

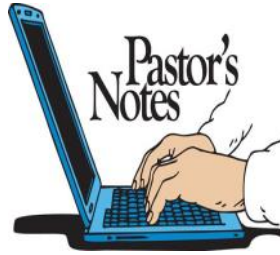
# Inside Wayside

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In the book of 1 Kings the prophet Elijah arrives during the reign of King Ahab. Ahab and his wife Jezebel were not philosophically, nor theologically, inclined to seek the good of everyone according to the covenant that was understood between the people and God and one another. Elijah could not "go along to get along" so he spoke up and stood up though it did not earn him a lot of friends. He eventually was under threat for having lived out his convictions.

I think we have the idea that living out one's convictions in a hostile environment is its own reward – that we can lie down in peace because our conscience is clear. Elijah did not have such ease. He said what he had to and lived out his truth; and he was afraid and upset. But, he could not do otherwise. The bad things that were resulting from the bad direction of Ahab and Jezebel required speech that contrasted with them; words that reminded, and named, and described the better way meant for the good of all. Elijah felt like he was all alone. In answer to his lament God assures Elijah that even though he felt alone, there were others who needed and longed to hear his voice, whose hearts were inclined like his.

In his great commentary on this passage John Calvin, who lived 500 years ago, teaches that it is often like this, in the church and in our human societies and in our forms of government, where people of good conscience feel they are all alone. Calvin had the perspective of the centuries before him and his voice speaks to us now, across all that has transpired in the 5 centuries since he lived. Perhaps there are days when we must prayerfully plumb our depths to discern what is true and what is right and what is just. Like Elijah, we may feel, when we speak up, or write the letter, or cast the ballot, that we are the only one. Scripture assures us, there is hunger in many hearts for the light of compassion and the pursuit of what is true so that we may advance toward what is highest and best. We are not alone.

Go in God's grace and peace,

*James*



## DON'T BE A PER CAPITA PROCRASTINATOR!

This is just another reminder to ask you to send in your \$33 per confirmed member as part of Wayside's Per Capita Challenge. We are aiming to raise \$7,000 to help defray our PCUSA assessment of \$16,665 (whatever we raise helps our budget bottom line) and we're asking you to do your part. Please send in a check payable to Wayside with "per capita" on the memo line or submit your contribution via Wayside's online giving portal. Thanks to all who have already joined the challenge; we are nearly halfway through the year and we are halfway towards our goal. Let's keep going!

## FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

We would like to thank all the Wayside congregation members who routinely give to special offerings in the church that support our community and global faith-based ministries...you always come through and we love you for it! Here are some of the highlights of the most recent charitable giving events:

- Easter Dinners - \$1760 was raised for a special offering to the West Millcreek Food Pantry for Easter Dinners in the community. Without this funding, dinners would not have been possible, and our extra contributions made a major impact offsetting rising food prices.
- Ukraine Relief Offering – a total of \$3020 was donated to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance relief efforts from Wayside. Lake Erie Presbytery collected a total of \$20,166 and this total was matched by the Synod and sent overseas.
- One Great Hour of Sharing – Total contributions to this Presbyterian Church Special Offering totaled \$3435 so far. There is still time to contribute, and we thank you all again for supporting this annual offering.

## THANK YOU!

The Session wishes to thank all the Waysiders who have responded to our request for additional financial help to lower this year's (\$64,000) deficit budget with an increased 2022 pledge and/or a special donation. As of May 4, the value of these gifts totaled \$20,408. We are heartened by your generous response!

## ERIE GIVES +2 is coming back!

We just want to give you a heads up that Wayside will again be participating in *Erie Gives* (**Tuesday, August 9**), the Erie Community Foundation's very successful signature event to promote giving to local nonprofits, now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year. Wayside will also continue the practice of encouraging you to contribute to at least two other nonprofits when you donate to Wayside, thus calling our version "Erie Gives +2". In addition, as before, 25% of the matching funds we receive from the ECF will be specifically earmarked for mission projects within the community. It's a win-win, for Wayside and for Erie!

All the pertinent details will appear in the July issue of the newsletter and on Wayside's website. Until then....



## GENEROSITY THOUGHTS

The Generosity Committee wants to give a shout-out for these recent examples of generosity in action by Waysiders and thank them for serving the Lord with their time, talent, and treasure.

- Karen Sidorowicz and her men's serving crew at the outstanding Mother Child banquet
- The hard work of the Music Director Search Committee
- The Deacons who helped with the funeral reception for Paul Jewell
- The PW Offering of Letters led by Karen Haas and her colorful array of organized clipboards
- The men who faithfully devote weekly time to help at the Habitat Restore: Vince Babcock, Paul Bittner, Paul Carpenedo, Peter Gilewicz, Jim Haas, Ritch Marsh, Bill Pentz, Jim Perkins, Mike Reed, Bill Lamont, Jerry Cannon, and Jeff Wiesner
- All who generously responded to requests for donations for the West Millcreek Food Pantry Easter Hams (\$1,760), Ukraine Relief (\$3,020), and One Great Hour of Sharing (\$3,435)
- All who responded to the Session's "second ask" for help with the budget deficit (\$20,000 so far and counting)

## BUDGET BYTES

### from the Budget/Finance Committee

After reviewing all the information prepared for us by Karen Pastewka, Financial Secretary, we are once more pleased to report that, as of April 30, all systems were moving "full steam ahead", to borrow from that often-used expression. We exceeded our projected total revenue in April by \$16,000 and year-to-date by \$27,000 and it is looking like we are heading towards a pre-pandemic giving pattern at Wayside.

In addition to pledged and unpledged giving, part of that increase was due to the positive response to Session's "second ask" for help with the deficit reduction, of which \$6,000 has already been received of the \$20,000 raised. We are most grateful for the generosity of Waysiders. This brings our deficit from (\$64,000) to (\$44,000), but as you can see, we must continue to whittle away at that number.

In terms of expenses, while we remain under budget, our spending also seems to be returning to a pre-pandemic pattern, as well, but actually, that can be taken as a good sign because it means that Wayside activities are once again on the upswing. YTD we are underspent by \$7,000.

Overall revenue/expense YTD was projected to be (\$30,000) yet we remained in the BLACK at \$6,000 as of April 30. Our prayers are for this positive trend to keep moving (here we go again) "full steam ahead".

### 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

April Rev	\$38,531.90	Apr Exp	\$43,104.15
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YTD Rev	\$174,648.85	YTD Exp	\$168,216.21
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# **The Rummage Sale is Coming!!**

**JUNE 24-25**

**8 AM-1 PM**

**Your help is needed to:**

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

**Donations accepted beginning June 6!**

**We are unable to accept:**

**Children's Car Seats, Computers, TV's,  
Phones, Disposable Plastic Cups & Containers,  
Knives, Large Exercise Equipment**

**Contact Nancy Fye to volunteer:**

**814-838-3607 or [tfye@roadrunner.com](mailto:tfye@roadrunner.com)**

## Thank you Mrs. Weborg

How do you say thank you for a life of service to an entire congregation? It is difficult to do. Dawn Weborg has been a member of Wayside for many years and has been our faithful music director for almost 21 years.

Dawn has touched the lives of every single person that has walked through Wayside's doors with her music. Every child that has been a part of the WOW and Primary groups has worked with Mrs. Weborg every week during their most formative years...this is where they learned the "You can't say no to Mrs. Weborg!" motto. She worked on building our children's love of music and faith through music every week and helped our children grow to become more loving and compassionate people.

Dawn's work continued on from there as she played in the Bell Choir and directed the Chancel Choir in their weekly practices and on Sundays. Dawn worked hard to showcase all of Wayside's talented children and adults by having them perform on Sundays in the summer to grow their confidence and build their self esteem.

Dawn Weborg has been a constant at Wayside for the past 20+ years and through wedding celebrations, funeral services, and global pandemics has continued to faithfully bring us music to uplift and comfort us.

We are grateful to Dawn for sharing her life with us. We are grateful to her family for sharing her with us. We are grateful to God for bringing her to us. We love you Mrs. Weborg and wish you the happiest and most restful retirement possible!

With Much Love,

The WMFA Committee and the entire Wayside congregation



# PW NEWS



## PW delivers our Offering of Letters



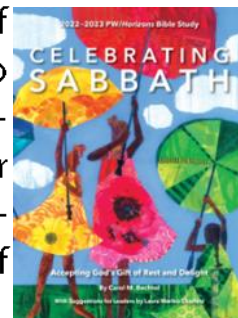
Bread for the World Offering of Letters (61 to each legislator) were delivered to Representative Mike Kelly and to Senator Bob Casey in their Erie Offices. Nicki Jares and Karen Haas spoke to a staff member in Kelly's Office and Karen spoke to a staff member in Casey's office. Our message was well received. Each office thanked us for our communications and assured us that they would pass on our letters and information. Senator Toomey's letters will be delivered soon. Thanks so much to everyone that wrote these important letters!



## CIRCLE NEWS

### Sophia Circle

The Sophia Circle will not meet over the summer. We had a great year of Bible Study and fellowship and will start up again in September! The Bible Study for next year is "Celebrating Sabbath - Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight".



### Naomi Circle

The Naomi Circle will resume meeting in September.

### Elizabeth Circle

The Elizabeth Circle will have a picnic June 23 at 11:30 at the home of Wilma Valentz at 630 Montpelier Ave. Bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome!

## Wayside Lunch Bunch

Thursday, June 9, 12:30 PM

The Sloppy Duck

Bayfront Parkway

RSVP to

Jean Moore 814-461-9665

Linda Lorah 814-450-2108



Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for this year's PW Mother/Child Banquet! It was wonderful to be able to have our first banquet in 2 years and see all the wonderful mothers and children. Thank you to all the men that helped serve us and clean! We look forward to seeing you all next year!



**Presbyterian Women of the Lake Erie Presbytery invite the women of our churches to attend a**

**PW Summer Celebration Luncheon**

**Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup> at noon - Cross Creek Resorts**

**GPS address - 3815 William Flinn HWY Titusville, Pa. 16354**

**Please come and enjoy in person:**

- \* The fellowship of women from our Presbytery**
- \* PW updates**
- \* Presentation of \$200 Mission Grants**
- \* Door prizes**
- \* A delicious meal in a beautiful location**

**The cost per person is \$15.**

**Please sign up to attend on the sheet in the lobby**

## STRONGER SENIORS

Are you interested in a stronger, more flexible body and you are over 55? If so, then "Stronger Seniors" is for you! We meet in the air-conditioned adult classroom at Wayside Church, as a group, to exercise for 45 minutes to an excellent DVD, developed especially for seniors. It involves stretching, aerobics, balance, and weights, mostly



with the use of a chair, that leaves you feeling invigorated and more flexible, without hurting your joints and muscles. The group meets every Monday and

Wednesday morning at 9:30 am. No charge! Call Linda Lorah, 814-450-2108, or Lenora Lewis, 814-602-6426, if you are interested. Come one day a week or two, you are welcome.



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# Wayside Garden

The Wayside Garden yields vegetables available on Sundays and weekdays for a free will offering which goes to feed hungry people in Erie. Volunteers are always welcome to care for the garden.



Left to right: Dale Massing, Tom Momeyer, Gregg Rabenold, Sarah Jay and Dave Yonkers



## 2022 Vacation Bible School Registration and Waiver Release Form

Date: July 18-22

Time: 9 AM-Noon

Location: Wayside Presbyterian Church, 1208 Asbury Rd, Erie, PA

Please have children arrive by 8:45 AM for Check-in/Registration.

Child's Name (Last, First)	Birthdate	Last Grade Completed

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

**LIABILITY RELEASE:** In consideration of Wayside Presbyterian Church allowing the above child(ren) to participate in Vacation Bible School activities, I, the undersigned, do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless Wayside Presbyterian Church, its directors, employees, volunteers, and agents (collectively herein the "Church") from any and all liability, claims, or demands for accidental personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever that may be incurred by the undersigned and the above child(ren) while involved in Vacation Bible School. Furthermore, on behalf of my minor child(ren), I hereby assume all risk of accidental personal injury, sickness, death, damage, and expense as a result of participation in activities involved therein. As well as releasing the child(ren), if necessary, for transportation to and from the Vacation Bible School location, I, the undersigned, do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless Wayside Presbyterian Church, its directors, employees, volunteers, and agents from any and all liability, claims, or demands for accidental personal injury in the process of transportation.

**MEDICAL TREATMENT PERMISSION:** I authorize an adult, in whose care the minor has been entrusted, to consent to any emergency X-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical, or dental diagnosis or treatment and hospital care, to be rendered to the minor under the general or special supervision and on the advice of any physician or dentist licensed on the medical staff of a licensed hospital or emergency care facility. The undersigned shall be liable and agree(s) to pay all costs and expenses incurred in connection with such medical and dental services rendered to the aforementioned child(ren) pursuant to this authorization.

**PHOTO/VIDEO PERMISSION:** I DO / DO NOT (*circle one*) give my consent to Wayside Presbyterian Church to use photo or video images taken of my child(ren) in church brochures, advertisements for the church, on the website, in social media, and in other church publications as they see fit. I agree to hold harmless Wayside Presbyterian Church from any liability which may result from the use of said picture(s). This form will apply throughout my child(ren)'s tenure at Wayside Presbyterian Church's Vacation Bible School. **\*\*None of the photos will be for personal use.\*\***

I hereby give permission for my child(ren) to participate in Vacation Bible School at Wayside Presbyterian Church on July 18-23.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Complete the following for each child in the family.

*All information will remain confidential to Vacation Bible School staff.*

**Child's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies, Medications, and/or Medical Conditions** \_\_\_\_\_

**Activity restrictions** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian phone number(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact: person(s) & phone numbers in case parent/guardian cannot be reached:**

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**People authorized to pick up my child** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies, Medications, and/or Medical Conditions** \_\_\_\_\_

**Activity restrictions** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**People authorized to pick up my child** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return the completed Registration and Waiver Release Form to:**

**Wayside Presbyterian Church VBS, 1208 Asbury Rd, Erie, PA 16505 or [wpc@wayside-erie.org](mailto:wpc@wayside-erie.org)**

## YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO ASHEVILLE

JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>-24<sup>TH</sup>

Thanks to everyone who has helped make this year's youth mission trip to Asheville possible. Your interest and support, through subs, dinners, car washes, and ice cream, has put us on the road to serving with our partners in Asheville and learning more deeply what it means to participate in God's kingdom.



### **How else can you support this group?**

**PRAYER AND BLESSING:** We will commission and bless our mission participants at worship on June 12<sup>th</sup>. In the meanwhile, you can keep all participants and leaders in prayer before, during, and after this experience: Regan Daehnke, Aurora Fuchs, Claus Fuchs, Kallan Fuchs, Katie Potocki, Sophia Sidorowicz, Sarah Jay, and Nathan Royster



**COLLECTING ITEMS FOR OUR WELCOME HOME PACK:** One of the partner organizations of Asheville Youth Mission is Homeward Bound, an organization committed to providing permanent housing to homeless residents of Asheville. Since 2006, Homeward Bound has housed over 1750 people and 89% have not become homeless again. Our group has the opportunity to collect the basics for welcoming a client into their own home. *You can make a cash donation toward the Welcome Home Pack at church between May 29<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup>.*

## **GRADUATION SUNDAY**

*JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 10 AM WORSHIP*

Join Wayside at our 10 AM worship as we recognize, celebrate, and bless our graduating seniors.

If your son or daughter is graduating, parents are invited to come forward and share their thoughts about their virtues. To include them on a bulletin insert, please submit a senior picture and a brief description of their upcoming plans to the church office by Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**

The May distribution for the Second Harvest mobile food pantry at the Federated Church in East Springfield is June 27. 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.



## **HOMELESS MEALS**

*JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>, 9:30-10:30*

Wayside assembles bag lunch meals for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month. For the summer, we will be assembling and distributing all on Saturday mornings. If you are interested in this particular date or being part of future meal prep, please contact Pastor Nathan at [nathan@wayside-erie.org](mailto:nathan@wayside-erie.org).





## WORSHIP IN JUNE

### **Sunday, June 5**

Acts 2:1-21

Day of Pentecost

"Something in the Wind "

Holy Communion

James preaching

### **Sunday, June 12**

Proverbs 8:22-36

John 16:12-15

Trinity Sunday

Youth Mission Trip Sending

"The Wisdom of Love"

Graduate Sunday

Nathan preaching

### **Sunday, June 19**

1 Kings 19:1-15

Second Sunday after Pentecost

"God in the Silence"

Father's Day

James preaching

### **Sunday, June 26**

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Third Sunday after Pentecost

"Fundamentalism and Freedom "

James preaching

# Happy Birthday

June 1	Ryan Starr	June 8	Ron Fretwell	June 19	Dan Snyder
June 2	Bill Conner		Thomas Boyd Jr.	June 20	Susan Moore
	Terry Olsen		Matt Jeglinski		James Bernhardt
	Richard Knight	June 10	Sue Eighmy	June 21	Nancy Kern
June 3	Nancy Ebinger		Colleen Bojewski	June 22	A.P. King
	Nathan Miller	June 11	Brian Theisen	June 24	Jim Cross
June 4	Lynn Lewis	June 12	Laurel Taft		Sydney Craig
	Jacob Kocan	June 13	Jill Abbott		Michael Sinner
	Karen Sidorowicz		Kelly Craig	June 25	Dot Smith
June 5	Marilyn Anderson	June 15	Mitchell Connors		David Sundberg
	Diane Briggs		Carson Jeglinski		Nick Grimm
	Heather Yahn	June 16	Tim Brugger		Henrik Weborg
	Henry Lewis	June 18	Linda Massing	June 26	Lucas Olsen
June 7	Don Rupert		Pat Bennett		Nancy Cederlof
	Chuck Lytle	June 19	Micki Loesel	June 27	Alex Grimm
June 8	Harry Hain		Jean Moore	June 29	Marilyn Russell
	Ian Ross			June 30	Lenora Lewis



June 2	Dan and Barb McGill	June 22	Aaron and Kim Garrity
June 3	John and Claire Fair	June 23	Jon and Chris Hoyt
June 4	Lee and Hilary Gehrlein	June 25	Kay and Rudy Lascek
June 5	Patrick and Stacy Fox		Andrew and Karen Potocki
June 10	David Miller and Susan Moore		Brian and Michele Reed
June 11	Bill and Linda Pentz	June 27	Cindy and Ed Grode
	Aaron and Kristen Taylor		Donald and Marilyn Russell
June 13	Mac and Ginny Pollard	June 28	Jerry and Nancy Cederlof
	Gretchen and Hal Kelley	June 29	Marion and Tom Tucker
June 20	Ed and Nancy Snyder	June 30	Jack and Melissa Grimm
	Chuck and Pattie Pora		Georgia and John Del Freo
June 21	Paul and Donna Bittner		Dick and Barb Reese
	Brian and Kimberly Hutzelman		



# JUNE 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30a Stronger Srs 5p Generosity	2 1:30 North Coast Sewing Guild 7p Al-Anon	3	4 3p Dance Rehearsal
Online Worship 5 Pentecost Sunday 10:00a Celebration of Worship 11:00a Fellowship 11:00a Dawn We- borg Retirement Celebration 2p Piano Recital	6 9:30a Stronger Srs 3p Budget Meeting 6:30p AA	7	8 9:30a Stronger Srs 10a CTW Garden Club 7:30p Session	9 12:30p Lunch Bunch 7p Al-Anon	10	11
Online Worship 12 Graduate Sunday 10:00a Celebration of Worship 11:00a Fellowship	13 9:30a Stronger Srs 6:30p AA	14 10a Prayer Shawl Ministry	15 9:30a Stronger Srs	16 7p Al-Anon	17	18 9:30a Packing bag lunches
Online Worship 19 10:00a Celebration of Worship 11:00a Fellowship	20 9:30a Stronger Srs 6:30p AA	21	22 9:30a Stronger Srs	23 11:30a Elizabeth Circle Picnic 7p Al-Anon	24	25
Online Worship 26 10:00a Celebration of Worship 11:00a Fellowship	27 9:30a Stronger Srs 11a Mobile Food Pantry 6:30p AA	28 1:00p Newsletter Collating	29 9:30a Stronger Srs	30 7p Al-Anon		

**Rummage Sale**  
June 24-25

# Summer Worship



10:00 AM

June 5-Labor Day

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.

## 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.

## WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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.*