

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF  
DECEMBER 18 – DECEMBER 25**

Sunday, December 18	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
Thursday, December 22	5:00 P.M.	Sanctuary Bell Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 A.M.	College Choir Rehearsal/Lunch
Saturday, December 24	7:00 P.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 & 10:00 P.M.	Christmas Eve Services
Sunday, Christmas Day	11:00 A.M.	Celebration of Worship

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God for blessings received by the Bowes Family.

**“LOVE” BULLETINS**

Our thanks to Rudy & Kay Lascek who donated the special bulletins for today which are given to the glory of God and in memory of their parents.

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Our thanks to Jonathan Sidorowicz and his family for leading us in lighting the fourth candle of the Advent wreath.

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES**

On Christmas Eve worship services will be held at 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. The early service is designed to be more “family friendly” and will include music by many of our children and youth choirs. The late service will include special music by the Chancel Choir and the Sanctuary Bells. Special bell music will begin at 9:40 p.m. Please invite friends and neighbors to join us.

**WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

There is only one worship service on Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. It will be a festive service of Carols and stories.

**PARKING IN DECEMBER**

As we get closer to Christmas, space in the parking lot becomes more of a premium. If walking is no problem, please consider parking further away from the main door. That will save the closer spots for those for whom walking longer distances is more difficult and for our visitors. Thanks.

**COLLEGE CANDLELIGHTERS**

College students are again being asked to assist in lighting candles for our Christmas Eve services. There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Table; please indicate at which service you can help.

**CHRISTMAS SANCTUARY CANDLES**

Our thanks to all those listed here for their support of the purchase of the candles for the Sanctuary.

**GIVEN BY**

David & Terri Wallwork  
Ed & Nancy Snyder  
Mark & Gwen Smith  
Paul & Joy Jewell  
Hal & Norma Harrington  
Ed & Jan McEllroy  
Bruce & Nancy Kern  
Georgi Harrington  
Sara Jean Mapstone

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD &**

**IN LOVING MEMORY and HONOR OF**

Joseph Wallwork  
Clarence Snyder, Dennis Bush  
Jack & Bonnie Tower, Ballard & Alice Smith  
Our Parents  
Loved ones  
John & Cecilia Shaffer, Walter & Freda McEllroy  
Pat & Gary Conover and sons  
Loved ones  
Aunt Jean

**COLLEGE CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE**

All college students are invited to sing for the 7:00 service. Our rehearsal is set for this Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch out hosted by Dawn and Keith. Contact Dawn ASAP if you are able and willing.

**HOLIDAY BREAKFAST**

Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. is our traditional Holiday Breakfast. Please bring your favorite breads, muffins, cookies, or fruit on a serving platter. Beverages will be provided.

***STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES***

**CHRISTMAS ‘JOY’ OFFERING**

Throughout the remainder of the month we will continue to receive contributions to the Christmas JOY Offering. Gifts to the Offering are used to support the eight racial/ethnic schools and colleges of the Presbyterian Church as well as provide assistance to retired church workers and their families. Please use the special offering envelopes found in the pew racks.

**PHONE BOOK RECYCLING**

Please bring old phone books to the church and place them in the basket in the lobby. They are being collected for recycling as a Second Harvest Food Bank fundraiser.

**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.

**WAYOUTH NUT SALE**

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

## SECOND SATURDAY PROJECT IN JANUARY

We have been invited to send a crew back to the St. Martin's Center on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. The specific nature of our efforts has yet to be determined (probably mostly cleaning), but we will work there from 9:00 a.m. until noon. If you'd like to be part of the crew please sign up in the Lobby.

### COATS FOR KIDS

Due to the great need, we will continue our collection of "Coats for Kids". Please remember this includes good winter wear of any type for children, youth and adults. Items can be placed on the specially marked coat rack outside Fellowship Hall.

### 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 macaroni and cheese and peanut butter. Thank you.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WOW KIDS CLUB and MIDDLELERS will not meet this week. Programs will resume on Wednesday, January 4, 2012.

SENIOR HIGHS this week will discuss The Christmas Story: "Dateline Bethlehem: Year Zero."

### ADULT EDUCATION

Embracing an Adult Faith discusses contemporary issues of faith and life. Issues of Faith: This week we will be led in an exploration of "Blacks and Whites in Politics and Faith" with Rev. Charles Mock, Associate Pastor of Community Baptist Church.

Adult Bible Study under the instruction of Don Worthington is studying the prophets (the class is not meeting this week).

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

Regular Adult Sunday School classes will not meet on December 25 or January 1.

MEDS will not meet for the remainder of December. The class will resume after the first of the year on a date to be announced.

WOW Adult Study and Wednesday dinners will resume again on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

### CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY

Each Christmas Eve for decades now the Middlers and Senior Highs have donned the costumes and offered a live nativity for our worshippers. Grown teens remember braving the cold in the garth. We have an easy task this year of creating a Christmas scene indoors. Although Middlers have tended to take 7:00 service and senior high the 10:00 we would welcome any youth or children not singing in a choir to sign up for either or both services. The sign ups are on the Information Table.

## WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 18, 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:	Jeremy Brinling, Jessica Brinling, Paul Carpenedo, Zach Dulabon, Bobbi Jo Fye, Tom & Vaska Lewis, Ron May, Matt McGill, Marissa Pardini, Fletcher Swanson
Worship Assistant:	Member of the Senior High Class
Acolytes:	Ashley Buseck, Scott Taylor
Sound Board:	Jerry Brown
Greeters:	The Babb Family
Information Table:	Jana Babb
Fellowship Time:	Deacons
Childcare Helpers:	Tracey Bowes, Nursery; Missy Grimm, Preschool

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

Ushers:	John Fair, Joey Kocan, Ashley Lewis, Grace Lewis, Henry Lewis, Tom Momeyer, Zeke Porter, Katie Sundberg
Worship Assistant:	Peggy Bules
Acolytes:	Claire Christensen, Kathleen Reed
Sound Board:	Jim Allman
Childcare Helpers:	Emma Haas, Nursery; Karen Haas, Preschool

## CAST OF THE WOW MUSICAL

**“Silent Mice, Holy Mice”**  
by Michael and Jill Gallina

Director: Dawn L. Weborg

Even though “Silent Night” is most likely the world’s best known Christmas Carol, we may never know for certain what events led to the writing of this inspiring song. Many popular accounts imply that damage to the organ in St. Nicholas Church in Oberndorf, Austria led to the creation of “Silent Night.” Some of the reasons as to why the organ failed have been attributed to mechanical problems, moisture or mice! Hope you enjoy the WOW interpretation of these events.

### Church Mice

Kristin Babb	Samantha Momeyer
Lily Babb	Karissa Moyer
Sydney Craig	Halle Murabito
Alliyece Cruz	Aniyah Reap
Jessica Day	Angela Sbrocco
Sara DeBello	Megan Warnaka
Bella Fried	
Aurora Fuchs	

### Marcie Mouse

Alivia Garrity

### Mikey Mouse

Nicholas Grimm

### Mortie Mouse

Patrick Warnaka

### Franz Gruber

Joey Turner

### Sebastian the Cat

Alex Grimm

### Millie Mouse

Hannah Morrow

### Pastor Mohr

Jonathan Sidorowicz



*A very special thanks to choir assistants Barb McGill, Jean Moore, Linda Pentz, as well as Micki Loesel and Caroline Grimm.*

*Thank you also to Bill Weborg, set and props.*

## 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.

### LOVE

by Mike and Sue Godboldt

Love is a funny thing. We all know what it is yet it is something that is difficult to describe. We can love people. We can love places. We can love things. We can love sports teams even when they continue to break our hearts (Go Cubs!). As the Christmas season approaches, our family begins the holiday traditions of baking (and eating), baking (and eating), and baking (and eating). We also remember past holidays and the loved ones that are no longer with us while trying to create new memories with those who are still here. This time of year inspires and renews love because Christmas represents God’s love.

During this advent season, our thoughts of love naturally reflect on God’s gift of love for us. **“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”** (John 3:16). Christmas is a time set aside to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the physical representation of God’s love. The enormous magnitude of this gift is truly humbling and a bit overwhelming. What must God expect from us to deserve such a gift of love? The answer is simple: love. God commands us to **“love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength”** (Mark 12:30). God also commands us to **“love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these”** (Mark 12:31).

Christmas is the time of year where we allow life to slow down and take the opportunity to express love to family, friends, and all our neighbors. Whether it is through baking, giving gifts, donating to the “angel tree”, volunteering at a soup kitchen, or any other method of giving, the expression of love is all around us at Christmas. When celebrating Christmas this year with your family, take time to ponder the love that created and sustains this holiday. Some people complain that Christmas has drifted from a holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus towards a time of year obsessed with money and material goods. This will only occur if we allow it. This year, let us all take time to consider the true meaning of Christmas. Let us take time to reflect on God’s gift of love for us. Let us also take time to reflect on how we demonstrate appreciation for that gift by loving God above all else and loving our neighbors as ourselves.



*Wise Men and Women Still Seek Him*