

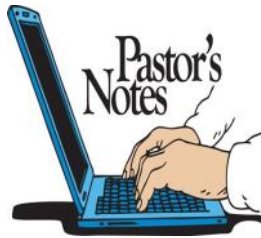
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"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake and the sake of the gospel, will save it" (Mark 8:34-35).

One of the delightful activities I have participated in the last three months has been a group called Bubble Up in our presbytery. It has been an opportunity to listen to people in the Presbyterian Church across the country and to hear about exciting and innovative ministries that they have implemented. The idea is not to copy what they are doing, but to begin to move the imagination and an openness to what God may already be awakening in our context.

These ministries seem to have nothing in common—they are varied in their approaches and styles—but one thread seems to run through them all. Every single one of the communities highlighted stopped asking what they wanted and began to commit themselves to the needs of those around them. These were not just projects they launched, but the entire purpose of their existence in all they did. They were awakened to the calling of the Church to walk in the way of Jesus Christ: who had incredible privilege and resources, and poured them out for the sake of others (Philippians 2:5-8). And in doing so, they did not find themselves depleted in the drudgery of servitude, but invigorated by clicking into the purposes for which they had been brought together and by participating in the new creation promised by God.

It is an exciting time at Wayside as people are discovering the welcome and compassion of this community, and as a group is committed to exploring how our property can be an asset to living out our mission in this time and place. May we support them in our prayers and our trust that we will discover and gain more than we lose when we give our lives out of love and service to others.



BUDGET BYTES from the Budget/Finance Committee

We are so fortunate to have the Financial Secretary we have in Karen Pastewka. She is on top of everything and conveys clearly what is going on with Wayside's financial picture. She has been keeping an eye on the need for us to have to use our line of credit from the bank and was able to hold off until the second week of August, prior to the anticipated influx of funds from Erie Gives. Fortunately, she plans to pay back all borrowed funds upon receipt of the Erie Gives monies. Like the insurance ad says, we are "in good hands" with Karen.

For July we were over on receipts and under on expenses for the month (or as Karen called it, "a bean counter's paradise"). For receipts, pledges came in as budgeted, with a slight overage of \$450. Year-to-date pledge receipts are under by (\$12,000), however. Unpledged giving came in \$1,860 over projections in July, even better. The Per Capita Appeal was the star of the show, having quadrupled what was projected to come in for July (\$255 anticipated vs. actual receipts of \$1,000), thanks to a great response from our Wayside family. Actual YTD Per Capita receipts are \$2,000 over projections!

The only line-item underperforming was building rental, understandable since we no longer have the IU5 monthly rental. However, we have built enough of a buffer so that we are still ahead of the building rental budget.

Overall YTD receipts show us to be (\$4,000) below revenue projections.

Expenses show a bright picture in that we saved \$3,000 during July. Noteworthy to add is that the Deacons homeless lunch supplies were covered by the Noisy Offering receipts, so making a joyful noise to the Lord pays off. YTD we show a net expense savings of \$8,000.

Overall, on the YTD side we expected to be in the red by (\$79,000) at July's close but ended at (\$75,000). That's welcome news but it is tempered by the reality of a continuing major deficit. May God's hand be upon us as we travel this road.

FINANCIAL REPORT

JULY REV	\$27,103.46	JULY EXP	\$37,046.87
YTD REV	\$247,581.04	YTD EXP	\$322,841.38

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.



COMMITMENT CELEBRATION TO THE MINISTRY AND MISSION OF WAYSIDE

Every year in the fall we have a generosity campaign in September and October where we encourage everyone to reflect and consider giving to the ministry and mission of Wayside. The culmination of the generosity campaign is "Commitment" Sunday (October 15th, 2023) where we ask everyone that can to make a financial pledge to Wayside. "Commitment" is definitely a part of this day, however, it is much more. It is a time to celebrate the ministry and mission of Wayside and everything that God has, and will accomplish through our time and financial giving. This year, we are not just going to have a commitment Sunday but a Commitment Celebration. Come and celebrate with us!

As we approach the this time, we would ask you to reflect on the possibility of one more thing:

One more percentage of income to give, one more way to give time to help with the mission of Wayside, one more way to use talents to further God's plan, one more way to reach out to someone in need, one more way to reach out past the walls of Wayside into the community to show God's love, and one more way to show gratitude for all that we have.

We look forward to being with you and seeing how God will use you and all of us in furthering the ministry and mission of Wayside.

The Generosity Team



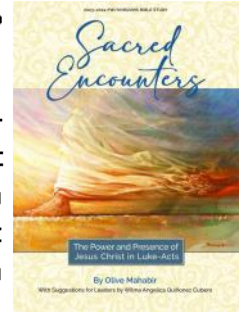
News from Presbyterian Women



SOPHIA CIRCLE

The **Sophia Circle** will meet on **Tuesday September 19th at 7:00 pm in the parlor**. We will start our new Bible study *Sacred Encounters - The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke - Acts*. Lesson One – Elizabeth's Scared Encounter. Scripture: Luke 1:1-24; 39-45. The Main Idea: God calls us to make ourselves available for God's purpose.

All women are invited! The Sophia Circle is a relaxed group of women. We start our meeting by having everyone share any joys or concerns. We laugh a lot and listen and learn about each other's lives. We move into our Bible Study (there is a study guide to read and/or a downloadable video to watch regarding the lesson) and we end with a snack! If you haven't tried joining a circle, we welcome and encourage you to give it a try! Call Karen Haas with any questions. (814-397-1619 or karenhaas79@gmail.com)



NAOMI CIRCLE

After many years of being a dedicated PW Circle, the Naomi Circle has decided to end their mission. This group has provided fellowship, spiritual nurturing, and Bible study for many women. They have supported much mission work for PW and Wayside Church. In particular, Becky Worthington has led this group for a significant number of years—including faithfully leading the Bible study. PW acknowledges this wonderful circle and thanks them for all they have contributed to PW and Wayside. We will miss you Naomi Circle!

ELIZABETH CIRCLE

Thursday, September 28

11:30 AM

Wayside Parlor

LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, September 14

Noon

Sloppy Duck Saloon



SUPPORT ERIE'S CROP HUNGER WALK

BAKED POTATO DINNER

Wednesday, September 20 at 6 PM

All donations will be given to this year's CROP Hunger Walk. Chicken nuggets, desserts, and potatoes will be provided...just bring a topping to share!





WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

September 3 worship at 10:00 AM

Regular worship times resume September 10; 8:30 and 11:00.

Sunday, September 3

Exodus 3: 1-15

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Fired Up "

Holy Communion

Susan Speakman Preaching

Sunday, September 10

Romans 13:8-14

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

"What We Owe Each Other"

Nathan Preaching

Sunday, September 17

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Bethany Hurley Preaching

Sunday, September 24

Philippians 1:21-30,
Matthew 20:1-16

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"A Life Worthy of the Gospel"

Nathan Preaching

WORSHIP LIVESTREAM

Wayside Worship is now being livestreamed each week. You can join Wayside Worship as it is happening at 10:00 (summer schedule) or 11:00 (beginning September 10) on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@waysideerie1070>, or tune in to the same link later to view on demand. The link is also included in the Wayside Weekly email.

WA YOUTH EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2023

Sept. 16

Erie Coastal Clean-Up at Asbury Woods

For this year's clean-up day, we will be working at Asbury Woods. Waste and litter that ends up in Walnut Creek flows into Lake Erie, so care for this area is care for our Great Lake. **Meet at 8:30 for bagels and fruit breakfast and a brief prayer and devotion**, then we will begin our clean-up. Bring dependable, closed-toe shoes and bug spray. *Please RSVP by September 11 so we can make plans for food and cleaning supplies.*

Sept. 29

Moe's and Movie at Wayside

Join other WaYouth from 6:00-11:00 PM for Moe's tacos, a movie, games, and tunnels, so bring clothes that you don't mind getting dirty and a flashlight.

Oct. 1

Mission Trip Introduction—The Boston Project Ministries during Sunday School

This year's youth mission trip will be to Boston to participate with an organization that is doing a range of ministry from hunger relief to housing to green space revitalization to child care in the Dorchester neighborhood of Boston. Come and learn about what this trip will look like and see if you feel called to serve with your friends at the Boston Project! You can get a sneak preview at www.tbpm.org

ISSUES OF FAITH

Issues of Faith meets Sundays at 9:45 in Room 18 for stimulating conversations about spirituality and social justice. Upcoming topics include:

Sept 10: **Robert von Thaden**, Ph.D., professor of Religious Studies, Mercyhurst University, **"Healing Creation: Eschatological Hope in Early Christianity"**

Sept 17: **Chris Dolanc**, Ph.D., associate professor of Biology, Mercyhurst University, **"Tiny but Powerful: Tiny forests and their environmental impact in urban settings"**

Sept 24: **Gaia Magdalena Luczak**, **International Peacemaker** of the Presbyterian Church

WOW CLUB

WOW Club, Wayside's fellowship for 2nd-5th graders *is back*. Every Wednesday we come together to build relationships, explore our faith, and celebrate life together. See you then!

Normal Wednesday Schedule:

4:00 Snack

4:15-5:00 Choir Practice

5:00-6:00 Club Activities

6:00 Wayside Dinner

For weekly reminders, contact Pastor Nathan at nathan@wayside-erie.org

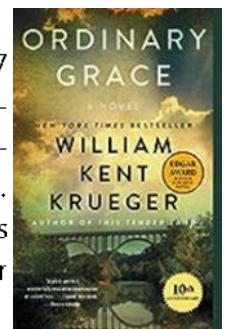
SEPTEMBER

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| 13 | Get-to-Know-You Games and Kick-Off |
| 20 | Mental Health Wellness with Penny Porter |
| 27 | Baking Communion Bread with Karen Sidorowicz |

RAUCOUS READERS

The Raucous Readers, Wayside's book club open to all, resumes its gathering in September. We will discuss William Kent Krueger's beautifully written *Ordinary Grace*. It's told through the voice of 13-year old Frank Drum, a minister's son, in hindsight 40 year later after "a summer in which death, in visitation, assumed many forms. Accident. Nature. Suicide. Murder."

Please join us on September 26, 7 PM (note change of time) in the parlor for a discussion of this extraordinary book, led by Cathleen Norris. Contact Mary Marsh with questions (814-474-1063 or mmarsh43@gmail.com).



Say Hello to Denise

Denise Johnston, one of Wayside's newest members, moved nearby on Duncan Road three years ago. A former member of the Elmwood church, she visited Wayside at the urging of Jill Gomes and found she liked the people. Denise retired as a school nurse and earlier worked as a nurse at Hamot. She now volunteers occasionally at Gannon in their physician assistant program. In her spare time she enjoys gardening.

Denise's family includes a significant other, a son in Pittsburgh, and a daughter who moved to Little Rock for a job. Denise went there for three weeks when her daughter had surgery and now they "FaceTime" every day.

If you haven't met Denise yet, be sure to introduce yourself and welcome her.



Families from WOW Club and WaYouth volunteered at the Edinboro Garden of Edin to harvest for the local food pantry, demolish old compost bins, and construct new ones. Thanks to Sarah Jay for hosting lunch and games at her house.



The Crop Walk is on Sunday September 24th! Get ready to walk!

CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walking events held in cities and towns across the United States, raising funds to support the global mission of Church World Service (CWS), a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised are returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts.

Last year approximately **\$19,000** was distributed to local Erie County groups addressing hunger. The Erie County CROP Walk was #1 raising funds in Pennsylvania and #10 in the nation. **Here at Wayside we raised over \$9200 and ranked in the top 100 in the country!** WOW – let's help make this year another great fundraising year for Erie County! Can we break \$10,000 this year?

Crop Walk Sunday is September 24. This year the walk will be held at Presque Isle – Beach 1. Walkers will gather in the parking lot at Runner's Pavilion.

Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world, but it doesn't have to be this way. **Ending hunger is possible, and it is possible in our lifetime. You can help make it happen!** Please consider joining other Wayside parishioners by walking and/or donating or raising funds to help neighbors near and far, getting meals to those who need them now while ensuring sustainable food security for tomorrow.

To streamline our accounting and banking procedures, we are asking that you donate to CWS electronically by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/WaysideCrop> and selecting one of the **Donate** buttons, or you may elect to join Wayside's team by selecting **Join the Team** button.

If donating online is not possible for you or your donors, we will be accepting cash and check donations at a CROP Walk table in the Wayside lobby on Sundays, September 3, 10, and 17.

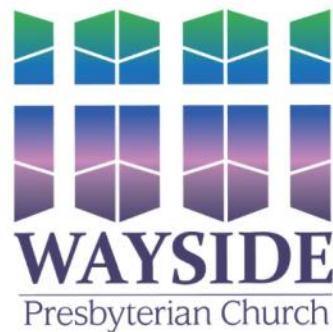
Checks should be made out *CWS/CROP*, however, please be advised that checks will not be cashed until the end of the year.

This year, **all youth up through high school will receive a free t-shirt!** Please sign up in the lobby at the Crop Walk table so we know what size to order for you. **All shirt orders must be placed by Sunday, September 10th.** Please plan on wearing your shirt to church on CROP Walk Sunday September 24th.

Please support the CROP Walk. Your donations will help families who are not getting enough healthy food to eat and clean water to drink. Let's walk to help end hunger!

Any questions regarding this year's CROP Walk may be directed to Marilyn Russell (814.450.4733) or Georgia Del Freo (georgia.delfreo@gmail.com or 814.440.1498).

BLOCK PARTY



1208 Asbury Road
September 9, 2023
3-6 PM

Cost: Suggested donation of
\$5/person or \$20/family

(Non-Wayside guests and
children under 5 are free
with donation of non-
perishable food item for
West Millcreek Food Pantry)

Wayside Swag Sale

Katie Potocki and Sarah Jay's Winning Designs



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FRONT



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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Garment	Size/Quantity									Price	Total
**All garments are royal blue with white and pink graphics as represented in our stained glass windows. VBS Design is white and yellow on royal blue garments.											
Short Sleeve Cotton Blend T-Shirt	Youth Small	Youth Med	Youth Large	Adult Small	Adult Med	Adult Large	Adult XL	Adult 2XL +\$3	Adult 3XL +\$3	\$12.00	
Katie's Tree											
Sarah's Circle											

Long Sleeve Performance Tee	Youth Small	Youth Med	Youth Large	Adult Small	Adult Med	Adult Large	Adult XL	Adult 2XL +\$3	Adult 3XL +\$3	\$20.00	
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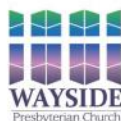
Garment	Size/Quantity									Price	Total
Hooded Sweatshirt	Youth Small	Youth Med	Youth Large	Adult Small	Adult Med	Adult Large	Adult XL	Adult 2XL +\$5	Adult 3XL +\$5	\$35.00	
Katie's Tree											
Sarah's Circle											
VBS Design											

Crew Neck Sweatshirt	Youth Small	Youth Med	Youth Large	Adult Small	Adult Med	Adult Large	Adult XL	Adult 2XL +\$5	Adult 3XL +\$5	\$31.00	
Katie's Tree											
Sarah's Circle											
VBS Design											

Hooded Full Zip Sweatshirt	Youth Small	Youth Med	Youth Large	Adult Small	Adult Med	Adult Large	Adult XL	Adult 2XL +\$5	Adult 3XL +\$5	\$38.00	
Katie's Tree											
Sarah's Circle											
VBS Design											

Performance Polo Shirt		Adult Small	Adult Med	Adult Large	Adult XL	Adult 2XL +\$3	Adult 3XL +\$3	Adult 4XL +\$3	Adult 5XL +\$5	\$22.00	
Wayside Logo on front only											

Wayside Sticker - \$3.00 (3 inch x 3 inch)



Sticker Quantity

\$



Payment Methods:

Scan QR code, cash, or check (made payable to Wayside Presbyterian Church). Payments must be made with this order in advance and forms can be turned into the church office.

TOTAL DUE \$

PRE-K CLASSROOM NEEDS

After several years of generously sharing their supplies and toys with us, the IU5 class we were hosting moved to a space in a school, opening up the opportunity for their children to become socialized and accustomed to being around other children. We wish them all the best in this new chapter.

However, this leaves our Pre-K classroom rather bare. ***We are in need of decorations and toys to equip our Pre-K classroom.*** If you have anything that you can donate, please contact the office to let us know what you have, and we will let you know what we will take. Waysiders can be so generous, and we don't want to be overwhelmed with too much, so just call or email us (814-833-7653 or nathan@wayside-erie.org) with what you have to offer, and we will let you know exactly what we can use.



If interested in cooking a dinner, please speak to Bobbi Jo Fye 814-449-1808

The third Saturday of every month, Wayside packs approximately 175 bagged lunches for distribution at several area homeless shelters. This ministry is supported by our Noisy Offering on the third Sunday of each month. Save your loose change and contact Pastor Nathan to help make sandwiches and pack lunches.



Dottie Lytle and Marcia Twinem filling bags in August.

Kam Bastow and some of his teammates from the McDowell football team packed lunches in July. Go Trojans!

This year in VBS, our children learned about the celebrations that tell God's Story—Passover, Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, and Pentecost. It was a great week of learning, artwork, music, and games! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make it happen!



On Friday we took our VBS to Mercy Center for Women to include their children in a day of their activities. It included games, tie-dye, snacks, and songs. MCW thanked our congregation for the in-kind donation drive.



Talent Auction in Action!



Mark Smith donated Build-a-Bears to the Talent Auction.
Mikal and Maddie met Mark and Gwen at the shop and were delighted to make bunnies!



Vince Sidorowicz donated deluxe tickets to a Guardians game to the Talent Auction. Vince and Karen Sidorowicz, Karen and Jim Haas, and Bobbi Jo and Nancy Fye enjoyed a fantastic evening together. The food was great, the Guardians won the game, and the fireworks were spectacular!

If you have a Talent Auction experience to share, email wpc@wayside-erie.org; we would love to see it!



Sept 1	Hope Garrity	Sept 14	Jason Eddy	Sept 23	Barb Egg
Sept 1	Jim Perkins	Sept 15	Diane Feltmeyer	Sept 23	Alivia Garrity
Sept 3	Rebecca McGuire	Sept 16	Peter Gilewicz	Sept 23	Todd DeBello
Sept 3	LeRoy Sundberg	Sept 16	Joe Steger	Sept 23	Tom Sesler
Sept 5	Jana McVey	Sept 16	Vanessa Fremer	Sept 23	Emery Kopac
Sept 6	David Jackson	Sept 17	Kathrine Swanson	Sept 24	Barb Foutz
Sept 7	Jessica Day	Sept 18	Jill Weber	Sept 24	Kelsey Grode
Sept 7	Malcolm Stancliff	Sept 18	Penny Porter	Sept 24	Lynn Bowen
Sept 8	Jami Sundberg	Sept 18	Joe Stack	Sept 26	Susan Speakman
Sept 9	Judy Sinner	Sept 19	Mary Watkins	Sept 28	Harlie Yahn
Sept 10	Dale Massing	Sept 20	Justin Grimm	Sept 28	Erin Gleason
Sept 11	Ethan Craig	Sept 20	Amanda Garrity	Sept 28	Logan Thompson
Sept 12	Lillian Marsh	Sept 21	Collin Bowes	Sept 28	Gabbie Parker
Sept 12	Tim Keibler	Sept 22	Keith Sundberg	Sept 29	Melissa Grimm
Sept 13	David Abbott	Sept 22	Jane Hess	Sept 29	Tim Glass
Sept 13	Grayson Jewell	Sept 22	Gladys Smith	Sept 30	Kimberly Hutzelman
Sept 14	Bella Fried	Sept 22	Stephanie Sheriff	Sept 30	Charlotte Weaver



Sept 1	Steve and Diana Day	Sept 10	Lucas and Gabrielle Buseck
Sept 2	Evan and Mary Watkins	Sept 12	Pat and George Fish
Sept 3	Scott and Carrie Bastow	Sept 12	Ken and Debbie Smith
Sept 4	David and Linda Jackson	Sept 13	Justin and Missy Grimm
Sept 4	Randy and Amy Valentine	Sept 17	Ryan and Jillianne Starr
Sept 4	Peter and Jane Gilewicz	Sept 22	Melissa and Mark Buseck
Sept 4	Karen and Vince Sidorowicz	Sept 25	Rod and Barb Foutz



September 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*MTwMM—Music Together with Ms. Mary rents space in our building for music classes for children and their families. For more information, visit www.musictogetherwithmsmary.com/ .					1	2
3 10a Summer Worship	4 Labor Day Office Closed 6:30p AA	5	6 9:30a Stronger Srs. 5p Generosity 6:30p Deacons' Meeting 7:30p Session	7 1:30p North Coast Sewing 6p Alanon Newcomers 7p Chancel Choir	8	9 3p Block Party
10 8:30 Early Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Celebration of Worship	11 9:30a Stronger Srs. 6:30p AA 6:30p Sanctuary Bells 6:30p Symphonic Singers	12 MTwMM* 10a Prayer Shawl Ministry 2p Presbytery State Meeting	13 MTwMM 9:30a Stronger Srs. 4p WOW Kids 5:30p Primary Choir 6p WOW Dinner	14 12p Lunch Bunch 6p Alanon Newcomers 7p Chancel Choir	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 8:30a HAAEQG 8:30a Coastal Clean-up 9:30a Bag Lunch Packing
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MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

The September distribution for the Second Harvest mobile food pantry at the Federated Church in East Springfield is September 25. 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.



WORSHIP TIMES

Beginning September 10, we will return to our regular Sunday worship schedule:

- 8:30 AM Early Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School for Children and Adults
- 11:00 AM Celebration of Worship/Livestream on YouTube
- 12:00 PM Fellowship and Refreshments

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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.