# fle WAYSIDE <br> resmanamest Inside Wayside 

The past two months I have been writing about the core values of Wayside that the elders discerned. First, as we began the New Year, I wrote about Wonder. Then, as we moved into Lent, I wrote about Faithfulness, which seemed fitting for the season. This month I am writing about Compassion.

Nathan often asks a good question to awaken our sense of compassion, "What is it that breaks our heart for others?" That aligns very well with the literal meaning of
 compassion: to suffer with. When our heart breaks for the people who live each day without a cupboard of ready food supplies, we are quick to come together to make hundreds of sandwiches on a Saturday morning, and serve Sunday Supper in the city, and give from our abundance to support caring ministries.

In Matthew 9:36-38 we read, "When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest'."

At Holy Week and Easter we witness how Jesus persists in his mission of compassion as in him "God so loves the world." Jesus shepherds us to know of his ultimate care and love for all people. Together with acts of giving and care Jesus sends us to be messengers with words and presence. In a world where so many feel harassed and helpless, we bear a message of hope and light that is, in itself, compassion. "Fear not," as the Bible so often encourages us: be courageous and creative in your bearing of the message of God with us. In this you are daily living out a value at the center of our life together, compassion.

Indeed, April begins with Palm Sunday on the 2nd, and Holy Week services for Maundy Thursday on the 6th at 7 PM, and Good Friday on the 7th at 7 PM. The Eggsperience event with egg hunt and other fun for young children is Saturday the 8th from 10-11:30 AM. Easter Sunday we celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection at 8:30 and 11:00 AM.

A way to help bring the brightness and color of the season is to provide spring flowers for the sanctuary. A sign up is in the church lobby and you may contact Jennifer in the church office as well.

Once again, a plan is in place for taking compassion on the road to support people who have suffered from floods in eastern Kentucky, July 9-14. Through the Christian Appalachian Project everything is in place: comfortable accommodations, meals, all the tools for work that is needed and leaders to guide the workers. Anyone aged 14 and up may participate, so a good opportunity for members of a family to go together. The cost is $\$ 325$ per person. For further information and to put your name on the reservation list, contact James Bernhardt.

One final note. A few years ago a directory was printed with my home address one number off. If your old directory lists me as 1790 Zimmerly Road, that is incorrect. The correct address is 1970 Zimmerly Road. Thanks!


## OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

We are planning to assist Habitat for Humanity with their next scheduled house build in the May 2023 time frame. More news will be forthcoming and a firm date for our volunteers to go to the site and help with the build. Habitat is planning a number of larger home builds to accommodate families with more children than their typical designs. If you are handy with construction/renovation skills or would just like to learn and help out, please watch for more information in the newsletters and Sunday bulletins. Sign ups and liability release forms will be showing up on the activity table soon for all willing volunteers. If you haven't participated in a Habitat build before, please prayerfully consider it. It is a great experience to share with
 other Waysiders!

## WA YSIDE MULTICULTURAL DINER'S CLUB

We have two Wayside Multicultural Diner's Club (WMDC) outings scheduled; please mark your calendars. On Monday, A pril 10 (next day after Easter) we'll be at Saigon Nights, a new Vietnamese located at 2430 West 8th St., meeting at $\mathbf{4 p m}$. Reservations due to the Wayside Church office by Thursday, April 7 at 814-833-7653. The 2nd is at Namaste, Indian and Nepali, 5901 West Ridge Rd. on Tuesday, May 9 at 1130am. Reservations by May 5.

Neither can do buffet, so order off the menu when you arrive. There's plenty of room at each establishment. These days and times were selected as they are "slow" times and each assures that they can create many meals quickly.

You'll enjoy meeting the owners and hearing what they have to say, wonderful people and eager to show case their cuisine. There is no exclusiveness in WMDC. Invite anyone and everyone to join us, but add their email to our growing list which Jennifer keeps in the Wayside Church office.


## WELCOME THIS NEW FAMILY



Eldest is Ellen Gruber, who is originally from Pittsburgh but has been in Erie and a member of Westminster Church for many years. Ellen, a widow since her children were young, is a retired speech therapist for the Millcreek School District. She has long been familiar with Wayside because her daughter grew up with the Haas girls and occasionally attended activities here. Ellen has two sons in Pittsburgh who are single, though one is now engaged. She's enjoying her retirement including traveling, babysitting, bowling, playing bunco, and participating in a retired teacher group.
The transfer to Wayside came about when Ellen's daughter, Miranda Lish, decided to come to Wayside. Miranda said the decision was hard, but she wanted to be in a church where there were other families with kids for her children, Ellie, 8, a third grader at Asbury School, Rob, 7, a first grader at Asbury, and Teddy, 4. Miranda is an occupational therapist with the Millcreek School District and helps special needs children participate in classes. Her husband, Dan, works in Finance at the Achievement Center.


## WAYSIDE RAUCOUS READERS

The Raucous Readers of Wayside invite you to join in the discussion of our April selection: "Hamnet" by Maggie O'Farrell. "Hamnet" is a fictional account of Shakespeare's son, Hamnet, who died at age 11 in 1596. It is a recipient of several literary awards, including the National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction and the Women's Prize for Fiction. It was described in Literary Review as "a rich story by any stretch of the imagination, and O'Farrell's stretches much, much further that most of ours."

We will meet in the Parlor on Tuesday April 25 at 6:30 PM. The discussion will be led by Mary Marsh (814-474-1063 or mmarsh43@gmail.com); contact Mary if you have questions.


## BUDGET BYTES from the Budget/Finance Committee

Easter is coming so let's hop right to it with an end-of-February budget status report. Revenues projected were $\$ 35,000$ for the month and we were right on target, as pledged and unpledged giving was slightly under budget while other revenues (loose offering, rental of building, Per Capita, interest income) came in higher than expected. Year-to-date we had projected to have incoming funds of $\$ 97,000$ and we are grateful that we took in $\$ 98,000$.

Now to expenses. Most committees were either right on target or underspent for the
 month. YTD office expenses were over budget by $\$ 1,000$ which was mostly due to the early purchase of stamps for the rest of the year. Building expenses in the form of heat, electric and snow removal unfortunately continue to do damage to our carefully constructed budget. For instance, compare our budget projection of $\$ 3,783$ for heat costs in February to an actual bill of $\$ 5,211$ and compare 2023 YTD heat costs of $\$ 8,339$ with 2021 when the YTD costs were $\$ 4,792$. You are probably faced with these same issues for your own personal budget so this may come as no surprise, but as a church we must rely on our congregation to bear these costs.

Again we must be reminded that we have begun the year with another deficit budget ( $\$ 41,000$ ). We are appreciative of all efforts to financially support the ministry and mission of Wayside and we pray that God will guide and direct our generous giving. Easter blessings go out to our faithful congregation from the Budget/Finance Committee!

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Feb. Rev.
\$34,534.72
YTD Rev.
\$98,199.53 YTD Exp. \$93,986.47

## 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.

Through your donations to One Great Hour of Sharing, Presbyterian Mission Agency is able to serve people in our community and around the world by alleviating hunger, rebuilding after crises or catastrophe, and working with communities to overcome oppression. There will be envelopes in the pews April 2 \& 9; you may also give online at https://www.wayside-erie.org/giving/--Fund: Mission Giving; Sub-Fund: One Great Hour of Sharing. Thank you for your generosity.



Sunday, April 2
Matthew 21:1-11

Thursday, April 6
John 13:1-7, 31-35

Friday, April 6

Sunday, April 9
John 20:1-18

Sunday, April 16
John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 23
Third Sunday of Easter
Welcome Rev. Mary Alice McCullough

Sunday, April 30
Psalm 23
John 10:1-10

Easter Sunday
"Who Are You Looking For?"

Second Sunday of Easter
"Proof in the Wounds"

## WORSHIP IN APRIL



Palm Sunday
"Where Are You Headed? James Preaching

Maundy Thursday
"Will YouWash My Feet?"
Holy Communion James Preaching

Holy Communion James Preaching

Nathan Preaching

|  | WOW CLUB SCHEDULE |
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|  | WOW Club is Wayside's fellowship for $2^{\text {nd }}-5^{\text {th }}$ graders, meeting Wednesdays at 4:00-6:00 |
|  | APRIL |
| 5 | Musical practice 4:00-5:00; No club |
| 12 | Extended practice; games |
| 19 | Hurry Hill Maple Farm Trip |
| 26 | Closing Ice Cream Social and Affir- |
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## WAYOUTH SCHEDULE

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

- Deepening relationships
- Deepening faith
- Loving and serving others

April 1-11:30am-1:00pm:
Easter Egg Party for Mercy Center for Women families.
April 19-4:00-7:30pm:
Family Outing to Hurry Hill Maple Farm.
April 30-After Worship:
Closing Youth Fellowship Lunch.
If you are not receiving emails about youth events, please contact the office!


Through home schooling, pandemic sickness, and balancing budgets with inflation, mom is in need of some SPA TIME! This year's Mother/ Child Banquet celebrates mom and the knowledge that without self-care the entire family will suffer! We will make at-home spa treatments for mom and celebrate all she does for her family and friends. Please join us at the "Wayside Spa" May 8, 2023 for appetizers, chicken parmesan and spaghetti dinner, and dessert served by our Wayside men. Appetizers will be served at $5: 45$ with dinner at $6: 15$. We can't wait to see you there!

## SOPHIA CIRCLE

The Sophia Circle will meet on Tuesday April 18th at 7:00 pm in the church parlor. We will be studying Lesson 8 - Sabbath and Justice. The scripture lesson is Isaiah 58 . The key idea is that Sabbath and Justice go hand in hand. Celebrating the Sabbath means living lives of justice all week long. All women are welcome!!
"Garden of Many Colors"
by Tony A. Blue


## QUAR TERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Presbyterian Women will hold their $2^{\text {nd }}$ Quarter Business meeting on Sunday April $23^{\text {rd }}$ after the 11:00 service in the parlor. A light lunch will be served. All women are welcome to attend!

NAOMI CIRCLE Wednesday, April 26, Noon In the parlor

## ELIZABETH CIRCLE Thursday, April 27, 11:30 AM In the parlor



## MULTICULURAL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER BREAKFAST

Presbyterian Women will be providing the breakfast on April $21^{\text {st }}$ for MCRC's Festival of Learning Day for their staff. In our Issues of Faith class on March $5^{\text {th, }}$ the presenter talked about being present at community events. PW will provide a meal and get the opportunity to meet the staff at MCRC and thank them for serving our community. A sign-up sheet to help with this event will be MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY placed in the lobby.


## SPRING GATHERING

The PW of Lake Erie Presbytery will hold their Spring Gathering on Saturday May 20th at Irvine Church. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear all about the history of the Irvine Church and to have fellowship with women from around our presbytery. Please consider attending. A sign-up sheet will be in the lobby. The registration deadline is May $8^{\text {th }}$. We hope to have a good group from Wayside attending and can carpool to the event. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Haas.

for Earthquake Relief for Turkey and Syria
Thank you to the excellent soup makers: Jill and Dave Abbott, and Jane Gilewicz! Thanks also to the Gilewicz family and to all those that donated ingredients to make the soup and everyone that purchased soup! We received just over $\$ 800$ ! All this money will go to help the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Thanks, Wayside, for such a great response to this mission project! We hope many people enjoyed some delicious soup and maybe the soup tasted even better knowing it helped raise money to aid earthquake victims in need.

## RUMMAGE SALE

JUNE 23-24
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO:

- SET UP
- SORT DAILY, BEGINNING JUNE 12
- CASHIER-DAY OF SALE
- CLEAN UP--SATURDAY AT I:00
- DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN JUNEI

CONTACT NANCY FYE TO VOLUNTEER: 814-838-3607 OR TFYE@ROADRUNNER.COM


Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie Presbytery<br>Spring Gathering - Saturday May 20th<br>10:00 am-1:30 pm (registration starts at 9:00)<br>\section*{Irvine Presbyterian Church}

## "The Power of One - You!"

## "Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!" Luke 1:45

Keynote speaker - Historian Joanne Oviatt will give a first-person historian account in the form of Aunt Emily and will relate the Sarah Duncan Irvine story revealing her "power of one" example. Sarah longed for a Church in this remote area inspiring her husband to build the Irvine Church known as "the Church that LOVE built."


Irvine Presbyterian Church


Irvine Church Outdoor Chapel

In addition to hearing the very interesting history of Irvine church, you may enjoy the following highlights during the gathering: a continental breakfast starting at 9:00 am, Presbyterian women's business meeting, singing beautiful hymns, prayer, fellowship with women from all over our presbytery, a delicious lunch served by the PW of Irvine and a visit to the Wilder Museum which is only a few blocks away. (You are welcome to drive or walk to the museum after lunch.) The Wilder Museum of Warren County History houses thousands of artifacts in 17 exhibit rooms including the Irvine/Newbold exhibition, Seneca Nation, Oil, Lumber, Victorian Era, Military, History, Medicine, Agriculture, Railroad, Furniture, National Forge, and much more! It is a true gem for history lovers!

## You will not want to miss this outstanding program!! *

Come enjoy a day of history and uplifting conversation on the "power of one". Hear about women listening to God's call and how what one person does can add up to so much more.
To support mission work - The Irvine Church is asking all women that attend to bring non-perishable items for the Youngsville Ministerial Assoc. Foodbank. Reservations may be made to Peggy Teconchuk 814-779-8582 or Linda Gutknecht 814-730-2283 or gmacoco@atlanticbb.net or loulou061651@gmail.com Hope to see you there!

# FAMILY OUTING/WOW/WAYOUTH TO HURRY HILL FARM 

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023

(RAIN DATE, Wed. April 26)
BETWEEN 4:30 PM AND 7:00 PM
(carpools leave Wayside at 4:00 PM
and return at 7:30 PM)

WOW Club kids, their parents and WaYouth and their parents are
 invited to an afternoon at Hurry Hill Farms in Edinboro.

- Transportation for children and youth is available upon request
- Parents and families are welcome to join us when they are able.
- The afternoon will include a hike to the Maple Sugar House and very possibly seeing syrup being made
- A tour of the museum which also hosts the Newbury Medal for the book Miracles on Maple Hill written by Virginia Sorenson
- Dinner including maple hotdogs, chips, fruit, hot chocolate, and ice cream with maple syrup.
- Maple flavored cotton candy will be offered.
- The cost is $\$ 10$ per person.
- Jan Woods, one of the co-owners, urges ALL FAMILIES to read Miracles on Maple Hill before our outing. All the characters in the book were residents of Edinboro and the museum has researched them. The book is available through the Erie Public Library and the Libby app.
- DRESS WARMLY FOR THE WALK- BOOTS, GLOVES, HATS, WARM COAT

DIRECTIONS: Museum: 814-572-1358, Email: hurryhillfarm@verizon.net;
Museum location: 11424 Fry Road, Edinboro, PA 16412
From I-79 Edinboro exit, take 6 N east, in 1/4 mile turn left (north) on Fry Road. Museum is located on the left side of Fry Road.
*TEAR OFF AND RETURN THE FORM BELOW*

## REGISTRATION FOR HURRY HILL FARM

Name of child (or children) and family members who will attend $\qquad$ ,
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$\qquad$ Our child/children need a ride.
$\qquad$ We will bring our children and family
$\qquad$ \# of dinner reservations
$\qquad$ I am willing to be a driver; I have room for $\qquad$ children or youth

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## Wayside "Swag" Design Contest

Contest is to create a Wayside design to be printed on t-shirts, long-sleeve shirts, sweatshirts, etc. then sold to the Wayside congregation.

The Wayside $t$-shirts can be used for multiple activities:

- Mission trips
- Local community work
- Wayside's Block Party Jubilee
- Crop Walk
- Rummage Sale staff


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- Habitat for Humanity
- Outreach projects/programs
- Outdoor/Presque Isle worship
- And many other times


## Contest Rules:

1. Design contest is for the back of the swag, for example, a t-shirt. This contest is NOT intended to replace Wayside's logo, which will be on the front of shirt.
2. Contest will be divided into three age groups:
12 yrs \& under,
13-18 year olds, and 19 and older.
3. Designs can include Wayside's current logo and "Be who you are" saying.
4. Submissions can be dropped off at the office, or emailed electronically in PDF format to wpc@wayside-erie.org
5. Designs in PDF format due April 19th. Designs created on paper due April 22nd.
6. Judges will not know who submitted each design to make it fair for everyone.

## Wayside "Swag" Design Contest



Name $\qquad$ Phone $\qquad$
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**Designs in PDF format due April 19th. Designs created on this form due April 22nd.**

"Summer Holiday": Knowing Our Story Through Our Celebrations




Apr 2 Judy Bestwick
Apr 3 Shawn Babcock
Apr 3 Jessica Kocan
Apr 3 Mo Hutzelman-Severance
Apr 5 Sue Hain
Apr 5 Steve Porter
Apr 5 Peter Momeyer
Apr 6 Bill Pentz
Apr 7 Vanessa Paris
Apr 7 Isaiah Fried
Apr 8 Kristy Stack
Apr 10 Bill Martin
Apr 10 Jarod Wallwork
Apr 11 Natalie Stancliff
Apr 12 Sarah Boyd
Apr 12 Jackson Starr
Apr 12 Leo Keibler
Apr 12 Jessie MacDonald


Apr 13 Diana Day
Apr 13 Judy Hamilton
Apr 13 Jessica Garcia
Apr 14 Laurie Brugger
Apr 15 Brian Hutzelman
Apr 15 Mark Buseck
Apr 15 Jenn Sadowski
Apr 16 Andy Potocki
Apr 16 Sara DeBello
Apr 17 Ed Snyder
Apr 18 Dave Loesel
Apr 19 Megan Miller
Apr 19 Mary DeBello

Apr 20 Ron May
Apr 20 Janet Mitchell
Apr 21 Dan McGill
Apr 21 Adrienne Catrabone
Apr 21 Katie Jones
Apr 23 Sydne Pollifrone
Apr 23 Aidan McGill
Apr 24 Dan Pora
Apr 26 Andrew Steehler
Apr 27 Rhett Sundberg
Apr 27 Benjamin Pentz
Apr 27 Todd Jay
Apr 29 Marilyn Spensley
Apr 29 Bill DeWitt
Apr 29 Sallee Rabenold
Apr 30 Kyle Pentz
Apr 30 Nancy Snyder


Apr 10 David and Mary Yonkers
Apr 12 Thomas Boyd and Christine Gonos-Boyd
Apr 18 Ryan and Lorie Marsh
Apr 19 Don and Becky Worthington
Apr 27 Lenora and David Lewis
Apr 28 Kerry and Lisa Moyer

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| $30$ <br> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Children's Musical 12p WaYouth Fel lowship Lunch |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## MOBILE FOOD PANTR Y

The April distribution for the Second Harvest mobile food pantry at the Federated Church in East Springfield is April 27. Volunteers can park behind the church at 11995 Main Street in East Springfield to begin set up at 11:00 AM. Please see Harry or Sue Hain for more information or sign up in the lobby.

## WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY <br> Suggested Donation Items

Mac and cheese, peanut butter, cereal, baked beans, spaghetti and sauce, tuna, canned spaghetti, and soup. All nonperishable items including diapers, feminine hygiene products, and pet food are always welcome.
West Millcreek Food Pantry relies heavily on donations received directly from volunteers like you. Checks may be made out to "West Millcreek Food Pantry" or give on the Wayside website under Mission Giving, subfund, West Millcreek Food Pantry.

## WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## steward@wayside-erie.org

- Jennifer Lockett wpc@wayside-erie.org

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## WELCOME STATEMENT

"I will show love to those who were called unloved and, to those who were called 'not-mypeople', 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.


[^0]:    ***PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023***

