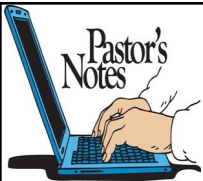


Inside Wayside

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My brother Tom said that the skies of October are the clearest blue; and I have always thought that in November, the shadows of trees at noon are the longest of the year. Beauty and wonder: this is a season of appreciation. The late poet Mary Oliver mused on Gratitude, asking these questions:

*What did you notice? What did you hear? When did you admire? What astonished you?
What would you like to see again? What was most tender? What was most wonderful?
What did you think was happening?*

The Book of Deuteronomy teaches gratitude as a spiritual discipline within the life of God's people. It is after they settle in the land of promise, following their time of displacement, that they muse on all that has preceded their present circumstances, and express their thanks together with all their neighbors. Thanksgiving is not an end, it is a practice in the midst, a looking back, and an anticipation of all that is hoped through God's grace. May we each embrace a season of appreciation, let thanksgiving dwell in our hearts, and live into coming days with anticipation for God's faithfulness to all people.

Grace and peace to you,
James

Technology Update

For a decade or more the Technology Committee of the Board of Trustees has investigated the feasibility of video technology for the sanctuary of Wayside. Over the years members have designated gifts to the church for video technology. Over the many months of the pandemic Wayside has been fortunate to use video technology to creatively present worship online. We have seen the use of art and color to illustrate themes and messages of services, and the use of video to integrate remote participants into a unified worship service. We have seen how video technology can be used artfully and with care to expand the possibilities available for effective use in worship. In this light, Session has approved the installation of video technology in the sanctuary using funds designated for that technology, and using other memorial funds. The Technolo-

gy Committee has worked with three local companies to secure plans and bids and will be working to accomplish this goal in the coming weeks. We are grateful to those who have donated funds for video technology in the sanctuary.

At the same time, a family in the church has given a generous gift to upgrade the sanctuary sound system. The sound system has been a source of frustration, leaving "dead spaces" in the sanctuary and causing feedback and erratic reliability of the lapel mics. The goal is a renewed system where everyone can hear well all that is being presented in worship at Wayside. With great thanks to a family for whom this is important, and for whom such sound technology is also an interest spanning generations, this work will be completed as components become available in coming months.

Rise Against Hunger

Sign up now to Rise Against Hunger by packaging meals Saturday, November 13, 9 am - 12 pm at Wayside.

ISSUES OF FAITH

Issues of Faith continues to meet in person at 9:45. Please join us for stimulating conversations about spirituality and social justice. Upcoming topics include:

- ♦ 11/7 Will Koehler, "The Trauma-informed Church"
- ♦ 11/14 Brenda Martin, Youth Mentoring, Bethesda Lutheran Services

Check out the "Wayside Issues of Faith" Facebook group for updates to the schedule as we have them.

WOW Club Schedule for November

- 3 Cemetery Visit—Exploring a local cemetery and discussing Christian hope
- 10 Cook Dinner
- 17 Thank You Notes for Food Pantry Donations/Gratitude Lesson
- 24 OFF FOR THANKSGIVING

WaYouth Schedule for November

- 3 Dinner Out
- 10 Discussion
- 17 Prayer Stations
- 24 OFF FOR THANKSGIVING

Presbytery Youth Event scheduled for Saturday, November 6th canceled for public health concerns

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Upcoming distribution dates for the Second Harvest mobile food pantry at the Federated Church in East Springfield are November 22 and December 20. 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.



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.

For a variety of reasons The Script Project through Wayside was unable to convene this fall. As we regroup we will look toward the beginning of the New Year to reconnect with Janelle Newman and to schedule days and times to meet. The plan is to be in conversation with people in our community and one another as we learn, and with the Spirit's help, grow into a new understanding of our script and the many scripts that influence and shape our lives. Please make known and renew your interest in participating through the Wayside website.

WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY

Suggested Items for November

Mac and cheese, peanut butter, cereal, baked beans, spaghetti and sauce, 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"

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

November 25 – 10 AM - Thanksgiving Day Community Worship Service at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, 134 W. 7th Street. Rev. Dr. James Bernhardt is preaching. Parking is available on 6th Street, at the courthouse, or in the church parking lot off 7th, between Sassafras and Peach. Masks are required and social distancing encouraged in the pews.



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

We came together "to laugh and dance" in thankful celebration of our many blessings on Consecration Sunday as we dedicated our planned financial gifts to support the ministry and mission of Wayside Church in 2022. Here are the pledge results as of October 19 and we rejoice in your generosity:

	2022 PLEDGE COMMITMENTS		2021 TOTAL PLEDGE COMMITMENTS
Dollars pledged:	\$269,266.04		\$379,989.01
Increased:	40		42
Remained same:	34		60
New:	5		11
Decreased:	11		21
Number of pledges:	90		134

We are off to a positive start and are eager to hear from as many folks as possible. If you have not yet submitted your 2022 Financial Commitment card, please do so at your earliest convenience. The Budget Committee is meeting shortly and knowing total commitment numbers will be very helpful in their formulation of next year's budget. Thank you for all that you do to support Wayside.

BUDGET BYTES from the Budget Committee

Turning leaves, pumpkin spice, and cooler evenings herald a beautiful fall in Erie and we revel in an extended time of warm daytime temperatures. We would like to say that September also brought in beautiful pledge revenues for Wayside; alas, we projected pledge receipts of \$16k but only received \$10k. Year-to-date receipts are (\$27k) below projections.

However, unpledged giving in September harvested an additional \$1k over budget projections, giving us a YTD total of \$8k additional unpledged revenues and to that we say (in the words of Karen, aka Financial Wizard), "Go, unpledged, go!!"

YTD total receipts show us to be (\$41) shy of budget projections but we do have a planned \$30k transfer from prior years' surplus to factor in at year's end. Nevertheless, having a projected deficit at the end of the year should catch our attention ... and it does, as does the fact that we even have to dip into that surplus fund in the first place. We know that doing this is not a sustainable path for the future.

How about the expense picture? That continues to be a bright spot as September saw a savings of \$1k under that month's budget projection, and a YTD overall savings of \$30k under projections. We are thankful for all those areas in which extra penny-pinching has helped to somewhat mitigate our revenue shortfall.

Overall, taking into account revenues versus expenses, at the end of September we expected to show a YTD deficit of (\$1k) following a solid Erie Gives result in August, whereas we actually ended at (\$12k). However, we would "fall" over ourselves (pun intended) if we could announce a substantially reduced deficit at the end of December, rather than the projected year-end shortfall of (\$21k). Keep those pledges coming in, as well as the unpledged giving, keep up the good work on the expense side, pray about it, slip a little extra (or a lot!) into the offering plate, and with God's help we can arrive at a better-than-planned-for number at the end of the year. Amen and amen.

Financial Report

Sept Rev	\$14,589.86	Sept Exp	\$44,591.74
YTD Rev	\$392,707.50	YTD Exp	\$404,995.46

Election Day Pie Bake Sale

On Tuesday November 2nd we will have our first ever Election Day Pie Bake Sale. Please bring your pie to donate in a disposable container. There will be some **YUM-MY PIES** so even if our church is not your voting location, please come and buy a pie! Please **VOTE on November 2nd**.

Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Please plan to attend our annual spaghetti dinner **with all proceeds benefitting the Ghana Partnership on Wednesday November 17th at 6:00 p.m.** The Ghana Partnership has regularly been keeping in touch via zoom calls. It's amazing how well the partnership has adapted to this form of communication. There is new leadership for the Ghanaian Churches, and we have been able to meet their new leader and make plans together. Covid is a major concern, especially the work to get people vaccinated. Our contributions help in this important effort. Our donations also help keep their churches open and operating. Please consider attending this delicious dinner and supporting this wonderful partnership.



Presbyterian Women's Update

At our Fourth Quarter Business meeting the following decisions were made:

- PW will commit a minimum of \$250 to the Potato Dinner (Crop Walk) and Spaghetti Dinner (Ghana Partnership).
- Sign-up sheets for next year's program will be out in the lobby.
- All officers will remain in place for next year.
- We will add Circle Updates to our Quarterly meeting Agendas.
- Details for a PW Christmas Party will be determined soon.
- We will determine the amounts and recipients of our money for mission projects in January.



Wayside Lunch Bunch

Thursday, November 11, 12:30



2670 West 8th Street

RSVP to

Linda Lorah 814-450-2108

Or

Jean Moore 814-461-9665

A BIG THANK YOU to all the women that participated in the Thank Offering Service. It was great to have Anita Bernhardt preach and celebrate the Thank Offering Service together! We greatly appreciate all the donations received! These gifts are touching the lives of many in need of education, childcare, safety, and nutrition and healing from disease, trauma, and addiction. Donations can still be made. Please make checks out to Wayside Presbyterian Women and note that it is for the Thank Offering. You can also give using the e-giving option for our church.



CIRCLE NEWS Sophia Circle

The Sophia Circle will meet at church on Tuesday November 16th. Mary Marsh will lead us in Lesson Three - Rahab "...and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab..." Joshua 2: 6:22-25. Rita Brown will provide a snack. All women are welcome to attend!!

Naomi Circle

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, Naomi Circle will not meet in November. The December meeting will be on Wednesday, December 1st.

Elizabeth Circle

The Elizabeth Circle will not be meeting in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

There will be no Cookie Tray sale this year.

Instead, we will have a special soup sale in January. Look for more details soon!



WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER



Sunday, November 7

The Remembrance of All Saints

Holy Communion

Revelation 21:1-6a

"Making All Things New"

James preaching

Sunday, November 14

25th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 1:4-20

"Anxious to Talk"

Nathan preaching

Sunday, November 21

Christ the King Sunday

Primary and WOW Choirs Singing

John 18:33-37

"The Promised Kin-dom "

James preaching

Lunch and Decorating for Advent and Christmas following worship.

Thursday, November 25

Community Thanksgiving Worship

10:00 AM

Joel 2:21-27

Cathedral of St. Paul

Psalms 126

"Host and Guest at Our Table"

James preaching

Matthew 6:25-33

Parking is available on 6th Street, at the courthouse, or in St. Paul's parking lot off 7th, between Sassafras and Peach. Masks are required and social distancing encouraged in the pews.

Sunday, November 28

First Sunday of Advent

Psalms 46

"Though the Earth Should Change"

James preaching

Luke 21:25-36



Bethany Hurley	1-Nov	Paul Mullett	7-Nov	Kay Lascek	20-Nov
Blake Kopac	2-Nov	Emma Haas	7-Nov	Mindy Scholl	20-Nov
Ellen Eighmy	3-Nov	Jerry Cederlof	9-Nov	Ethan Potocki	20-Nov
Bob Scholl	4-Nov	Grace Garrity	9-Nov	Tim Lewis	21-Nov
Kathy Wolford	4-Nov	Bob Sinner	10-Nov	Renee Callahan	21-Nov
Gary Behn	5-Nov	Grace Lewis	10-Nov	Nolin Hurley	22-Nov
Marcia Twinem	5-Nov	Noelle Latimer	10-Nov	Brenda Harcourt	23-Nov
Owen Rush	5-Nov	Marion Tucker	11-Nov	Kevin Egg	24-Nov
Deborah Pora	6-Nov	Ashton Zimmerman	13-Nov	Linda Lorah	25-Nov
Jennifer Eddy	6-Nov	Randy Valentine	16-Nov	Haile Martin	27-Nov
Jakob Weborg	6-Nov	Linda Jackson	17-Nov	Corey Pentz	29-Nov
Ron Craig	7-Nov	Terri Wallwork	17-Nov	Eliza Paris	29-Nov



Jerry and Jill Gomes	1-Nov
Tom and Leslie Momeyer	1-Nov
Matt and Maureen Schneider	4-Nov
Michael and Leslie Youngo	5-Nov
Harry and Marilyn Anderson	7-Nov
Joe and Robin Steger	19-Nov
Barry and Pat Zembower	21-Nov
Tom and Vaska Lewis	28-Nov

Thank you, everyone,
for the thoughtful gift
for "Pastor Apprecia-
tion." I am grateful to
God to serve as your
pastor.

James Bernhardt

Thank
you!

My sincere thanks to
Wayside for the gift
certificate to Pressed
and for the love and
support of the last
two years.

Nathan Royster



NOVEMBER 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30p AA 7p Outreach	2 ELECTION DAY PW Pie Bake Sale	3 4p WOW 5p Generosity 5:30p Primary Choir 6p Dinner 6:30p WaYouth 7:30p Deacons	4 9:00a Yoga 1:30p North Coast Sewing Guild 6:30p Al-Anon	5	6
7 Online Worship 8:30 Early Worship 10:00 Chancel Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship 12:15 Confirmation Class	8 5p Trustees 6:30p Sanctuary Bells 6:30p AA	9	10 10:30a Garden Club 4p WOW 5:30p Primary Choir 6p Dinner 6:30p WaYouth 7:00p Session	11 9:00a Yoga 12:30p Lunch Bunch 6:30p Al-Anon	12	13 9:00a Rise Against Hunger
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28 Online Worship 1st Sunday of Advent 8:30 Early Worship 10:00 Chancel Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship 12:15 Confirmation	29 6:30p AA	30	 WAYSIDE Presbyterian Church <i>Be welcome here.</i>			

Hanging of the Greens

Decorating the church for Advent and Christmas

November 21, following 11:00 worship

All hands on deck, grown-ups and children, to hang the wreaths, assemble the trees, check the lights, set up the candelabras and ready the Advent wreath. A pizza lunch will be offered. Many hands make light work!

WOW

Wayside on Wednesdays



4:00 WOW Kids

5:30 Primary Choir

6:00 Fellowship Dinner

6:30 WaYouth

6:30 Book Study for Adults

Just a reminder: If you or a family member are in the hospital or having surgery, please contact the office or one of the pastors directly. Due to privacy laws, we can no longer receive this information from the hospital.

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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.