

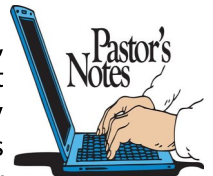
Inside Wayside

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Core Values

In Luke 5, after a frustrating night when he and his partners caught no fish, Simon offers to help Jesus, who needs a platform to speak to the throng of people who are crowding him. Simon takes him just offshore so he can be heard as he teaches the people. After he teaches, Jesus persuades Simon to try fishing again, he says "put out your nets into the deep". Though he is hesitant, Simon puts out his nets into the deep, and what happens is a huge catch; in response to which Simon says, "Go away from me, Lord, I am a sinful man."



Is he? Simon seems like a patient and willing fellow, helping out when he might have preferred to go home. The day turns out to hold a bigger lesson than Simon expected – or wanted. Maybe that is what Simon is admitting. A kind of "thanks, but I am not sure that is what I wanted".

Over the past few months the elders of Wayside have been thinking about the question of "core values" of Wayside. It would seem like that is a simple thing to figure, but it is more elusive than you might think. Core values are both what you hope are true of you but are also those which cause your reach to exceed your grasp – aspirational values. Core values are discerned in response to the questions, who are we and who is Christ calling us to grow to be?

The Session has named Wayside's core values as Welcoming, Compassion, Faithful, and Spiritual Wonder. Here are a few statements that flesh these out. We are welcoming to the gifts and stories and perspectives of others, to the movement of the Holy Spirit in discerning our mission, and to our neighborhood to enjoy our gifts and resources. Our compassion helps us to see the image of God in every person, drives us to seek out new opportunities to serve, and creates an environment where people know they are cared for. Because we are faithful we will strive for reconciliation with one another, seek our God's guidance and strength, and will seek and thank God in worship, prayer and song. Driven by spiritual wonder we are better listeners to each other's stories, struggles and perspectives, we wish to better understand and know our neighbors and God, and we hope to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ. These are core values for us as a church, and values we hope to engender and deepen and grow.

Dawn Weborg

After more than 20 years as music director and organist at Wayside, Dawn Weborg has announced her retirement June 6 of this year. Her contributions and roles as director, musician, organist, accompanist, teacher, are so many they cannot begin to be listed here. At a time to be announced later this spring there will be a celebration of Dawn's good work. There will be opportunities for everyone to express their appreciation for Dawn and to recount memories and music. We are grateful for Dawn and give thanks to God for her ministry of music at Wayside.

Members for a Music Director Search Committee are being sought and will be appointed by session. Updates about their work will be made as this process progresses.

Technology in the Sanctuary

Coming in the next weeks are long awaited audio and visual technologies in the sanctuary at Wayside. Video monitors will be installed at the front to enhance worship and to work with the architecture of our worship space. The beautiful and artistic things that have been enabled with online worship over the past two years will be brought to in-person worship. There will be new things to learn and include. The sound system will be upgraded to finally solve some of the "dead space" sound issues and overcome the lapel mike lapses. We are grateful to those who have given gifts to fund these upgrades over the past few years.

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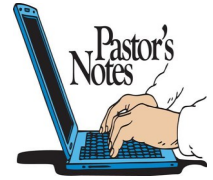
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Organizational Change

The Congregation and Corporation voted to adopt the changes to the bylaws that make the Session and the Trustees one board. The Elders of the Session of Wayside are now also Trustees for the Corporation. Over the coming months we will grow into new patterns for serving and working. Thanks be to God for all who have served and are serving to carry out the work and ministries of Wayside. In many ways Wayside is enabled by your gifts to live the Welcome, Compassion, Faithfulness and Spiritual Wonder of the people of God.

Grace and peace be with you all,

James



MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

The February distribution for the Second Harvest mobile food pantry at the Federated Church in East Springfield is February 28. 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.

SECOND SATURDAY AT SECOND HARVEST

Second Saturday service projects are back! Outreach is sponsoring a workday for 15 people at Second Harvest Food Bank on Saturday, February 12, from 9 AM-12 PM. Work will involve sorting food or packing boxes for distribution while standing. Volunteers will need to register online with Second Harvest; sign up in the lobby or at www.wayside-erie.org/sign-up-forms/ and Jennifer will email you the registration link and other information.

WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY

Suggested Items for February

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.



Feeding the Community

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"

Turn Super Bowl Sunday into Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday



Drop cash into a soup pot after worship on Sunday, February 13, to alleviate hunger in our community.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER UPDATE

We are delighted to announce that the meals from your Rise Against Hunger Experience on 11/13/2021 have been shipped in a container totaling 285,120 meals from our Pittsburgh warehouse. The meals will be received by our in-country partner World Hope International in Haiti. If you happen to receive more than one of these announcements, your meals have gone to impact multiple partners.

World Hope International is an organization that nourishes lives through food assistance and other services in Haiti. To learn more, please visit our partner/country spotlight on the Impact Stories tab and click and drag on our World Aid Map at <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/global-impact/>.

Thank you for generously giving your time to volunteer and packaging meals with Rise Against Hunger. We are sincerely grateful for your dedication and for sharing our vision of a world without hunger.

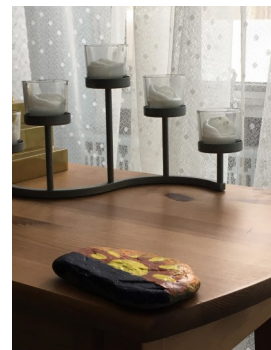
Life at Wayside



Our young people used their gifts and talents to present the message of Christmas.



Issues of Faith class enjoyed fellowship and a game of trivia before the holidays.



Like Jacob, our confirmation class placed rocks to mark where they had moments of great significance in their Wayside experience.

BUDGET BYTES from the Budget Committee

There is Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities" and then there is "A Tale of Two Wayside 2021 Budget Outcomes" and the following is our story of two outcomes, both of which are true. Read on.

The first story begins in early 2021 with a projected deficit of (\$50k) and ends with a deficit of (\$23k) which actually is an amazing finish to a second year of pandemic living, partially due to the very generous response to our year-end request for gifts. Pledged giving finished just (\$10k) shy of its goal and we share this quote from Karen, our financial secretary: "I don't think I've ever seen our pledges paid in full or close to it like it shows in this report. It definitely shows the commitment to Wayside." In addition, unpledged giving surpassed its target by \$23k. This story also includes a total savings of \$20k in expenses for 2021, giving us an inspiring ending, albeit a red ending, to a tale that began with many worrisome concerns.

The second budget story (and the one that goes into the financial books) begins with the same projected deficit of (\$50k), continues with the same elements of the first story but ends with a surplus of \$48k (yes, you read that correctly), due to the once-in-a-lifetime influx of \$71,200 in PPP money from the federal government. We are grateful for this gift which rescued us and helped to shore up our fund balance after many years of withdrawals from that reserve due to multiple year-end deficits. However, this story is more of a fairy tale, even while true, because the ending surplus was not of our doing and its cause probably, hopefully, will never need to be repeated in our lifetime. We thank God for the blessing of this additional money but it was just that... a gift that had nothing to do with our own efforts, other than the diligent work performed by staff to obtain those funds for us. The challenge going forward is to understand that it is up to us, all of us, to meet the new deficit realities of 2022 and to dedicate ourselves to this task.

So, what is the overarching moral of this tale of two budget outcomes? God is good, our congregation and staff are steadfast in their support of our ministry and mission, and, with God's guidance, we are the authors who will continue to write the ongoing true story of Wayside Church. The End.

2021 BUDGET VS ACTUAL & 2022 BUDGET

Description	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	2021 W/PPP FORGIVENESS	PROPOSED BUDGET
RECEIPTS				
Current Pledges	414,000	400,498	400,498	380,000
Unpledged Contributions	77,000	99,998	99,998	77,000
Loose Offering	2,500	929	929	800
Rental of Building	15,000	15,792	15,792	15,000
Per Capita Appeal	5,500	4,422	4,422	4,000
Miscellaneous	37,700	7,919	79,119	7,400
TOTAL RECEIPTS	551,700	529,557	600,757	484,200
Total External Expenses	62,810	64,580	64,580	50,279
Total Committee Expenses	22,275	11,114	11,114	21,075
Total Deacon Expenses	1,350	541	541	1,350
Total Office Expenses	17,915	18,390	18,390	16,952
Total Building Expenses	84,855	81,009	81,009	77,200
Total Staff Expenses	383,319	377,310	377,310	381,701
TOTAL EXPENSES	572,524	552,944	552,944	548,557
EXCESS RECEIPTS/DISBURSEM	(20,824)	(23,387)	47,813	(64,357)

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS

February celebrates love, love leads to generosity, generosity begets love and so it goes, in a never-ending circle. At Wayside we see evidences of love and generosity all around us (and not just in February), whether they come in the form of:

- folks preparing lunches for the homeless
- ushers faithfully greeting us as we enter the Sanctuary
- carefully prepared Sunday School lessons
- a fresh loaf of bread delivered by a Deacon to a Sunday visitor
- Nathan leading a parade of smiling children through the sanctuary on January 9 with “showered” baptismal blessings aimed at the congregation (you had to be there to really appreciate this!)
- delicious food and good fellowship at a Wednesday night dinner
- online worship opportunities (thanks to James, Nathan and Dawn)
- a year-end financial gift to benefit the ministry and mission of the church...this last collective one in 2021 was truly quite inspiring, by the way.

If you want to see love and generosity in action just look around you at Wayside, join in its ongoing circle, and add your own touch to the mix. As they say, “the more, the merrier” and may you find the love of Christ on the way.

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

Feb 6: Amber Rose Stillwell, Erie Coastal Outreach Specialist, “Pennsylvania Sea Grant: Invasive Species in our Lake”

Feb 20: Katie Gordon, “Nones and Nuns”

Check out the “Wayside Issues of Faith” Facebook group for scheduling updates!



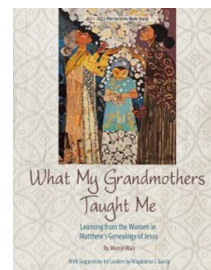
PW NEWS



CIRCLE NEWS

Sophia Circle

The **Sophia Circle** will meet on **Tuesday February 15th at 7:00 in the parlor** (if the location changes the circle members will be notified via email) . Please wear face masks. Dawn Weborg will supply our snack and will lead us in Lesson 6 – Bathsheba. The Scripture for this lesson is 2 Samuel 11–12; 1 Kings 1:11–31; and 1 Kings 2:13–25. The main idea is - Bathsheba is not named in Matthew’s genealogy. Instead, as the “wife of Uriah,” she is defined by her relationship to a man. At first it appears that she is silent and powerless, but when she steps onto the stage she finds her voice and exhibits an ability to influence kings. Bathsheba’s story illustrates the corrupting influence of power as well as the support she, as a queen, can provide for her son’s reign.



Please contact Dawn and let her know if you will be attending. **All women are welcome!**

Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet on **Wednesday, February 23**, at noon in the church parlor. All are invited to come!

Elizabeth Circle

The **Elizabeth Circle** will meet **Thursday, February 24**, at 12:00 PM in the parlor.

Presbyterian Women to Sponsor Church World Service BLANKET SUNDAY February 6th

God has blessed us with so much and one great way to show your love and share with those in need is to purchase blankets on CWS Blanket Sunday!

Each blanket costs only \$10. These blankets can be a vital resource for someone needing help after a natural disaster. They provide warmth, can be used for shelter or can help as a way to carry supplies. They definitely provide encouragement and love. Together we can help many families!



Our goal is to provide 100 blankets. Please consider making a donation to our Blanket Sunday Offering.

PW PROGRAM BOOKLET

Presbyterian Women recently mailed out a 2022 Program Booklet and a request to contribute \$20 or more to help fulfill our challenging mission budget. **Donations can be made out to Wayside Presbyterian Women** and mailed or dropped off at the church office or you can give on the churches e-giving portal (category Presbyterian Women – sub category mission fundraiser.) **All contributions are greatly appreciated!**

Wayside Lunch Bunch

Thursday, February 10, 12:30 PM



Khao Thai

2430 W. 8th St.

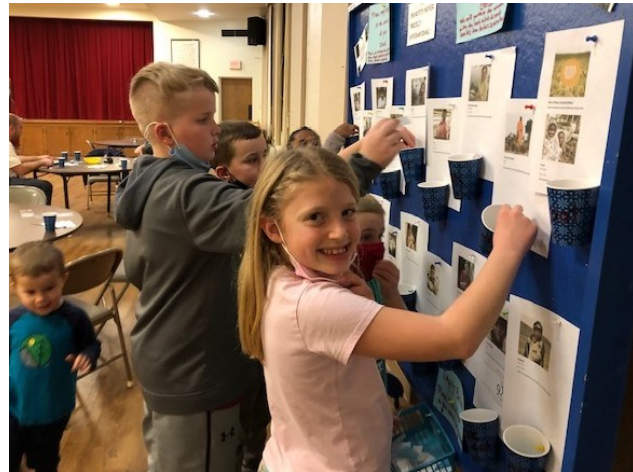
RSVP to

Jean Moore 814-461-9665

WAYSIDE CHILDREN SELECT ANIMALS TO DONATE TO HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

PW is excited to announce that we raised **\$740 in donations to purchase animals for Heifer International**. Animal donations can provide families a hand up, increasing access to medicines, school, food, and a sustainable livelihood.

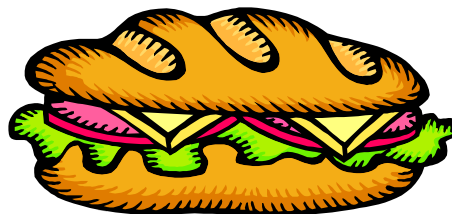
The top animals the children selected were **fish, a knitter's basket, and a share of a Heifer**. Other animals selected were bees, rabbits, a flock of chicks, a hope basket, shares of an alpaca and a water buffalo. **Thanks to the children for helping select these awesome animals that will help change lives!** Thanks also to the very generous support of many donors and to Karen Sidorowicz for chairing an amazing Potato Dinner!



WAYOUTH SUB SALE FORM

Support 2022 Mission Trip to North Carolina

From Teresa's Deli: 6" Subs



Indicate the number of each type of sub desired:

____ Italian Combo ____ Turkey ____ Ham and cheese
____ Veggie ____ Tuna ____ Roast beef and provolone

Total Number of Subs ____ X \$10.00 each = _____

Paid: ____ Cash; ____ Check (Check # is _____)

Will Pay upon receipt of subs _____

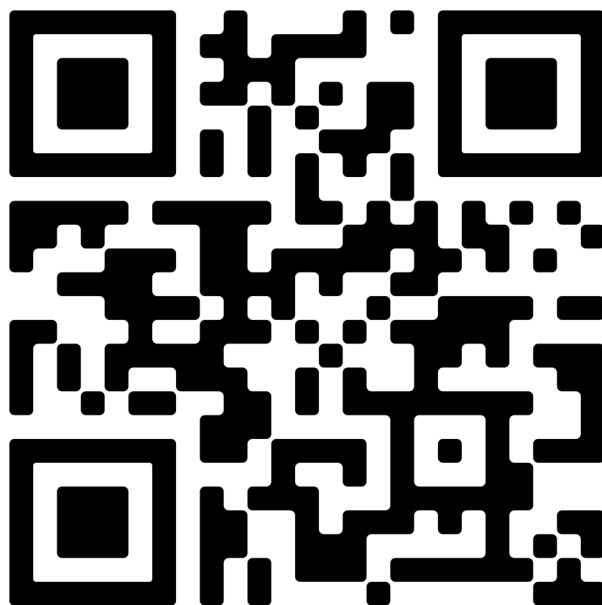
Name of purchaser _____

ORDERS DUE BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

PICK UP ON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13:

Circle Service-- 8:30 11:00

Return this
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form to the
church office
or scan the
code to submit
your order
online.





WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY



Sunday, February 6

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Communion

Isaiah 6:1-8

"The Quilt Maker"

James preaching

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

Sunday, February 13

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

James preaching

Jeremiah 17:5-10

"The Different Paths"

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

Sunday, February 20

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

James preaching

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

"Resurrection Now"

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38

Sunday, February 27

Transfiguration of the Lord

Confirmation Sunday

Luke 9:28-36

"Beyond the Highs "

Nathan preaching



Kerry Moyer	02/02			Greg Sbrocco	02/18
Claus Fuchs	02/03	Nathan Royster	02/09	Emma Lewis	02/20
Grace Melaragno	02/03	Leslie Weber	02/09	Logan Mitten	02/22
Tim Feltmeyer	02/04	Brian Zimmerman	02/10	Cindy Clark-Wilcox	02/23
Evan Grimm	02/04	Ashley Behn	02/12	Brian Buseck	02/24
Brooke Weaver	02/05	Genna Feltmeyer	02/13	Eydie Endean	02/25
Georgia Del Freo	02/05	Hillary Skala	02/13	Beckie Jackson	02/26
Leanne Keibler	02/05	Sheldan Moelk	02/14	Ashley Lewis	02/26
Jackie Tingley	02/07	Cindy Grode	02/15	Katie Potocki	02/26
Colin Hurley	02/07	Jared Stern	02/15	Maxwell Wallace	02/26
Jean Huckelbery	02/08	Leslie Momeyer	02/16	Brian McGill	02/28
Lindsay Kopac	02/08	Jared Parker	02/17	Paul Carpenedo	02/28
Carol Stamm	02/08	Hayley Coyne	02/18	Elaine Brinling	02/28
Ryan Marsh	02/08	Pat Fish	02/18	Oliver Paris	02/29



Robert and Marion Gallivan	3-Feb
Gary and Linda Behn	14-Feb
Mark and Gwen Smith	14-Feb



FEBRUARY 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 4p WOW 5p Generosity 5:30p Primary Choir 6p Dinner 6:30p WaYouth	3 9a Yoga 1:30 North Coast Sewing Guild 6:30p Al-Anon	4	5 9a-12p Officer Training Event at Wayside
6 Online Worship Officer Installation Holy Communion Blanket Sunday 8:30 Early Worship 9:30 Chancel Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship 12:00 Conf. Class	7 6:30p AA 7p Outreach	8 10a Prayer Shawl Ministry	9 4p WOW 5:30p Primary Choir 6p Dinner 6:30p WaYouth 7:30p Session	10 9a Yoga 12:30p Lunch Bunch 6:30p Al-Anon	11	12 9a-12p Second Saturday at Second Harvest
13 Online Worship Souper Bowl of Caring 8:30 Early Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship 12:00 Conf. Class WaYouth Sub Delivery	14 6:30p AA <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15 7p Sophia Circle	16 4p WOW 5:30p Primary Choir 6p Dinner 6:30p WaYouth	17 9a Yoga 6:30p Al-Anon	18	19 8:30a HAAEQG Sew-in
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27 Online Worship Confirmation Sunday 8:30 Early Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship	28 11:00a Mobile Food Distribution 6:30p AA	<i>Be welcome here.</i>				

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

DINNERS

Our Wednesday evening Fellowship Dinners are served at 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to take the night off from cooking and join your Wayside family for good food and fellowship - *no reservations necessary*.

If you would be interested in cooking one of the Wednesday evening dinners, please contact Bobbi Jo Fye at 814-449-1808 or e-mail her at fye@gannon.edu.

Individuals are free to cook a meal of their choosing and the cost of the dinner is covered by freewill donations and the church.



SCRIP ORDERS

Purchasing gift cards through our Scrip cards program is a great way for you to contribute to Wayside. Stop by the Information Table to place your order.

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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.