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We gather for worship, study, fellowship, and prayer. We seek to reach out with Christ's love to our community and

Wayside Church is a welcoming, caring community of God's people committed to developing Christian disciples.

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WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Wayside Presbyterian Church

# Inside Wayside

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## FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends:

A major part of the journey through Lent is the effort to honestly appraise where we are in our faith, in our relationship with God and with one another, in our discipleship as followers of Jesus Christ. Hopefully the church provides good opportunities and the encouragement to do all that.

Implicit in that process is our need to listen for God's voice and to hear what God might be trying to say to us. And I suspect that God has lots to say to every one of us. Indeed, like the popular phone commercial on TV, God keeps asking, "Can you hear me now?" If you read through the gospel of Mark you almost get the idea that God repeatedly asked that question of Jesus:

"Can you hear me say that you are my beloved son, even now in the midst of your temptations?"

"Can you hear me now that you know that you won't be spared, but offered up for the world's sin?"

"Can you hear me in the angels that I send to wait on you?"

And I think God is still asking those questions, only now they are addressed to all of us. Can we hear that the one who was with Jesus is also with us for the long haul, even when we're in the wilderness? Can we recognize the angels God sends to 'wait table' on us? Can we hear God's call to us to be the angels who accompany others in their lonely and desolate places?

I hope and pray that as we make our way through this season of Lent together we can help each other to listen more carefully and to hear much better. So that when we arrive at Good Friday and Easter there will be no doubt that we've gotten the message. Which, of course, is very good news!

See you in church. Peace.



Jim

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#### **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:

- Shawn Babcock, who continues to do excellent work as our Church Treasurer and recently agreed to another one-year term
- Kitty Menges and her helpers, who regularly prepare our soup on Deacon sponsored "Soup Sundays" and get it delivered to the Emmaus Soup Kitchen.
- Kay Lascek and Barb Trisket who are now coordinating our the prayer chain; please direct prayer chain requests to one of them

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

## **GREEN TEAM ALERT**

A member of our team. Kurt Duska, has opened an account for Wayside at Lincoln Metal Works, 1602 Selinger Avenue. All metal items are accepted. Be sure to mention Wayside Church when dropping items. Revenues derived from this project will come to our church.



#### **MUSIC**

During the Lenten season there will be special Chancel Choir anthems and readings associated with the season. There will also be special music presented by soloists and instrumentalists throughout Lent.

### **SUMMER MUSIC**

6 It's not too early to select a date to do special music during the summer months. See Dawn Weborg to schedule.

## WORSHIP, MUSIC AND FINE ARTS

The Worship, Music and Fine Arts Committee will be organizing special Art Shows beginning on Sunday, May 13, 2012, Church Music Sunday. The presentations will be for a two month period and will be held in the church parlor. Our first featured artist will be Mrs. Pat Yahn. Pat's "bio" will be in a future newsletter.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MAY 13, 2012 - CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY

Honoring Wayside's talented, dedicated musicians.

## **COATS FOR KIDS**

Many thanks to all those who donated to the "Coats for Kids" program. More than 60 coats were contributed, plus boots, hats, gloves, scarves and other winter wear. Altogether we delivered 220 items that have been distributed, through the Caring Closet of the Erie City School District, to help God's children in the area stay warm this winter. Well done, Wayside.

## **COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES**

The West Millcreek Ministerial Association annual Lenten Community Prayer Services and Luncheons began on Thursday, February 23rd and continue each Thursday through March 29th. This year they are being held at Christ United Methodist Church, 2615 West 32nd. The short service begins at 12:05 p.m. with lunch following at 12:30 in Fellowship Hall.

The lunch is \$4.

This year's theme is "The Lenten Wilderness".



## PRESBYTERY "BIG" EVENT

An excellent leadership training event has been planned for the churches of Lake Erie Presbytery. "The Big Event" will take place on Saturday, March 17th, at the Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church. It promises to be a great day!

Brochures, which include a registration form, are available on the Information Table. Once completed please submit them to the Church Office; we will mail them all in together. The church will cover the registration fee (which includes lunch).

It would be wonderful to have a substantial group from Wayside participating. So pick up a brochure, check your calendar, and join with others from our church at the "big" day.

## "PEACE AND JOY" BUILDS IN JUNE

For each of the last three summers Wayside has been one of the "core" churches that supported the Habitat for Humanity "House that Faith Built," "House That Hope Built," and "House That Love Built" projects. In one brief three-week period each year a complete house was built and dedicated by workers from various churches (more than 40) in our community. All three were great efforts and very rewarding to all those who participated.

This summer Habitat has something even more unique. During the 'blitz build' in June two houses will be built, side-by-side and adjacent to the three listed above. Construction on the "House That Joy Built" and the "House that Peace Built" will begin on Monday, June 4th with the Dedication Ceremony scheduled for the 24th of that month. Wayside will be granted at least five worker slots on one of the weeks of the build. If you are interested in being part of our work crew, please watch the bulletin and for the sign-up sheet that should be on the Information Table in the next month or so. Initially please sign up for no more than one day; once we get closer to the work time, we'll see if there are still slots open. When you sign up, please also fill out a worker waiver form and leave it in the envelope.

## WAYSIDE REFLECTIONS

Kettles rattling, aromas wafting across the vastness of the hall named Fellowship -

It's Wednesday evening, 5:45 at Wayside. Chatting amicably, hot mugs of coffee grasped in hands weathered by years, contrasting the energy-filled young bodies assembling for supper, Christian Ed activities concluded.

It's Wednesday evening, 6:00 at Wayside. A mix of "cooks", mostly mothers, scurry around this well-equipped kitchen readying tasty dishes to be served at the "tap of the table", signaling time to give thanks for the bounty before us.

It's Wednesday evening, 6:00 at Wayside. Ques formed, hunger satisfied, noise level elevated, back packs and parkas donned, homeward bound is at hand.

It's Wednesday evening, 6:30 at Wayside. Dishwashers, mostly fathers, spring into motion, dish towels quickly dry silverware, pots and plates properly placed, lights doused.

It's Wednesday evening, 6:45 at Wayside. But wait, there's more, a faithful following assemble comfortably, the Parlor the place, mysteries of Faith explored, an evening of Fellowship comes to a pleasant end.

It's Wednesday evening, 7:30 at Wayside. Breaking bread, sipping the cup, folks of all ages join in the joy of Church family, satisfying hunger, sustaining commonalities. W + 2? Y-not? No tickets, no reservations. Thanks Be to God.

Jane Hess

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## **TALENT AUCTION SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 24, 2012**



Spring will soon arrive, which means it's almost time for Wayside's eleventh annual Talent Auction! This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, March 24th. We'll have an evening of fun and fellowship and our annual opportunity to bid on the many talents of Wayside's members. Proceeds from the auction will be evenly distributed between One Great Hour of Sharing & special projects at Wayside.

We look forward to another great year of interesting auction items and an evening of fun to raise funds for these worthwhile projects.

Auction donations are currently being sought. Please consider your talents and sign up at the Information Table. Auction item lists will be available after church services on March 18th.

A "Pound Auction" will be held for the children. Please consider bringing a pound of some type of item appropriate for a child age 3-10, creatively wrapped and labeled as to whether it is an item appropriate for a boy and/or girl. Pound items contributed in the past have included bubbles, sidewalk chalk, small games, etc. In addition to the Pound Auction, there will be coloring activities and a movie for the younger members of our church family.

Auction registration will begin at 4:45 p.m. on March 24th. The auction will begin by 5:15 p.m. At 6:15, we will take a break from the auction and enjoy a light supper and dessert. All those attending are still asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. The committee will provide sandwiches and beverages. We will resume the auction between 6:45 and 7:00 p.m. in anticipation of completing the event around 8:00 p.m.

Silent bids can be made if you are unable to attend the auction. On Sunday, March 18th, there will be silent bid forms on the Information Table. Complete the form after previewing the list of talents for sale and submit it to the church office.

Bring your whole family and plan to attend this fun event! Let's fill Fellowship Hall and raise a record-setting amount at this year's Talent Auction! See you on March 24th!

## TALENT AUCTION THEME BASKETS

The Congregational Development and Nurture Committee is once again encouraging families and groups within the church to sponsor and supply a theme basket to be auctioned during this year's event. The sponsoring family or group is asked to contribute a variety of items related to the theme of the basket and prepare the basket for auction.

For instance, a basket with a movie theme may include movie tickets, microwave popcorn, a gift card for movie rentals, candy, soft drinks, etc. Theme suggestions include but are not limited to: Gardening, Cooking, Coffee, Movies, Spa, Chocolate, Italian Dinner, Summer Fun, Breakfast or Books.

The baskets will be auctioned at the Talent Auction on Saturday, March 24th.

Please sign up now at the Information Table in the Lobby.



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## **FAMILY NEWS**

BIRTHDAYS:		$17 \mathrm{th}$	Karen Sewell	
1st	Peggy Bules, Alice	18th	Roman Bojewski,	
	Edwards, Elaine		Andrew Start	
	Glass, Kent Jacoby	19th	Hanna Pardini,	
2nd	Austin Jewell, Heidi		Matt Popson,	
	Utley		Cheryl Sealy	ANNIVERSARIES
4th	Colleen Abbott	20th	Staci McGill, Jennifer	1 Jim & Mardy Marsh
5th	Reed Catrabone, Jan		Taylor	2 Bill & Linda Bremme
	McEllroy, Tom	21st	Zachary Dulabon, Ian	14 Ed & Bonnie Tansey
	Momeyer, Pattie Pora		Hamza, Eric Hamza	19 Judd & Dot Smith
6th	Rita Weaver	22nd	Carrie Bastow,	26 Richard & Marilyn
8th	Joy Jewell, Rachel		Georgina Peters,	Spensley
	Martone		Ramon Watkins	
9th	Harry Eighmy, Hal	23rd	Jane Hamza, Mardy	
	Harrington, Char		Marsh, Betsey Miller,	
	Popson		Richard Warnaka	RECUPERATING
10th	Andrea Jacoby,	24th	Marcy Goodwin, Joey	Paul Zarenko
	Mary Marsh		Kocan, Nolan Martin	Alice Allman
11th	Colin Potocki	26th	Jeff Brinling, Alice	Don Rupert
13th	Gary Christensen,		Duer, Matt McGill	r
	Eva Duska	28th	Aaron Garrity, Scott	
14th	Morgan Anderson,		Jackson	
	Barb Richardson	29th	Barb Reese,	
15th	Alexandra Murphy		Bonnie Tansey	
16th	Chris Hoyt, Joan	30th	Barb Trisket, Pam	
	Moore, Justice		Weaver	
	Severance, Sue	31st	Mike Anderson,	and the same of th
	Swanson		Samantha Wismer	

## **WALK TO JERUSALEM**

Lent is a time for Christians to stop and reflect on their lives and practices. Are we taking time to accept God's grace? Are we using the teachings of Jesus to guide our everyday lives? Are there changes we should make? In Luke 10 we learn "you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." The walk to Jerusalem has been expanded this year to provide everyone with an aid for Lenten reflections, using the passage from Luke.

You will find a guide in the bulletin every week, with many possibilities for study, reflection, worship, service and of course, exercise. Participation in any of the suggestions will allow you to claim mileage on our journey. We hope you will all find something meaningful to you and that you will fill in the form every week and drop it in the collection plate so we make it to Jerusalem by Easter.



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#### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

For years Wayside has been a generous contributor to the One Great Hour of Sharing. The Offering supports the work of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Self-Development of People Program, and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.



Last year our gifts totaled more than \$7000, with the bulk of that coming through the annual Talent Auction. With faith we can do even more this year to alleviate suffering and grant hope to more of God's children.

There will be several "minutes-for-mission" and bulletin inserts during worship services to help raise up the needs, which this year are greater than ever. Please give as you are led.

## **NEWS FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

Wayside provides both financial assistance and volunteer time to a number of outstanding charitable and community service providers in our area. We thought you might like to know more about them and the services they provide. The following are two of the organizations we are proud to support and we hope you will take more time to get to know them and possibly seek other ways to assist them in their service to the community.

Erie Home for Children and Adults — Paul Carpenedo (Director) EHCA is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2012. Our own Paul Carpenedo leads an organization whose purpose is to assist people with disabilities to live rich and fulfilling lives. Through 10 programs, EHCA serves over 300 people and their families every day throughout 4 counties: Erie, Crawford, Venango, and Potter. Since its humble beginnings as a temporary home for needy infants, the agency has evolved into 16 group homes providing specialized residential care for children and adults. The agency also offers community-based support services for individuals who live on their own or with their families.

## <u>Stairways Blended Case Management</u> – Christine Colao-Nixon (Director)

The Case Management team at Stairways Behavioral Health provide child and adolescent assistance throughout Northwest Pennsylvania. Blended Case Management (BCM) is a community-based program providing direct care to people with special, complex needs. The aim of the Child & Adolescent Services division of BCM is to assure that children and adolescents who have or are at risk for developing a serious mental illness or emotional disorder get proper treatment and the supports necessary to help them succeed in the home, school and community. Services are tailored to assure clients receive the individualized attention they need as their circumstances and needs change.

## **CHURCH WOMEN UNITED 2012 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

"Let Justice Prevail" is the theme for this year's World Day of Prayer, to be held on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at Crossroads Community Baptist Church, 5827 Old French Road beginning at 1:00 p.m. World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a worldwide movement of more than 170 countries and regions of Christian women from many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Through WDP, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world. For more information, contact Rev. Adrianne Rush at (814) 455-5582 or visit www.wdpusa.org. All are Welcome!

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#### **WOW KIDS CLUB**

3:30 Van picks up Second to Fifth Graders 4:00 - 6:00 WOW Club Program 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. Primary Choir (1st grade & younger)

#### March

- 7 Plant Seeds
- 14 "Good Grief"
- 21 Tour of a Funeral Home
- 28 Eggs-perience Preparations

## MIDDLER WAYOUTH on WEDNESDAYS:

6:00 -6:30 Dinner/ \$2 Donation at church 6:30-7:30 Program: Recreation, or Service Project or Game & Discussion

#### March

- 7 Out to Dinner: Valerios
- 14 Premarital Sex
- 21 Eggs-perience Preparations
- 28 Eggs-perience Preparations

### MIDDLER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Church History Survey March

- 4 Session 22: The Westminster Assembly
- 11 Session 23: Protestantism Crosses the Atlantic
- 18 Session 24: Revolution, Revival and Rebellion
- 25 Session 25: To the Ends of the Earth

#### **SENIOR HIGH MINISTRY**

Senior Highs gather each Sunday morning for fellowship, food, education and service. They meet from 9:45 to 10:45 in the Senior High Lounge and at other times and places for special projects and entertainment.

- 4 Teach Lenten Rotational Class 1:00 to 3:30 Ice Skating with lunch
- 11 Teach Lenten Rotational Class; Daylight Savings Time begins
- 18 Teach Lenten Rotational Class
- 25 "The Four Resurrection Stories" with Keith

#### **TEMPLE ANSHE HESED ART AUCTION**

Wayside is cordially invited to an art auction on Saturday, April 21 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Temple Anshe Hesed. More details to follow next month.

## **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

A study that examines the deeper meanings of the prophetic texts led by Don Worthington.

Embracing an Adult Faith – a discussion based class seeking new insight into their faith

#### Issues of Faith

- 4 "Ethics: Making Medical Decisions" with Dr. Jim Drane
- 11 "Markets as GOD" with Dr. Jim Dunn
- 18 "When Markets Fail" with Dr. Jim Dunn
- 25 "The Four Resurrection Stories" with Keith Sundberg

<u>The Bible and More</u> - a class led by Jim Haas exploring biblical and contemporary themes.

MEDS will not meet in March.

WOW Adult Study convenes in the parlor on Wednesdays at 6:45 with Jim Haas.

Email Devotional – each week in preparation for Sunday, Keith Sundberg offers a reflection on the passage that will be the focus of the children' Sunday school lesson and the pastor's sermon.

#### On-Line Prayer 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. February offers a new study in *Exploring Contemplative Prayer* with Rev. Tracey Marx, called "Contemplative Healing Prayer."

Wayside has its own home site:
<a href="http://www.scriptureecho.com/CPfind/startPageWPC.html">http://www.scriptureecho.com/CPfind/startPageWPC.html</a>

A hard copy of the materials is available in the Prayer Room.

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#### **LENTEN BROCHURES**

This season lends itself to intentional time for reading and prayer. We have a nice variety of offerings for every age. Fun activity cards and stickers are available for parents to encourage their children to prepare for Easter as well.

#### Children

- NEW "All Around Jerusalem" stand-up city and sticker book
- "Let My People Go!" a Lenten sticker journey through Lent by David Mead
- "Jonah This Lent?" daily devotion with stickers and board
- "Stories on the Way to Jerusalem" a game for families to play at home that focuses on stories that lead to understanding Easter.
- "Leap Into Lent"- an action based devotional for children and families

#### Teens

- "Is There a Way Out of Lent?"
- "Safe Passage!"
- "A Gardener's Guide to Lent"
- "Snapshots in the Shadows"

#### **Families**

• "Shaped by Love" – a brief daily reflection for families to share around the meal table

## Adults

- "Renewed for Life" by Henri Nouwen
- "From Fear to Love: Lenten Reflections on the Parable of the Prodigal Son" by Henri Nouwen

#### **WAYOUTH MISSION TRIP:**

## Pittsburgh June 29, 2012

Our mission trip has two opportunities this year. We will both serve the needs of the poor and attend a number of the events of the PCUSA General Assembly. The East Liberty Presbyterian Church will be our home base as we seek to serve and learn about our denomination. The dates are Friday, June 29 through Tuesday July 3. Application forms will be available on the Information Table.

#### **LENTEN CLASSES FOR CHILDREN**

"Holy Week" is our focus for the special three week Lenten classes for children. The senior highs will lead our youngest members through a fun and engaging learning experience of Jesus' last days from Palm Sunday to Easter. The series begins Sunday, March 4 and runs through Sunday March 18.

**VBS** 



The exciting outline of our VBS has arrived! It is time to start preparations for our fun and meaningful week together with the children. We will explore and celebrate with the theme, "Take Me to the Water: God's Love Flows." The materials were written by educators in the Mennonite Church. Their goal was to engage the children in deeper ideas than are normally outlined in popular VBS curriculum. Hurrah for them! Our children will benefit from their thoughtful and fun loving approach. Since Keith will be on sabbatical during May and June this is the time to start planning and praying. So consider signing up on the volunteer sheets in the church lobby. Mark your calendars now and strive to schedule sports and vacation around July 16-20.

## **FALL CONVOCATION 2012**

Fall Convocation 2012 will be on Saturday and Sunday, October 13th & 14th, and features two perspectives on Jesus in the 21st Century. Our guest speakers will be Dr. Robert von Thaden, Jr., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Mercyhurst University and Rev. Dr. Dale Allison, Jr., Errett M. Grable Professor of New Testament Exegesis and Early Christianity at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

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## **PW NEWS**

## **PW MISSION**

Our PW Mission Giving \$10 special donation request has had a wonderful response. To date, we have collected \$1095. Our goal is to reach \$ 1450 so if you haven't made a donation yet-please consider making one soon. We thank you for your generosity and commitment to our Presbyterian Women mission work.

#### **PW POTATO DINNER A SUCCESS!**

PW held their semi-annual Baked Potato Dinner in late January. The freewill offering went to the Heifer Project International. Thanks to many very generous donations, we raised over \$1,300. These funds will enable families who struggle with hunger and poverty to receive animals that will provide life sustaining food and income. Once the family is able to, they will pass on one of their animals to a family in need, allowing them to help others as they have been helped.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this wonderful "Passing on the Gift".

## **PW RETREAT**

A beautiful spring Saturday by the lake...the company of good friends...and the chance to explore the importance of recreation in our lives. What could be a better gift to give ourselves? Come join the Women's Spring Retreat on Saturday, April 21, from 9-3:00, at the Camp Glinodo off of East Lake Road in Harborcreek, for a day of reflection and fellowship.

There will be sign up in the lobby of the church later this month. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### **LUNCH BUNCH IN MARCH**

The Lunch Bunch will meet on March 10th at Max & Erma's Restaurant. To make reservations call Peggy Bules, 836-0096, or Annette Rothschild, 836-0835.

Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie Presbytery Spring Gathering Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Erie, PA Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 2012 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Ladies – Please plan to attend the Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie Presbytery (PWPLE). The featured program will be – "Meet the Faith Club", based on the book, The Faith Club by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, & Priscilla Warner. These three mothers from different faiths- Islam, Christianity & Judaism – decided to work on an interfaith children's book. Realizing that their religious differences led to misunderstanding, the three decided to confront issues that divided them in matters of faith, God & religion. Come and listen to dialogue presented by Trudy Hammerschmidt, Margo Huston and Jenny Milliken (all from First Church Oil City) as they portray these three mothers in their struggle to find understanding. Join in discussions based on the interfaith dialogues.

Other highlights of the event include:

The Installation of Elaine Garts as the Moderator of PWPLE!

And our own Karen Sidorowicz will be the soloist at the service.

Please come and show Elaine and Karen your support! The event is close to home and should be an enjoyable spirit filled "PW day". We hope to see you there!

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## **WORSHIP IN MARCH**

March 4th Second Sunday in Lent/Celebration of Holy Communion

Text – Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Title – "Living Legacy"

Just as the Bible recounts the covenant God made with Noah, now we find something similar: the promise God made to Abram and Sarai. Once again we are reminded that such promises of faithful relationship are initiated by God, not based on human merit or worth, with the great purpose of bringing blessing to all the earth.

March 11th Third Sunday in Lent

Text - Psalm 19

Title - "God: Our Imaginary Friend"

An article on children and how to teach them about God inspired the title. The psalmist uses images that spark the imagination as we seek to understand the God we can not see. How do we speak to children or adults for that matter of our invisible God?

March 18th Fourth Sunday in Lent

Text – Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Title – "Rich in Love"

In Biblical times people wrestled with an ancient equation: that well being is a sign of God's favor, while illness is a sign of God's curse. It is an idea that dominates the book of Proverbs and other Hebrew Scriptures, including many of the Psalms. Our reading this morning, while acknowledging that approach, focuses instead on the restoration of those who have been victims of suffering: that it is God's will for people to be healthy and whole.

March 25<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday in Lent

Text - Jeremiah 31:31-34

Title - "Heart Promises"

The Old Testament prophet Jeremiah is associated with "gloom and doom" and, to some degree, rightly so. His was a difficult, painful task, warning the people of the punishment that would follow their unfaithfulness. Yet Jeremiah, though fully aware of the power of human weakness and failings, never stopped believing that God's love was stronger and would, in the end, prevail.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			4:00 p.m. WOW 5:30 p.m. Primary Choir 6:00 p.m. Dinner Middlers 6:45 p.m.Adult Study 7:30 p.m. CE	1 12:05p.m. Lenten Service/Lunch 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	2	3
4 COMMUNION 8:30 a.m. Early Celebration of Worship 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir 9:45a.m.Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Worship Noon - Fellowship Time 12:30 Confirmation Class 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir	5	6	7 4:00 p.m. WOW 5:30 p.m. Primary Choir 6:00 p.m. Dinner Middlers 6:45 p.m. Adult Study 7:30p.m. CDN	8 Noon - Martha Circle 12:05p.m. Lenten Service/Lunch 7:00p.m. Chancel Choir	9	10 12:30 p.m. Lunch Bunch
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