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This month at Wayside:

- "Taking Down the Greens"
January 4
- Soup Sunday
January 15
- Annual Meeting,
January 22 - 9:15 a.m.

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends:

In the fall of 2011 the Session and the Stewardship Committee encouraged all of us to participate in a new program called "Worship + 2." For that three month period we were asked to commit to worshiping on a regular basis as well as to find two other – preferably new – ways to practice our faith through the church.

It was fascinating to witness the response. A good number of people filled out the commitment form and dropped it in the box on the Information Table. I know of others who took the challenge without submitting anything in writing. And the "+2" aspect played out in some new and interesting ways: a weekly offering to the food basket in the lobby, a willingness to getting involved in some of the Presbyterian Women's programs, regular attendance in an adult Sunday School class, participation in several of our 2nd Saturday projects. All of which were offered to the glory of God and to the blessing of Wayside Church.

No specific plan has yet been designed for a new round of "W + 2." But as we begin a new year, I'd like to encourage all of us to think along those same lines again. You'll find plenty of options for the "+ 2" listed in this newsletter. And, even more to the point, I hope you will commit to regular worship. That is the central act of our life together, the hub from which all the spokes stretch out. It is something that is best done corporately, as a community. And while worship is always for the purpose of praising God, it is also a blessing to everyone present. I look forward to all of us sharing that experience in this new year.

May 2012 be a blessing to us all and a great year for us to celebrate our faith and serve God thankfully and graciously here at Wayside.

See you in church. Peace.

Jim

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All non-perishable items are always welcome.

Baked Beans
Tuna Fish
Canned Meat
Canned Fruit
Spaghetti Sauce
Mac & Cheese
Soup
Bar Soap
Toilet Tissue

Requested items for January:

WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY



Phone: 814-833-7653
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December Assemblers included:
Karen Dunn, Georgina Peters, Doreta Hubert, Shirley Diller,
Annette Rothschild, Sally DeWitt

Ernie Ennsle, Sexton
Dawn Weborg Director of Music/Organist
Keith Sundberg, Associate Pastor
James Haas, Senior Pastor

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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 Board of Trustees would like to express its genuine gratitude to several people who have gone out of their way to meet one of the specific needs of the church.

Special thanks to:

- Becky Worthington and Micki Loesel and all those who assisted them with our new Advent/Christmas decorations in the Sanctuary and the Lobby.
- The Worship, Music and Fine Arts Committee for coordinating the Tennessee BackPorch concert.
- Judy Bestwick, Jeanne Nyberg, Mitzi Moore and all the women who assisted with the Christmas Cookie Sale
- Our bell ringers, Angel Tree contributors, soup kitchen servers, and all others who helped to share the joy of the season through Wayside's efforts.

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

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

Thanks to the more than 100 plus bakers, who donated their time and cookies. A special thanks to Judy Bestwick, Mitzi Moore and Jeanne Nyberg. The cookies were beautiful and delicious. The fellowship during preparation was great fun. And best of all, we earned \$1725 for the International Presbyterian Women's Mission Fund and our own Women of Wayside mission giving! The cookie committee appreciates the loyal support of everyone who participated.

CONFIRMATION/COMMISSIONING CLASSTO BEGIN

The 2012 Confirmation/Commissioning Class will begin meeting at the end of January. Following the 11:00 a.m. service on the 29th all youth 9th grade and above who haven't already completed the program are invited to meet with Rev. Haas and Rev. Sundberg in the Parlor. At least one parent of each youth is required to join us for this session only. We will meet briefly to outline the course and try to identify the best weekly meeting time. If you have any questions please call the Church Office.

NURSES NOTES

Today I wish you a day of ordinary miracles. A fresh pot of coffee you don't have to make yourself. An unexpected phone call from an old friend. Green stop lights on your way to work or shop. I wish you a day of little things to rejoice in. The fastest line at the grocery store. A good sing along song on the radio. Your keys right where you look.

I wish you a day of happiness and perfection - little bite-size pieces of perfection that give you the funny feeling that the Lord is smiling on you, holding you so gently because you are someone special.

I wish you a day of Peace, Happiness and Joy.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.

I received this over the Holidays and thought it worth sharing...

Health and Happiness in the New Year.

Georgi

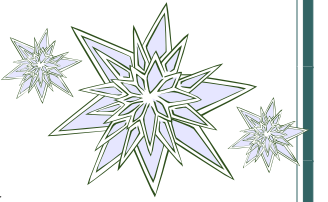
OFFICERS' RETREAT

The annual Officers' Retreat will take place on Friday, February 10th and Saturday, February 11th here at Wayside. Our leader will be Rev. John Sharick, former executive of Eastminster Presbyterian All the church officers currently serving on the Board of Deacons, Trustees, or Session are encouraged to participate, plus all those who have just completed terms. Please watch the bulletin for further details.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual Meetings of the Congregation and Corporation will be held at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, January 22, 2012 in Fellowship Hall. The Annual Report will be reviewed, the pastors' compensation will be voted upon, and any other business rightly presented will be conducted. Breakfast will be served. Copies of the Annual Report should be ready for distribution on January 15th. Hope you can join us as we review the past year and look ahead to the new.

JANUARY 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 10:00 a.m. Holiday Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Worship	2	3	4 4:00 p.m. WOW 5:30 Primary Choir 6:00 p.m. Dinner Middlers 6:45 p.m. Adult Study 7:30 p.m. CDN Deacons	5	6	7
8 Ordination of Officers 8:30 a.m. Early Celebration of Worship 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Worship 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time	9 Noon - Trustees 7:30 p.m. Outreach	10 7:00 p.m. Green Team	11 4:00 p.m. WOW 5:30 Primary Choir 6:00 p.m. Dinner Middlers 6:45 Adult Study 7:30 p.m. Session	12 Noon - Martha Circle	13 Newsletter Articles Due	14 9:00 a.m. - Noon Second Saturday Work Project St. Martin Center
15 Soup Sunday 8:30 a.m. Early Celebration of Worship 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Worship 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time	16 Ski Trip <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">WAYOUTH SKI TRIP</div>	17 Prayer Shawl Ministry	18 4:00 p.m. WOW 5:30 Primary Choir 6:00 p.m. Dinner Middlers 6:45 Adult Study 7:30 p.m. CE	19	20	21
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MUSIC NEWS

A special thank you to all of Wayside's choir members who provided music during the Christmas season. Many hours of rehearsals combined with great fellowship add up to a music program we can all be proud of.

As we begin a New Year, please consider being part of the Music program. New members are always welcome.

Dawn Weborg

MANY THANKS

Thank you to everyone who bought Christmas gifts, or gift cards and those who donated money for women and children at the St. Martin Center and Community Shelter Services. Your continued support of the Deacons' Angel Tree project is truly appreciated by both agencies and, as always, far exceeded our expectations. May you feel joy in your heart in the New Year for your kindness and generosity to those in need.

Mary DeBello



We are so grateful to our wayside family for all the support we received during our mother's recent illness and death. All the cards, phone calls and visits helped so much at this difficult time. We were especially grateful for all the desserts that were made for the funeral luncheon. They were delicious and were enjoyed by our family and friends.

With thanks,
Linda & Bill Pentz, Lois & Ron May

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. The collection will continue through January 22nd.

Thank you.

WAYSIDE REFLECTION

The Numbers

Twelve months await us

Two thousand and eleven years have come and gone in the Christian Calendar

Four Pastors have and are shepherding us; Rev. Grafton; Rev. Steinbrenner; Dr. Espy and Rev. Haas

Seven Organists / Choir Directors have and are providing music to our services:

Dorothy Onisko, Steve _____, Michael Frank, Mrs. Cavenellis, Newton Lewis, Leslie Weber, Dawn Weborg

Thirty nine books in the Old Testament:

*The rules of engagement for Christendon
10 Commandments, Psalms*

Twenty seven books in the New Testaments:

*The Parables, Life of Jesus, His Disciples
Beatitudes*

Three Boards regulate our church life:

Elders, Deacons, Trustees

One Book of Order guides our Pastors

599 souls consist of our membership (2010)

'Tis said "it takes a village to raise a child"

'Tis true it takes a Congregation to nurture a church

*Twelve new months await us -
opportunity knocks!*

Thanks be to God Jane Hess

THE PROFILE

Profiling one of the 599, brings thoughts of our recent Presbyterian Woman recipient, Pat Fish.

Born in Lake City, educated at Saint Vincent's/Nursing
Married to George Fish for 52 years
Blessed with 3 daughters

Pat is active at the gym, in the community, at Wayside as a Deacon, Elizabeth Circle activist, representative from Wayside for the Presbyterian Homes, Chancel Choir Soprano as well as a member of the Symphonic Singers - a wonderful friend to all.

Thanks be to God for members like Pat!



LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS RECOGNIZED AND THANKED

In early December we were blessed to have representatives of a number of community programs present with us for worship. During the services on the 11th financial gifts of support were given to each agency from our mission budget. These programs were among those considered by the Outreach Committee before a recommendation was made to the Session for final approval.

Recognized and thanked during worship were Catholic Charities, Case Management, Erie Homes for Children and Adults, Kids' Café, Asbury Woods, Safenet, Community Shelter Services, Habitat for Humanity, Second Harvest Food Bank, St. Paul's Clinic, Presbyterian Homes, Vision for the Poor, Hooked on Books, West Millcreek Food Pantry, CHOSEN, Erie City Mission, Protestant Campus Ministry/Behrend and Inter-Church Ministries .

JANUARY 25th - ANNUAL HEIFER PROJECT POTATO DINNER AT WAYSIDE

Presbyterian Women will hold their annual "potato dinner with all those yummy toppings" on January 25th. A freewill offering will be taken with the proceeds benefiting the Heifer Project International. HPI provides families with food and income-producing animals and training in their care. The families then "pass on the gift" by giving one or more of their animal's offspring to another family in need. A sign-up to bring a topping will be at the information table. Please plan to attend and help support this worthwhile mission project.

PW THANK OFFERING

Thank you for your contributions to the Thank Offering. We received over \$1400 for this mission-giving request. Our strong extra giving efforts show our commitment to Presbyterian Women's role in the continuation of mission work at home and world-wide. Your generous gifts are helping fund worthwhile mission projects and are greatly appreciated.

PW CHRISTMAS PARTY A SUCCESS!

Presbyterian Women enjoyed a delicious dessert in the beautiful surroundings of our festively decorated front lobby. Dawn Weborg and several of our musically talented youth provided wonderful entertainment. Brianna Morrow performed on the violin; Sarah Reed, Kathleen Reed, Emma Sidorowicz and Caroline Grimm sang a variety of Holiday songs. A wonderful time was had by all!

Financial Report - 2011

Financial Statement - November

Receipts:

Month..... \$29,650
Year-to-date \$399,805

Expenses:

Month..... \$35,114
Year-to-date \$412,962

FAMILY NEWS

Birthdays:

1st - Paige Peasley, Ashley Weber	20th - Richard Reese Trevor Grode, Suanna McGuire
2nd - Jay Jenkins, Michael Paris, Barry Stamm	21st - Greg Miller
3rd - Shelby Sheriff	23rd - Maia Edwards- Borowicz
4th - Joseph Turner, Spencer Wallwork	24th - Nathan Larson
5th - Claire Bowes, Jeffrey Boyd, Natalie Teubner	25th - Jack Bestwick, Kevin May
6th - Erica Jewell, Jenna Szklenski	26th - Tom Fye
7th - Denise Borowski, Lorah Momeyer, Brian Sundberg, Christine Szklenski	27th - Bobby Knarr, Debbie Smith
8th - Chris Boyd, Shirley Diller	28th - Angela Sbrocco
9th - Richard Moore	29th - Jillian Englert
10th - Greg Minnick, Michele Reed, Marty Roth	30th - Jackie Cross, Samantha Momeyer, Meredith Thompson
11th - Elana Dolan	31st - Devin Johns, Sam Knarr
12th - Adam Larson, Erica Larson, Sarah Larson	
13th - Dale Cage, Rob Harcourt	
14th - Rachel Sbrocco	
16th - Karen Carpenedo, Spencer Swanson	
18th - Erin Wolford	
19th - Halle Murabito, Tamara Murphy,	

Anniversaries:

David & Jill Abbott 1/2
Ed & Jan McEllroy 1/9
Andy & Molly Allen 1/22
Jim & Edythe Endean 1/29

Recuperating at home:

Judd Smith
Barb Trisket

Hospitalized:

Ginny Ackley

SECOND SATURDAY IN JANUARY

We will be sending a work crew to St. Martin's Center on Saturday, January 14th. Most of our work will be of the cleaning variety, but there is a chance there will be some painting to do as well. We should know more details the week preceding our visit. Our work crews always approach their efforts with great spirit. Most of the people actually have fun, and there is always room for new people to participate. If you would like to get the new year off to a fresh start by participating in the project, please sign up in the Lobby.

SECOND SATURDAY PROJECTS in 2012

Again this past year Wayside set new participation records for our outreach projects. Wayside provided work crews on twenty-six occasions, many of them on Saturday mornings, but others in the afternoon – mostly the Soup Kitchen and the mobile food bank – and at least one in the evening. Added to that list was our full week during Habitat's "House That Love Built" adventure. All the various work teams totaled about 275 volunteers (though there were a number of "repeaters") and contributed nearly 900 hours of effort to serve God's people and improve our community.

The Outreach Committee and the Deacons want to thank all those who participated and encourage everyone at Wayside to consider participating in one project or another during 2012.

TIME FOR SOUP AGAIN!

Soup will be made by the Deacons on Sunday, January 22nd for the Emmaus Soup Kitchen.

Please bring the needed items to the church kitchen between 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Adults & Senior High - uncooked meat, barley, beef stock
Nursery & preschool - corn/ K-1 - corn, carrots
2nd & 3rd - beans, canned tomatoes
4th & 5th - chopped onion, celery,
peppers, canned tomatoes
6th -8th - tomato juice, potatoes,
cleaned & sliced carrots



WORSHIP IN JANUARY

We will gather at our Lord's Table on the first Sunday of the new year. A week later we will ordain, install, and recognize new church officers.

January 1st Celebration of Holy Communion

Text – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Title – "Flight 2-0-1-2"

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." So begins the third chapter of the book of Ecclesiastes. Other passages of Scripture echo that same wisdom and go on to suggest that the faith and its blessings that we bring to every season and every matter will go a long way in determining how fulfilling life will be.

January 8th Ordination, Installation, and Recognition of New Church Officers

Text – Mark 1:4-11

Title – "New Beginnings"

The gospel of Mark is the oldest, the shortest, and the most direct of the gospels. There is no birth story. Instead Mark moves immediately to the beginning of Jesus' ministry. John the Baptist factors in the story prominently at the outset, particularly in his baptism of Jesus. At least in Mark's gospel, that was the beginning. Hopefully baptism was a beginning for all of us as well.

January 15th

Text – I Samuel 3:1-10

Title – "Called and Recalled"

"Call" is frequently a term reserved for the sense a pastor has that God invited her or him to a specific form of ministry. But that is way too narrow an understanding of "call." For we are all called by God in one way or another. What does it mean to discern that call and to live that call in community? What does it mean to be called to carry out tasks which are difficult, or to name painful truths, or to go in directions we'd really like to avoid? God knows us and loves us and calls us all, often in unexpected ways.

January 22nd

Text – Mark 1:14-20

Title – "Disciples"

Some scholars have suggested that Jesus and some of the twelve were first disciples of John the Baptist. It is not known however. It is a logical explanation of the "immediate" willingness for the apostles to follow Jesus when he calls. The question is: Is it helpful to think so as we invite others to follow Jesus?

January 29th

Text – Mark 1:21-28

Title – "With Authority"

Mark's gospel presents Jesus as a teacher with a difference. No doubt we would all agree. He demonstrated a divine authority which had never been seen before. In that same measure it is an authority we will never be able to claim. But that's not to say it isn't available to us. How does his authority impact our living and how might we make at least some of it our own?

