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*Each should use whatever
gift one has received to
serve others.*

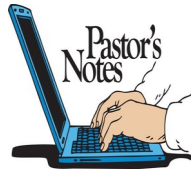
(1 Peter 4:10)

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

OCTOBER 16, 2022

Let this season of ending one year and planning for the year ahead be one thankfulness, with an enthusiastic conviction that Wayside's life and mission are worthy of our generous and intentional giving.

Please join us this morning in thankful celebration for all God's blessings and for our commitment to the future of this ministry. Your pledge of financial support for 2023 will be gratefully received at both services.



A couple of times a year our local public radio station conducts efforts to encourage members to contribute to fund the programs it broadcasts. As 'consumers of their product', Anita and I do our part. They call us "sustaining members".

Each year Wayside asks members and friends to make a pledge of financial support for the church's work and mission. This is something different from the 'consuming of a product'. It is an interesting consideration, since my compensation is a budget line item; so, what do I do? Anita and I support Wayside, and we try to do so generously. We do it because we believe in the church, and Wayside in particular, as a great expression of who Christ hopes Christians will be in the world. The church is a center to which we return and from which we go to worship and learn and live out love for each other and for the neighborhood, the communities of which we are a part, and for the world we inhabit. I believe it makes a difference that we are here for each other. I believe it makes a difference to each of us when we hear, in a message or prayer, or in a hymn, or from one of our friends, a word that comforts and reassures us, and maybe confirms and challenges. I believe that the regular rhythm of the Christian life of worship, service and growth makes a difference to the world in ways beyond words and doctrines, but in the way people are as fellow travelers in this human journey. I believe this congregation at Wayside is a beautiful expression of God's realm that makes a difference in the world around. This is why Anita and I support Wayside.

Almost every church will tell you that since the suspension of worship during the pandemic the numbers of people in worship have not returned to the place they were before the pandemic. There are many suggestions about why this is so. In case safety is an issue, during the pandemic the building committee at Wayside, with Session's support, saw to it that every room in the buildings had an air purifying system installed. Know that plenty of members, who feel vulnerable or who have been around others who were sick, wear a mask to worship, and masks and hand sanitizer remain readily available. I know this is a personal decision but if you have not returned to worship, know that you are greatly missed, and you and your presence here make Wayside more completely who the church is.

The October meeting of the congregation and corporation is October 9 at 9:30 AM in the church fellowship hall with breakfast beginning at 9:15. This meeting is called by session to elect elders and deacons to their respective boards for the class of 2025, and members at large to the nominating committee. Many thanks to the current nominating committee for the diligent and prayerful work, to those finishing their terms in December, and all those who have answered the call and have agreed to serve.

Grace and peace in all things to everyone,

ERIE GIVES A SUCCESS FOR THE COMMUNITY & FOR WAYSIDE

As was reported in the September newsletter, *Erie Gives* again received tremendous support from the Erie community, topping last year's total, as it has for the past 12 years in a row (final tally of \$8,178,207 from 11,234 donors). Ninety Waysiders contributed to the success of this annual fundraiser sponsored by The Erie Community Foundation, both in terms of the gifts you gave to benefit Wayside's ministry and mission efforts, as well as your support through your donations to other local nonprofits (our +2 concept).

We received a check from *Erie Gives* for \$161,240 which included \$7,757 in matching funds. 25% of those matching funds (\$1,939) will be returned to the community via our mission allocations, as determined by the Outreach Committee. Because of your gifts we are also able to help other ministries in our community with previously-budgeted Session-designated mission funds, as well as other Wayside mission activities, made possible by your generosity. Thank you notes have been sent from Session to all the corporate sponsors who played a vital role in this event. Thanks to all Waysiders who were able to generously support *Erie Gives* in 2022.



BUDGET BYTES from the Budget/Finance Committee

Thanks mostly to Wayside's response to *Erie Gives* (see report above), we have the pleasure of presenting you with a very unexpectedly positive picture of where we stood, as of the end of August. \$94,000 had been projected to be received in pledges but what came in was \$114,000! \$23,000 was expected in unpledged contributions whereas we received \$35,000! Total receipts year-to-date were projected to be \$352,000 but we are here to tell you that the actual receipts totaled \$416,000, giving us a healthy cushion of almost \$64,000 ahead of projections! Please excuse the plethora of exclamation points, normally a no-no in good writing, but the news was too good to hold back on the enthusiasm.

Where were we on the expense side at the end of August? SNE (Spiritual Nurture & Education), WMFA (Worship, Music & Fine Arts), CDN (Congregational Development & Nurture), and Deacons were under-spent for the year by \$4,000. Office expenses were basically as projected. While building expenses were \$3,000 under budget YTD, that figure will probably not hold due to increased electricity costs (57% higher than last year and 124% higher than the year before) and necessary plumbing expenses to address a problem in the ladies' restroom. Overall expenses, however, showed a savings of \$17,000 of which \$14,000 is expected to be a permanent savings at year's end.

Now for the best part: for overall revenues vs. expenses YTD we expected to be at a negative (\$15,000). However, thanks again to Wayside's support of *Erie Gives*, we sit at a positive \$66,000!!! We think that's worthy of three exclamation points, don't you? We conclude with a heartfelt, "Thanks be to God" for the generosity of Waysiders that has enabled our ministry for this church to be on solid ground for the time being. To be sure, we have the remaining three months of the year yet to monitor. Unanticipated expenses or unfulfilled revenues may yet arise but for now we are grateful and pray that this positive financial status will remain through the conclusion of 2022.

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS



'Tis the season to be jolly.....oops, wrong season! 'Tis the season to be thinking about your financial pledge of commitment to the mission and ministry of Wayside Church in 2023. Yes, the time is here for a decision to be made about how you will faithfully respond to the 2023 Financial Commitment Challenge.

By the time you are reading this, you should have received your Challenge packet of information; if you have not, please contact the church office immediately to receive your copy. We hope that you will give your decision the time and prayer it deserves and that you will generously answer the call to action, as you are able. In the packet we have provided several options for you to consider in your response to God's blessing in your life. We pray that most folks will be challenged to take another step closer to tithing, while acknowledging that others understand that a combination of one's gifts of time, talent and treasure are all measures of support for Wayside. As our motto says, "Be who you are and be welcome here" and so we will give thanks for any and all gifts given to the glory of God.

Please return your Commitment Card on or before Commitment Sunday, October 16, and join us that day for a celebration of our ongoing dedication to God's work here at Wayside. 'Tis the season.....

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

August Rev \$160,148.70 August Exp \$38,172.10

YTD Rev \$416,154.33 YTD Exp \$349,824.18

PER CAPITA REMINDER

We are still counting on all Waysiders to send in your 2022 Per Capita contribution of \$33 per confirmed member of your family. Our goal of \$7,000 will help to partially defray our \$16,665 assessment to the PCUSA; we have so far received \$5,230, thanks to the folks who have already participated. It's never too late to join them with your own donation. The Per Capita sustains the work of the Presbyterian Church nationally, Synod-wise, and most importantly, within our local Lake Erie Presbytery and is the "glue" that binds us together. We intend to "adhere/stick" (pun intended!) to this message for the rest of the year and hope you will help us reach our goal. Thank you for your generosity.



PW NEWS



WAYSIDE LUNCH BUNCH

Zem Zem Shrine Club

38th and Zuck

Thursday, October 13

NOON (note the time change)

RSVP to Jean Moore

814- 461-9665

SOPHIA CIRCLE

The **Sophia Circle** will meet on Tuesday, **October 18** at 7:00 pm in the Parlor. We will be studying Lesson Two "Sabbath and Creation." The key idea of this lesson is that Sabbath celebration is something that God has built into the structure of creation. Receiving that gift is part of what deepens our friendship with God, others, and the rest of creation. All women are welcome to attend!

ELIZABETH CIRCLE

The **Elizabeth Circle** will meet for lunch and discussion on Thursday, **October 27** at **11:30** in the church parlor.

NAOMI CIRCLE

Naomi Circle will meet on Wednesday, **October 26**, in the parlor at noon. Please bring a sandwich (coffee & dessert provided) and join us for daytime fellowship and discussion.

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

Wayside continues to support our refugee families by responding to the needs listed in the bulletin. Last month the following items were donated:

A crib, many play toys, baby swing, baby walker, several car seats and booster seats, lots of baby clothes and some youth boy clothing.

The families that received these items were very thankful.

When the International Institute identifies needed items, we will continue to list them in the bulletin. Thank you for your continued support in welcoming our new neighbors!

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Each year Presbyterian Women sponsors a Spaghetti Supper to benefit the Ghana Partnership. The past few years we have done this in October but this year we are scheduled for Wednesday November 9th. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend! You will enjoy a delicious meal and help forge our bond with Presbyterian brothers and sisters in Ghana. All donations will go to the Ghana Partnership.

PW Fourth Quarter Business and Planning Meeting

PW will meet after church on Sunday, **October 2** in the Parlor. A light lunch will be served. We will discuss our end of year activities and plan for next year. All women are welcome to attend!



PW NEWS



Bakers Needed

The Wayside Presbyterian Women will again be having an **Election Day Bake Sale** at the church on **November 8**. Please support our mission fund by baking pies, breads or cookies. Items can be brought to the church on Sunday, Monday or early Tuesday morning.

You can also stop in to make a purchase even if this is not your voting place. Call Pattie Pora at (814) 449-3271 with any questions.

PW Honorary Life Memberships

Presbyterian Women were pleased to honor **Judy and Jack Bestwick** with PW Honorary Life Memberships. They were presented the awards through a video. The certificates and pins were mailed to them, as they are currently residing in Florida. Thank you Judy and Jack for your faithful service to Wayside Church!

PW Potato Dinner A Big Success!!



The Potato Dinner chaired by Karen Sidorowicz and Pattie Pora was excellent! Lots of toppings were brought in and everyone had a delicious meal. We enjoyed great fellowship and thanks to the generosity of the group; **\$468 was raised for the Wayside Crop Team!!** Thank you to everyone who brought toppings and donated to CROP to help end hunger!



Breakfast, friendship, and a little business . . .



Session has set the date for the annual October meeting of the congregation and corporation for October 9 at 9:30 AM in the church fellowship hall with breakfast served at 9:15. The purpose of the meeting is to elect elders and deacons for their respective boards for the class of 2025. Church members at large will also be elected to the church nominating committee.



Not sure what to do in between worship services?



THE IN-BETWEEN TIME

A simple time for scripture, connection, and prayer.

Sundays at 9:45-10:45am in the church parlor.

Light refreshments provided.



WAYSIDE MULTICULTURAL DINERS' CLUB



We're kickstarting this ministry again. We hope, if you haven't yet, you'll give it a go and feel as welcome as a warm summer to attend.



Saturday, October 15, Amrita at **Tandoori Hut**, 2605 Washington St. (on West 26th St. across from Tops), will host a noon luncheon for \$20 per person. Reservations are required at the church office with a deadline of October 11. The church # is 814-833-7653.



Here's a look ahead: Sophie at **Chopstix** hosts in early **December**. A mid **March** supper is being scheduled at **Fine Restaurant** (former Nunzis). And **Habibi** will be late **April**. Also, in the meantime, Enrique has opened a nice Mexican restaurant (too small for our group) at 1801 Liberty, at the corner. Grab a friend and have a meal there.



Let's get this train moving again, eat some great food, and support some in the food industries. Any questions, ideas, or comments, please call me Gary Larson, 716-307-5815 or email, gslarson1@yahoo.com.



ISSUES OF FAITH

Issues of Faith meets Sundays at 9:45 for stimulating conversations about spirituality and social justice. Upcoming topics include:

10/2 **Lena Surzko-Harned**, Ph.D. Penn State Behrend, **"The Situation in Ukraine"**

10/9 **Bethany and Colin Hurley**, **"Landscaping with Native Plants: A Stewardship Journey"**

10/16 **Patrick Fisher**, Executive Director, Erie Arts and Culture

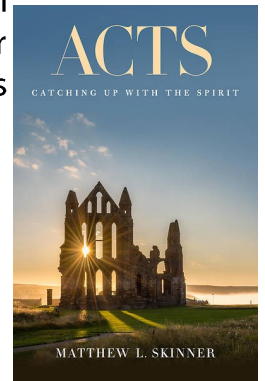
10/23 **Convocation, Eric Barreto**, Ph.D. Princeton University

10/30 **Katie Kretz**, Executive Director, Multicultural Community Resource Center, **"Welcoming New Americans"**

FALL BOOK STUDY

The fall book study is on *Acts: Catching Up With the Spirit* by Matthew L. Skinner, professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary. This book is recommended by our convocation speaker, Dr. Eric Barreto. It touches on themes to be presented in the convocation. "Skinner's invitation is to notice how God has acted before in Acts so that we might together wonder anew where God is leading us today." The class will meet Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the church parlor beginning October 12. A schedule of classes will be given that night.

Please order the book through a local bookseller like Pressed or Werner. It is also available through online book sellers.



WAYOUTH SCHEDULE

WaYouth is Wayside's fellowship for 6th-12th graders, engaging in:

-Deepening relationships

-Deepening faith

-Loving and serving others

Sunday, October 2 Youth Fellowship and lunch after church

Sunday, October 9 Preparing dinners for Sunday Suppers after worship; 3:15-6:00 Serving Sunday Suppers at First Covenant Presbyterian

Sunday, October 23 3:00-7:00: Service project and spirituality trip at Benedictine Monastery, ending with dinner

WOW CLUB SCHEDULE

WOW Club is Wayside's fellowship for 2nd-5th graders, meeting Wednesdays at 4:00-6:00

October 5 St. Francis Day Pet Blessing

October 12 Kim Hill-Mindfulness Workshop

October 19 Visit to Al-Islamic Center

October 26 Lesson and Activities for Halloween/All Saints

The Wayside Journey

The Wayside Journey—being part of the Wayside church family—will be presented Sunday, October 16, 9:45 AM in the hallway meeting room. What is "presbyterian"? What is church membership? Meet some friendly elders and deacons, and all your questions answered, mostly. For further information, contact James.



Thank you to all that came out to enjoy food and fellowship at the Wayside Presque Isle service. The day turned out to be (mostly) beautiful!





WAYSIDE
Presbyterian Church

Fall Convocation October 22, 2022

"Re-Imagining Society"
with Dr. Eric Barreto

*Race, Gender, and Power
in God's Kingdom*

8:30	Registration; Continental Breakfast Available	12:15	Lunch
9:00	Lecture: "Difference is a Gift of God"	1:00	Lecture: "The Empire is Crumbling from Within"
10:15	Break	2:00	Discussion Groups
10:30	Discussion Groups	2:20	Closing Q&A
11:15	Lecture: "Community is Life and Death"		

Registration fee: \$25; students are free.

Payment can be made by cash or check with the registration form below, or may be paid by credit card online at: www.tinyurl.com/3uu5hfz3

Full Name :

Address :

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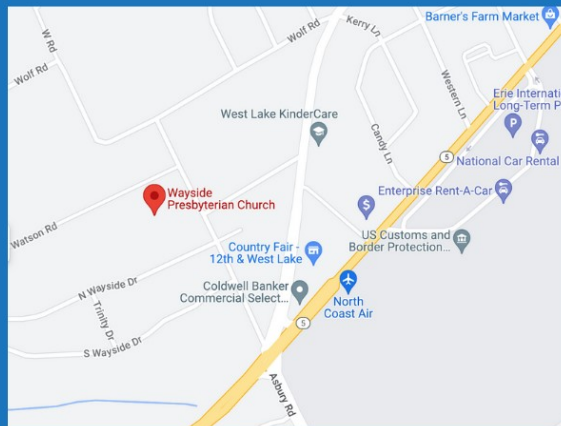
Phone :

Please return completed registration with payment to:
Wayside Presbyterian Church
1208 Asbury Rd.
Erie, PA 16506

Eric Barreto is a New Testament scholar at Princeton Theological Seminary. Recent works of his have focused on the role of race and ethnicity in the Book of Acts and the letters of Paul. This presentation will look at how God is already at work transforming issues such as race, gender, money, power, and violence, and how the Church often finds itself in need of catching up to what God is already doing.

"Eric Barreto has a gift for helping people of all ages and backgrounds see layers and depths of scripture that they had not seen before, and he does it in a way that is clear, engaging, and gives solid direction for how we are to live out God's calling in our communities."

-Nathan Royster, Associate Pastor, Wayside Presbyterian Church



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THANKSGIVING DINNERS

Wayside is again going to participate with other churches and community organizations in the City Mission's Thanksgiving Dinner gift. Many Erie County families suffer from daily food insecurity, and food for a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner is out of their reach. You can help provide that gift to them. Beginning on October 16 we will have grocery bags to pick up in the lobby. On the bag is a list of exactly what you need to buy at the grocery store. Do your shopping, put it in the bag, and bring it back to church one of the next 3 Sundays (Oct. 23, 30, or Nov. 6). We will take them to the City Mission, who will add the turkey to each bag and distribute them to our neighbors in need. Thank you for sharing your many blessings with others.

Advent Bulletin Covers

If you would like to make a donation to cover Wayside's cost of \$35/week for the Sunday Advent bulletins or the Christmas Eve bulletin, please let Jennifer in the office know! Thank you for helping to bring meaningful artwork to these services!

WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR OCTOBER

Mac and cheese, peanut butter, cereal, baked beans, spaghetti and sauce, tuna, toilet tissue, bar soap, canned spaghetti, and soup.

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

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."



**Feeding the
Community**

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

The October distribution for the Second Harvest mobile food pantry at the Federated Church in East Springfield is October 31. 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

October 15, 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 OCTOBER



Sunday, October 2

Matthew 6:19-24

17th Sunday after Pentecost

"The Object of Our Gaze"

Holy Communion

James preaching

Sunday, October 9

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-11

18th Sunday after Pentecost

"Nowhere Else to Be"

Nathan Preaching

Sunday, October 16

1 Peter 4:7-11

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Stewardship Commitment Dedication

"Like Good Stewards"

James preaching

Sunday, October 23

Luke 18:9-14

20th Sunday after Pentecost

"Looking at 'Them'"

James preaching

Sunday, October 30

Luke 19:1-10

21st Sunday after Pentecost

"That Guy"

Nathan preaching



10/03	Barry Zembower	10/13	Justin Eddy	10/19	Adam Snyder
10/03	Amy Brinling	10/14	Lisa Moyer	10/19	Monica Mullett
10/04	Robin Scheppner	10/14	Fallon Kirkpatrick	10/22	Virginia Bowes
10/06	Evan Watkins	10/15	James Ommert	10/23	Caroline Grimm
10/07	Anthony Kuzmin-Fremer	10/15	Karina Wismer	10/23	Jenny Martin
10/08	Bryce Yahn	10/15	Alex Mitten	10/25	Vic Babcock
10/08	Claire Fair	10/15	Kim Garrity	10/26	Diane Garcia
10/09	Maddie McGill	10/16	Denise Pollifrone	10/26	Adam Fried
10/11	Ella Garrity	10/16	Ella Grimm	10/27	Aurora Fuchs
10/12	Nancy Herold	10/17	Kellen Kirkpatrick	10/27	Benjamin Sesler
10/12	Jalane Waka	10/17	Josie McGill	10/28	Linda Behn
10/12	Miki Waka	10/17	Sarah Jay	10/31	Brynn Gleason
10/13	Gretchen Kelley	10/18	Gracie Gehrlein	10/31	Scott Bastow



10/01	David and Pam Johns	10/16	Matt and Lindsay Jeglinski
10/02	Ray and Paula Reade	10/18	Todd and Mary DeBello
10/04	Brian and Staci McGill	10/19	Rob and Brenda Harcourt
10/05	Ramon and Lisa Watkins	10/19	Jay and Brittany Shaffer
10/06	Karen and James Haas	10/21	Gregory and Heather Yahn
10/12	Tim and Laurie Brugger	10/23	Tim and Lynn Lewis
10/12	Tim and Leanne Keibler	10/28	Richard and Sheila Kocan
10/15	Cathleen Norris and John Bucci		

October

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thank you

My heartfelt thanks to all my Wayside friends who called or sent cards following Rudy's death. I was so touched by the care and concern of so many. How blessed I am to be part of this family of faith!

Gratefully,

Kay Lascek

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.

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Many thanks to you all for your help!!

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and be welcome here.*

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.