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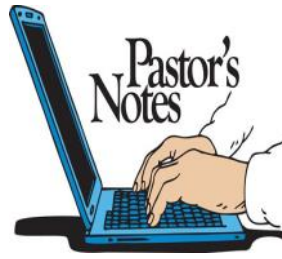
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The Fourth of July this year is accompanied by serious questions in the halls of government. It is all a bit disconcerting. When Jesus sent his disciples out into the world to carry their own personal message of Jesus Christ, he told them to be wise as serpents and gentle as doves. It is important for each of us to embody Christ as best we can in these times. May Christ's grace be at work everywhere and in all people, but especially in you and me as we seek to respond as disciples of Jesus. My prayer for you and for our church is that the Holy Spirit makes us wise in our interactions, and gentle in all our encounters. Then, may we speak the truth in love, and with a soft answer turn away trouble. I pray for our nation and its leaders, but especially, for its citizens, that we are able to keep hold of a government by the people and for the people. This year, in the midst of Fourth of July hoopla, take a moment and be in prayer for the peace of our nation and those important matters of liberty and justice for all.

There's lots of ways in the midst of summer vacation to embody Wayside's values of faithfulness and compassion, welcome and wonder. Our friends with **The Friends of the Public Library** need hands to sort books on Saturday, July 9 at the Ice Arena near the Zoo. On July 16 we continue our **Third Saturday mission** to prepare lunches for our neighbors in need--this is so very needed and so very appreciated. **Vacation Bible School** returns for fun and friendship and faith July 18 - 22. The great multicultural festival **AmeriMasala** happens July 23 - and there is opportunity to use art skills to build grand puppets at Wayside for that celebration! Stay tuned! In August, our neighbors at **Asbury Woods** need folks to learn about invasive non-native species and then spend some time getting rid of it. And also in **August**, a team is heading to Kentucky to work in rebuilding from the tornadoes that devastated the area last year--there is still time to be part of that team.

May you find time to "have summer," to experience life's rhythm differently, to be off work and off schedule, to gaze upon what brings you peace and joy, and to be restored to a sense of gratitude for the gift of being. "For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." Isaiah 55:12

Grace and peace to you all in everything.

James

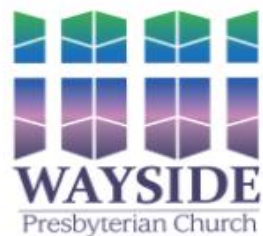
As you prepare your Wayside donation for **Erie Gives Day**, what are two other groups you are excited to give to?

Erie Gives is August 9.
When you give to Wayside this year, we want to know...
WHO IS YOUR +2?



Fill out the following form:

Hi, I'm _____, and
my +2 are _____
and _____,
because _____
_____.



This August 9, Don't Forget Wayside and Your +2!



*"I'm Nathan, and my +2 are
International Institute and Our
West Bayfront because I want
to love my neighbors."*

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When you give to Wayside,
Who is your +2?



ERIE GIVES +2

THE BASICS

When ? Tuesday August 9, 8 AM–8 PM

What ? the annual signature fundraiser presented by The Erie Community Foundation and other local sponsors

Why ? an opportunity to compassionately give to Wayside and other local non-profits (your +2)

How ? online participation at www.eriegives.org on August 9 or pay by check ahead of time

THE DETAILS

When you support Wayside, here are a few suggestions to consider:

- (1) give a portion or all of your usual 2022 Wayside gift, pledged or unpledged;
- (2) make an additional gift to help reduce our 2022 deficit;
- (3) know that a portion of your gift to Wayside helps the local non-profits which we support. Also, 25% of the matching funds we receive back is earmarked specifically for mission.

Be a +2 contributor to at least two other non-profits listed on the *Erie Gives* website (\$25 minimum gift per charity). Who's your +2? Why are they important to you?

How to pay by check:

- Pay using the [Erie Gives Check Contribution Form](#) found in this newsletter (additional copies on the Information Table in the lobby). All contributions must be made payable to "The Erie Community Foundation". Wayside and the other non-profits you designate will be reimbursed by the Foundation, along with any applicable matching funds.
- Karen Rae at Wayside's office needs to receive your check by Wednesday August 3 so that she can hand deliver all checks to the Foundation in a timely manner.
- You may also send your check, accompanied by the [Check Contribution Form](#), directly to The Erie Community Foundation, 459 W. 6th St, Erie PA 16507, to be received no later than Monday August 8.

Finally: Please contact Karen Rae at Wayside with questions or for any confidential assistance you may need (i.e, gifts of stock or Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA). Each gift is tax-deductible. Unless otherwise designated by you, your donation to Wayside will be applied towards your 2022 pledge (if you made one), or considered as an unpledged contribution.

Please support Erie Gives +2 in 2022 !

ERIE GIVES CHECK CONTRIBUTION FORM

Please make checks payable to The Erie Community Foundation and kindly deliver to the Foundation (459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507) with this completed form no later than August 8, 2022.



ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED

Donor Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Check Number: _____ Contribution total: \$ _____

Please list how you wish to be identified in print: _____

Example: John & Jane Doe | John Doe | Anonymous

Does your employer match donations? ☐ Yes ☐ No Company Name: _____

Please note, the employee is responsible for completing the employer's company match paperwork.

	Erie Gives Nonprofit Name <small>All nonprofits below must currently be listed on the Erie Gives website.</small>	Gift Amount <small>\$25 minimum</small>
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Received: ☐ Mail ☐ In Person _____ Information Verified _____ Entered _____

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS

We want to continue to highlight inspiring examples of Waysiders being generous with their time, talent and treasure.

- ⇒ The kids and adults who manned the May car wash to raise funds for the youth mission trip on a cold and wet Sunday morning
- ⇒ All those who baked and bought pies and sweet breads for the Election Day bake sale to support the conflict in Ukraine...\$703 raised!
- ⇒ The “green-thumbed” workers in Wayside’s garden project: Sarah Jay, Dale Massing, Tom Momeyer, Gregg Rabenold, and Dave Yonkers (if we missed anyone, our apologies)
- ⇒ The Worship and Music Committee and all the salad preparers who combined to make a festive Pentecost Sunday celebration honoring Dawn Weborg for her many years of service to Wayside
- ⇒ All those who continue to send in their \$33 Per Capita contribution
- ⇒ All those who continue to respond to Session’s request to help lower our 2022 deficit

BUDGET BYTES

from the Budget/Finance Committee

We are thinking that it’s summertime and you are wanting to slow down, sit on your back porch or on a lounge chair at the beach, and just chill for a bit. We want you to know where we stand financially but we aim to do it quickly and then have you move on to happy July pursuits.

As of the end of May, we had projected total revenues of \$177,000 and we received \$207,000, putting us \$30,000 ahead of budget. We had expected to have expenses of \$231,000 and have spent \$221,000 (but still have \$3,000 outstanding for the 1st quarter Session Designated Giving). This gives us a savings of \$7,000 on the expense side.

Year-to-date status of Revenues/Expenses at the end of May: we projected to be at (\$54,000) but find ourselves at (\$15,000). **However, we still project a year-end deficit of (\$42,000)** which is down from the original projection of (\$64,000), thanks to the generous response to Session’s “Second Ask”. Hopefully, our participation in Erie Gives +2 will give us an additional boost.

That’s it. Back to a great Erie summer!

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

May Rev	\$32,085.76	May Exp	\$53,181.77
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YTD Rev	\$206,734.61	YTD Exp	\$221,397.98
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Thank you to everyone that helped to make Dawn's retirement party so meaningful! Thank you to the ladies of the PW that prepared a plethora of salads. Thank you to the Babcocks and Sundbergs for bringing their tents. Thank you to Laurie Hitt for practicing and performing with the Chancel Choir for the super secret musical tribute. Thank you to all those that contributed to Dawn's gifts. Thank you to the WMFA committee for coordinating it all!





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 _____

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 _____

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 _____

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



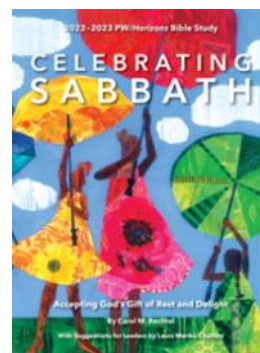
PW NEWS



Welcome to the 2022–2023 Presbyterian Women/Horizons Bible study, *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight.*

In the nine lessons of this Bible study—with passages from Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Matthew, Luke, and Acts—we'll consider Sabbath

- as a celebration, not a day of dreary formality
- as God's intent for all of creation that includes busy women too
- as one day of the week, perhaps a Sunday
- as a time to surrender unhealthy striving and frantic busyness, and instead trust that God will provide
- as a reminder that life is precious and working too much is against God's plans for our precious lives
- as a day devoted to community and justice and not exclusively to self-care.



Ultimately, Sabbath reminds us to honor God who honors us by giving us a day each week to reset our pace, our priorities, and our lives.

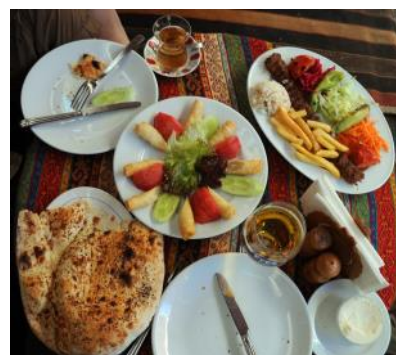
If you would like to order a copy- please contact Karen Haas (karenhaas79@gmail.com). The cost is \$11.00. The order will be placed on July 27th.



A big THANK YOU to everyone that donated to the PW annual Birthday Offering!

We received \$1035 to help the two designated mission projects: Mission at the Eastward McCleary House Transitional Housing (Farmington Maine) and Iglesia Presbiteriana de Lares (Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand, Puerto Rico).

Wayside Lunch Bunch



**Courtyard by Marriot
2 Sassafra Pier
Thursday, July 14, 2022
12:30 PM
RSVP to Jean Moore
814- 461-9665**

SAVE THE DATE!



Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie Presbytery

Fall Gathering – Saturday October 1st

9:00-10:00 AM optional hands-on mission project and registration with breakfast

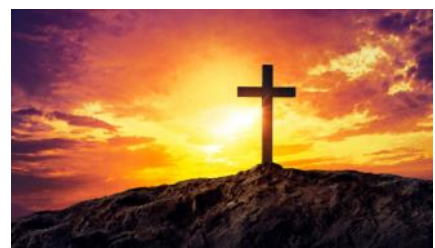
10:00 – 1:30 PM event, ending with lunch

First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant

“Witnesses for a New Day?”

“You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen...”

Isaiah 43:10



Explore the topic of “Witnesses for a New Day” with Keynote speaker – Rev. Katherine Randall.

Katherine and her husband Rob are co-pastors at Bradford Presbyterian Church. Katherine was ordained to pastoral ministry in 2000 and served communities in Louisville, KY and Simpsonville, SC prior to being called in Bradford. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

In addition to the keynote speaker Rev. Katherine Randall, you may enjoy the following highlights during the Gathering * an early morning hands-on mission project from 9:00-10:00 am * You can register anytime until the event starts at 10. * There will be a choice of break-out sessions *Presbyterian Women’s Business Meeting *song * prayer and * fellowship with women from all over our presbytery.

***** You will not want to miss the outstanding program!!*****

Rev. Katherine Randall has some wonderful insights into the issues we are all facing as church members in the 21st century – thinking also about issues surrounding the challenges created by the pandemic.

You will have several opportunities to show mercy and be a neighbor through donations to special mission projects.

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday October 1st - Hope to see you there!

You are invited to the
***Annual* ONE TABLE PICNIC**

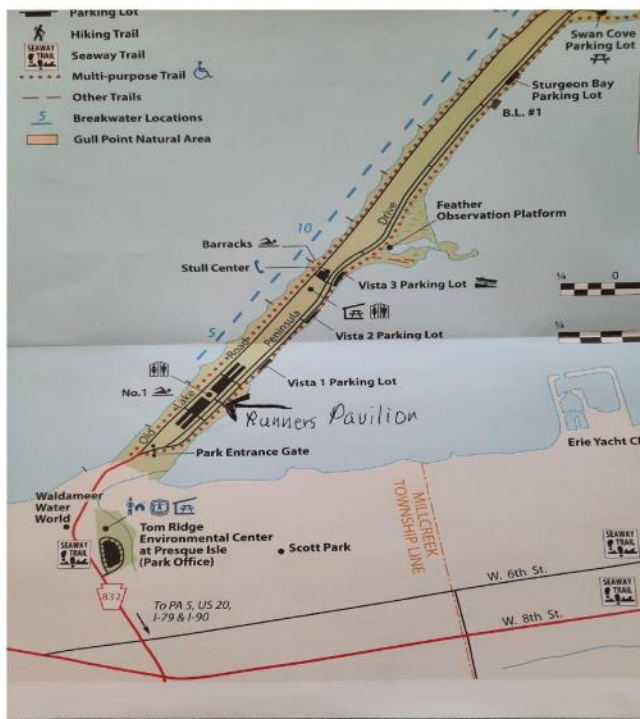


August 4, 2022 (Thursday)

4:00pm-8:30pm Meal at 6:00pm

**Runners Pavilion
Presque Isle State Park(see map)**

Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair.



Questions:
Call Gary Larson
716-307-5815
[**gslarson1@gmail.com**](mailto:gslarson1@gmail.com)

All are welcome

**Please share this
invitation with others!**

See you there!

THANK YOU!

Each time we think we have reached the end to our "Second Ask" for help to reduce our 2022 budget deficit, another response arrives at the church office. So we once again thank everyone who has answered the call and are pleased to report that we have raised commitments for nearly \$22,000 in increased pledges and one-time donations. This brings the projected deficit down from (\$64,000) to (\$42,000). Thank you, generous Waysiders.

P.S. If you still would like to support this effort, consider including a gift as part of your *Erie Gives* participation.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

The July distribution for the Second Harvest mobile food pantry at the Federated Church in East Springfield is July 18. 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.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers are needed to help with the Friends of the Erie County Public Library Book Sale. All proceeds from the sale benefit the library. Help is needed for set up on Saturday, July 9th beginning at 9:00 AM. There will be a shift from 9:00 – 11:00am and 11:00am – 1:00pm. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby, or you can contact Jennifer in the church office at 814-833-7653 or wpc@wayside-erie.org to choose a shift. After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic there is a very large number of books available to sell. The sale will also be at a new location – the JMC Ice Arena. Duties include moving boxes, unpacking boxes, setting up books on tables, etc. Adults and children ages 10 and up are welcome to volunteer so this can be a great family activity. The Outreach committee strongly encourages all member and friends to consider donating a few hours to this very worthy cause. As we all know reading is fundamental, and public libraries benefit everyone.

PER CAPITA UPDATE

Wayside members keep continuing to send in their Per Capita contribution and May was an especially successful month (\$1,093 came in...no more Per Capita procrastinating for those folks!). How nice it was to type that sentence. Thanks to many Waysiders, we have now raised \$4,430, with high hopes of collecting at least \$7,000 of the \$16,665 that is Wayside's share assessed by the PCUSA to support Presbyterian efforts on the national, synod and Presbytery levels.

Our own Lake Erie Presbytery Executive Director, Anita Bernhardt, (hmm...that name has a familiar ring), is exceedingly grateful for the response from local churches since the majority of the Per Capita money stays locally. We will also be exceedingly grateful if each Wayside family pays its share (**\$33 for each confirmed member**). Check out our progress chart in the church lobby and be a part of that upward movement towards our goal.

MISSION TRIP FOR ADULTS

A Mission Trip to Kentucky is being planned for the week of August 14 this summer. As guests of the First Presbyterian Church of Madisonville we will help with efforts to rebuild from the tornadoes that devastated that area last autumn. A few Waysiders have indicated an interest, how about you? Speak to James Bernhardt or Paul Carpenedo to be included in an upcoming informational and planning session. Let's work out our values of faithfulness and compassion as we take them on the road.

HOMELESS MEALS

JULY 16TH, 9:30-10:30

To help prepare and assemble bagged lunches to feed the hungry in Erie, contact Pastor Nathan at nathan@wayside-erie.org.



WORSHIP IN JULY

Sunday, July 3

2 Kings 5:1-14

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

"One Leg at A Time"

Holy Communion

James preaching

Sunday, July 10

Luke 10:25-37

Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

"According to Mr. Rogers"

James preaching

Sunday, July 17

Colossians 1:15-28

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

"The Hope of Glory"

James preaching

Sunday, July 24

Luke 11:1-13

Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

"Ask, Seek, Knock"

James preaching

Sunday, July 31

Luke 12:13-21

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

"Pity the Fool"

Nathan preaching



July 3 Dan Taylor
 July 3 Rand Garrity
 July 3 Kyra Marsh
 July 4 Georgi Harrington
 July 5 Kristen Taylor
 July 6 Sandra Olsen
 July 7 Scott Taylor
 July 7 Barb McGill
 July 7 John Egg
 July 7 Sarah Reed
 July 7 Mary Larson
 July 8 Julia Grandinetti
 July 8 Stephany Wismer
 July 8 Cade Sbrocco
 July 9 Sally Cage
 July 9 Fletcher Swanson
 July 9 Angelle Sundberg
 July 10 Robert Mitchell
 July 12 Tanner Babb

July 12 Maxwell Melaragno
 July 12 Mason Melaragno
 July 12 Axel Swanson
 July 13 Helen Smith
 July 13 Cole Daehnke
 July 14 Steve Day
 July 14 Avery Zimmerman
 July 15 Lars Weborg
 July 15 Bruce Kern
 July 15 Brittany Shaffer
 July 16 Peggy Jenkins
 July 16 Polly Momeyer

July 17 Julie Lewis
 July 17 Joseph Thompson
 July 18 Lindsay Jeglinski
 July 19 Don Worthington
 July 19 Douglas Weber
 July 19 Colton Martin
 July 19 Ray Reade
 July 21 Gwen Smith
 July 22 Meredith Mullett
 July 26 David Johns
 July 26 Ken Smith
 July 26 Peggy Glass
 July 27 Lucas Buseck
 July 28 Rick Weaver
 July 28 Mary Lou Edgett
 July 29 Anna DeBello
 July 29 James Edgett
 July 31 Carol Christie
 July 31 Michael Borowski



July 1 Paul and Karen Carpenedo
 July 2 Kurt and Kitty Menges
 July 2 Joseph and Natalie Thompson
 July 6 Mike and Sandy Reed
 July 12 Terry and Sandra Olsen
 July 12 Mark and Marcia Twinem
 July 12 Douglas and Jill Weber
 July 14 Jack and Judy Bestwick
 July 14 Carol Christie and Tom Eckard

July 21 Jill and Anthony Fosco
 July 23 TJ and Nancy Dolan
 July 24 Kyle and Carlee Pentz
 July 26 Kathy and Kent Englert
 July 26 Karen and Brian Latimer
 July 29 Bill and Jenny Martin
 July 31 Rand and Amanda Garrity
 July 30 Gregg and Sallee Rabenold
 July 31 Bob and Mindy Scholl

JULY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:00a Celebration of Worship 11:00a Fellowship	Office Closed 4 6:30p AA	5	6 9:30a Stronger Srs	7 1:30 North Coast Sewing Guild 7p Al-Anon	8	9 9a-11a, 11a-1p Friends of Library 10a PEO Meeting
10 10:00a Celebration of Worship 11:00a Fellowship	11 9:30a Stronger Srs 6:30p AA	12 10a Prayer Shawl Ministry	13 9:30a Stronger Srs	14 12:30p Lunch Bunch 7p Al-Anon	15	16 8:30a HAAEQG 9:30a Packing bag lunches
17 10:00a Celebration of Worship 11:00a Fellowship	18 8a-12p VBS 9:30a Stronger Srs 6:30p AA	19 8a-12p VBS	20 8a-12p VBS 9:30a Stronger Srs	21 8a-12p VBS 7p Al-Anon	22 8a-12p VBS	23
24 10:00a Celebration of Worship 11:00a Fellowship	25 9:30a Stronger Srs 6:30p AA	26 5:30p HAAEQG	27 9:30a Stronger Srs	28 11:30a Elizabeth Circle 7p Al-Anon	29	30
31 10:00a Celebration of Worship 11:00a Fellowship						

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.