

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 4 – DECEMBER 11**

Sunday, December 4	8:30 A.M.	Early Celebration of Worship
	9:30 A.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 A.M.	Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Celebration of Worship
	12:00 A.M.	Fellowship Time
	5:00 P.M.	Sanctuary Bell Choir Rehearsal
		Sr. High Christmas Party, Serafini's
	7:00 P.M.	PW Christmas Party
Monday, December 5	7:00 P.M.	MEDS
Tuesday, December 6	7:00 P.M.	Green Team Meeting
Wednesday, December 7	4:00 P.M.	WOW
	5:00 P.M.	WaYouth Choir
		Budget Committee Meeting
	5:30 P.M.	Primary Choir
	6:00 P.M.	Fellowship Dinner
		Midders party at the Grimms' home
	6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.	Pageant Rehearsal
	6:45 P.M.	Adult Bible Study
	7:30 P.M.	CDN Meeting
Thursday, December 8	7:00 P.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, December 10	9 A.M. – 9 P.M.	Bell Ringers for Salvation Army
	12:30 P.M.	Lunch Bunch, Kahkwa Club
Sunday, December 11	8:30 A.M.	Early Celebration of Worship
	9:30 A.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 A.M.	Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Celebration of Worship
	12:00 A.M.	Fellowship Time
	3:00 P.M.	Symphonic Singers Concert
	5:00 P.M.	Sanctuary Bell Choir Rehearsal

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Poinsettia in the Narthex today is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John and Bill Hess by the Hess and Hoyt Families.

“PEACE” BULLETINS

Our thanks to Randy and Amy Valentine who donated the special bulletins today in celebration of the birth of Jackson Clinard.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Our thanks to Joey Turner and his mother for leading us in lighting the second candle of the Advent wreath.

SIGN UP TODAY for PW

Presbyterian Women have their list of events for 2012 on the Information Table in the Lobby today. Please review the list and sign-up to take a leadership role in PW.

CONTRIBUTE TOWARD A POINSETTIA

If you would like to contribute towards the purchase of poinsettias that will grace our Sanctuary during Advent and Christmas, the sign up sheet is located on the Information Table in the Lobby. This may be done in memory or honor of a loved one. Please sign up by December 4th.



PW ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

All women are invited to come to the Christmas Party this evening at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the church lobby area for a delicious dessert and entertainment provided by Naomi Circle and the WaYouth Choir of our church. This is a wonderful time filled with fellowship and Christmas joy. Please plan to attend and invite a friend.

WISE NIGHT OWLS

A Night Owl Christmas party for all adults of the church will be hosted by Jack and Melissa Grimm on Saturday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. at their home, 4238 Prestwick Drive in Millcreek. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and a "white elephant gift". Sign up at the information table.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

Please turn in your pledge card if you have not already done so. We are eager to provide an accurate total to the Budget Committee as it plans for the future of the church in 2012.

DEACONS ANGEL TREE PROJECT

The Board of Deacons has begun the annual Angel Tree Project. This year we will assist Community Shelter Services and St. Martin Center by providing gifts and necessities to each of these agencies in attempt to make the holidays special for many who are less fortunate. Gift tags are available on the Christmas tree in the Lobby. Please return gifts by Sunday, December 11th.

WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY

The basket for your donations is located in the Lobby next to the coffee table. This week the suggested items are soup, tuna, toilet tissue and bar soap. Thank you.

LIVE NATIVITY SCENE

Each Sunday in Advent there will be a live Nativity Scene before and after Worship Services. There are limited opportunities to participate, so gather your family and friends to sign up for a turn at acting the part of a witness to the miracle of the manger.

WAYOUTH NUT SALE

Stop by the table in the Lobby after worship service to make a purchase and support our Wayouth.

RINGING THE BELL FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

Again this year our Second Saturday Project in December will find us staffing the kettle and ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. We will be at the Giant Eagle at Kmart Plaza on West 26th Street at Peninsula Drive next Saturday, December 10th. We ask people to work in pairs for a one-hour shift. No prior experience is necessary. Three time slots are still open. If you are interested, please sign up at the Information Table.

SCRIP ORDERS

Stop by the Information Table today to place your order. Cards will be delivered next week.

PRESBYTERIAN HOMES "ANGEL APPEAL"

You can make a difference in the lives of many older people by contributing to the Presbyterian Homes Christmas Angel Appeal. Gifts will provide medicine, nutritious meals, and quality care for residents in need. Please pick up an Angel Appeal envelope in the Lobby this morning.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WOW KIDS CLUB this Wednesday: 4:00 Snack; 4:15-5:30 Pageant Rehearsal, 5:00-6:00 Games; 6:00 Dinner, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Pageant Rehearsal

MIDDLERS this Wednesday will meet at 6:00 pm for a Christmas Party at Caroline Grimm's home, 4238 Prestwick Drive. Youth can ride in van or be dropped off at the Grimm's home. The van will return to the church a little after 7:30 as well. Everyone is asked to bring an exchange gift not to exceed \$3.00.

SENIOR HIGHS

This week will prepare care packages for our college students. Tonight we are meeting at Serafini's Restaurant at 5:00 for dinner and a \$5.00 gift exchange. Please bring \$10 to cover dinner. Next week the class will meet for breakfast and discuss, "What Christians DO have to believe."

ADULT EDUCATION

Issues of Faith: This week we will consider "Blacks and Whites in Politics and Faith" with Rev. Charles Mock, Associate Pastor of Community Baptist Church. Next week the class will be led in an exploration of "Part 1: The Marginalized Prophet: Luke's Baby Jesus" by Dr. Rob VonThaden of Mercyhurst College.

Embracing an Adult Faith discusses contemporary issues of faith and life.

Adult Bible Study under the instruction of Don Worthington, is studying the prophets.

The Bible and More led by Jim Haas, explores Biblical and contemporary themes.

ON-LINE ADULT EDUCATION

Each Monday a brief reflection is sent by Rev. Tracey Marx. If you would like to receive this thoughtful piece let Keith know and he will forward it to you each week. December offers a new study in *Exploring Contemplative Prayer* with Rev. Tracey Marx, called Release Prayer. A hard copy of the materials is available in the Prayer Room. Wayside has its own home site:

<http://www.scriptureecho.com/CPfind/startPageWPC.html>

WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 4, 2011

WELCOME

Welcome to Wayside Presbyterian Church. We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and rejoice in the privilege God has given us to serve in this community as part of the Body of Jesus Christ. We thank our Lord for those who worship with us from time to time as visitors and invite any who are without a church home to come and join us in serving Christ as members of this church family.

FOR OUR CHILDREN

Child care is available during the entire worship hour for infants and preschool children. Children may remain for the entire service or take advantage of child care (kindergarten and younger). Children's worship activity bags are available for children remaining in the worship service. Please return them following worship.

SERVICE NOTES

A hearing enhancement system is available for those who have need. An usher will be happy to provide you with a receiver this morning. Large print bulletins are also available.

Thanks to those who helped today at the 11:00 a.m. service:

Ushers:	Maia Edwards-Borowicz, Lucas Buseck, Jake Duska, Nick Duska, Andy Esper, Laura Harper, Pam Monaco, Karen Potocki, Dan Taylor, Jennifer Taylor
Worship Assistant:	Deborah Peterson
Acolytes:	Trevor Grode, Nathan Miller
Sound Board:	Kitty Menges
Greeter:	Bobbi Jo Fye
Information Table:	Ed Snyder
Childcare Helpers:	Jayne Start, Nursery; LeeAnn Warnaka, Preschool

Just a reminder to those scheduled to help next week at 11:00 a.m.:

Ushers:	Alex Borowski, Bill DeWitt, Tom Fye, Jon Hoyt, Ron Kolb, Lee McVey, Brianna Morrow, Hanna Pardini, Bill Pentz, Brian Sundberg
Worship Assistant:	Melissa Grimm
Acolytes:	Ben Kocan, Audrie Watkins
Sound Board:	Jim Dunn
Greeter:	Jean Moore
Information Table:	Becky Worthington
Childcare Helpers:	Christie Szklenski, Nursery; Carrie Bastow, Preschool

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS 2011

With gratitude to the authors, the Worship, Music, and Fine Arts Committee offers these weekly devotionals during Advent. The theme of each message corresponds with the names given to that week's Advent wreath candle. We hope you will take time during the week to ponder the message of the season as shared by members of your church family.

PEACE

by Lucas Buseck

“Let there be Peace on Earth.” Something we say numerous times throughout the holiday season, but what's the significance of it and how does it relate to this time of year? When we think about this, we need to consider why we celebrate Christmas. Obviously, we celebrate Christmas because of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Throughout his lifetime, Jesus attempted to spread peace throughout the world. We need to remember this as we take part in all the annual festivities. Jesus', as well as the Lord's dream, is for there to be peace on Earth. I think that we tend to take this for granted. While things may not be going so well at home, we need to realize how much luckier we are than some people in the world. People are living in war zones, under the rule of a totalitarian government with no rights, and others are falling prey to others racism and “ethnic cleansing.” Our Lord wishes that peace would spread all throughout the Earth, but he does not mess with free will. The reason our world is so corrupt is that people are ignorant toward what the Bible has to say. They don't realize that if we followed the guidelines of how to live that are laid out in the Bible, the world, as well as our lives, would be much better.

While we can't do much to help the people that are suffering from all the evils that were previously mentioned, we can do many things to make Jesus' dream a reality at a smaller level. We ourselves can make the community we live in a more peaceful place. We can forgive others. We can make an effort to be nicer to others. Something big that we should be aware of is not to judge people based on our first encounter with them. If we don't like how someone is acting, we should not be quick to judge them. Instead, we should take a moment and consider that their personal life could be causing them much more grief than what yours is. If we made an attempt to live out the teachings found in the Bible, we would be making our Lord's dream come true. The world would become a much more peaceful place.



Wise Men and Women Still Seek Him