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Our theme this Lent is "Cultivating and Letting Go", which sounds like the activity of a good gardener. I have observed my mother-in-law, Joanne, who is a consummate gardener, still at it in her 89th year. She simply knows what is required to produce delicious and abundant vegetables. She also knows when plants are ready for the compost heap. She draws much practical wisdom for life from the patience gardening requires: trust in reliable processes, understanding the times and seasons for tending and planting and harvesting. Not surprising, her favorite hymn is "I Come to the Garden Alone."

That hymn has lyrics that relate to the scripture for Easter, John 20:1-18, in which Mary comes to a garden tomb where she meets the risen Jesus. The gospel story has parallels to the Genesis story of the man and woman in the garden God has provided. The great promise in both of these stories is in the powerful love of God. In both stories God gives lavishly, and in Jesus God gives all. And humankind, so often very poor gardeners, neglect, and reject; we fail to cultivate the overflowing opportunities for abundant life; we hold onto so much that harms us and leaves us empty.

In a recent Issues of Faith class, inspired by an episode of *The Simpsons*, we realized the simple gift of presence; the presence of God with us, and the presence we may be to one another, by God's grace. We affirmed in our discussion that Jesus Christ joins us "in the muddle." The cross is a radical sign that Jesus does not avoid the messiness of our lives but joins us in it and gets dirty with us in the earthiness of our ways. Jesus teaches us to cultivate those values and virtues that grow and expand the realm of God, making our human lives reflect back the light of God's great love. Jesus teaches us to loosen our grip on the attitudes and motivations that mire us in struggles that get us nowhere and diminish us and others. During Holy Week, in what is surely the sad muddle of Jesus' betrayal and tragic death and burial, just when it makes sense to lose hope, the gift of God's presence is powerfully restored in the news of the resurrection. There is now nothing in all of creation that is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ.

This daily hope may give us depth and breadth to imagine and create possibilities that are life-giving. This may enable us to turn loose what leads us to dead ends and discouragement. We may be a help to one another in our simple presence and companionship on the way, without too many words or too much advice, but, in hope, signs that the promised love is present, living, and real. Resurrection hope present in the people who acknowledge God's love, and go into the world because of it.

Worship in Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7 PM, with Holy Communion in the fellowship hall

Good Friday, March 29, 7 PM, Tenebrae, in the sanctuary



BUDGET BYTES FROM THE BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE

It's the March newsletter, our *Budget Bytes* is being written in mid-February after receiving the financial report from January. Confused? Please don't be; just know that we'll always tell you what month is being highlighted (this one is for January 2024). Right out of the gate we started the year on a positive note regarding **receipts**. We took in a total of almost \$2,000 more than projected in pledged giving, including the \$33,000 in prepaid pledges given in 2023, and a healthy \$1,000 in building rental, among other receipts.

Expenses brought good news in the form of a \$2,000 savings on our heating line item. (Not once last year were we able to say that!) It is prorated over the year and was projected to be in the \$4,800 range for January but came in at \$2,600, a welcome surprise. We projected building expenses of \$11,000 but only paid out \$6,000. However, we had a snow removal bill (for November, December & January) that was received in February and was not reflected in January's expenses. We will show that in the February accounting next month. And let's give a shout out to Jennifer and Karen with a \$700 savings in the Office Supplies category. Total expenses showed \$6,000 in savings.

For **overall receipts over expenses**, we expected to finish January at \$22,000 but thanks to January's positive numbers for receipts and expenses, we ended the month at \$30,000, an improvement of \$8,000 more than anticipated. Karen, our trusty Financial Secretary, put it this way: "Let's be joyful for January". And so we are, with the caveat that we also are operating under a 2024 budget that projects a (\$27,000) deficit. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the Lord's plan is for that deficit to be erased early in the year rather than at year's end? Prayers for that blessing to occur are heartily encouraged.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jan. Rev	\$70,233.14	Jan. Exp	\$39,567.29
YTD Rev	\$70,233.14	YTD Exp	\$39,567.29

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.

2024 PER CAPITA APPEAL KICKOFF

March is the month when we officially kick off the Per Capita Appeal with the appearance of a special envelope in our offering envelopes packet. So, here we go.

As you probably know by now, the Per Capita is Wayside's proportionate giving obligation to support the work of the PC(USA) and is based on our confirmed membership. The funds support the important on-going work of the Presbyterian Church on the national, synod, and presbytery levels and help to keep us connected. Furthermore, our local Lake Erie Presbytery receives the bulk of our Per Capita monies, so our contributions see direct benefits locally.

In 2023 our goal was \$6,000 and we more than rose to the challenge by bringing in \$7,800 way to go, Wayside. In 2024 our obligation to the PC(USA) is \$14,644 and we have set a goal to raise \$8,000 to help defray that cost. We are asking families to contribute \$34 for each confirmed member or in other words, \$34 per head (aka "capita"). We always welcome larger gifts, as well, to help cover those members who are unable to participate this year.

You can remit your contribution by check ("Per Capita" on the memo line, made out to Wayside Church) or via the Wayside online giving portal (see "Per Capita"). We have already received \$1,312 towards the goal, thanks to a few early-bird contributors, and we're hoping for an impressive show of typical Wayside generosity in March to get things moving in a big way. Thank you in advance for your support.



WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1208 Asbury Road
Erie, Pennsylvania 16505

PER CAPITA \$34.00 PER CONFIRMED MEMBER

\$ _____

Name _____

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WAYSIDE TALENT AUCTION

Mark your calendar for the Wayside Talent Auction on April 20, from 3:00-6:00 PM. We are accepting donations of time and talent, as well as donation baskets; you do not need to be present at the auction to donate a talent or basket. All proceeds will benefit Wayside operating costs and One Great Hour of Sharing. Signup information will be coming soon. Plan now to attend the auction to bid on the talents of your fellow Waysiders! Please see Justin Grimm for more information (jgrimm8338@aol.com).



Wayside Co-Sponsorship Team Update

Wayside is cosponsoring a refugee family with MCRC (Multicultural Community Resource Center). Our church provided the basic supplies needed for the apartment including a couch, love seat, chair and ottoman, rug runners, full size rug for the living area, table and 6 chairs, end tables, lamps, clocks, bookshelves, supplies for the bathroom, all cooking needs- pots, pans, spices, silverware, and kitchen towels. Also, a toolbox, a large sewing kit, a first aid kit, bath towels, sheets, quilts, blankets, pillows, curtains, stuffed animals, a few toys, and school supplies. Peter Gilewicz and Jim Haas even painted the living room. The entire apartment also got a thorough cleaning!



The Dahye family of 6 arrived on February 2nd. The family is originally from Sudan and had been living in a refugee camp in Chad for 20 years. The family does not know any English; they speak Arabic. The family is Muslim. All four children were born in the camp.



The boys are 16 and 10 and the girls are 14 and 7. The family came with only two medium duffle bags and a small backpack. MCRC took them clothes shopping the day after they arrived. Wayside had already collected coats, hats, and gloves, some boots and other clothing. After getting more accurate sizes, our team provided additional clothing. Several members of the Sudanese community here in Erie also helped with clothing and shopping for groceries. As we are made aware of needs of the family, these needs will be in the weekly church updates and the bulletin.

Our co-sponsorship is about supporting this family as they learn to navigate living in a new country. We are very intentional about following the lead of MCRC. MCRC has done all the work to get them social security cards, social services, and a permit to work.



The children need immunizations before they can attend school.

Unfortunately, this takes time because of limited providers the state authorizes to check the family medical records and to get proper vaccinations it will take two appointments. They will start school in April.



The generosity of Wayside has been AMAZING! Thank you so much for all you have done to give this family a welcoming home. The family has expressed their thankfulness over and over.

The photos are of their arrival, their apartment, and an outing we took the family on to see the Tom Ridge Center and Presque Isle. We also treated them to lunch. We look forward to supporting this family as they learn English, get established at school, help the father to find work, and to adjust to life in Erie. Please keep the family and the co-sponsorship team in your prayers.





PW NEWS



SOPHIA CIRCLE

The Sophia Circle will meet on Tuesday, **March 19th, at 7:00 pm** in the parlor. We are studying Lesson Seven: An Ethiopian Eunuch Encounters the Good News of Jesus. Scripture Acts 8:26-40. The key idea: The Word of God is an essential tool for expanding the reign of God. Diana Day will lead us in this lesson. All women are invited to attend.



ELIZABETH CIRCLE

Thursday, March 28
at 11:30 AM in the parlor.

WAYSIDE LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, March 14
12:00 Noon
The Colony
2670 W 8th St.
RSVP to Jean Moore
814-461-9665

Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie Presbytery (PWLEP) is offering 4-\$500 scholarships for women from our Lake Erie Presbytery Churches that want to attend the Churchwide Gathering.

These scholarships are available on a first come, first serve, basis. Please contact PW Moderator Karen Haas karenhaas79@gmail.com or 814-397-1619, if you are interested in receiving one of these scholarships. Registration for the Gathering will start in March.

This is a great event and we are hoping several women from our presbytery will attend!



Save the Date

to gather in person and
in faithful community
at the **2024 Churchwide Gathering**
of Presbyterian Women
August 8-11, 2024

"Shall we gather at the river . . ."
at the confluence of
the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers,
that is—in the city of St. Louis!
presbyterianwomen.org/gathering

Over 140 blankets were purchased!

Thank you for your generous response to Blanket Sunday. We exceeded our goal of 100 blankets! We raised over \$1400 and that means more than 140 blankets will be purchased. Your generous blanket donations will provide warmth and comfort to people in need. Each blanket allows someone to feel God's love in their lives. **THANK YOU!**



Heifer International Donation Matched



Great News! Heifer International called the church office to report that **an anonymous donor matched the \$675 donation** we made from the proceeds of the January PW Potato Dinner. WOW!

This makes our efforts even more important in the fight against poverty. Such good news!



In January PW sent out a "Mission Giving and You" fundraising request along with our annual program to the women of our church. **We are happy to report that we have received over \$4,000. Presbyterian Women THANKS YOU for your generous responses!** There is still time to give. Please send a check made out to Wayside Presbyterian Women or give on the church E - giving portal. Select the category Presbyterian Women - subcategory mission fundraiser. Your donations will help PW support many mission projects!

Presbyterian Women Donations

Each year PW works to fulfill our purpose: Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:



- to **NURTURE** our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to **SUPPORT** the mission of the church worldwide
- to **WORK** for justice and peace, and
- to **BUILD** an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom.

One way we do this is by making donations to organizations that we feel helps fulfill our purpose. At our January meeting we agreed to spend \$5,000 as follows:

\$100 each to Alzheimer's Association of Erie and to the 2022 Visiting Peacemaker Rev. Fursan Zu'mot and his church in Jerusalem.

\$200 each to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance DR000156-Ukraine and DR000081-Israel/Palestine.

\$300 each to Ghana Partnership with Lake Erie Presbytery, Day Star Awareness (prison ministry) and USCRI (International Institute – refugee resettlement)

\$500 each to Restore Elikia (community development in the Democratic Republic of the Congo), Script Project (supports marginalized communities in Erie), Vision for the Poor(creating a self-sustaining network of eye care hospitals and vision centers in Guatemala), Mercy Center for Women (sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Mercy – focus is on homeless women, Erie United Methodist (homeless shelter), Inner Church Ministries (network of Christian churches working together with inter-faith and community partners for the greater good of the people of Erie County) , and SafeNet (domestic violence agency).

Along with the donations, we sent letters of encouragement to these groups and thanked them for all their efforts! PW will continue throughout the year to be strong supporters of mission projects.

WOW CLUB SCHEDULE

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

MARCH

- 6** Celebrating Diversity with Shayla Jones, conclusion, making dinner
- 13** Visit to St. Patrick's
- 20** Holy Week and Easter Lesson
- 27** No WOW—Holy Week

WAYOUTH HELPING WITH MERCY CENTER EASTER EVENT

On Saturday, March 16, Waysiders in 6th-12th grade and their families are invited to help out with the Mercy Center for Women's Easter event. We will be providing crafts and games and helping with an Easter egg hunt. Contact Pastor Nathan if you plan on helping.



ISSUES OF FAITH

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

MARCH

- 3** **Charles McClung**, Presbyterian apologies and reconciliation with the Seneca Nation
- 10** **Judy Hyde**, Mark Smith's sister, sharing missionary experience
- 17** **Lena Surzhko-Harned, Ph.D.**, Penn State Behrend, "Update on Ukraine"
- 24** **Rev. Aaron Kerr**, Groundwork Erie
- 31** **No Class—Easter**

Wayside Presbyterian *Eggs-perience*

Crafts, Cookie Decorating,
Stories, and Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30 at 10:00-11:30

**Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie Presbytery
Spring Gathering - Saturday April 20th**

10:00 am - 1:30 pm

(registration and tours of the church from 9-10

Girard Presbyterian Church

"Rebuild, Restore, Renew"



"...God has extended to us his steadfast love before the kings of Persia, to give us new life to set up the house of our God, to repair its ruins..." Ezra 9:9

You will not want to miss this outstanding program!

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Haas at karenhaas79@gmail.com or call 814-397-1619.

Dee Roberts of Girard Presbyterian Church will give a history of the church, including how they listened for God's guidance and made the decision to rebuild their church after it was destroyed by fire. She will give us insights regarding this major undertaking and how their new church building showcases their church's mission.



Keynote speaker Katie Kretz, Executive Director of the Multi-Cultural Community Resource Center in Erie, will share with us how MCRC assists refugees in resettling in our communities. MCRC is a welcoming environment where all people are treated with integrity and are always provided the highest quality of service.

MCRC provides compassionate and empathetic support to refugees as they seek to live a full, free and enriching life so their dreams can come true.

Coming with Katie will be a few refugees who will tell firsthand about their journey to Erie and about their experiences learning to rebuild their lives in a different country.

**RECOMMENDED READINGS ABOUT
CREATION CARE AND FAITH:**

Planetwise by Dave Bookless: A helpful introduction to how creation care is a part of the biblical narrative and Christian life.



Church of the Wild

by Victoria Looz: One writer's reflection on discovering God in a renewed relationship with the wilderness

Refugia Faith by Debra Rienstra: Exploring how the Church can be a place of refuge and hospitality in the midst of ecological devastation



Life Abundant by Sallie McFague: A theological work that contrasts consumer culture with an ecological mindset in Christian thinking

Why I Wake Early and **A Thousand Mornings** by Mary Oliver: collections of poetry with an eye to observing the sacred in the natural world



For the Beauty of the Earth

FAITHFUL RESPONSES TO CLIMATE CHANGE



**WITH Avery Davis Lamb
of Creation Justice Ministries**

SATURDAY APRIL 13:
10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
at First Presbyterian Church of Covenant
Scripture and Our Calling to Creation Justice
Worship | Presentation | Lunch | Workshop
6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
at the Cathedral of St. Paul
Hospitality in a Time
of Climate Crisis
Lecture

SUNDAY, APRIL 14:
9:45 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
at Wayside Presbyterian Church
Plastic Jesus: Real Faith
in a Synthetic World
Worship | Class

EASTER DINNERS

West Millcreek Food Pantry is again putting together food for an Easter Dinner for families they serve in our community. Last year they provided over 120 families food to fix a traditional Easter dinner. Wayside has provided over \$1600.00



each of the last 2 years which purchased the ham and potatoes for this meal. The food pantry purchased much of the rest of the food from Second Harvest Food Bank, where they can buy what they need at very low cost. The Outreach committee has a donation to begin this effort this year. If each wayside family that is able could consider a gift of at least \$10.00 we will again meet this need. Please write 'ham' or WMFP on the memo line of your check, or on the website, under Giving, find Mission Giving and sub fund 'West Millcreek Food Pantry'. All contributions must be in by Sunday March 17. Please help us bless more families, our neighbors, with a gift of this dinner, as Christ has blessed us.

SAY "HELLO" and "WELCOME"



Do you remember hearing the beautiful gentle sounds of "What Child Is This" being played on a violin on Christmas Eve? The talented violinist was eight-year-old Alex Rzepecki, part of one of Wayside's newest families. Alex goes to school in Fairview with the McGill and Sundberg children and is friends with Anna Hurley and Maddie McGill. She takes violin lessons from Sally Santon.



Alex's family includes her mother, Lisa Read Rzepecki, and her father, Ron Rzepecki, who both have their own special abilities. Lisa, who grew up Catholic in Corry, graduated from Gannon's Physical Therapy program and now has her own practice, Read Early Intervention -- Physical and Occupational Therapy. Ron Rzepecki grew up in Erie and now has his own business, Ronnie Ripps Plumbing and Drain Cleaning.

Be sure to say, "hello," and welcome this new family.

RED KETTLE MAGIC

Once again, this year, in the month of December, the Outreach Committee sponsored and coordinated volunteer staffing of the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive at the entrance to Walmart on Rt. 20 in West Millcreek. The Salvation Army has been serving Erie PA since 1886. Their mission is to serve people in need without discrimination and they



are an extension of the universal Christian Church. They do this through providing food, clothing, shelter, education, and other basic needs. The day Wayside members volunteered was relatively warm for Erie in December and there was lots of traffic at the store. We had over 30 volunteers staffing two kettles at both entrances that day. There were many families in attendance. Parents commented how it was a great way to teach their children the value of community service and unconditional giving. The collection results were very good raising \$2050.40 while we staffed the kettles. There was a community "Samaritan" that offered to match the day's collections up to \$5000 and over \$7000 was collected across all of Erie. Wayside volunteers have been staffing the kettles for many years and Salvation Army records total over \$7000 raised by Wayside volunteers since 2017. The Outreach Committee plans to sponsor this event once again in December 2024 and we hope you will consider setting aside an hour of your time on that Saturday to ring a bell and support the less fortunate in

Erie County. If you'd like more information about the outreach opportunities sponsored by Wayside Church, please ask Rev. James Bernhardt and he can point you to a committee member.



WORSHIP IN MARCH



Sunday, March 3

Luke 13:1-9

3rd Sunday in Lent

"Cultivating Hope,
Letting Go of Impatience"

Holy Communion

Nathan Preaching

Sunday, March 10

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

4th Sunday in Lent

"Cultivating Grace,
Letting Go of Fear"

James Preaching

Sunday, March 17

John 12:1-8

5th Sunday in Lent

"Cultivating Courage,
Letting Go of Judgment"

James Preaching

Sunday, March 24

Luke 19:28-40

Palm Sunday

"Cultivating Faith,
Letting Go of Aggression"

James Preaching

Thursday, March 28

John 13:1-11, 21-30

Matthew 26:14-16, 17-30

Maundy Thursday (in Fellowship Hall)

Holy Communion

James Preaching

Friday, March 29

Good Friday

Tenebrae Service

Sunday, March 31

John 20:1-18

Easter Sunday

"Cultivating Life,
Letting Go of Death"

Nathan Preaching

CULTIVATING
& LETTING GO



Mar 1	Kent Jacoby	Mar 14	Barb Richardson	Mar 23	Mardy Marsh
Mar 3	Austin Jewell	Mar 14	Hannah Hutzelman	Mar 24	Joey Kocan
Mar 3	Isaiah Pentz	Mar 14	Luke Royster	Mar 24	Nolan Martin
Mar 5	Jan McEllroy	Mar 16	Chris Hoyt	Mar 25	Nathan Latimer
Mar 5	Tom Momeyer	Mar 16	Justice Severance	Mar 26	Matt McGill
Mar 5	Pattie Pora	Mar 17	Anita Bernhardt	Mar 26	Jeff Brinling
Mar 5	Reed Catrabone	Mar 20	Jennifer Taylor	Mar 27	Jill Wallace
Mar 9	Lee Gehrlein	Mar 20	Staci McGill	Mar 28	Scott Jackson
Mar 10	Mary Marsh	Mar 20	Kylie Sundberg	Mar 28	Aaron Garrity
Mar 10	Andrea Jacoby	Mar 20	Emily McGuire	Mar 28	Christian Sundberg
Mar 11	Colin Potocki	Mar 22	Ramon Watkins	Mar 29	Barbara Reese
Mar 11	Patrick Callahan	Mar 22	Carrie Bastow	Mar 30	Pam Weaver
Mar 13	Jill Gomes	Mar 22	Susan Decker	Mar 30	Barbara Trisket
Mar 14	Bethany Baney	Mar 23	Betsey Miller	Mar 31	Sami Wismer

BIRTHDAY CAKE BOX

Are you celebrating a birthday in your family this month? Consider donating a "Birthday Cake Box" to West Millcreek Food Pantry to help a neighbor in need with a celebration. Purchase a disposable cake pan with a lid, a cake mix, a tub of frosting, and a can of lemon-lime soda which can be used in place of the eggs, oil, and water in the cake mix. Also consider including birthday candles and party plates and napkins. More information and printable notes can be found at desertchica.com/birthday-cake-box-donations/.



Anniversary Wishes

Mar 1 Jim and Mardy Marsh



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7p Book Study at Rabenolds'	2 6p A-I-A non Speaker Series
3 8:30 Early Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Celebration of Worship	4 9:30a Stronger Srs. 6:30p Sanctuary Bells 6:30p AA 7p Symphonic Singers	5 7:30a Online Prayer MTWMMM	6 MTWMMM 9:30a Stronger Srs. 4p WOW Kids 5:15p Lenten Prayer 5:00p Primary Choir 6p WOW Dinner 6:30p Book Study	7 9a Yoga w/Cathleen 1:30p North Coast Sewing 6p A-I-A non New-comers 7p Chancel Choir 7:30p A-I-A non	8 7p Book Study at Rabenolds'	9
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17 Noisy Offering 8:30 Early Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Celebration of Worship	18 9:30a Stronger Srs. 6:30p Sanctuary Bells 6:30p AA 7p Symphonic Singers	19 7:30a Online Prayer MTWMMM 7p Sophia Circle	20 9:30a Stronger Srs. 4p WOW Kids 5:15p Lenten Prayer 5:00p Primary Choir 6p WOW Dinner 6:30p Book Study	21 9a Yoga w/Cathleen 6p A-I-A non New-comers 7p Chancel Choir 7:30p A-I-A non	22 7p Book Study at Rabenolds'	23
24 Palm Sunday 8:30 Early Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Celebration of Worship	25 9:30a Stronger Srs. 6:30p Sanctuary Bells 6:30p AA 7p Symphonic Singers	26 7:30a Online Prayer 1p Newsletter Collating 5:30p HAAEQG 7:00 Raucous Readers Book Club	27 5:15p Lenten Prayer	28 9a Yoga w/Cathleen 11:30a Elizabeth Circle 6p A-I-A non New-comers 7p Maundy Thurs. Service 7:30p A-I-A non	29 7p Good Friday Service	30 10a Eggs-perience
31 Easter Sunday 8:30 Early Worship 11:00 Celebration of Worship	Music Together with Ms. Mary (MTWMM) We have opened our doors to Ms. Mary Bowen and her classes that allow families to "discover the magic of music together." For more information about Music Together with Ms. Mary, visit www.musictogetherwithmsmary.com !					

RAUCOUS READERS BOOK CLUB

The Wayside Raucous Readers will discuss "Take My Hand" by Dolen Perkins-Valdez on March 26, at 7 PM in the Parlor. The discussion will be led by Linda Wilkinson and we invite anyone who is interested to join us for the evening.

The book is the winner of the 2023 NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work.

"Inspired by true events that rocked the nation, a searing and compassionate new novel about a Black nurse in post-segregation



Alabama who blows the whistle on a terrible injustice done to her patients." (Amazon)

Any questions? Contact Mary Marsh (mmarsh43@gmail.com or 814-392-3241).

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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.