dinners.

There is more to say as we head into September: Confirmation class begins after a two year hiatus, the Presbytery of Lake Erie has its first in-person meeting since February 2020 on September 11 at Wayside, there is an Outreach Committee hands-on SafeNet project Saturday morning of the 18th and our Wayside Block Party on the afternoon of the 18th, and Session spends a day in retreat on Saturday the 25th.

**Here is a correction of dates: In a change from September 8 to September 15** WOW and Wednesday events begin with dinner at 6 and Book Study at 6:30. We proceed with hope and we proceed with caution. May everyone do all they can to remain safe and well and to guard the safety and health of others.

Grace and peace to you all in everything,

James Bernhardt

### Back-to-School Supply Drive

Wayside Deacons thank you for your generous donations of school supplies for Community Shelter Services. We were able to provide 20 backpacks and an abundance of school supplies that will make a huge difference in the lives of Erie students!



### HELP WANTED

**Wayside is in need of a childcare worker to provide nursery care on Sunday mornings. Please contact the office at 814-833-7653 for more information.**

### 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

Volunteers of **all ages** needed to help out at **SafeNet on September 18 from 9am to Noon**. This great organization provides vital support to women and children in abusive situations. We will be doing fall garden cleanup and light maintenance work TBD. In the past we have cleaned and painted, but given that Covid still lingers, we are likely to be working outside. So grab your favorite work gloves and garden tool and join us! Sign up on at the information table or contact the office.

**SafeNet**  
*reclaim your life*

### Get Involved!

**There are multiple opportunities for you to participate at Wayside as we look toward fall. These include worship assistant/reader, sanctuary flower sponsor, usher, refreshment provider, and various outreach opportunities. 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/).**

# Confirmation Classes

**Starting September 19th 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 guides my life?" This fall, Confirmation Classes will present that opportunity, starting September 19th and going through February.

Here are a few features 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. ***If you are uncertain about committing or would like to learn more about what to expect, attend our introductory session on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> after worship; lunch will be provided.***

**SHOUT OUT  
TO**

This month we want to recognize our PW Rummage Sale workers. Countless hours were put into planning, sorting, and organizing donations and staffing the sale. Shout out to all the ladies (and men!) who donated your "rummage" and time to make this a successful event!

## WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY

Requested Items for September

*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"*

## MULTICULTURAL DINERS' CLUB

The number of unvaccinated and the emergence of the delta variant creates much uncertainty for life as we have known it. Thus, it does not seem prudent to gather large groups for a while. This ministry must be put on hold until we arrive at more certain times.

This being said, we have visited some 15-20 restaurants over the years, and most are still struggling to keep their businesses open by doing take out. Grocers are busier than ever because people are cooking at home. But, there are others who also need our dollars. Thanks, Wayside, for your continued good support.

Gary Larson

## 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



As this community of faith comes back together with the start of a new church year, we invite you to continue to live in the spirit of generosity which we have witnessed throughout the many ups and downs of this past year. There have been times of weeping and mourning to be sure, often threatening to overwhelm us. We acknowledge those difficult times and yet the acts of generosity of time, talent and treasure by Waysiders have caused us also to laugh and metaphorically dance and it is those moments that we celebrate and hold up as times to give us hope for the year to come.

Soon we will be given the opportunity to demonstrate our faith in God's provision for the mission of this church as we engage in the Fall Commitment Campaign. This season of considering our role in financially supporting our church's efforts will culminate on **Consecration Sunday, October 17**, when we will dedicate our intended financial commitment for 2022. We invite you to stay tuned for information about the Fall Commitment Campaign in the coming weeks.

## BUDGET BYTES from the Budget Committee

We're going to keep this as plain and simple as possible in hopes that everyone is able to appreciate where we stand financially. We aren't crying, "Fire!"; we are saying, "Please listen."

Pledged and unpledged giving continues to be steady-as-she-goes, but ....

Projected expenses continue to be under budget, but ....

Why the "but"? In three words: our budget deficit.

Our original projected year-end budget deficit for 2021 was (\$51,000) which we reduced to a projected (\$21,000) with an agreement to apply \$30,000 from prior years' surpluses at year's end, our rainy day fund balance, if you will. For the past four years that fund has not shown additional year-end surpluses and therefore, we did not take that step lightly. Our projected revenue numbers were low to begin with, so even though pledged and unpledged giving has been faithful and steady throughout 2021, it is not enough to make up the budget deficit. Our expenses have been lower than projected and continue to be closely monitored but are beginning to rise to projected levels now that the building is opened again.

We applied for and received \$71,200 in federal aid through the Covid Relief PPP funding in 2020 and booked it in 2021. We will be saved from a massive deficit this year only because of those federal monies. We were not eligible to apply for Covid funding again in 2021 and therefore, in all probability we cannot expect additional federal support in the foreseeable future.

God goes with us as we navigate these realities. We ask you to be with us, too, in praying for the important ministry of Wayside Church.

## Financial Report

July Rev	\$20,721.25
YTD Rev	\$239,797.08
July Exp	\$57,568.30
YTD Exp	\$322,786.87

## Erie Gives

In great gratitude to God for your generosity on Erie Gives Day, we received through donations and matching gifts a total of **\$151,267.13**. Stay tuned next month for more details!



## **SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE**

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

Beginning September 12<sup>th</sup>, Sunday morning **worship** will go back to its **8:30 and 11:00** schedules.

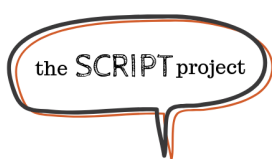
Along with worship, **Sunday School programs at 9:45-10:45** will resume on September 12<sup>th</sup> for children and youth. For adults, **Issues of Faith** will be gathering to explore how our faith intersects with the issues facing our community and world.

This fall, *"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'"* (Psalm 122:1).

### **ISSUES OF FAITH**

Issues of Faith will be meeting in person this fall, unless the Covid situation changes our plans. Please join us for stimulating conversations about spirituality and social justice.

- ♦ 9/12--Robert von Thaden, Ph.D., Mercyhurst University: "Religion, Popular Culture, and the End of the World"
- ♦ 9/19--Joe Morris, Ph.D., Mercyhurst University: "Voter Suppression and Voting Fraud: What's Going On?"
- ♦ 9/26--Sherez Mohamed, Ph.D., Mercyhurst University: "Language and Bias"



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.

# WOW

## **WAYSIDE ON WEDNESDAYS (WOW!)**

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

Wednesdays are the night to be at Wayside with programs for the whole family!

*Wayside will be keeping an eye on public health situations; any changes to this schedule will be communicated.*

**4:00-6:00: WOW Club:** For 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders, starting off with snack and choir the first hour, followed by a variety of activities, lessons, and trips.

**5:30-6:00: Primary Choir:** For all young children up through first grade, make a joyful noise to the Lord!

**6:00: DINNER:** All are welcome to share a meal and time together.

**6:30-7:30: WaYouth:** For 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, building relationships and exploring faith—discussions, games, trips, meals out, service—it's different every week!

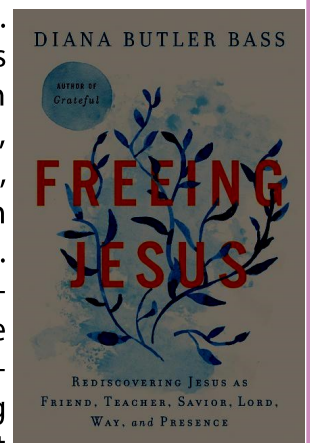
**6:30-7:30: Adult Book Study:** Join Pastor James as we explore the book *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior* by Diana Butler Bass.

## **WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY**

*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 15 through October 20 at 6:40 PM. Come enjoy Wednesday dinner at Wayside and join in for conversation and learning together. Register at

the information table or at <https://www.wayside-erie.org/sign-up-forms/>.



# **RALLY DAY: WAYSIDE'S JUBILEE BLOCK PARTY**

*Celebrating our life together*

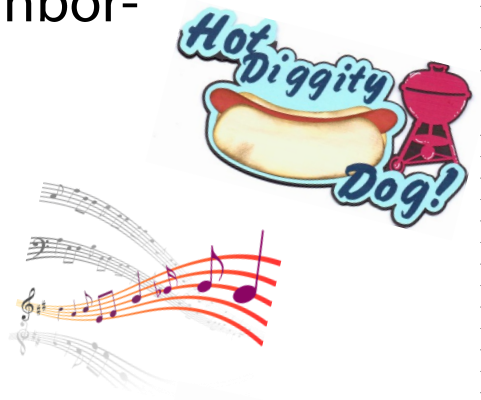
*Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-6:00*

It's been a long road through the last year, and if there has been a reason to rally and to celebrate our life together, it is this fall as Wayside kicks off its fall program year. This year, we are hosting a block party for Wayside Presbyterian and the Wayside neighborhood.

You can expect:

- Hot dog grilling
- Ice cream truck
- Bouncy slide
- Music
- Lawn games

*-People who can't wait to see you!*



For Wayside members, we are asking for \$5 donation per person (non-Wayside guests and children under 5 are free) with a maximum of \$20 per family.

Please RSVP on the church website, call the office or add your name to the sign-up sheet on the information table.

## Wayside Circle News

The Sophia Circle and Naomi Circle will be studying this year's Horizon Bible Study- *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*- learning from the women of Matthew's genealogy of Jesus. The study books have been ordered; contact Karen Haas to arrange to get yours. Please check the weekly Wayside updates or your email for more information on circle meeting dates and times.

The **Sophia Circle** will meet Tuesday, September 14th at 7pm in the parlor. All women are welcome to attend!

**Naomi Circle** will resume meeting on Wednesday, September 15th, at noon in the church parlor. Bring a lunch; coffee and dessert will be provided. We will begin the 2021 Horizon Magazine Bible Study. The topics will include lessons we can learn from the women of the Bible. Invite friends. All are welcome.

The **Elizabeth Circle** will meet September 23 at 11:30 in the parlor. Each woman is invited to bring a piece of their handicraft work to show.

## Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie Presbytery

### Fall Gathering

Saturday, October 16

10:00 AM-1:30 PM

(registration starts at 9; program runs from 10-1 and ends with lunch)

First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant

- This should be an excellent event and we hope many Wayside Women will attend.
- Details will be on the information table at church. Please sign up if you are able to attend. Many Wayside Women are helping with the event and Leslie Weber, the organist and Choirmaster at Covenant, will be providing the music.
- Covid protocols will be followed; plan on wearing masks and social distancing. Their sanctuary is large and we will easily be able to social distance.
- Hope you will make the effort to attend this event! If you have questions or need a ride- please contact Karen Haas 814-397-1619.

## Wayside Lunch Bunch

ALL women of the church are invited.

Thursday, September 9

12:30

Pier Six Rooftop Bar  
and Restaurant

6 Sassafras Pier

RSVP by 9-2-21 to

Linda Lorah 814-450-2108

Or

Jean Moore 814-461-9665



Is this your decorated easter egg? You so kindly brought it for the Wayside egg display in 2020 and it remained for the second showing during Easter 2021. The display has been moved from the parlor now. Please call Becky Worthington, 814-474-3192, so that we can return this and two other eggs to you.



### **It's that time of year again! Time for CROP Walk!**

CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walking events held in cities and towns across the United States, raising funds to support the global mission of Church World Service (CWS), a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster. Twenty five percent of the funds raised are returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts.

CROP Walk Sunday is September 26th, however, once again this year, due to the pandemic, an organized walk on Presque Isle will not be scheduled. There are, however, other options for you to consider. You may elect to walk individually or in your own groups. On Facebook, you may want to stream your walk and/or talk about why you are participating in the walk. Or, if interested, you may want to participate in Wayside's own congregational walk (details at this printing were unavailable but will be forthcoming).

Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world, but it doesn't have to be this way. Ending hunger is possible, and it is possible in our lifetime. You can help make it happen. Please consider joining other Wayside parishioners by donating or raising funds to help neighbors near and far, getting meals to those who need them now while ensuring sustainable food security for tomorrow.

To streamline our accounting and banking procedures, we are asking that you donate to CWS electronically by visiting <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/wayside-presbyterian-church> and selecting one of the **Donate** buttons, or you may elect to join Wayside's team by selecting the **Join the Team** button.

If donating online is not possible for you or for your donors, we will be accepting cash and check donation at a CROP Walk table in the Wayside lobby prior to and after the 11:00a.m. church service on Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>\* and prior to and after the 8:30a.m. and 11:00a.m. services, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Checks should be made to *Wayside Presbyterian Church* or *CWS*, however, please be advised that checks made out to *Wayside Presbyterian Church* will not be cashed until the end of October, and checks made out to *CWS* will not be cashed until the end of the year. All cash and check donations should be forwarded to our CROP Walk co-coordinators, Lisa Moyer and Marilyn Russell.

*Once again, it's been a hard year for everyone, but especially for those who don't have the safety nets and protections surrounding many of us. Please consider joining other Wayside parishioners in supporting CWS. Your donations will help families who aren't getting enough healthy food to eat and clean water to drink.*

Any questions regarding this year's CROP Walk may be directed to Lisa Moyer ([lamoyer13@yahoo.com](mailto:lamoyer13@yahoo.com) or 833-4970) or Marilyn Russell ([mkrussell2000@yahoo.com](mailto:mkrussell2000@yahoo.com) or 450-4733).

\*Please note that adult CROP Walk t-shirts and sweatshirts may be ordered prior to and after the 11:00a.m. service on Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. T-shirts are \$15.00 and sweatshirts are \$20.00. Cash or checks made to *Erie CROP Walk* are due at the time of order. T-shirts and sweatshirts will be available for pick-up at the Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 8:30a.m. and 11:00a.m. services.





## WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER



### **Sunday, September 5**

Isaiah 35:3-10

Mark 7:24-37

15th Sunday after Pentecost

"Minority Report"

Holy Communion

James preaching

### **Sunday, September 12**

Proverbs 1:20-33

16th Sunday after Pentecost

"Pursuing Wisdom"

Nathan preaching

### **Sunday, September 19**

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Mark 9:30-37

17th Sunday after Pentecost

"Powerless Kingdom of Welcome"

James preaching

### **Sunday, September 26**

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Mark 9:38-50

18th Sunday after Pentecost

"Unexpected Doers of Power"

James preaching

Jan Anderson	1-Sep
Hope Garrity	1-Sep
Jim Perkins	1-Sep
Rebecca McGuire	3-Sep
LeRoy Sundberg	3-Sep
Rachel Swanson	4-Sep
Jana Babb	5-Sep
Betsy Deimel	5-Sep
David Jackson	6-Sep
Jessica Day	7-Sep
Judy Knoll	8-Sep
Jami Sundberg	8-Sep
Judy Sinner	9-Sep
Dale Massing	10-Sep
Ethan Craig	11-Sep
Tim Keibler	12-Sep
Lillian Marsh	12-Sep
David Abbott	13-Sep
Grayson Jewell	13-Sep
Jason Eddy	14-Sep
Bella Fried	14-Sep
Diane Feltmeyer	15-Sep



Vanessa Fremer	16-Sep
Ken Reitingen	16-Sep
Joe Steger	16-Sep
Seth McCullough	17-Sep
Kathrine Swanson	17-Sep
Penny Porter	18-Sep
Joe Stack	18-Sep
Jill Weber	18-Sep
Mary Watkins	19-Sep
Amanda Garrity	20-Sep
Justin Grimm	20-Sep
Collin Bowes	21-Sep

Jane Hess	22-Sep
Stephanie Sheriff	22-Sep
Gladys Smith	22-Sep
Keith Sundberg	22-Sep
Todd DeBello	23-Sep
Barb Egg	23-Sep
Alivia Garrity	23-Sep
Tom Sesler	23-Sep
Grace Wilkinson	23-Sep
Lynn Bowen	24-Sep
Barb Foutz	24-Sep
Kelsey Grode	24-Sep
Susan Speakman	26-Sep
Erin Gleason	28-Sep
Gabbie Parker	28-Sep
Logan Thompson	28-Sep
Harlie Yahn	28-Sep
Tim Glass	29-Sep
Melissa Grimm	29-Sep
Kimberly Hutzelman	30-Sep
Jack Utley	30-Sep
Charlotte Weaver	30-Sep



Steve & Diana Day	1-Sep
Evan & Mary Watkins	2-Sep
Scott & Carrie Bastow	3-Sep
Randy & Amy Valentine	4-Sep
David & Linda Jackson	4-Sep
Janet & Bill Coyne	11-Sep
Ken & Debbie Smith	12-Sep
Pat & George Fish	12-Sep

Justin & Missy Grimm	13-Sep
Ryan & Jillian Starr	17-Sep
Michael & Vanessa Paris	18-Sep
Kurt & Kelly Duska	19-Sep
Ronald & Barbara Trisket	22-Sep
Melissa & Mark Buseck	22-Sep
Dave & Denise Borowski	24-Sep
Rod & Barb Foutz	25-Sep
Diane & Steve Briggs	29-Sep



# SEPTEMBER 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5p Generosity	2 1:30 North Coast Sewing Guild 7p Al-Anon	3	4
5 Online Worship 10a Celebration of Worship 11a Outdoor Fellow- ship	6 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED 6:30p AA	7	8 7p Session	9 12:30p Lunch Bunch 7p Al-Anon	10	11 10a Presbytery Meeting at Wayside
12 Online Worship 8:30 Celebration of Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Celebration of Worship 12:00 Fellowship Time	13 5p Trustees 6:30p AA 7p Outreach	14 7p Sophia Circle	15 12p Naomi Circle 4p WOW 5:30p Primary Choir 6p Dinner 6:30p WaYouth 6:30 Book Study	16 7p Chancel Choir 7p Al-Anon	17 October Newslet- ter Deadline	18 9a Saturday Service Project (SafeNet) 3p Wayside Block Party
19 Online Worship 8:30 Celebration of Worship 9:30 Chancel Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Celebration of Worship 12:00 Fellowship Time 12:15 Confirmation Class	20 6:30p AA	21 10a Prayer Shawl Ministry	22 4p WOW 5:30p Primary Choir 6p Dinner 6:30p WaYouth 6:30 Book Study 7p WMFA 7:30p Deacons	23 11:30a Elizabeth Circle 7p Chancel Choir 7p Al-Anon	24	25 9a Session Retreat
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**Newsletter Collators:**

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

**Many thanks to you all for your help!!**

Has your information changed? Maybe you got rid of your landline or changed internet and email providers? Call or email Jennifer in the office to change or confirm your contact information.

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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.*