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FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Sometime during the summer I was watching a baseball game on TV. It was a lousy game for my team, trailing by four runs and being shut out going into the bottom of the 9th. But suddenly they scored five runs, the last four coming on a game-ending grand slam home run. To which the announcer proclaimed, "If that didn't get you excited, you must not have a pulse!"

As I look into the month of October it has that "bottom of the 9th" excitement written all over it: all the great regular activities, but then lots more thrown in. It all begins on the very first Sunday, which not only includes the celebration of World Communion Sunday but also will be the kick-off for our "Worship + 2" program. You will probably have read more about that in the special mailing that was sent to each of our homes. In essence, we are all being challenged to consider raising the level of commitment for the purpose of growing in spirit, both individually and as a community. I sincerely hope we will all give this our best effort for it has the potential to allow God to do even greater things here at Wayside.

Throughout the month there will also be an opportunity to order some Wayside sportswear. Naturally I like the idea of people showing pride in their church. But on this occasion, it is also another good way for us to support our missionaries in Lesotho. All the proceeds from the sportswear sale will be contributed to the ministry of Frank and Nancy Dimmock, who are doing wonderful things in God's name for sisters and brothers in Africa. We will present our gifts to Nancy when she visits at the beginning of November.

Finally, at the very end of the month comes our annual Fall Convocation. World-renowned Bible scholar Dr. Amy-Jill Levine will be the presenter. We are sharing this event with Temple Anshe Hased and what a joy it has been to build bridges and become good friends with our Jewish sisters and brothers. That weekend promises to be a great blessing in a variety of ways.

I look forward to sharing the excitement of October with you. And may God bless all our efforts to be faithful. See you in church.

Peace.



Rev. James Haas

This month at Wayside:


- Fall Convocation
October 28-30
- Congregational Meeting
October 16
- Soup Sunday, October 23

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NOVEMBER 13, 2011
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY
Requested items for
October:
Soup, Toilet Tissue, Spaghetti, Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce, Fruit, Toilet Tissue, Peanut Butter, Macaroni & Cheese
All non-perishable items are always welcome.



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WAYSIDE CHURCH

"MISSION STATEMENT"
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.

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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 some of the specific needs of the church. Special thanks:

- Karen Sidorowicz, LeeAnn Warnaka, and Amy Fuchs who did a great job coordinating Wayside’s participation in the annual CROP Walk; we had one of our largest Walk teams in recent memory
- Barb McGill and the Deacons who coordinated the “Back to School” project
- Kelly Craig who designed our “Worship + 2” logo and has done lots of other graphic design work for the church

There are others who contribute generously of their time & efforts; we are grateful to all of them.

WORSHIP SERVICE TAPES

Audio tapes are made of all our 11:00 a.m. Sunday services. They are then made available to anyone who would like to borrow them; just check them out from the shelf in the Library. If you know of anyone else who would like to listen to the tapes, just call the church office.

Financial Report

Financial Statement August 2011

Receipts:

Month\$31,551
 Year-to-date\$287,634

Expenses:

Month\$35,018
 Year-to-date\$304,136

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual fall meetings of the congregation and corporation will be held at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, October 16th for the purposes of hearing and acting on the report of the Nominating Committee as well as conducting any other business that may rightly be presented. Breakfast will be served. Please plan to attend.

This is a very important gathering of our congregation; those elected are being asked to provide vision and leadership for Wayside in the years to come. A brochure with biographical sketches of all the nominees will be available. Please add all these good people to your prayers.

SECOND SATURDAY WORK PROJECT

We will try to do double duty with our Second Saturday project this month. For the past five years or so we have always gone to the Kids’ Café to work in October and we will do that again this year. At the same time – and if we can get enough people signed up – we will also send a crew around the corner to the Soup Kitchen to stain the handicapped-accessible ramp. We had hoped to do that in September, but rainy weather caused the postponement. So we will need as many workers as we can get in October. Some of the work will be indoors (at the Café) and some will be outside at the Soup Kitchen. And, due to some scheduling problems, we will actually be working on the 3rd Saturday of the month, the 15th. Again, our hours will be from 9:00 a.m. – noon. We would welcome your participation. If you are interested in being part of the crew, please sign up at the Information Table or call the church office.

MUSIC NEWS!

“It’s never too late!” New choir members are always welcome. Worship takes on a whole new perspective if you are a musical participant. Fulfilling, fun and great fellowship.

On October 30th all youth and children’s choirs will join with youth singers from the Temple to present a special anthem titled “It Takes a World of Differences.” The Chancel Choir will sing a unique arrangement of “Dona Nobis Pacem” with guest instrumentalists. We will welcome the Temple members that morning to our Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

WOW CHRISTMAS MUSICAL...

Entitled “Silent Mice, Holy Mice” our Christmas musical will be presented December 18th. The Children’s Choir is excited to present a unique “view” of the holy night of Christmas Eve!

LUNCH BUNCH NEWS

This month’s gathering of the “lunch bunchers” will be on Saturday, October 8th at 12:30 p.m. at the Red Lobster . Please call Peggy Bules at 836-0096 or Annette Rothschild at 836-0835 to make your reservation!

OCTOBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 - COMMUNION 8:30 A.M. Early Worship Service 9:30 A.M. Choir 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Worship 12:00 P.M. Fellowship Time WaYouth Choir 6:00 P.M. Bell Choir	3 7:00 P.M. MEDS	4	5 4:00 P.M. WOW 5:00 P.M. WaYouth 5:30 P.M. Primary Choir 6:00 P.M. Dinner Middlers 6:45 P.M. Bible Study	6 7:00 P.M. Choir rehearsal	7	8 Second Saturday Work Project 12:30 P.M. Lunch Bunch Red Lobster
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FALL CONVOCATION



WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

Our worship during the month of October begins with World Communion Sunday, perhaps the best opportunity we have throughout the year to celebrate our Christian unity with brothers and sisters in other lands. At the very end of the month we will witness to the church triumphant and give thanks for all those Waysiders who have completed this life and begun a new one during the past twelve months.

October 2nd World Communion Sunday
Texts – Exodus 20:1-20
Title – “God’s Loving Wisdom”

Our worship this morning is highlighted by the celebration of World Communion. So it seems appropriate that our text for the day is the reading of the Ten Commandments, one of the foundation stones of our faith. Those God-given laws have guided God’s people for centuries and still do for believers all around the world.

October 9th
Text – Matthew 22:1-14
Title – “Everyone Is Invited, But ...”

Whether it is by appeal to legitimate reasons or by some lame excuse, we all try to justify our actions (or, sometimes, our in-action). With most people that gets us off the hook. But what about with God, who obviously sees through all our attempts at self-justification? In one of the so-called ‘parables of judgment,’ Matthew’s gospel offers a stern warning.

October 16th
Text – Exodus 33:12-23
Title – “Please Speak Up, God”

I don’t think that any of us doubt that God speaks to us, but I suspect that there are times when all of us wish that God would speak a little louder, a little clearer, a little more directly. In our reading from this morning it seems that even Moses, who had a good connection with God, still sought a bit more clarity. Maybe we can learn something from his experience.

October 23rd
Text - Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Title - “Eulogy”

What do we say when someone dies? How do we remember them? Are facts important? Or is their story?

October 30th
Text – Luke 10:25-37
Title – “Dangers on the Road to Jericho: Lawyer, Priest, Levite, and Samaritan”

Amy-Jill Levine, the presenter for our Fall Convocation, will be our speaker for the morning. As an Orthodox Jew she brings a unique perspective to the New Testament and to the well-known parable we call “The Good Samaritan.”

“MINISTRY OF HOPE” WAYSIDE’S MISSION SPORTSWEAR PROGRAM

- The Outreach Committee will sponsor “Wayside’s Mission Sportswear Program” beginning the first of October
- Proceeds will be donated to Frank and Nancy Dimmock’s “Ministry of Hope” program
- Frank and Nancy are our Missionaries serving in Lesotho, Africa. Nancy will be visiting Wayside on November 5th and 6th
- Sportswear with Wayside’s logo will be offered to the congregation throughout the month of October

Outreach will have a display of the sportswear in the Lobby.

BUDGET CONCERNS

Stewardship Sunday will be on November 13th. About that same time the Budget Committee will be making plans for the new year. Both groups would appreciate your consideration of the following suggestions:

1. Keep your pledge payments as up-to-date as possible.
2. Consider proportionate giving the next time you make a pledge. Take a moment to actually calculate the percentage of your giving and, if it’s not a tithe (10%), formulate a plan of incremental increases that will bring you closer to that goal.
3. If it’s possible, consider including a little extra in your weekly envelope, but only if doing that brings a smile to your face or a warmth to your heart.

NAMING THE WAYSIDE SCARECROW

Lots of great suggestions were offered to name our garden scarecrow: Wally Wayside, Zeke Zucchini, Hercules, Steve, Larry, and Farmer Bob among the two dozen or so submitted.

Though not advertised, the Senior Highs who created the scarecrow had already given him a name – Luke Bryan – which is both somewhat Biblical as well as being one of their favorite country western singers. So that will be his official name, but he has promised to answer to all the others suggested. So call him whatever you’d like. And if you haven’t officially been introduced, please stop by the garden; Luke Bryan has said that he’ll stick around for about another month.





Within a few days all the information for our new program of "Worship + 2" should be delivered to you by separate mail. The Stewardship Committee eagerly anticipates your participation. Please read the materials carefully and be ready to indicate your involvement by dropping your card in the special "Worship + 2" box on the Information Table in the Lobby. If you'd like additional commitment cards or more information, contact the church office. We are excited to begin!

NANCY DIMMOCK TO VISIT WAYSIDE

Whenever we have a "Noisy Sunday" collection and see the level of change rise in the large blue jug, we think of Frank and Nancy Dimmock, our mission partners in Lesotho, Southern Africa. They returned to the U.S. for home assignment in July and will live in Decatur, GA until May of 2012. Nancy has been looking forward to meeting us and will travel to Erie for the weekend of November 5 - 6. Sunday morning she will give an extended Minute for Mission explaining how our contributions to Ministry of Hope Lesotho have been used to make life better for the vulnerable children in that area. She will also meet with the senior highs and adults in Fellowship Hall from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. to inform us about the work she and Frank are doing in Africa. This remarkable mother of 8 and missionary in Africa since 1985 has many insights to share. This is a great opportunity for the congregation to meet Nancy and to realize what a difference we can make by supporting her and Frank with our contributions and encouragement.

SCRIP PROGRAM

Wayside's SCRIP program continues. This program allows you to order gift cards through the church. You get your full amount gift cards delivered to you the next Sunday and the church benefits by receiving a small percentage from cards purchased. Keep SCRIP in mind when you need a gift or start your Christmas shopping. Orders may be placed on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. A list of participating retailers is on the information table or at www.glscrip.com. Questions? Contact Bobbi Jo Fye.

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION

An invitation to all mature single women who worship at Wayside Church: We have such a group who enjoy getting together for lunch once a month for fun and fellowship. It's a great way to meet other women in the congregation. Our group is called the LUNCH BUNCH. We do contribute each year toward making the Talent Auction at Wayside a success. Also, most of the women in the Lunch Bunch are active, or have been, in all phases of our Church, as many of us are members of the Session, Board of Deacons, or Trustees, as well as Sunday School classes. We realize there are always new people joining us in worship at Wayside, and we in the Lunch Bunch would welcome newcomers to join us once a month for lunch. We try to go to different restaurants each month (usually on the second Saturday of the month) - and we do have a very good time together!

Please call any of us at any time: Peggy Bules, Chairman, 836-0096; Annette Rothschild, 836-0835; Anne Johnson, 833-2035; Mitzi Moore, 835-0084; Jean Taylor, 838-3709.

"SHOP TIL YOU DROP"

Ladies and friends of Wayside: Don't forget our evening of shopping at Coldwater Creek on October 30th from 6 - 8 p.m. Tickets are still available at \$10. All proceeds will benefit the Lesotho AIDS Orphanage in Africa.

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Wednesday Fellowship dinners are back! Plan to join us Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for food and fellowship, *no reservations necessary!* Interested in cooking? Contact Bobbi Jo Fye at fye@gannon.edu or 838-1770.



Birthdays

1st Chelsea Baltes, Emily Eighmy
3rd Amy Brinling, Barry Zembower
4th Brianna Morrow
7th Marilyn Stern, LeeAnn Warnaka
8th Kelly Duska, Claire Fair, Bryce Yahn
9th David Miller
11th Ella Garrity, Diane Wagner
12th Nancy Brozewicz, Allison Wickham
13th Alissa Brugger, Gretchen Kelley, David Tague

14th Lisa Moyer
15th Kim Garrity, James Ommert, Karina Wismer
16th Ella Grimm, Denise Pollifrone
19th Adam Snyder
21st Alissa Patrick
22nd Virginia Bowes
23rd Caroline Grimm, Jenny Martin
25th Vic Babcock, William Swanson, Bailey Zembower
26th Nikki Brockwell
27th Aurora Fuchs
28th Linda Behn, Dick Glass, Kalena Popson
29th Steve Briggs, Brian Ripley
31st Scott Bastow, Brynn Gleason

Anniversaries

1st David & Pam Johns
2nd Ray & Paula Reade
4th Brian & Staci McGill
5th Aric & Christine Szklenski, Ramon & Lisa Watkins
6th Gary & Char Popson, Jim & Karen Haas
12th Jerry & Rita Brown, Tim & Laurie Brugger
18th Todd & Mary DeBello
19th Rob & Brenda Harcourt
21st Gregory & Heather Yahn
23rd Tim & Lynn Lewis
28th Richard & Sheila Kocan

FAMILY NEWS

Hospitalized:
Alice Allman
Ethan Johns

PW FALL GATHERING

All women are invited to attend our Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 15th at Titusville First Presbyterian Church, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Our theme is "Rooted in Faith - The Miracle of the Moringa Tree" and features Beth Merry from the Pittsburgh Presbytery and Missionary to Malawi. Please sign up at the Information Table by Thursday, October 6th.

PW WARREN HOSPITAL STOCKING PROJECT

Once again Wayside Presbyterian's Women's Association will be filling twenty Christmas stockings for patients at the Warren State Hospital. Monetary donations will be collected following the services on October 9th. Watch for Wayside elves at the Sanctuary doors!

PW FOURTH QUARTER BUSINESS MEETING

Presbyterian Women will meet on **Wednesday, October 26th** for our **Fourth Quarter Business Meeting** in the parlor at 7:30 p.m. At this meeting we will review and vote on a new slate of officers, the program calendar and budget for 2012. All women are encouraged to attend!

WAYSIDE REFLECTIONS

What brings us here? One right turn, two lefts, and the Honda CRV pulls into Wayside's parking lot. A glance around identifies Kias, Fords, Jeeps, trucks, vans, convertibles. The question - is it these man-made machines that brought us here - to this Church? Or is it our Parents, Grandparents, friends and neighbors collectively, or singularly that "brings" us here? Or is it the inside of ourselves, our convictions, practices, priorities, our faith that brings us here? Or is it the unseen, the spiritual push behind physical propulsion the reason? Could it be habit, social acceptance, expectations, behavioral ingredients - our social being, the reason?

Perhaps our belief drives each of us, bringing us here, many things contributing beneficially in the doing - faith the catapult, worship the fulfillment? Looking at the parking lot at first glance it's the motor vehicle that brings us here. Best we take a second glance!

Thanks be to God!

Jane Hess