

# Inside Wayside

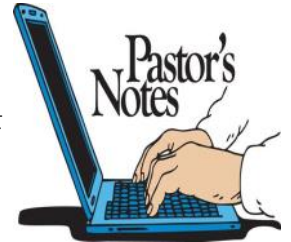
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In June the Revised Common Lectionary has readings from the book of Genesis and the stories of Abraham and Sarah. Those ancient stories tell of a couple who answer God's call when they are no longer young. At a time of life when one would expect people to settle down, this story tells how Abraham and Sarah pick up and leave for an unknown destination. They go trusting in God's promise.



They also go trusting in the promise of a future that seems unlikely. They are no longer young, yet they trust in a vision of descendants "as many as the stars in the sky." They have no children, but they accept names which mean "mother and father of a multitude."

In the church lobby is a yellowed newspaper clipping of a small group of people breaking ground for an as yet to be church, which is Wayside. We envision this place and the sanctuary when we think of Wayside. The promise of God may have to do with buildings and institutions, but we know it is more than that. The promise of God is about lives that are changed when people trust God's call to them; when they trust that God is good; when they seek to live lives for the sake of a better, kinder, more just world.

It is a calling and a challenge for us to imagine how we can live trusting the promises of God in the uses of the buildings and property that are entrusted to us. We can celebrate the five years we were home to the IU5 public school preschool for children. The education of those young ones was something that meshed well with who we are.

Take a look around and see. On Sunday mornings with Sunday School and worship and Wednesday afternoons with WOW, on third Saturday bag lunch prep, and the many ways throughout the year we gather, cook, prepare, serve, study, pray, create, enjoy, and love: look around to see how this place and the people who gather as a congregation are trusting God's promises. As we enter the somewhat slower pace of the summer, take a deep breath, and like Abraham and Sarah, listen, and wonder. Imagine the ways we are being called to respond in faith to God's call now, to trust the promises of God.

Grace and peace to you all in everything.

*James*

Summer worship schedule begins June 4. Worship at 10 am through Labor Day.

Great gratitude for all those who were part of the music ministry this year under the guidance of Nicholas Nasibyan: in WOW choirs, with lots of parental support and big thanks to Nicki Jares and David Sundberg; Sanctuary Bells; Chancel Choir; and various ensembles. Thanks be to God for you all!





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

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The months seem to fly by ... it seems like we were just giving you March's financial report and here we are writing about April's totals and the year-to-date picture.

**Receipts** in the form of pledges were short of projections by (\$4,750) but better than the (\$7,000) shortfall in March, with YTD leaving us below projections by (\$12,000); we are hopeful that in time that will come around. Unpledged giving is basically right on target. We did have a successful Talent Auction which brought in over \$7,000, split evenly between One Great Hour of Sharing and general fundraising, which added an additional \$3,500 to the receipts column and gave us an overall YTD shortfall in revenues of approximately (\$8,000). Not great but still within reach....glass half full, don't you think?

**Expenses** for April were only about \$250 shy of budget projections (even with heat, electric and snow removal again higher than anticipated) and YTD we are basically right on the mark (only \$100 over budget) due to underspending in some areas (i.e., building and equipment maintenance). We can be thankful that we have a staff that is mindful of staying on track as much as possible, even with the constraints of ever-rising costs.

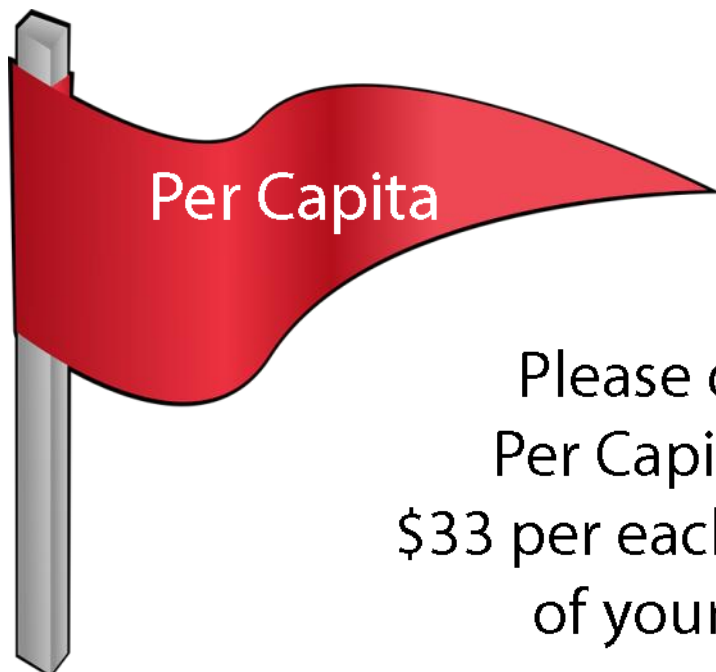
**Overall YTD revenues vs. expenses** were projected to see us at (\$12,000) whereas we sit at (\$20,000). An uptick in pledged as well as unpledged giving will do the trick to get us back on track, as will continued support of the Per Capita Appeal. We still proclaim a "glass half full" and pray for that glass to be filled to the brim with Wayside generosity in the coming months. Thanks be to God for blessings that flow our way.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

<b>APR REV</b>	<b>\$35,734.11</b>	<b>APR EXP</b>	<b>\$42,732.08</b>
<b>YTD REV</b>	<b>\$160,412.87</b>	<b>YTD EXP</b>	<b>\$180,482.92</b>

**RETURN OF THE NOISY OFFERING**

The third Sunday of each month, bring your spare change to make a joyful noise to support our monthly brown-bag lunches for the homeless.



Please don't forget your  
Per Capita contribution—  
\$33 per each confirmed member  
of your family. Thanks!





**2023 Vacation Bible School Registration and Waiver Release Form**

**Date: July 24-28**

**Time: 9 AM-Noon**

**Location: Wayside Presbyterian Church, 1208 Asbury Rd, Erie, PA**

**Cost: \$10/child or \$20/family;**

please contact Nathan Royster (nathan@wayside-erie.org) for scholarship information

Please have children arrive by 8:45 AM for Check-in/Registration.

Child's Name (Last, First)	Birthdate	Last Grade Completed

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

**LIABILITY RELEASE:** In consideration of Wayside Presbyterian Church allowing the above child(ren) to participate in Vacation Bible School activities, I, the undersigned, do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless Wayside Presbyterian Church, its directors, employees, volunteers, and agents (collectively herein the "Church") from any and all liability, claims, or demands for accidental personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever that may be incurred by the undersigned and the above child(ren) while involved in Vacation Bible School. Furthermore, on behalf of my minor child(ren), I hereby assume all risk of accidental personal injury, sickness, death, damage, and expense as a result of participation in activities involved therein. As well as releasing the child(ren), if necessary, for transportation to and from the Vacation Bible School location, I, the undersigned, do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless Wayside Presbyterian Church, its directors, employees, volunteers, and agents from any and all liability, claims, or demands for accidental personal injury in the process of transportation.

**MEDICAL TREATMENT PERMISSION:** I authorize an adult, in whose care the minor has been entrusted, to consent to any emergency X-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical, or dental diagnosis or treatment and hospital care, to be rendered to the minor under the general or special supervision and on the advice of any physician or dentist licensed on the medical staff of a licensed hospital or emergency care facility. The undersigned shall be liable and agree(s) to pay all costs and expenses incurred in connection with such medical and dental services rendered to the aforementioned child(ren) pursuant to this authorization.

**PHOTO/VIDEO PERMISSION:** I DO / DO NOT (*circle one*) give my consent to Wayside Presbyterian Church to use photo or video images taken of my child(ren) in church brochures, advertisements for the church, on the website, in social media, and in other church publications as they see fit. I agree to hold harmless Wayside Presbyterian Church from any liability which may result from the use of said picture(s). This form will apply throughout my child(ren)'s tenure at Wayside Presbyterian Church's Vacation Bible School. **\*\*None of the photos will be for personal use.\*\***

I hereby give permission for my child(ren) to participate in Vacation Bible School at Wayside Presbyterian Church on July 24-28.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Complete the information on the back for each child attending.  
All information will remain confidential to Vacation Bible School staff.



Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies, Medications, and/or Medical Conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Activity restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian phone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: person(s) & phone numbers in case parent/guardian cannot be reached:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

People authorized to pick up my child \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return the completed Registration and Waiver Release Form to:

Wayside Presbyterian Church VBS, 1208 Asbury Rd, Erie, PA 16505 or [wpc@wayside-erie.org](mailto:wpc@wayside-erie.org)





# News from Presbyterian Women

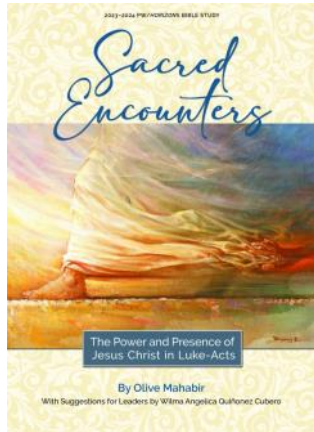


## SOPHIA CIRCLE

The Sophia Circle does not meet in the summer. When we start up again in September we will be studying *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*.

If you want to order a study guide, please give Karen Haas \$11 by August 1st.

Enjoy summer!



## LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, June 8

Noon

OASIS PUB  
&  
TIKI BAR

3122 West Lake Road

RSVP to Jean Moore

814-461-9665

**Naomi Circle will  
resume meeting in  
September**

**Elizabeth Circle  
June 22 (tentatively)  
Stay tuned for time  
and location.**

## HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

PW is accepting nominations for honorary life membership. The Honorary Life Membership (HLM) program was established early last century in the Presbyterian Church to honor faithful service to the women's organization and to the church. Recipients become a part of a large group of women (and a few men) who have been recognized in this way. More than a thousand are awarded each year. The Honorary Life Membership is represented by a silver or gold membership pin that is presented along with a personalized certificate. The Honorary Life Membership pin symbolizes values held dear by Presbyterian Women. Funds derived from Honorary Life Membership support the PW Leadership Development Grant Program. Grants from this program enable individuals to engage in leadership development opportunities such as the Churchwide Gathering, Ecumenical Advocacy Days and the UN Commission on the Status of Women. **Nomination forms are on the information table and will be accepted until August 15. A list of previous recipients can be found on the PW bulletin board outside the church office.**





READY, SET, SHOP!  
**WAYSIDE  
 RUMMAGE SALE**

**JUNE 23-24, 2023**  
**DONATIONS ACCEPTED BEGINNING JUNE 6**

# Summer Worship

Single Summer  
 Service at 10 AM  
 begins June 4

## CHANGES COMING TO ONLINE WORSHIP

Starting June 4, the online worship of Wayside will switch to livestreaming. That means the pre-recorded service that has been sent out each weekend since March 2020, will come to an end. Now, you can join Wayside Worship as it is happening at 10:00 (summer schedule) on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@waysideerie1070>, or tune in to the same link later to view on demand. The link will also be sent in the Wayside Weekly email.



## WAYSIDE RAUCOUS READERS BOOK CLUB

June's book discussion will feature "The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules" by Swedish internationally-best-selling author Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg (no relation to the Wayside Sundbergs, as far as we know!) It's described as being "a witty and insightful comedy of errors about a group of delinquent seniors whose desire for a better quality of life leads them to rob and ransom priceless artwork." Please join us on June 27 at 6:30 PM in the parlor for a discussion led by Amy Valentine. All are welcome!





Thank you to all who came to this year's PW Mother/Child Banquet! We had such a wonderful time making take home spa treatments and enjoying delicious lasagna! A special thank you to our men that helped serve and clean up dinner!



A happy crowd of 18 enjoyed lunch at Namaste on Wednesday, May 19, our last Wayside Multicultural Diner's Club dinner out until fall. Rick Patel, a frequent diner, and an Indian smiled as he gave his meal a 4.5 out of 5. All seemed to have a grand noon of conversation and a tasty luncheon. And, note what we found on the wall of the restaurant, good Biblical counsel for sure. Gary Larson





## **THE RETURN OF SCI-FI AND THEOLOGY**

*June 26, July 24, August 28 at 6:00pm at Lavery Brewing Company*

Join people from a variety of backgrounds and interests as we once again attempt to go where no one has gone before with discussions about the intersection of science fiction and religion and spirituality.

Each month comes with **recommended** reading or viewing options, but they are not required to have a great conversation.

June 26: *Exploring Human Nature* with Nathan Royster from Wayside Presbyterian Church

Recommended viewing:

Star Trek: The City on the Edge of Forever

Star Trek: The Next Generation-Measure of a Man, Who Watches the Watchers, The Drumhead

Star Trek: Voyager-One Small Step, 11:59

July 24: *Finding Purpose in a Better World* with Katie Gordon from Nones and Nuns

Recommended reading: *A Psalm for the Wild-Built* by Becky Chambers

August 28: TBD with Melinda Hall from the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul

## **WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP EVENT AT CAMP LAMBECH**

*For children starting at 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, youth, and adults*

*June 19 @ 10am-2pm at Camp Lambec. Lunch included.*

Did you know that our entire area affects the health of Lake Erie? As water flows over it, it all goes down to that single body of water. As those made in the image of God to "till and to keep" the good earth, part of our spiritual calling is to care for creation, including our watersheds.

On June 19, our own Bethany Hurley, a certified watershed steward, will be leading a project to improve the watershed health from the property at our presbytery's Camp Lambec. We will learn about the different ways in which all of us can contribute to the health of our favorite body of water and do some good work on-site.

Please contact the office or sign up in the lobby by June 12<sup>th</sup>. Bring a water bottle, work gloves, sturdy shoes, and a hat.





## WORSHIP IN JUNE

*Single Summer Service at 10 AM begins June 4*

**Sunday, June 4**

Matthew 28:16-20

Trinity Sunday

"Sum of the Parts"

Holy Communion

James Preaching

**Sunday, June 11**

Genesis 12:1-9

Second Sunday after Pentecost

"Going Where You Do Not Know"

James Preaching

**Sunday, June 18**

Genesis 18:1-15

Third Sunday after Pentecost

"What Came in the Open Door"

Nathan Preaching

**Sunday, June 25**

Genesis 21:8-21

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

"Family Values"

James Preaching





## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Jun 1	Ryan Starr			Jun 20	James Bernhardt
Jun 2	Bill Conner			Jun 21	Nancy Kern
Jun 2	Terry Olsen	Jun 8	Harry Hain	Jun 21	Hannah Stancliff
Jun 2	Richard Knight	Jun 8	Ron Fretwell	Jun 22	A.P. King
Jun 3	Nancy Ebinger	Jun 8	Thomas Boyd Jr.	Jun 24	Jim Cross
Jun 3	Nathan Miller	Jun 12	Laurel Taft	Jun 24	Sydney Craig
Jun 4	Lynn Lewis	Jun 13	Jill Abbott	Jun 24	Michael Sinner
Jun 4	Jacob Kocan	Jun 13	Kelly Craig	Jun 25	David Sundberg
Jun 4	Karen Mach Sidorowicz	Jun 16	Wilma Valentz	Jun 25	Nick Grimm
Jun 5	Marilyn Anderson	Jun 16	Timothy Brugger	Jun 25	Henrik Weborg
Jun 5	Heather Yahn	Jun 18	Linda Massing	Jun 26	Lucas Olsen
Jun 5	Henry Lewis	Jun 18	Pat Bennett	Jun 26	Nancy Cederlof
Jun 5	Logan Catrabone	Jun 19	Jean Moore	Jun 27	Alex Grimm
Jun 7	Don Rupert	Jun 19	Dan Snyder	Jun 29	Marilyn Russell
Jun 7	Chuck Lytle	Jun 19	Micki Loesel	Jun 30	Lenora Lewis
		Jun 20	Susan Moore		

## *Happy Anniversary*

Jun 2	Dan and Barb McGill	Jun 20	Ed and Nancy Snyder
Jun 3	John and Claire Fair	Jun 20	Chuck and Pattie Pora
Jun 4	Lee and Hilary Gehrlein	Jun 21	Paul and Donna Bittner
Jun 5	Stacy and Patrick Fox	Jun 21	Brian and Kimberly Hutzelman
Jun 10	Susan Moore and David Miller	Jun 22	Aaron and Kim Garrity
Jun 11	Bill and Linda Pentz	Jun 23	Jon and Chris Hoyt
Jun 11	Kristen and Aaron Taylor	Jun 25	Andrew and Karen Potocki
Jun 13	Gretchen and Hal Kelley	Jun 25	Brian and Michele Reed
Jun 13	Mac and Ginny Pollard	Jun 27	Marilyn and Donald Russell
Jun 14	Sarah and Gary Larson	Jun 30	Jack and Melissa Grimm
Jun 16	Jessie MacDonald and Dexter Hu	Jun 30	Georgia and John Del Freo
		Jun 30	Dick and Barbara Reese





# June 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> IU5 Preschool 9a Yoga 1:30p North Coast Sewing Guild 6p Alanon Newcomers	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 10a Summer Worship 1p Piano Recital	<b>5</b> 9:30a Stronger Srs. 6:30p AA 7p Outreach	<b>6</b> MTWMM  Rummage Sale Setup	<b>7</b> MTWMM 9:30a Stronger Srs. 5p Generosity  Rummage Sale Setup	<b>8</b> 9a Yoga 6p Alanon Newcomers  Rummage Sale Setup	<b>9</b>  Rummage Sale Setup	<b>10</b> 9a Friends of Library book sale setup
<b>11</b> Graduate Sunday 10a Summer Worship	<b>12</b> 9:30a Stronger Srs. 6:30p AA  Rummage Sale Setup	<b>13</b> 10a Prayer Shawl Ministry  Rummage Sale Setup	<b>14</b> 9:30a Stronger Srs. 7p Session  Rummage Sale Setup	<b>15</b> 9a Yoga 6p Alanon Newcomers  Rummage Sale Setup	<b>16</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  Rummage Sale Setup	<b>17</b> 9:30a Bag Lunch Packing
<b>18</b> 10a Summer Worship 11a Father's Day Fellowship	<b>19</b> 9:30a Stronger Srs. 10a-2p Watershed Stewardship @Camp Lambec 6:30p AA  Rummage Sale Setup	<b>20</b>  Rummage Sale Setup	<b>21</b> 9:30a Stronger Srs.  Rummage Sale Setup	<b>22</b> 9a Yoga 6p Alanon Newcomers  Rummage Sale Setup	<b>23</b> <b>24</b> 	
<b>25</b> 10a Summer Worship	<b>26</b> 9:30a Stronger Srs. 6:30p AA	<b>27</b> 1p Newsletter Collating 6:30 Raucous Readers Book Club	<b>28</b> 9:30a Stronger Srs.	<b>29</b> 9a Yoga 6p Alanon Newcomers	<b>30</b>	



### MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

The June distribution for the Second Harvest mobile food pantry at the Federated Church in East Springfield is June 26. 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 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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email: [wpc@wayside-erie.org](mailto:wpc@wayside-erie.org)

Phone: 814-833-7653  
[www.wayside-erie.org](http://www.wayside-erie.org)

#### STAFF

- The Reverend James Bernhardt Senior Pastor/Head of Staff  
[james@wayside-erie.org](mailto:james@wayside-erie.org) 828-381-6582 (cell)
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- Nicholas Nasibyan Director of Music  
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- Jennifer Lockett Office Administrator  
[wpc@wayside-erie.org](mailto:wpc@wayside-erie.org)

The Outreach Committee is working with the **Friends of the Erie County Library** for the upcoming **Great American Book Sale** at the Flo Fabrizio Ice Center. Volunteers are needed on Friday, June 9 to set up tables and move boxes of books, and on Saturday, June 10 to place the items on the tables for sale. Sign up in the lobby.

*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.