

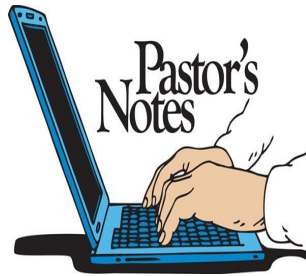
# Inside Wayside

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"The wolf shall live with the Lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them." Isaiah 11:6

Isaiah's vision of the peaceable kingdom sets a tone for the expectation of the messiah. This "upside down kingdom" is a delightful description of God's up-turn of the norms of the world. Isaiah tells of a day when the voracious predator willingly lies down with the vulnerable prey and no one is aggressive or afraid because the world has changed, and God's values of life and worth are on the rise.

The resurrection of Jesus is God's up-turn of the norms – when death no longer holds us in fear, nor motivates us to live selfishly, but openly and generously. We belong to Christ whose promise is a life that overcomes death, and in whom we live a new creation every day. In a world where the threat of death is ever present and often repeated by those who deal in fear or who have something to sell, Christ sets us free to live gratefully, joyfully and triumphantly.

The light that shines from our sisters and brothers who live with resurrection-shaped faith enlightens us – and we become, as we bear our own hope-filled light, a sign to others and to our world that God is free from the norms of the world, and so are we, and, we can say clearly to others – "And so are you!"

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Grace and peace to you,

*James*





### MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

The April distribution for the Second Harvest mobile food pantry at the Federated Church in East Springfield is April 25. 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.

### WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY

#### *Suggested Items for April*

Mac and cheese, peanut butter, cereal, baked beans, spaghetti and sauce, tuna, canned spaghetti, and soup.

All non-perishable items including diapers, feminine hygiene products, and pet food are always welcome.

Remember: West Millcreek Food Pantry is NOT funded by the Second Harvest Foodbank and relies heavily on donations received directly from volunteers like you.

Checks may be made out to "West Millcreek Food Pantry"



SHOUT OUT  
TO

- Leanne, Tim, Vincent, and Leo Keibler for delivering meals to Erie homeless shelters
- Missy Grimm for random trips to Sam's Club whenever Pastor Nathan remembers something, and to both Missy and Justin for a delightful reception for our confirmation class
- Maddie and Ellie McGill for stepping up for preparing homeless lunches on March 16<sup>th</sup>

### BAKERS NEEDED!

For many years Wayside has supported the efforts of the Emmaus Soup Kitchen by supplying desserts in months that have five Mondays. The Soup Kitchen was closed during the pandemic but opened again in 2021. At that time we were asked to resume our support. A group of 20 Waysiders provided desserts for the clients of the Soup Kitchen four times last year, during months that had five Mondays. As we resume our efforts in 2022, several of our faithful bakers are no longer able to continue working on this project, so we are looking for people who would like to participate in this project in 2022.

How does this work? During months when there are five Mondays, you would receive an e-mail about a week before the desserts are needed. You can bake anything....cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, etc...and we ask that you provide at least 24 servings. Desserts can be delivered to the church during the week before the fifth Monday and placed in the freezer in the church kitchen, or brought to the church on Sunday morning the day before the fifth Monday, or you can drop your dessert off on the fifth Monday and leave it in the kitchen. In 2022 there are 4 months we will be baking....January (which we have already done), May 30<sup>th</sup>, August 29<sup>th</sup>, and October 31<sup>st</sup>. Desserts are delivered on Monday afternoon so all desserts need to be at the church by noon on Monday.

As you can see this is a very easy project to participate in and requires limited time commitment! If you are interested in joining our faithful bakers this year please contact Lois May at [rg\\_ld\\_may@verizon.net](mailto:rg_ld_may@verizon.net) or call her at 814-490-9426.

# HOLY WEEK

at



April  
10

## PALM SUNDAY

Worship at 8:30 and 11 AM

April  
11-15

## MORNING PRAYERS

7 AM DAILY VIA ZOOM

*Watch for an email with Zoom link*

April  
14

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

7 PM

April  
15

## GOOD FRIDAY

7 PM

April  
17

## EASTER

Worship at 8:30 and 11 AM

### WOW MUSICAL APRIL 3

The WOW Choir members will present a thought-provoking musical, "Peace in the Kingdom" on Sunday, April 3, at 11 AM. The play is based on Isaiah 11:6, and as the children step out of the painting "The Peaceable Kingdom" by Quaker artist Edward Hicks, they tell the story of many of the problems and discord in today's world. "It's a jungle out there . . . !" There will not be an 8:30 service April 3.



## GENEROSITY THOUGHTS

The Generosity Committee thanks the many Waysiders who are generous with their time, their talent, their treasure. We name but a few of the instances of generosity we have witnessed:

- James, Nathan, and Dawn for their efforts in leading us in meaningful worship services, both in-person and online
- Wayside's office staff for their untiring efforts to keep "the wheels moving" efficiently
- The Technology Committee for bringing to fruition a years-long effort to bring visual and audio enhancement to our Sanctuary
- The children who so movingly participated in the Ash Wednesday service
- The Waysiders who have supported the ongoing 2022 Per Capita appeal (\$33 for each confirmed member)
- Karen Haas who directs Presbyterian Women, as well as spearheads their efforts to aid Erie's Afghan refugees

What other acts of generosity here at Wayside are you aware of? Please let the Office know so that we can share them with the congregation. Let's continue to spread an attitude of gratitude.

## BUDGET BYTES

### from the Budget Committee

The February financial report was "sweet", as was that sugary Valentine month. We received \$8k more in pledges than projected, and aside from interest and per capita receipts, we have exceeded our year-to-date overall revenue goals by \$8k. We have the temporary luxury of knowing that we have received some of what was pledged slightly before they were anticipated and that's a good feeling.

Expenses in February were underspent by \$1k and YTD we are \$3k under budget in that category. Heat and electric expenses are running \$1k over the prior two years; fortunately, that was anticipated during the budget process, but it still remains a concern.

Receipts over expenses YTD were projected to be \$9k but happily sit at \$20k and for this we say "Sweet!" However, we must add a big "BUT" to the equation. This report is merely a snapshot in time because, barring a major influx of revenues, we still are faced with a deficit budget of **(\$64,000)**. May God be with us as we seek to address that not-so-sweet pill.

## 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.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Feb Rev \$37,891.48      YTD Rev \$103,598.75

Feb Exp \$42,472.84      YTD Exp \$83,565.80



## Welcome, Sarah!

Sarah Jay is one of the newest members of Wayside and attends the Issues of Faith class. A former member of the Presbyterian Church in Edinboro, Sarah learned of Wayside from Hannah and Tim Stancliff.

Sarah grew up in Munroe Falls, Ohio (a small city located between Akron and Kent), went to Edinboro University on a basketball scholarship, met her husband Todd there, and never left. They have been married for thirty years and have two children; a son, Alex, who is a graduate student at Edinboro, and a daughter, Makayla, who is a sophomore there. Sarah was the library assistant at General McLane Middle School and coached the high school girls' basketball team there including Chuck and Dottie Lytle's daughter. Sarah decided to retire from the school system when her children graduated and now drives for UPS.

Sarah enjoys yard work and is very involved in the Garden of Edin Community Garden in Edinboro where produce from 10% of the 40 garden plots is donated to the Edinboro Food Pantry. She also enjoys reading, building things, and playing golf with her family.

Be sure to say "Hello" and welcome Sarah when you see her and let her know we are glad she has chosen to become part of the Wayside family.



# WAYSIDE



# CHOPPED

## March 31: Deadline to Register

Sign up in lobby or call the office

## April 3: Pick up Mystery Ingredients at Church

Three ingredients to create appetizer, main dish, desert

## April 7: Main Event

Gather in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 with prepared dishes for judging

The cooking competition born out of Covid is back and is now in-person on Thursday, April 7th! In this event, families are provided with three mystery ingredients that must be used in an appetizer, main course, and dessert. Preparation will be done at home and then everyone will present and share. Judges will determine this year's Wayside Chopped Champion and reward a \$20 Wegman's gift card.



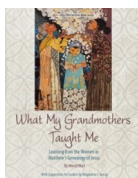
# PW NEWS



## CIRCLE NEWS

### Sophia Circle

Sophia Circle will meet **Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the parlor**. We will study **Lesson 8 - Mary in the Faith and Tradition of the Church**. The main idea of this lesson is: "No biblical woman has captured the imagination of the faithful as thoroughly as Mary. As someone who understands the fears and grief of motherhood, she has been a sympathetic figure to women through the ages. Mary is also the model disciple for all followers of Jesus. She allowed God to work in her despite the risk and pointed others to faith in Jesus." (Horizon Bible Study p69). Our study will be led by Mary Marsh. Snacks will be provided by Pattie Pora. Please contact Pattie and let her know if you will attend. **All women are welcome!**



### Naomi Circle

The **Naomi Circle** will meet on **Wednesday, April 27** at noon in the church parlor. Bring a lunch. Dessert will be provided. We will be continuing with our study of women in the family tree of Jesus. **Guests are welcome!**

### Elizabeth Circle

The **Elizabeth Circle** will meet **Thursday, April 28** at 11:30 AM in the parlor.

## Presbyterian Women

### 2nd Quarter Meeting Sunday April 3

All women are welcome to join us in the parlor after the 11:00 service for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Business meeting.

## Wayside Lunch Bunch

Thursday, March 14, 12:30 PM

Lettuce Head

2167 W. 12th Street

RSVP to

Jean Moore 814-461-9665



## International Institute Needs List

Help welcome our new Afghan Neighbors by donating: working sewing machines, diapers, new or gently used tea sets, towels and twin sheets. Please drop off any item in the box at the ramp entrance near the parlor. Contact Karen Haas with any questions. Thanks for your help!!

## Presbyterian Women Donate Back Packs

PW filled 24 back packs to donate to the International Institute. There are many children in the Afghan refugee families, and they need help getting these children ready for school. The back packs were filled with a pencil bag with pencils, erasers, glue sticks, magic markers, crayons, scissors, notebook, and file folders. Extra school supplies were also donated along with these back packs. PW can continue our work helping the International Institute welcome refugees because of the great support of our congregation. **THANK YOU** for your support!!



## MOTHER CHILD BANQUET

This year we proudly bring back our celebration of Wayside mothers and children with the Presbyterian Women's Mother/Child Banquet! This year's banquet will take place on Monday, May 2. It will offer appetizers, dinner, and entertainment. Come join us to celebrate the **"Magic of Moms!"** Look for more information during April.



## Presbyterian Women to sponsor Bread for the World Offering of Letters April 24th



Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. By changing policies, programs, and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, we provide help and opportunity far beyond the communities in which we live. This year our letters will focus on the theme:

### Protect and Feed Our Nation's Children

More than 12 million children in the U.S. are not getting enough to eat. **We will urge our members of Congress to enact policies that strengthen and protect child nutrition programs and refundable tax credits.**

**Supported with prayer, these letters are a bold witness to God's justice and mercy. Year after year, they impact the decisions made in Congress. Please consider writing letters this year to help end hunger! See you in the Church Lobby on April 24<sup>th</sup>.**

## Mark your calendars for June 24-25 for the annual PW Rummage Sale!

Volunteers are needed to:

- Set up
- Sort daily, beginning June 13
  - Cashier--day of sale
- Clean up--Saturday at 1:00



Donations can be dropped off beginning June 6!

Contact Nancy Fye to volunteer: 814-838-3607 or [tfye@roadrunner.com](mailto:tfye@roadrunner.com)

## EGGS-PERIENCE:

### WAYSIDE'S EASTER EGG EVENT

*Saturday, April 16*

*10:00-11:15am*

Join us at Wayside for **Eggs-perience**,  
an Easter event complete with lessons, crafts, snacks,  
and an Easter egg hunt.

#### WAYOUTH REVISED SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

WaYouth, Wayside's group for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders has shifted from Wednesday nights to Sundays after church bi-weekly. Lunch will be provided. The schedule for April is:

**APRIL 10:** Planning Eggs-perience

**APRIL 24:** Year-end picnic

#### 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:

April 3: Video presentation on interpretations of the crucifixion

April 10: Karen Adams, Inter-church Ministries, "Providing Service to God and His People"

April 17: Easter, No Class

April 24: Gary Larson on "Important Life Moments"

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**JULY 18-22**

#### YOUTH MISSION TRIP DINNER FUNDRAISER

*Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm*

The WOW Dinner on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> will be prepared by the participants of the upcoming youth mission trip to Asheville, North Carolina, who will be accepting donations for the dinner. Carry-out options can be arranged as well.





## WORSHIP IN APRIL



### **Sunday, April 3**

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion

"Peace In The Kingdom"

Children's Musical

### **Sunday, April 10**

Palm/Passion Sunday

Luke 23:44-49

"A Real Shame"

Nathan preaching

### **Thursday, April 14**

Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion

John 13:1-7  
Luke 22:14-23

### **Friday, April 15**

Good Friday

Luke 22:47-23:56

### **Sunday, April 17**

Easter Sunday

John 20:1-18

"Lord of the New Creation"

James preaching

### **Sunday, April 24**

Second Sunday of Easter

John 20:19-31

"People of the Spirit"

James preaching



**April 2** Judy Bestwick  
**April 3** Shawn Babcock  
           Jessica Kocan  
**April 5** Sue Hain  
           Steve Porter  
           Peter Momeyer  
**April 6** Bill Pentz  
**April 7** Jill Fosco  
           Vanessa Paris  
           Isaiah Fried  
**April 8** Kristy Stack  
**April 10** Bill Martin Jr.  
           Jarod Wallwork  
**April 12** Sarah Boyd  
           Jackson Starr  
           Leo Keibler

**April 13** Judy Hamilton  
           Diana Day  
           Jessica Garcia  
**April 14** Laurie Brugger  
**April 15** Brian Hutzelman  
           Mark Buseck  
           Jenn Sadowski  
**April 16** Andrew Potocki  
           Sara DeBello  
**April 17** Ed Snyder  
**April 18** Dave Loesel  
           Drew Larson  
**April 19** Megan Miller  
           Mary DeBello  
           Paul Jewell  
           Ethan Kirkpatrick

**April 20** Ron May  
           Janet Mitchell  
**April 21** Dan McGill  
           Katie Sundberg  
**April 23** Ed McEllroy  
           Sydne Pollifrone  
           Aidan McGill  
**April 24** Dan Pora  
**April 25** Brian Reed  
**April 26** Andrew Steehler  
**April 27** Rhett Sundberg  
           Benjamin Pentz  
**April 29** Marilyn Spensley  
           Bill DeWitt  
           Sallee Rabenold  
**April 30** Kyle Pentz  
           Nancy Snyder



**April 5** Jim & Donna Villa  
**April 12** Tom & Christine Boyd  
**April 14** Harry & Sue Eighmy  
**April 18** Ryan & Lorie Marsh

**April 19** Rick & Pam Weaver  
           Don & Becky Worthington  
**April 27** David & Lenora Lewis  
**April 28** Kerry & Lisa Moyer



# APRIL 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <i>Be welcome here.</i>					1	2 9-12a Spring Grounds Clean Up
<b>Online Worship 3</b> No Early Worship 9:45 Sunday School 9:45 Lenten Workshop 11:00 Children's Musical 12:00 Fellowship 12:00 PW Qtrly Mtg 12:30 Script Project	<b>4</b> 6:30p AA 6:30p Sanctuary Bells	<b>5</b> 10a Lenten Book Study	<b>6</b> 4p WOW 5p Generosity 5:30p Primary Choir 6p Dinner 6:30p Lenten Book Study	<b>7</b> 9a Yoga 1:30 North Coast Sewing Guild 6:30p Chopped 7p Al-Anon 7:15p Chancel Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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### 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](mailto: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.*