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FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends:

For the past several months our Wednesday evening, after supper study group (sometimes referred to as “the Women’s Bible Study” based on those who generally attend) has been looking at materials from a United Methodist pastor named Adam Hamilton. I really appreciate his approach to our practice of the faith. Before Christmas we used his study course titled “When Christians Get It Wrong” which was based on the observations of a large sample of young people who have consciously chosen to not have anything to do with the church. It provided a sometimes painful reminder that we need to be honest, sincere, open and compassionate if the church genuinely hopes to attract members of the younger generations.

Currently we are looking at his study called “Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White.” Thus far we’ve only made our way through the first two sessions but the strong message coming through is the need for all of us who profess to be Christians to be thoughtful and considerate – even wise – in the ways we live out our faith, and to be respectful of particularly those who choose to practice their faith in a different way.

Rev. Hamilton doesn’t use the word directly, but I hear him saying that, as Christians, we really need to model great civility in all that we do and especially in those settings that might encourage a different response. I fear there will be lots of that in this election year and we may not be able to impact things too much at that level. But we can do a lot locally – and who knows how that might affect things in the broader sphere.

Wayside rightly prides itself on its ‘openness’ to different thoughts and ideas and interpretations. Fortunately great civility goes right along with that, and we can be proud of that as well. I pray that God will give us the strength to practice that not only when we’re here at the church, but in every encounter of every day.

See you in Church.

Peace.

Jim

This month at

Wayside:

- Second Saturday Work Project - City Mission February 4th
- Officers’ Retreat February 10 & 11th
- WaYouth Luncheon February 12th
- Ash Wednesday February 22nd

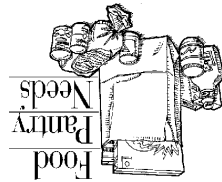
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All non-perishable items are always welcome.

Requested items
For February
Soup, Toilet Tissue,
Spaghetti, Cereal, Spa-
ghetti Sauce, Fruit, Toilet
Tissue, Peanut Butter,
Macaroni & Cheese

**WEST MILLCREEK
FOOD PANTRY**



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WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Wayside Church is a welcoming, caring community of God's people committed to developing Christian disciples.
We gather for worship, study, fellowship, and prayer. We seek to reach out with Christ's love to our community and the world.*

"MISSION STATEMENT"

MANY THANKS

The entire congregation expresses its genuine appreciation to several people who have gone out of their way to meet one of the specific needs of the church. Special thanks to:

- Marion Gallivan who does an excellent job as our Clerk of Session and was just elected to another term
- Matt McCullough and Sandy Reed, who were recently chosen to be the President and Moderator, respectively, of the Trustees and Deacons; both made a special commitment
- All the new officers that were installed, ordained, and recognized in January; all of them are ready to share their skills and abilities in providing leadership for Wayside

There are many others who contribute generously of their time and efforts in support of the church; we are grateful to all of them.



The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on February 22nd. We will worship in the Sanctuary that evening at 7:00 p.m. with the opportunity to be marked with ashes as a sign of our penitence.

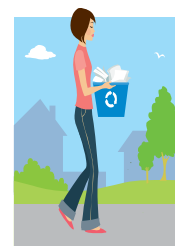
Please mark the date on your calendar. More specifics about the service will be available in the Sunday bulletin.

SECOND SATURDAY PROJECT IN FEBRUARY

Our Second Saturday project in February is a bit different in several ways. Though we have worked with the City Mission before, they've asked us for a different kind of service this year. On Saturday, February 4th (the first Saturday of the month), the City Mission is hosting a breakfast for a special group of their volunteers. We have been asked to send a crew to assist with the set-up, serving, and clean-up of that event.

It will take place in Knox Hall at First Covenant Presbyterian Church and we will work from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

We need 8-10 volunteers for this project, so if you are interested please sign up at the Information Table.



GREEN TEAM TIP FOR THE MONTH

We are fortunate to have "Single Stream" recycling available to us. Waste Management suggests that it is helpful to place garbage on one side of the driveway and recyclables on the other side.

MAKING SOUP FOR EMMAUS

Soup will be made by the Deacons on Sunday, February 19. This project benefits the Emmaus Soup Kitchen. Check the list below, and bring the needed items to the church kitchen between 9:30 and 11:00 am. (You do not need to attend Sunday School to participate; this is an all-church project.) Adults & Sr. Hi—meat, beef stock, any cut up items; Nursery thru 2nd — corn, peas, beans; 3rd & 4th—chopped onion, celery, peppers, canned tomatoes; 5th thru 8th—tomato sauce or juice, potatoes, cleaned & sliced carrots.

WAYOUTH LUNCHEON

"Wayside's Got Talent"! Don't miss the WaYouth luncheon on Sunday, February 12 at noon! Several special music selections will be presented by Waysiders! Cost for the luncheon is: \$5 for Adults and \$3 for Children. Please sign up in the lobby.

MUSIC NEWS

Consider joining a choir during the Lenten season. New members are always welcome!

Dawn Weborg

FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 4:00 p.m. WOW 5:00 p.m. WaYouth Choir 5:30 p.m. Primary Choir 6:00 p.m. Dinner Middlers 6:45 p.m. Adult Study 7:30 p.m. CDN	2 7 p.m. Chancel Choir	3	4 8 a.m. - Noon Second Saturday Work Project
5 Communion 8:30 a.m. Early Celebration of Worship 9:30 a.m. Choir 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Worship Noon - Fellowship 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal	6	7 7:00 p.m. Green Team	8 4:00 p.m. WOW 5:00 p.m. WaYouth Choir 5:30 p.m. Primary Choir 6:00 p.m. Dinner Middlers 6:45 p.m. Adult Study 7:30 p.m. Session	9 Noon - Martha Circle 7 p.m. Chancel Choir	10 Officers' Retreat	11
12 8:30 a.m. Early Celebration of Worship 9:30 a.m. Choir 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Worship Noon - Fellowship WaYouth Lunch	13 8:00 a.m. - Trustees	14	15 4:00 p.m. WOW 5:00 p.m. WaYouth Choir 5:30 p.m. Primary Choir 6:00 p.m. Dinner Middlers 6:45 p.m. Adult Study 7:30 p.m. CE Meeting W.M. & F.A. Meeting	16 7 p.m. Chancel Choir	17	18
19 Soup Sunday 8:30 a.m. Early Celebration of Worship 9:30 a.m. Choir 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Worship Noon - Fellowship 5:00 P.M. Bell Choir Rehearsal	20 WaYouth Ski Trip	21 7:00 p.m. Green Team Prayer Shawl	22 4:00 p.m. WOW 5:00 p.m. WaYouth Choir 5:30 p.m. Primary Choir 6:00 p.m. Dinner Middlers 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service	23 11:30 a.m. Elizabeth Circle 7 p.m. Chancel Choir	24	25
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WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|---|--|
| 2nd - Tim Lasher, Kerry Moyer | 16th - Leslie Momeyer |
| 3rd - Claus Fuchs | 17th - Jim Allman, Mary Kolb, Sally Nixon |
| 4th - Brittany Feher, Tim Feltmeyer, Tyler Goodwin, Evan Grimm, Roger Lansberry | 18th - Dan Brockwell, Hayley Coyne, Pat Fish, Greg Sbrocco |
| 5th - Georgia Delfreo, Brooke Scholl | 20th - Emma Lewis, Molly Russo |
| 7th - Jackie Tingley | 22nd - Jessica Brinling, Michael McGill |
| 8th - Lindsay Egg, Jean Huckelbery, Ted Miller, Carol Stamm | 23rd - Cindy Clark-Wilcox, Cheree Harris, Michael Murabito |
| 9th - Leslie Weber | 24th - Brian Buseck, Jennifer Dulabon, Todd Hain |
| 10th - Rachel Bert | 25th - Edythe Endean |
| 12th - Ashley Behn, Chris Behn | 26th - Hannah Haas, Rebecca Jackson, Ashley Lewis, Katherine Potocki |
| 13th - Genevieve Feltmeyer, Emmanuel Ngu, Jeffrey Start | 28th - Elaine Brinling, Paul Carpenedo, Brian McGill, Kristen Morgan |
| 14th - Donna Stone, Ed Tansey, Lauren Valentine, Megan Zembower | |
| 15th - Travis Bert, Cindy Grode, Jared Stern | |



VBS 2012

It is not too early to pencil in our VBS dates so if possible you can plan your vacations around it.

“Take me to the water: God’s love flows” is the theme this year. We will gather the children for fun and creative learning on July 16th - 20th, 2012.

Financial Report

Financial Statement
as of December 31, 2011

Receipts:

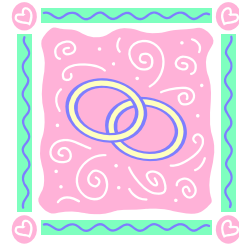
Month.....\$70,275
Year-to-date.....\$470,080

Expenses:

Month.....\$49,271
Year-to-date.....\$462,982

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3rd - Bob & Marion Gallivan
14th - Gary & Linda Behn
Tim & Kelly McLaughlin
Mark & Gwen Smith
20th - Hadley & Barbara Jones



PW RUMMAGE SALE

- Friday JUNE 29th** 8:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
Saturday JUNE 30th 8:30 a.m. - Noon - Bag Sale 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Items for the rummage sale may be placed in Fellowship Hall after June 4th.



LIST OF CURRENT OFFICERS

Wayside has always been blessed with great leadership from the Session, Deacons, and Trustees. The membership of those boards changes somewhat each year. Please find here the list of our current officers.

Session	Class of 2012 Aaron Garrity Elaine Garts Melissa Grimm Ed Snyder Becky Worthington Marion Gallivan, Clerk	Class of 2013 Vic Babcock Paul Carpenedo Mary Marsh Matt McGill Tom Momeyer	Class of 2014 John Fair Gretchen Kelley Kitty Menges Pam Monaco Mark Twinem
Deacons	Jill Abbott Brenda Harcourt Brian Reed Sandy Reed Annette Rothschild Karen Sidorowicz Carol Stamm LeeAnn Warnaka	Jana Babb Nancy Brozewicz Lynn Lewis Rose McLaren Jean Moore Bill Pentz Pattie Pora Nancy Snyder	Mary DeBello Amy Fuchs Rand Garrity Laura Harper Lois May Barb McGill Penny Mechley-Porter Natalie Thompson
Trustees	Kurt Duska Tom Fye Dan McGill Mike Reed	Rita Brown Diana Day Sally Mapstone Ron May	Mark Catrabone Justin Grimm Matt McCullough Barry Stamm

Shawn Babcock, Treasurer

ELIZABETH INSPIRATION

First
keep peace
within yourself,
then you can also
bring peace to others.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Saturday - March 24th - Wayside Talent Auction
Put your basket ideas together, be ready with a car wash, pies, art, or any gift of talent or time you would share and come prepared to outbid your friends in an evening of fun! Proceeds will benefit One Great Hour of Sharing and projects at Wayside.

LUNCH BUNCH IN FEBRUARY

The Lunch Bunch will meet at Joe Root’s Restaurant at 12:30 p.m. on February 11, 2012. To make reservations call Peggy Bules, 836-0096, or Annette Rothschild, 836-0835.

FAMILY NEWS

Recuperating at home:

- Virginia Ackley
- Edythe Endean
- David Haag
- Ethan Johns
- Paul Zarenko

DIRECTORY UPDATES

- Jana Babb 833-1321
- Sally Mapstone 881-1869
- Ed Snyder & family
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WAYSIDE REFLECTION/PROFILES

A couple of items in print caught my eye, as the New Year revved its engines in coursing down the runway into the Year of Our Lord, 2012.

A double knee transplant-replacement at one and the same time, is the stuff that real men - in this case a REAL WOMAN - are made of. Check the bulletin board in the hallway on your way to a Sunday School class or a Wednesday evening dinner - Wayside member Donna Stone is featured in an article found there. A trip monthly to Erie's main Post Office posting Wayside's Newsletter, a W + 2 commitment in her schedule in addition to a life of quilting, caring (Sister), world-wide cruising with husband, Les consumes her interesting life. Catch her if you can, ushering at Wayside's 8:30 a.m. service, or at one of the receptions she routinely puts together for newly sworn-in immigrants becoming U.S.A. citizens.

Ushering also at the Early Worship service, are a couple of long-time Wayside members, George & Shirley Diller. Shirley is "our Gal Friday", as each Friday she assists in the secretarial demands of the Church in preparation for Sunday services - folding and collating bulletins amongst other tasks. Her passion is cross-stitch (the auction benefits with her beautiful handiwork). George's passion is antique toys. He is featured in the volume on the Information Table as a member of W.W. II 26th Infantry Scout Dog Platoon. Many years ago, dogs were a vital component in communications amongst our troops in the jungles of the South Pacific.

George and Shirley are nearing their 65th Wedding Anniversary, and, like Donna, W+ 2 personified. Thanks be to God for these three.

Jane Hess

WAYOUTH SKI OVERNIGHT FOR MIDLERS & SENIOR HIGHS

Our ski trip was postponed to February because of Millcreek's snow make-up day. This is an ideal event to attend if you have never skied before. There is an hour and half lesson with the first timer package!

When: Sunday and Monday, February 19 and 20

Where: Overnight at Mission Meadows Camp and Ski Trip at the Peak

Who else is going? Youth from First Presbyterian Church of Warren

How Much: Overnight at camp, dinner and breakfast \$40

Lunch on Monday is not included, bring \$10

Skiing Costs: Beginners Package for first time skier or snowboarder: \$38.00

Upgrade for the lift is \$23.00

Beginners Package for first time skier or snowboarder:

with lift ticket beyond the beginner slope: \$61.00

Lift Ticket for the day is \$36.00

Ski Rentals are \$22.00

Snowboard rental is \$27.00

Applications are at the Information Table or by request through the church office.

Scholarships are available.



WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

February 5th Celebration of Holy Communion

Text – Mark 1:29-39

Title – “Too Busy”

Mark's gospel is written with a sense of immediacy. In certain chapters Jesus seems almost to be rushing from one event, one situation on to the next. He appears to be going at a rather frantic pace. Which, I'm sure, we can all relate to at least periodically if not regularly. How did Jesus manage to do that without getting run down or burnt-out? What sustained him? And will the same work for us?

February 12th

Text – Mark 1:40 -45

Title – “Unexpected Healings”

Expectation of healing seemed to be a prerequisite for the person who was ill to be healed by Jesus. Only then were they able to experience his compassion in unusual times and places. Our scientific minds may well preempt us from receiving gifts that are being offered.

February 19th

Text – Mark 9:2-9

Title – “Thin Places”

It is part of our tradition on this final Sunday before the season of Lent begins to read the Transfiguration story. The event appears in each of the first three gospels, though it is appropriated somewhat differently by each writer. Here in Mark's gospel it serves as the starting point for the second half of the story. It reveals a 'thin place' where the veil between the holy and the ordinary is thin or even lifted. And it invites us to be fully present when those 'thin place' moments are given to us.

February 22nd Ash Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

As is our custom, we will begin the season of Lent in the Sanctuary. Gathered around our Lord's Table, we'll remember what the season is all about, using Scripture and song to start us on our forty day journey to Easter. The service will include being marked with ashes and the celebration of communion and is designed to be inclusive of all ages.

February 26th First Sunday in Lent

Text – Genesis 9:8-17

Title – “Blessed Connections”

The Biblical account of the flood story and Noah reminds us that the natural world carries messages of God's grace. While the flood itself suggests that water has the potential to threaten life just as it nourishes it, the rainbow is a symbol of God's goodness and promise. Though we don't see it often, particularly at this time of the year, the “bow in the sky” is a good reminder that we are all part of one good earth and that God's grace shines on us all.