

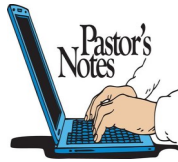
# Inside Wayside

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It is a relief to my ears when an election is over and the harsh language of campaign advertising is over. Humankind has too much interest in blaming others and not enough in seeking, as Paul has written, "whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, excellent and praiseworthy." What if candidates spent their time in seeking to outdo one another in showing honor? Well, a person can dream, right?

That is the beautiful aspect of Advent, when we hear prophets dream God's dream, and hear odd folks like John the Baptist work hopefully and expectantly, and hear a young woman say "yes" to the open-ended plan of God. Above the hubbub of the world, the power dealing and threats, even in this technological and climate-changing era, God is present. The joy of the nativity story is that the clarity of God's presence bursts through, and our attention is attracted to angels in a night sky and shepherds on the road. But it is not in the noise or the attracted crowd, it is in the most tenacious event of birth, when life seems chancy, that the life of God meets our own. We should know this means God is in the midst of all this human life with power to save us, and redeem us, and make of us a new creation.

Advent beckons to us to dream again, and hope through the gifts of faith and love.

Grace and peace to you all –

A bit of news – we are saying farewell to our reliable coworker and friend David Sickles, our custodian. He retired earlier this year and has been working a briefer schedule, but now, he is bringing his work to an end this month. Stop by or send a card to show him appreciation. Some form of reception will be planned.

The job opening will be posted. If you know of someone who might like the custodian position, or you have a recommendation, contact James at Wayside.

Despite dire predictions for Wayside's finances this year, the people of this congregation have carried the church almost to the finish line in a very positive way. I don't know why anyone should be surprised. God is good. The outpouring of compassion for needs in our community and world, and the commitments of time and talent and energy for the mission of the church, and the passion to keep on learning and growing as followers of Christ, all gives glory and praise to God.



## GENEROSITY THOUGHTS

*"Each should use whatever gift one has received to serve others." 1 Peter 4:10*



As December begins, we look forward to the traditional season of gift-giving, while at the same time we look back at an equally special year of gift-getting. We are thankful for the many generous gifts of time, talent and treasure offered at Wayside throughout the year which we have highlighted in past "Generosity Thoughts". We would like to add a few more to that list as 2022 draws to a close.

For many years Alice Edwards has offered and continues to offer her talent in finding wonderful speakers for the Adult Issues of Faith class on Sunday mornings. These speakers have enriched our understanding of the world beyond our doors and we are thankful for Alice's generous willingness to serve the church in this capacity.

The Deacons serve the church in many visible and caring ways, such as taking fresh bread to visitors who worship with us for the first time. They also provide a mostly unseen service by delivering a yellow rose on the anniversary of a loved one's death to the surviving family. Presbyterian Women also remember a close relative who has passed during the year by delivering a poinsettia in December, under the direction of Nancy Fye and Karen Haas.

We would also like to acknowledge the generosity shown by so many Waysiders who have made a financial pledge to the church for its mission and ministry in 2023. In this upcoming season of gift-giving, we are blessed by their gift of support.

We are thankful for all of these blessings (and for so many more), the blessings of gift-getting and gift-giving. Thanks be to God.

## BUDGET BYTES

### from the Budget/Finance Committee

Oh, it's going to be a nail-biter....do we end up in the black or in the red at the end of 2022? We have been exceedingly gratified that year-to-date receipts of \$459,000 have greatly outpaced original budget projections of \$406,000 and therefore, as of the end of October we had a cushion of \$53,000. The generosity of Waysiders is a blessing to behold.

There is a "however" to be noted: October did not produce the projected revenue in pledged and unpledged giving, resulting in an unexpected shortfall of \$13,500 in receipts. Typically, October, November, and December show higher receipts than other months, and so we are being cautious in our predictions since October did not follow the typical pattern. If November and December return true to form, (budgeted revenues of \$35,000 and \$43,000), we should end the year in the black by \$7,000. This would be quite a turn-around from a projected deficit of (\$64,000). We are praying for a return to the "true-to-form" pattern.

In expenses we remain under budget projections and should end the year with at least \$15,000 in expense savings. Even with these savings, the work produced by the staff and the committees has been very fruitful. When committees do spend all their budgeted allotment, they are producing benefits beyond expectations (i.e., CDN's Block Party, the Deacons' monthly lunches for the homeless and all the local nonprofits who receive monies from the Session Designated Giving fund). Prudent management of expenses has not meant a drop in meaningful service.

So, here is what we think: save your nails, trust that God has great plans for Wayside Church, and keep praying for a positive November and December!

## 2023 Pledge Commitment Report

***"Each should use whatever gift one has received to serve others." (1 Peter 4:10)***



We are grateful for all the folks who have submitted a Financial Commitment Pledge to support the ministry and mission of Wayside in 2023. Your God-given gift is indeed a testament to your wish to serve others, professed by the above Scripture verse which was used throughout the campaign. Thank you once again for your generosity and your acknowledgement of God's blessings in your life.

The numbers below reflect the current results of the campaign, along with the final results from last year.

### **2023 PLEDGE COMMITMENTS (as of 11/28/22)**

Dollars pledged:	\$367,416
Increased:	41
Remained same:	40
New:	14
Decreased:	22
Total Number of pledges:	117

### **2022 PLEDGE COMMITMENTS**

\$375,202
55
48
14
14
131

We look forward to the arrival of additional pledges, as Waysiders demonstrate their confidence that we are in God's hands and intend to serve God through this church's ministry in the coming year.

#### **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**

<b>Oct. Rev</b>	<b>\$23,142.91</b>	<b>Oct. Exp</b>	<b>\$40,283.30</b>
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<b>YTD Rev</b>	<b>\$458,863.71</b>	<b>YTD Exp</b>	<b>\$431,251.08</b>
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### **LAST CHANCE FOR THE PER CAPITA!**

Our fingers are still crossed and we are hopeful, optimistic, confident, etc., that all confirmed members of Wayside will remember to send in their \$33 Per Capita fee before December 31. Your participation is needed in our year-long challenge to raise \$7,000 (as of 11/28/22 we have collected \$5,892) to help defray Wayside's \$16,665 obligation to the PCUSA. We say obligation but it is truly a worthwhile obligation in that this is how we support the various levels of the Presbyterian Church: national, Synod and our local Lake Erie Presbytery. When all of the Presbyterian churches in the country combine their financial resources in this way, we make possible the important work of all levels of the PCUSA. Checks can be made out to Wayside Church and thank you!

## CROP HUNGER WALK

Thank you to everyone who walked in or donated to the CROP Hunger Walk. Through your generosity, Wayside raised \$9,235 this year! A special thank you also to the Presbyterian Women for coordinating the baked potato dinner fundraiser and purchasing t-shirts as incentives for all of the walkers.



Thank you ❤️

On November 9, we were cleaning and preparing an apartment for expected Afghan refugees when our supervisor said, "We are expecting two more large families and need 15 blankets...cold weather is coming...can you help?" We immediately thought of Wayside. A call to James, an email sent out by Jennifer, and at the Wednesday dinner that night there were 15 donated blankets which were delivered the next day. A small deed, perhaps. But you answered Jesus' request, "even as you have done so to the least of these..."

Thank you. Gary and Sarah Larson

A giant

thank you!

to everyone who baked and donated to the PW Election Day Bake Sale. Over \$750 was raised. Great job!



**JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**

**DECEMBER 14**



## WAYSIDE DEACONS' ANGEL TREE

This year Wayside will partner with Mercy Center for Women to provide Christmas gifts for the women and children in their programs. Tags will be available on the Angel Tree. Please consider taking a tag and purchasing a gift. All unwrapped gifts should be returned to the church (with the tag attached) no later than December 11th. We hope that your participation in this project will be a blessing to you and your family as we prepare to celebrate God's Gift to us.



## WINTER OUTREACH

Winter is approaching and once again, Wayside will be helping out at Our Neighbor's Place Overflow Shelter, which is located at First Church of the Covenant for one week each month from November through March. In past years our participation at the shelter was limited to providing meals for homeless men and women in downtown Erie. While that help is still needed, we have recently received word that our help is also needed in other ways.

Below is a list of items that are often needed by people who come to the shelter. We are asking that Wayside members consider buying one or more of these items. Beginning November 1, there will be a box located in the church lobby where you can place the items you have purchased. They will be taken to Covenant and distributed to those in need during the cold winter season.

- Men's size large boxer briefs
- White crew socks
- Winter gloves – heavy weight please. Think about spending your days outside all winter!
- Sample size deodorant, toothpaste and lotion
- Disposable razors

Also, there is a need for men and women volunteers to help supervise the men and women who spend the night at the shelter. There are 3 shifts available- 7:00-11:00 p.m., 11:00-3:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m. If you are interested in volunteering in this capacity, please contact Pat Tracy at 814-864-6118 for more details.

Thank you for your support of this continuing need in our community!

Wayside Outreach Committee

## WAYOUTH: HOMELESS LUNCHES AND CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT MERCY CENTER FOR WOMEN, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>

On Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, WaYouth will gather at Wayside to assemble lunches for four Erie-area homeless shelters. From there, we will take one bunch of those meals and the collected items from the Angel Tree and the Baby Shower for Jesus to the Mercy Center for Women, where we will have lunch with residents and host a Christmas program. Please contact Pastor Nathan if you plan to attend.



## Baby Shower for Jesus

*A family holiday event and gift drive benefiting the Mercy Center for Women*

**Wed., Dec. 14, 6:30-7:30**

*Cookies, lessons, crafts, and collecting items for women and children at the Mercy Center*

### Suggested Donations:

#### WOMEN'S GIFTS:

Daily planner/Calendar/Journal  
Kitchen Towels/Oven Mitts  
Dish Sets or Glassware  
Hair/Makeup Products  
Feminine Hygiene Products

#### INFANT GIFTS:

Diapers and Wipes  
Musical/Interactive Toys  
Cloth/Sensory Books  
Multi-Cultural Dolls

#### AGES 4-6 GIFTS:

Children's Books  
Legos/Blocks/Kinex  
Board Games

#### AGES 7-13 GIFTS:

Backpacks/Wallets/Purses  
Crafts/Art Supplies  
Coloring Books

#### ALL AGES:

Hats/Scarves/Gloves  
Socks/Underwear

## FAMILY CAROLING AND PIZZA NIGHT

Join us Wednesday, December 21 for our family caroling night.

We will have pizza at 6:00, then go caroling in the Wayside neighborhood. There will not be WOW Club or Primary Choir that night.



### **WOW CLUB SCHEDULE**

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

December 7—Christmas Lesson and Craft

December 14—Christmas Movie

December 21—Family Caroling and Pizza

December 28—OFF FOR THE HOLIDAYS

### **WAYOUTH SCHEDULE**

*WaYouth is Wayside's fellowship for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, engaging in:*

*-Deepening relationships*

*-Deepening faith*

*-Loving and serving others*

Sunday, December 11—Youth Fellowship\*—Plan Baby Shower for Jesus

Wednesday, December 14—Host Baby Shower for Jesus

Saturday, December 17—Make homeless lunches at Wayside and deliver. End up at Mercy Center to deliver lunches and baby shower gifts and provide family program for residents.

\*Sunday fellowships are from the end of worship to 2:00; lunch is provided.

### **ISSUES OF FAITH**

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

12/4—Gary Larson, "Milestones in My Journey to the Celestial City"

12/11—Jamie Borowicz, Ph.D, "Images of the Nativity in Art"

12/18—TBA

12/25—No Class

### **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

Our children and youth will present the Good News in a single service on Sunday, December 18 at 11:00 AM.

Rehearsals will be held December 4, 11, and 18 during the Sunday School hour.

We hope to involve all of our children and their gifts, so if there is any particular interest they have—reading, singing, dancing, musical instrument—please let Pastor Nathan know so that we can find a way to integrate that into our service on the 18<sup>th</sup>.



# PW NEWS



## SOPHIA CIRCLE

The **Sophia Circle** will meet **December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Parlor**. (Please note this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, not the third like we normally are scheduled, due to Christmas) We will be studying **Lesson Four – Sabbath and Surrender**. The scripture lesson is Exodus 16. The key idea: The “manna” story, with its emphasis on only gathering as much as we need and *not* gathering on the Sabbath, is a call to trust God to provide for our needs. It is a call to surrender our unhealthy striving for more wealth, more stuff, and more success. It is a call to recognize when it is time to say, “Enough”. Mary Marsh will lead us in the lesson and provide the snack. Please let Mary know if you can attend. All women are welcome!



*Let Go by April Harrison*

## HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to Amy Valentine for being honored with a PW Honorary Life Membership! Amy has served PW and Wayside in many capacities and PW was very pleased to present her with this special honor.

## NAOMI CIRCLE

Due to the holidays, **Naomi Circle** is not having a regularly scheduled meeting in December.

## ELIZABETH CIRCLE

The **Elizabeth Circle** will hold a Christmas party December 15 at 11:30 at Lake Shore Country Club. Bring a \$5 gift and a donation for residents at Soldiers and Sailors Home.

## WAYSIDE LUNCH BUNCH

**Thursday, December 8**

**12:00 PM (new time)**

**Lorie's Wildridge**

**RSVP to Jean Moore**

**814- 461-9665**

## PW Justice and Peace Book Discussion

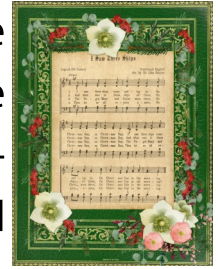
PW at the Churchwide level is again sponsoring a book discussion group. In 2023 the selected books will focus on working to learn more about and end violence against women. You can sign-up to attend one or more of the book discussions. The first group discussion on February 13<sup>th</sup> ( *What Kind of Christianity* by William Yoo) will be a special treat as the author is participating in the webinar. More info on p. 11.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S THANK OFFERING

November 6<sup>th</sup> was our Annual PW Thank Offering Service. Thank you to Linda Lorah for her excellent sermon and to Rev. Susan Speakman for a meaningful celebration of communion. Thanks to everyone that participated and to those that gave generously to support the Thank Offering mission projects. We are delighted to report that we received over \$1800 for the Thank Offering. THANK YOU!



## CHRISTMAS TEA



The Presbyterian Women of Wayside invite all Wayside women to a Christmas Tea to be held immediately following the 11:00 service on Sunday, December 4. This special luncheon will be followed by a Christmas Carol Sing-Along!

### Christmas Cookie Trays are Back!

Mark your calendars:

- Thursday 12/8 9-Noon—Sugar Cookie Workshop
- Saturday 12/10 9:00 a.m. -Noon—cookie drop off
- Noon-1:00 p.m.—Cookie tray assembly
- Sunday 12/11 after church services—Cookie Tray sale \$20/tray

Check out the information table in the lobby for pre-orders and volunteering opportunities!

Thank you!

Questions: Jane Gilewicz 814-746-0736 or Jill Abbott 814-923-7578



Bread For the World pushed for the passage of the **Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act through the annual Offering of Letters**. In April, the House passed the Bill and in September so did the Senate.

"The Senate's passage of the **Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act** demonstrates our bipartisan commitment to address malnutrition that leads to the suffering of millions of children across the globe," said Senator Coons. "As the world recovers from COVID-19 and deals with escalating military conflicts, this bill will help the U.S. lead by example to improve the health of children, mothers, and families around the world. I am delighted that the Senate passed this bill unanimously and look forward to President Biden swiftly signing this bill into law."


President Biden signed the bill into law on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Senators Toomey and Casey and thank them for the unanimous vote of passage from the Senate!





The PW Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Ghana Partnership raised \$756. A big thank you to Mary Marsh and Barb McGill for chairing this event and to the great group that attended and gave so generously! Our donations will help out on projects recommended to and approved by our Ghana Presbyterian Partnership Committee and our Presbytery.





# 2023 JUSTICE and PEACE Book Discussion Group

FEBRUARY 13

## WHAT KIND OF CHRISTIANITY

A HISTORY OF  
SLAVERY  
AND ANTI-BLACK  
RACISM IN THE  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

WILLIAM YOO



SPECIAL WEBINAR  
WITH AUTHOR



DISCUSS THE BOOKS WITH OTHERS VIA ZOOM

• The J&P Book Discussion Group is open to all!



DISCUSSION GROUP MEETS EVERY OTHER MONTH

• Read and discuss any or all books that appeal to you. Registration will be needed to join the discussion on Zoom.



RECEIVE STUDY GUIDES TO INFORM YOUR READING

• Questions for discussion or reflection will be sent with your registration confirmation.

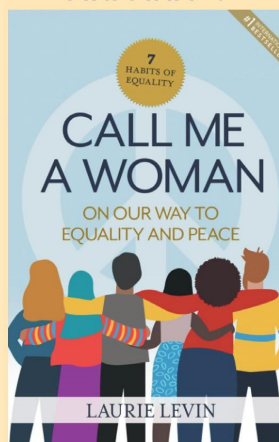


To register, scan the QR code with your smart phone or go to [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](https://presbyterianwomen.org/justice).

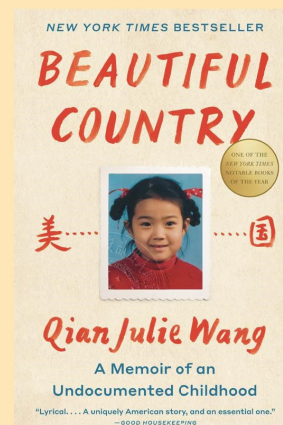
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(6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Eastern Time)

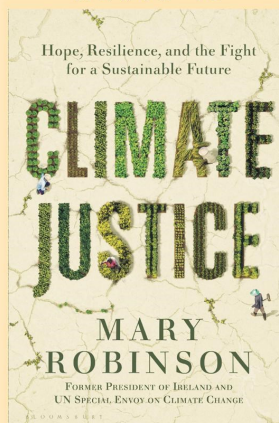
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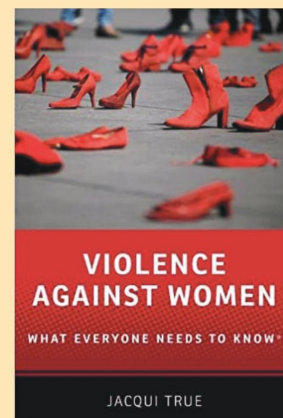
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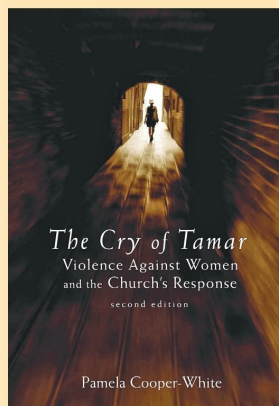
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SEPTEMBER 11



MAY 8



NOVEMBER 13



Selections are recommended by  
the Justice & Peace Committee of PW's Board of Directors.



### Get Involved!

There are multiple opportunities for you to participate at Wayside as we look toward the new year. These include *worship assistant/reader, sanctuary flower sponsor, technology, refreshment provider, childcare volunteer, and various outreach opportunities*. As always, sign-up sheets are available at the information table, but we have also added an online option for those who may need to check their calendar and to ease congestion in the lobby. These are included in the Wayside Weekly email and can be found under the "Participate" tab on the Wayside website at [www.wayside-erie.org/sign-up-forms/](http://www.wayside-erie.org/sign-up-forms/).

### December Service Times

Please note the following changes and additions to service times for the Christmas season:

- Single Service at 11:00 on December 18, December 25, and January 1.
- Christmas Eve Services at 4:00 and 8:00 PM on December 24.
- Christmas Pageant December 18 at 11:00 AM

### MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

The November distribution for the Second Harvest mobile food pantry at the Federated Church in East Springfield is December 19. 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.



### WAYSIDE MULTICULTURAL DINERS' CLUB

The next Wayside Multicultural Diner's Club meal is Tuesday, December 6th at 530pm at Royal Chopstix, 3444 West Lake Rd. Owner, Sophie, has put together a tasty buffet selection for our evening meal for only \$22, including a non-alcoholic drink. Reservations are required by Sunday, December 4. There is a sign up sheet at the Wayside Church or you can phone the secretary at 814-833-7653. At the last meal, there were a few who signed up but didn't show up. This results in a loss to the restaurant which prepares food which is not sold. Please honor your reservation commitment.

We had 25 in fellowship at our October meal at Tandori Hut.







## WORSHIP IN DECEMBER

<b>Sunday, December 4</b> Isaiah 11:1-10 Matthew 3:1-12	2nd Sunday of Advent "Peace Can't Wait"	Holy Communion James Preaching
<b>Sunday, December 11</b> Isaiah 35:1-10 Matthew 11:2-11	3rd Sunday of Advent "Joy Can't Wait"	James Preaching
<b>Sunday, December 18</b>	4th Sunday of Advent Our Children Tell the Good News	Single Service 11:00
<b>Saturday, December 24</b> Isaiah 9:2-7 Luke 2:1-20	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service "Hopes and Fears Meet"	4:00 and 8:00 PM James Preaching
<b>Sunday, December 25</b> John 1:1-14	Christmas Day "Life Can't Wait"	Single Service 11:00 Nathan Preaching

# Happy Birthday

12/01	Ritch Marsh	12/08	Hadley Jones	12/17	Holly Skala
12/01	Paige Garrity	12/08	Alex Rzepcki	12/17	Jacob Weaver
12/02	Marion Gallivan	12/09	Sophia Sidorowicz	12/18	Gregory Yahn
12/02	Kitty Menges	12/10	James Haas	12/19	Britt Daehnke
12/02	Jan Underhill	12/10	Annette Rothschild	12/19	Jay Shaffer
12/02	Anna Stack	12/10	Karen Haas	12/20	Natalie Thompson
12/03	Pam Monaco	12/10	Nathan Feltmeyer	12/20	Brian Stamm
12/03	Dave Borowski	12/10	Nina van Helden	12/21	David Yonkers
12/03	Tom Boyd	12/10	Teddy Nelson	12/21	Mark Smith
12/03	Jane MacEwen	12/11	Paul Bittner	12/23	Claire Christensen
12/03	Dylan Marsh	12/11	Justin McElroy	12/23	Aadele Foster-Williams
12/03	Zachary Marsh	12/11	Mike Reed	12/24	Chuck Pora
12/03	Leona Sinner	12/11	Linda Pentz	12/25	Nicholas Leslie
12/03	Otto Sinner	12/11	Dottie Lytle	12/25	Quinlyn Daehnke
12/04	Harry Anderson	12/12	Rita Brown	12/25	Regan Daehnke
12/04	Philip Jackson	12/12	Simon Yahn	12/27	Hilary Gehrlein
12/04	Gregg Rabenold	12/13	Jill McGill	12/29	Blossom McBrier
12/05	Julian Pentz	12/13	Jilliann Starr	12/29	Daren McCullough
12/06	Ashley Stamm	12/14	Norma Harrington	12/30	Melissa Buseck
12/07	Bob Pollifrone	12/14	John Fair	12/30	Kylor Skala
12/07	Addison Garrity	12/15	Gene Sundberg Jr.	12/30	Lola Miranda

12/01	Bob and Denise Pollifrone
12/05	Paul and Monica Mullett
12/07	Dan and Deborah Pora
12/08	Richard and Betty Knight
12/13	Dale and Lindsey Kirkpatrick
12/18	Tim and Peggy Glass
12/18	Joe and Kristy Lee Stack
12/22	A.P. and Mollie King
12/22	Chuck and Dottie Lytle
12/26	Steve and Maggie Hutzelman
12/28	Greg and Kimberly Morrow
12/28	Jeff and Amy Brinling
12/29	Brooke and Kevin Weaver

# Happy Anniversary



# DECEMBER

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 IU5 Preschool 1:30p North Coast Sewing Guild 6:00p Al-Anon New- comers 7p Chancel Choir 7:30p Al-Anon	2	3 ARC Party
4 8:30 Early Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Celebration of Worship 12:00 PW Christmas Tea	5 9:30a Stronger Srs. 6:30p Sanctuary Bells 6:30p AA 7p Symphonic Sing- ers 7p Outreach	6 IU5 Preschool 9:30, 4:30 MTWMM	7 IU5 Preschool 9:30 MTWMM 4p WOW Kids 5p Generosity 5:30p Primary Choir 6p WOW Dinner 6:30p Book Study	8 IU5 Preschool 9a-Noon Sugar Cookie Workshop 12:00p Lunch Bunch 6:00p Al-Anon New- comers 7p Chancel Choir 7:30p Al-Anon	9	10 9a-Noon Cookie Drop-Off
11 8:30 Early Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Celebration of Worship 12:00 WaYouth Fellowship  PW Cookie Tray Sale	12 9:30a Stronger Srs. 6:30p Sanctuary Bells 6:30p AA 7p Symphonic Sing- ers	13 IU5 Preschool 9:30, 4:30 MTWMM 10a Prayer Shawl Ministry 7p Sophia Circle	14 IU5 Preschool 9:30a Stronger Srs. 9:30 MTWMM 4p WOW Kids 5:30p Primary Choir 6p WOW Dinner 6:30p Baby Shower for Jesus 7:30p Session  Newsletter Deadline	15 IU5 Preschool 11:30a Elizabeth Circle Christmas Party 6:00p Al-Anon New- comers 7p Chancel Choir 7:30p Al-Anon	16	17 9:30a WaYouth Bag lunch packing
18 No Early Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Christmas Pageant 3p Symphonic Sing- er Concert	19 9:30a Stronger Srs. 6:30p Sanctuary Bells 6:30p AA	20 1p Newsletter Col- lating	21 9:30a Stronger Srs. 6p WOW Pizza Din- ner 6:30p Christmas Caroling 7:30p Session	22 6:00p Al-Anon New- comers 7p Chancel Choir 7:30p Al-Anon	23	24 4p, 8p Christmas Eve Services
25 11:00 Celebration of Worship	26 OFFICE CLOSED  6:30p AA	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28	29 6:00p Al-Anon New- comers 7:30p Al-Anon	30	31

*thank you*

"The Hain family thanks the Wayside congregation for their expressions of condolence, and support, on the passing of Harry's Mother, Dorothy Hain. Special thanks to Rev. James Bernhardt for his visitation and support and to Rev. Nathan Royster for his support and prayerful presence, presiding at her committal services."

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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*Be who you are  
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.