

Inside Wayside

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and a time to laugh, a
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to dance.*

Ecclesiastes 3:4



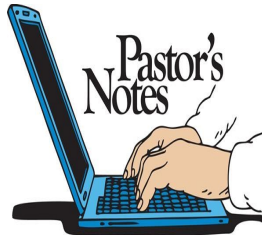
CONSECRATION SUNDAY

October 17, 2021

Let this season of ending one year and planning for the year to come be one of thankfulness, with an enthusiastic conviction that Wayside's life and mission are worthy of our generous and intentional giving.

We invite you to join us this morning in grateful celebration of our many blessings and our hopes for the future. Your financial pledge of support for 2022 will be gratefully received at both services.

A "Stewardship Soup" luncheon will be provided following the 11:00 service and all are invited to enjoy the good food and fellowship.



Anita and I have established the fact that I can be easily moved by an emotional movie. If the movie we are watching has a meaningful moment you can count on me to leak a few tears. It wasn't a movie, but on September 12, during the dedication service for the new church building for the First Presbyterian Church of Girard, when the congregation rose to give their pastor Rev. Nicola Vitiella a standing ovation that he was not expecting, there was a big lump in my throat. It was right for us all to applaud Nicola. It is amazing that this pastor has led that congregation through the loss of an historic and beloved church building, all the tedious processes of mourning and planning and rebuilding, and during a pandemic, to see them through to a completely new era. I remember meeting with Nicola in those days after the fire, and he was like any of us would be, like a deer in the headlights. There is no handbook to direct the kind of a pastorate he suddenly had. He did not ask for what he was handed. He admitted that he had no idea how to do this. And then, there he stood, with his people applauding. I was clapping, too. Praise the Lord!

Our Generosity scripture for stewardship this year comes from Ecclesiastes 3, "a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance;" which makes me think of the times I have known this congregation and others to really come through financially, are times when things were difficult and uncertain; and those times elders and deacons and trustees have found the most meaningful times of growth in faith is when they have had to work together on a challenging project. In most cases givers and leaders did not know that the challenge or the need was coming – but God provided, and God gifted them with Holy Spirit and good things came. We live into our faith in expectation of the laughing and the dancing when we are making our way through weeping and mourning. This is what our generosity and the gift of our energy, intelligence, imagination and love is all about.

This month we dedicate our financial stewardship plans for the coming year on October 17 and we elect officers to lead and serve at our Congregational and Corporation meeting on October 24 at 9:30 am. We will also look carefully at a plan to restructure our leadership boards.

I am inspired by our friends at Girard, who have been through a time they could not have anticipated and have journeyed through to a new day. We are on a journey, too. Our changes, thankfully, are not so dramatic, but in all of these changes, and on all our journey, the Lord is with us. So, we journey with confidence and hope.

Youth Summer Mission Trip

Interest and Informational Meeting

Sunday, October 24th at 9:45am

in Youth Sunday School Room

This summer, Wayside's youth is invited to put into practice Christ's calling to love others as he has loved us. This summer we will be traveling to the Asheville Youth Mission June 19-24 as we work with organizations on the ground doing the work of justice and mercy in Asheville, processing where God is moving among us, and building our relationships together.

Please join us if you are interested to learn more about first-time deposits, fund-raising, and what this trip will look like.



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, childcare volunteer, 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/.

SECOND HARVEST FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Wayside once again has the opportunity to assist the Federated Church in East Springfield with their monthly distribution of food from Second Harvest. The distribution dates vary, but you can sign up in the lobby to be notified of the next distribution date. Volunteers can park behind the church at 11995 Main Street in East Springfield to begin set up at 11:00 AM. Please see Harry or Sue Hain for more information or sign up in the lobby.

Save the Date

Rise Against
Hunger meal



packaging event Saturday, November 13, 9 am - 12 pm at Wayside.

the SCRIPT project

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.

CROP WALK DONATIONS DUE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH!

All CROP Walk donations collected should be placed in Lisa Moyer's church office mailbox by Sunday, October 10th. Any questions may be directed to Lisa Moyer (lamoyer13@yahoo.com or 814-833-4970) or Marilyn Russell, (mkrussell2000@yahoo.com or 814-450-4733).

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who participated and supported this noteworthy cause.

Lisa Moyer and Marilyn Russell



ERIE GIVES + 1, 2 ... 2021

Erie Gives is truly a special opportunity for giving and Waysiders again showed their outstanding support of the effort. 95 donors gave \$143,708 in contributions to Wayside (5th place among 438 non-profits) which garnered an additional \$7,559 in matching monies. 25% of those matching monies, as designated by Session, will be returned in 2021 to worthy mission needs in the Erie community. The support given to Wayside will enable our own important ministry and mission to continue, both to serve our members in their faith journey and to increase our efforts to help those in need beyond our walls. Thank you to all who responded so generously.

We also are confident that many of those same 95 donors also chose to make gifts to other local charities during *Erie Gives*, perhaps encouraged by our "+ 1, 2..." approach this year. We cannot know the extent of those gifts but we trust that many of you also extended your giving beyond Wayside. We thank you for that additional generosity, as you answered the call to share your own God-given blessings with those less fortunate.

SHOUT OUT
TO

In the last 18 months, technology has become even more important in this digital age. Wayside appreciates our members who work to keep us connected through technology, whether through the soundboard during services, helping us with all of our computer and internet "glitches," or by planning the most efficient use of our technological resources. Some of our Wayside "techies" include Ron Craig, Ed Snyder, Andy Potocki, John Fair, Justin Grimm, Matt McGill, Vic Babcock, Jim Allman, Mark Smith, and Kitty Menges.

WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY

Requested Items for October

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"

WAYSIDE MULTICULTURAL DINERS' CLUB

You'll have to decide if you're ready to venture out, but we're setting a dinner date!

As announced in the newspaper, Darrell and Daquan have opened the TRIPLE D restaurant in the Liberty Plaza, (near 38th and Liberty) just south of Harbor Freight. We're setting the date of Thursday, October 7th at 5pm to eat there, ordering off the menu. The place seats at least 80 with tables and booths. The men promise soul food on the menu that night as well as fish options and more. The first 25 to call in their reservations and we'll close it off there. Deadline Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 5pm. Call the Wayside Church office and reserve with Jennifer at 814-833-7653.

As always, questions? Call me. 716-307-5815

Gary Larson

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS



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The Fall Financial Commitment Campaign has officially begun with the delivery of a packet of informative materials, either given to you in church on September 26 or received at your home in the mail. **If you do not receive your mailing by October 4, please contact the Church Office and we will promptly provide you with another packet.** We encourage you to pray about your commitment to Wayside's mission and respond as generously as you are able. Each pledge of support is vital to sustaining and building our ministry.

BUDGET BYTES from the Budget Committee

Just the facts, Jack, for those of you who like to get "into the weeds" with numbers, as of the end of August:

RECEIPTS

- Waysiders again faithfully supported Erie Gives, earning \$7,559 in matching monies; 25% of that goes back into the community for mission support and the balance helps Wayside to continue her overall ministry.
- Pledged giving was (\$22,000) below projections for the month; YTD pledges were (\$21,000) below projections.
- Unpledged giving was almost \$6,000 above projections; YTD we are \$7,000 over projections.
- Overall receipts for August were (\$27,000) below projections; YTD receipts were (\$15,000) below projections, accounting for the \$20,000 transfer in from prior years' surpluses, as explained last month.

EXPENSES

- Overall expenses in August were \$5,000 below projections.
- YTD expenses were \$29,000 below projections.

RECEIPTS/EXPENSES

- Overall receipts versus expenses for August were anticipated to be at \$122,000 (due to projected Erie Gives contributions); we ended at \$101,000.
- YTD we budgeted to be in the black at \$25,000; we sit at \$18,000.
- We are still on track to end 2021 with a deficit of (\$21,000) IF the projected receipts come in and IF the monies are spent as expected.

Our takeaway from these facts:

Our eyes may glaze over when looking over these numbers but we remember that God is in our midst as we support the ministry and mission of the church. Please pray for God's steady hand in directing the life of Wayside in these remaining months of the year and in guiding our own generous giving.

Financial Report

Aug Rev	\$138,320.56
YTD Rev	\$378,117.64
Aug Exp	\$37,616.85
YTD Exp	\$360,403.72

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.

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.

- ◆ 10/3 World Communion Sunday : US Committee on Refugees and Immigrants
- ◆ 10/10 Nathan Royster: " Why the Trinity?"
- ◆ 10/17 Rev. James Bernhardt: "The Book of Confessions"
- ◆ 10/24 Rev. Anita Bernhardt, General Presbyter: "A Connectional Church"
- ◆ 10/31 Reformation with Rob von Thaden, Ph.D.

WOW

WAYSIDE ON WEDNESDAYS (WOW!)

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 2nd-5th graders

5:30-6:00 Primary Choir: For children through first grade

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

6:30-7:30 WaYouth For 6th-12th graders

6:30-7:30 Adult Book Study

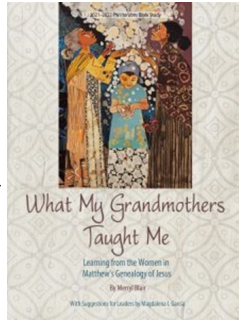


WAYSIDE'S BLOCK PARTY JUBILEE



Naomi Circle

The **Naomi Circle** will meet at the church on Wednesday, October 27th. We bring a sandwich at noon to the parlor for those who want to lunch together. We take turns making coffee and dessert. Bible study starts at 1pm in the adult classroom (room 18). We are studying *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*. Visitors are very welcome!

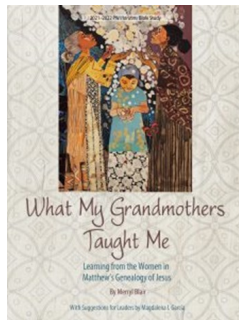


Sophia Circle

The **Sophia Circle** will be studying the new Horizons Bible Study **"What My Grandmothers Taught Me" - Learning from the Women in Mathew's Genealogy of Jesus.**

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.

The Sophia Circle will meet this year on the third Tuesday of each month in the parlor at church. All Women are invited! Our October meeting will be Tuesday October 19th. Chris Hoyt will lead us in Lesson 2 - Tamar "... Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar..." Scripture Genesis 38. Jill Abbott will provide a snack.



Wayside Lunch Bunch

Thursday, October 14, 12:30



900 West Erie Plaza Drive

RSVP to

Linda Lorah 814-450-2108

Or

Jean Moore 814-461-9665

Elizabeth Circle

The Elizabeth Circle meets for lunch in the parlor at 11:30 on the 4th Thursday of each month. Our October meeting is Thursday, October 28.

The Rummage Sale was a big success!

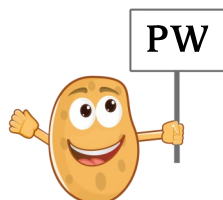
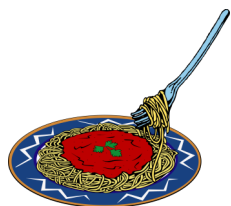


Thank you to Nancy Fye and the many volunteers that helped before, during, and after the sale! Thanks also for all of you that cleaned out your closets and donated your items to the sale! It was a success in many ways:

- Waysiders cleaned out their closets/basements and decluttered their homes.
- Volunteers laughed and shared stories as we worked sorting and preparing for the sale.
- The day of the sale MANY community members came to our church and were able to buy needed items at very reasonable prices.
- During the sale Waysiders chatted with each other and with many community members. We had fun!
- After the sale several non-profits benefitted by receiving our unsold items.
- We raised \$4,200 for PW to use for mission projects! What a success!!

PW Wednesday Dinners

Presbyterian Women plan to hold two special Wednesday dinners in October. One will be a **Spaghetti Dinner with all proceeds to benefit the Ghana Partnership** and one will be a **Potato Dinner (or maybe a variation to our regular Potato Dinner) with the proceeds to go to the CROP Walk**. Please look for more details in our Wayside Weekly updates and the church bulletin.



Presbyterian Women's Fourth Quarter Business Meeting

Please plan to attend our 4th Quarter Business Meeting directly after the 11 o'clock service on Sunday October 10th. We will discuss our plans for the rest of this year and the start of 2022. We will meet in the Parlor and lunch will be served. All women are invited to attend.



FALL GATHERING

Due to the concerns of current higher covid numbers, the Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie Presbytery's Fall Gathering has been postponed until spring.



Election Day Pie Bake Sale

Tuesday November 2nd



This year Presbyterian Women would like to try something different for our Election Day Bake Sale. We are asking for donations of pies only for this sale. Please sign-up in the church lobby to donate a pie in a disposable container. Please drop off pies on Nov. 1st or very early Nov. 2nd and please remember to vote on Tuesday November 2nd.





The Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering service will be held on Sunday October 24th.

In 2021 the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women reviewed 29 Thank Offering applications and selected 12 projects for funding. Nine of the projects serve people in the United States and three are international. More than 40 percent of the selected projects are related to health ministries. Here are details of two of the projects:

**Synod of South Atlantic
Foothills Presbytery**

Cancer Association of Anderson
Cancer Patient Vehicle and Driver
Anderson, SC
\$42,360
cancerassociationanderson.org

The Cancer Association of Anderson provides financial and emotional assistance to local patients who are battling cancer. Having a vehicle will be a game-changer, offering safe and reliable options to patients with no available transportation for their cancer treatment-related appointments. This grant will also provide for a compassionate and knowledgeable driver who can offer a caring presence as well as assist patients with special needs.

**ZAMBIA
Church of Central Africa Presbyterian – Synod of Zambia
Chasefu Presbytery**

Chasefu Theological College
Female Hostel Construction
Chasefu, Zambia
\$45,000
ccapzambia.org

The CCAP Synod of Zambia has many trained pastors but very few are women. Additionally, 12 of the synod's 15 presbyteries are in rural areas where subsistence farming is the primary means of survival. The college has plans to train 24 female farmers each year, as well as increasing female pastoral students from one to five. The Thank Offering grant will help build a women's hostel since current housing is available only to male students. The college administration hopes that with the new accommodations, more women will seek training, become leaders and help support fellow women, communities and families.

If you would like to watch a Thank Offering promotional video, go to PW's YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/presbyterianwomen. To contribute to the Thank Offering you can write a check made payable to Presbyterian Women or you can give online. **All donations are greatly appreciated.**



WORSHIP IN OCTOBER



Sunday, October 3

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

World Communion Sunday

Mark 10:2-16

"For Each Other"

Nathan preaching

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Sunday, October 10

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 10:17-27

"Imagine the Possibilities"

James preaching

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Sunday, October 17

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Stewardship Consecration Sunday

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 10-11a

"What Time Is It?"

James preaching

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Sunday, October 24

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering Sunday

Guest Preacher

Rev. Anita Bernhardt

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Sunday, October 31

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Bible Presentation Sunday

Mark 12:28-34

"Keep These Words in Your Heart"

James preaching



Amy Brinling	3-Oct	Justin Eddy	13-Oct	Adam Snyder	19-Oct
Barry Zembower	3-Oct	Gretchen Kelley	13-Oct	Virginia Bowes	22-Oct
Pat Fox	4-Oct	Fallon Kirkpatrick	14-Oct	Caroline Grimm	23-Oct
Brianna Morrow	4-Oct	Lisa Moyer	14-Oct	Jenny Martin	23-Oct
Robin Scheppner	4-Oct	Kim Garrity	15-Oct	Vic Babcock	25-Oct
Evan Watkins	6-Oct	Alex Mitten	15-Oct	Adam Fried	26-Oct
Anthony Fremer	7-Oct	James Ommert	15-Oct	Diane Garcia	26-Oct
Kelly Duska	8-Oct	Karina Wismer	15-Oct	Aurora Fuchs	27-Oct
Claire Fair	8-Oct	Ella Grimm	16-Oct	Benjamin Sesler	27-Oct
Bryce Yahn	8-Oct	Denise Pollifrone	16-Oct	Linda Behn	28-Oct
Maddie McGill	9-Oct	Kellen Kirkpatrick	17-Oct	Dick Glass	28-Oct
David Miller	9-Oct	Josie McGill	17-Oct	Kalena Popson	28-Oct
Ella Garrity	11-Oct	Gracie Gehrlein	18-Oct	Scott Bastow	31-Oct
Nancy Herold	12-Oct	Monica Mullett	19-Oct	Brynn Gleason	31-Oct



David & Pam Johns	1-Oct	Tim & Laurie Brugger	12-Oct	Rob & Brenda Harcourt	19-Oct
Ray & Paula Reade	2-Oct	Tim & Leanne Keibler	12-Oct	Jay & Brittany Shaffer	19-Oct
Brian & Staci McGill	4-Oct	Cathleen Norris & John Bucci	15-Oct	Gregory & Heather Yahn	21-Oct
Ramon & Lisa Watkins	5-Oct	Matt & Lindsay Jeglinski	16-Oct	Tim & Lynn Lewis	23-Oct
Karen & James Haas	6-Oct	Todd & Mary DeBello	18-Oct	Richard & Sheila Kocan	28-Oct



OCTOBER 2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 5:30p Sundberg/ Jones Rehearsal	2 9a Youth Beach Cleanup, Beach 11 3:30p Sundberg/ Jones Wedding
3 Online Worship 8:30 Early Worship 10:00 Chancel Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship 12:15 Confirmation Class	4 6:30p AA 7p Outreach	5	6 4p WOW 5p Generosity 5:30p Primary Choir 6p Dinner 6:30p WaYouth 6:30 Book Study	7 9:00a Yoga 1:30p North Coast Sewing Guild 7p Al-Anon	8	9
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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.