

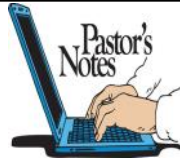
# Inside Wayside

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A few months ago Anita and I went to hear the Avett Brothers in concert at Chautauqua Institute. These brothers and their band play mostly acoustic instruments – guitar and banjo – and sing original songs. I was very pleased that on the night we saw them they sang one of my favorites, “Living of Love.”

Here are some great lines from that song:

“Say yes we live uncertainty  
And disappointments have to be  
And everyday we might be facing more.  
And yes we live in desperate times  
With fading words and shaking rhymes  
There's only one thing here worth hoping for;  
With Lucifer beneath you and God above  
If either one of them asks you what you're living of  
Say love, say for me love.”

Last week at Wayside, as we celebrated the commitments to stewardship we make for the coming year, we looked at how our scripture from 1 Peter 4:7-11 began with a caution of living in very troubled times. The writer goes on to encourage life as “good stewards of the manifold grace of God,” and to “serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” The letter instructs us that in troubling times we do not hoard or hide away, we live out grace in the many and creative ways we can. We shine the light of the love of Christ though all else may be dark.

The elders began 2022 with honesty, telling everyone from the start that we were operating with a \$60,000 deficit budget. There was an appeal for those able to increase pledges or give additionally, and many did. Committees curtailed spending, even as we remained faithful to our mission partners locally and through the PCUSA. Those who pledged kept up to date with their giving. Others gave generously and regularly. Erie Gives day was another amazing day of generosity for Wayside, and for other non-profits; thank you, all who used that day as a chance to spread your kindness. Month after month this year, Wayside's finances have remained solid, and even though the deficit remains on the books, the giving has stayed ahead. The hope is that when the year ends, the deficit may be overtaken by giving.

The Avett Brothers' song and the First Letter of Peter both tell us of the power of love to steady us, and to steady our world, as we traverse very troubled waters. Wayside is just one church over here in our neighborhood, but what goes on here and the messages we share near and far in our words and deeds is one more light of the love of Christ shining in what often seems like dark times. Take encouragement from these things, and know that your sisters and brothers in Christ are choosing love, and that we are all encouraged and strengthened by knowing that you are choosing love, too. Let us go into these coming months together in the confidence of Christ, and the faith, hope, and love he has brought us and the world.

Grace and peace to you all in everything,

*James*

## **2023 FINANCIAL COMMITMENT CAMPAIGN**

Waysiders, we are asking you to turn in your 2023 Financial Commitment card ASAP, if you have not already done so. We invite everyone to come for lunch after the 11:00 service on Sunday, November 13 to celebrate the preliminary results of the Commitment Campaign. Flavorful food and fellowship awaits!



Dear Wayside Sisters and Brothers,  
Thank you for the kind gift for Pastor Appreciation.



We are both most grateful for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Your pastors,  
James and Nathan

## **BUDGET BYTES from the Budget/Finance Committee**

Since August was such a big month in terms of receipts, September had big shoes to fill and wonder of wonders, our overall (shoe) goals were achieved. Pledge receipts were slightly down but unpledged receipts more than made up that shortfall and other income items kept chugging along. Per Capita continues to steadily surpass its original goal expectations as it seeks to approach the success of earlier years. Building rental was only slightly under projections (by \$500) but after losing  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the IU rental money (they are using only  $\frac{1}{2}$  of their prior space), other new sources of rental just about covered that loss in IU rental income. Year-to-date we continued with the good reporting from August with a September cushion of \$65,000 (projected receipts were \$371,000 with an actual of \$436,000). Filled shoes, indeed.

On the expense side of the equation, the following committees were underspent: Spiritual Nurture & Development, Worship Music & Fine Arts, Congregational Development & Nurture, and Deacons. Office and Building expenses are right on target, even with extremely high electric costs compared to prior years; a recent change in supplier may improve costs in that area. Salary expenses remained down roughly \$10,000 for the year. Year-to-date we showed a total expense savings of \$20,000 as of the end of September. More August shoes filled.

Overall YTD we had projected to be in the red at (\$40,000) and yet we sat at almost \$45,000 in the black at the end of September. As we stated in August's report, we rejoice in this state of affairs but continue to add the caveat that these figures will only hold true if our projected goals for October-December are achieved. So, it's on to see whether September's super shoe-filling continues with a solid October. Thanks be to God for our current good fortune.

## GENEROSITY THOUGHTS

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



As this is being written, two kinds of counting are going on at Wayside: (1) Karen Rae, our Financial Secretary, is counting the number of 2023 pledge commitment cards received, along with the combined financial value of those commitments; and (2) the Generosity Committee is counting on receiving the remainder of the outstanding pledge cards soon so that their phase of operations in this effort can be turned over to the Budget/Finance Committee and its work to develop the 2023 budget.

In addition, we plan to announce and celebrate the results of the 2023 Financial Commitment Campaign with a luncheon on Sunday November 13 after the 11:00 service. All are welcome to join CDN and Generosity for a time of fellowship and celebration of our faith in the ongoing mission and ministry of Wayside.

Can we count on you to help us finalize the results by returning your pledge commitment card ASAP? Your generosity and promptness will be gratefully appreciated. And to those folks who have already expressed your 2023 financial commitment, we are exceedingly thankful!

### 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

Sept. Rev	\$19,566.47	Sept. Exp	\$41,143.60
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YTD Rev	\$435,720.80	YTD Exp	\$390,967.78
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## ONCE MORE, WITH FEELING....THE PER CAPITA

Two months to go....can we do it? Can we meet our goal of raising \$7,000 in Per Capita contributions by the end of the year? Let's go for it! If you have not yet sent to the church your \$33 for each confirmed member of your family, we are waiting in hopeful expectation for your gift. Wayside's assessment by the PCUSA for 2022 is \$16,665 and it would be oh, so nice, to be able to defray some of that cost from our 2022 budget. The money supports Presbyterian programs on the national, Synod, and most importantly, the local Presbytery level and your help will be deeply appreciated. Thank you.



# Life at Wayside








# Inter-Generational Advent Event

Sunday, November 20  
9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

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*All ages are welcome for a time of  
sharing, creativity, and learning*

*"One generation shall laud your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts" (Psalm 145:4).*



*Hanging of the Greens  
Sunday, November 20  
Following the 11:00 a.m. service.  
Join us as all ages come together to decorate for Advent.*



## Christmas Poinsettias

**Order in the lobby--\$15  
Take home following Christmas Eve services.**

## 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

### 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*

Nov. 2 Visit to West Millcreek Food Pantry

Nov. 9 Distribute food drive letters to neighborhood

Nov. 16 Gratitude Art Project

Nov. 23 OFF FOR THANKSGIVING

Nov. 30 Prepare Dinner

### 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*

Saturday, November 5th Presbytery Overnight Lock-In at First Covenant

Sunday, November 13th Youth Fellowship After Church\*—Pick up food drive

Saturday, November 19th Assemble Thanksgiving Dinners for First-Year Refugee Families at International Institute

Tuesday, November 22nd OPTIONAL SIGN-UP: Thanksgiving Dinner Distribution with International Institute

\*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:

11/6 **Rob von Thaden**, Ph.D., Mercyhurst University, "**White Supremacy and Christianity**"

11/13 **Maria Garase**, Ph.D., Professor of Criminal Justice, Mercyhurst University. "**The Voices Behind the Walls: Teaching and Learning from Incarcerated Persons**"

11/20 Intergenerational Advent activity—no class

11/27 (no class Thanksgiving)

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.*





# PW NEWS



## SOPHIA CIRCLE

**The Sophia Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the parlor.** Refreshments will be provided by Jane Gilewicz. Chris Hoyt will lead us in **Lesson 3 "Sabbath and Sunday."** The key idea: Over the centuries, Christians began to celebrate Sabbath on Sunday, but we still haven't come to an agreement on quite what that means. This uncertainty may be an opportunity.

Please let Jane know if you will be attending the meeting. We will collect money at this meeting for a special Christmas mission project. We encourage any woman that is interested to please join us! We are an informal, welcoming group!



"Sunday Sabbath Day of Rest"  
by Bonny Gorsuch

## NAOMI CIRCLE

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, **Naomi Circle** will meet one week later than usual. We will meet in the parlor, at noon, on **November 30**.

## ELIZABETH CIRCLE

The **Elizabeth Circle** will not meet in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

## WAYSIDE LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, November 10

12:00 PM (new time)

Valerio's

724 Powell Ave.

RSVP to Jean Moore

814-461-9665

## Annual Spaghetti Dinner for Ghana Partnership



Please plan to attend our **annual Spaghetti Dinner with all the proceeds benefitting the Ghana Partnership on Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.** The Ghana Partnership has regularly kept in touch via zoom meetings and emails. Currently in Ghana they are working a Land Development project in Yendi. They are planning on redeveloping a building and making it into a 10-store complex. The Church would run two stores (Bookstore and Agricultural Supply Store) and rent out the other 8 stores.

This will provide an on-going source of income for the Yendi Congregation and the Presbytery. Our Presbytery is working on ways to support this project. **Our financial contributions will certainly be a big help!** Please make plans to attend this delicious dinner and support our wonderful partnership!





# 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. Cookies should be packaged in groups of six. Please do not send pies that need to be refrigerated as we can not display them.



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.

## Christmas Cookie Trays are Back!

Mark your calendars:

Saturday 12/10 9:00-11:00 AM—cookie drop off.

11:00-Noon—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

## 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!





## Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering

On **November 6<sup>th</sup>** we will **celebrate our Annual PW Thank Offering**. Since 1888, Presbyterian women have shown deep gratitude for God's blessings by giving to ministries and programs that lift up people and communities. Through Thank Offering grants, PWs gather their funds together and provide meaningful support to programs that provide housing for disadvantaged people, health and nutrition education, life-skills and job training and so much more. The focus scripture this year is, "to do good to one another and to all," as Christ has called us to do (1 Th 5:15b-18).

The bulletin cover will feature the 2022 Thank Offering recipients. Thank Offering envelopes will be in the pews On November 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Checks may be made out to Wayside Presbyterian Women. Please consider donating to the Thank Offering.

## PWLEP \$200 Mission Grant to go Armenian Relief Efforts.

Wayside Presbyterian Women received a \$200 grant from PW of the Presbytery to be used for a mission project. At our 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Business Meeting it was agreed that PW wanted to support the Armenian Relief efforts. We heard about the situation in Armenia from Nicholas Nasibyan during the church service. We are hopeful that our prayers and donation are a small, but meaningful, step to show we care about this crisis.





### **Wayside PW attend The PW of Lake Erie Fall Gathering**

Eleven Women from Wayside attended the PW Fall Gathering at Covenant Church. We had a spirit filled day! We heard from keynote speaker Rev. Katherine Randall. Many of us felt particularly touched by this blessing that she shared:

#### **Kate Bowler – A Blessing for When You’re Different Now**

Blessed are you dear one, when the world around you has changed. Everything is different now. Your body, your age, your relationships, your job, your faith. The things that once brought you joy. The way you existed in the world. The people you love and trust and rely on. Things have changed and it would be silly to imagine you haven’t changed with them. You are not who you once were. Bless that old self. They did such a good job with what they knew. They made you who you were. All the mistakes and heartbreak and naivety and courage and blessed are who you are now. You who aren’t pretending that things are the same and who continue to grow and stretch and show up to your life as it really is. Wholehearted, vulnerable, maybe a little afraid. So blessed are we the changed.

In addition, we had so much fun in the workshop lead by Rev. Britney Knight, Learning to Worship with Our Bodies. We created dance moves for the song “We are Marching in the Light of God.” We sent this video to our sister PW in Ghana. We love to share things happening with our women! Here is the link if you want to watch it: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OJYc7Fu4o4WLE-Sklu-47rr4NnM6C7H4/view?usp=sharing>.



### MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

The November distribution for the Second Harvest mobile food pantry at the Federated Church in East Springfield is November 28. 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

November 19, 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](mailto:nathan@wayside-erie.org).

## Going South for the winter?

We want to stay connected while you are away for the winter months. Our bulk mailings, like newsletters, are not forwarded under your USPS forwarding request and are returned to us postage due. Please contact the office or [complete this form](#) to let us know your "away" address and the dates you will be gone.

### WAYSIDE MULTICULTURAL DINERS' CLUB

Two quick words. As of this writing, we have 28-30 planning to dine at Tandori Hut. WOW! And, mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 6 at 5pm at Westlake Rd. Chopstix for the next dining experience. Gary Larson (Wayside . . . Making a difference and enjoying good food at the same time.)

**WHAT  
CAN'T  
WAIT**

**This year's theme for Advent  
worship and devotions.**



## WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

### **Sunday, November 6**

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

"We Have No Idea"

Linda Lorah preaching

Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering Sunday

### **Sunday, November 13**

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Nathan Preaching

Luke 17:11-19

"Eyes of Gratitude"

### **Sunday, November 20**

Christ the King Sunday

James preaching

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke 23:33-43

"Strange Paradise"

### **Sunday, November 27**

1st Sunday of Advent

Nathan preaching

Isaiah 2:1-5

"God's Promised Day Can't Wait"

Romans 13:11-14

11/01 Bethany Hurley  
 11/02 Blake Kopac  
 11/03 Ellen Eighmy  
 11/04 Kathy Wolford  
 11/04 Bob Scholl  
 11/04 Evelyn Weaver  
 11/05 Gary Behn  
 11/05 Marcia Twinem  
 11/06 Jennifer Eddy  
 11/06 Deborah Pora  
 11/06 Jakob Weborg  
 11/07 Ron Craig

11/07 Paul Mullett  
 11/08 Adalyn Mays  
 11/09 Grace Garrity  
 11/09 Jerry Cederlof  
 11/10 Grace Lewis  
 11/10 Noelle Latimer  
 11/10 Bob Sinner  
 11/13 Ashton Zimmerman  
 11/16 Randy Valentine  
 11/17 Linda Jackson  
 11/17 Terri Wallwork

11/20 Mindy Scholl  
 11/20 Kay Lascek  
 11/20 Ethan Potocki  
 11/21 Tim Lewis  
 11/21 Renee Callahan  
 11/22 Nolin Hurley  
 11/23 Brenda Harcourt  
 11/24 Kevin Egg  
 11/25 Linda Lorah  
 11/27 Haile Martin  
 11/29 Corey Pentz  
 11/29 Eliza Paris



11/01 Jerry & Jill Gomes  
 11/01 Tom & Leslie Momeyer  
 11/04 Matt & Maureen Schneider  
 11/05 Michael & Leslie Youngo

11/07 Harry & Marilyn Anderson  
 11/19 Joe & Robin Steger  
 11/21 Barry & Pat Zembower  
 11/28 Tom & Vaska Lewis



# November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> IUS Preschool 9:30, 4:30 MTWMM	<b>2</b> IUS Preschool 9:30, 12:30 MTWMM 4p WOW Kids 5p Generosity 5:30p Primary Choir 6p WOW Dinner 6:30p Book Study	<b>3</b> IUS Preschool 1:30p North Coast Sewing Guild 6:00p A-I-Anon New- comers 7p Chancel Choir 7:30p A-I-Anon	<b>4</b> IUS Preschool	<b>5</b> Presbytery Youth Overnight at FPCC
<b>6</b> Thank Offering 8:30 Early Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Celebration of Worship	<b>7</b> 9:30a Stronger Srs. 6:30p Sanctuary Bells 6:30p AA	<b>8</b> IUS Preschool 9:30, 4:30 MTWMM 10a Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>9</b> IUS Preschool 9:30a Stronger Srs. 9:30, 12:30 MTWMM 10:30a Garden Club 4p WOW Kids 5:30p Primary Choir 6p PW Spaghetti Dinner 6:30p Book Study 7:30p Session	<b>10</b> IUS Preschool 9a Yoga 12:30p Lunch Bunch 6:00p A-I-Anon New- comers 7p Chancel Choir 7:30p A-I-Anon	<b>11</b> IUS Preschool  <b>DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>12</b>
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*thank you*

Thank you to my Wayside family and friends for all your kind notes and messages following the death of my brother-in-law Terry Butcheri.

Gratefully,

Dawn

Thank you to all our friends for the thoughts, prayers, and cards at the death of our mother and sister Carroll Kibler. It meant a lot to us during this difficult time.

Gratefully,

Colleen Loeslein and Pat Bennett

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!!**

*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.