

WALLACE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWSLETTER

Serving God, Loving All.

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*Dwelling in the Word,
so the word can Dwell in Us.*

September Worship



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"Dwelling in the Word, so the Word can Dwell in Us!"

You will find quotes throughout the newsletter relating to this theme.

September 4th Sacrament of Communion

Theme: The Vocation of Discipleship

Scripture Lesson: Luke 14: 25-33

Morning Message: *"Discipleship Labors"*

September 11th

Theme: Return Rejoicing

Scripture Lesson: Luke 15: 1-10

Morning Message: *"The Seek & Find Faith"*

September 18th Sacrament of Communion

Theme: Discipleship Resources

Scripture Lesson: Luke 16: 1-13

Morning Message: *"Discipleship Investment & Returns"*

September 25th

Theme: Letting Go and Letting God

Scripture Lesson: Luke 16: 19-31

Morning Message: *"Relinquishing All to God"*

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Friday, September 2nd

Wallace Hosts T.R.A.I.L

7:00pm - 8:00pm

The Wallace Lounge

Thursday, September 8th

Nursery School Parent Orientation

7:00pm - 8:00pm

The Wallace Sanctuary

Friday, September 9th

Second Friday Serenades:

Nathan Cartarette

12:30 - 2:00pm

The Wallace Sanctuary

Sunday, September 11th

Church Picnic

1:00pm - 5:00pm

Scott Park

Wednesday September 14th

First Rehearsal for the Children's
Choir: Grades 1-5

4:00pm - 4:45pm

The Wallace Sanctuary

First Chiorchimes Rehearsal: Chil-
dren and Youth

5:15pm - 6:00pm

The Wallace Sanctuary

Wallace Church Tour with the In-
terfaith Exploration Group and SS

Simon & Jude

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Wallace Church

Sunday September 18th

Table Game Day

3:00pm - whenever you are tired of
playing

The Wallace Chapel

Wednesday September 28th

High Nooners' Trip to Amish

Country

All Day

Pastor's Corner



"Dwelling in the Word so the Word can Dwell in You!"

"This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night," so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it.

For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful.

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1: 8-9

This is the Word of the Lord that came to Joshua as he was preparing to lead God's people into the Promised Land. The promise was that God would abide and guide as Joshua meditated on the scriptures, the book of the law. This meant that Joshua had to spend time reading the scriptures and mediating on them, so that the Word would continually be at the forefront of Joshua's thought and guide his actions as he led the people of God. The purpose and the importance of dwelling in the Word of God, the Sacred Scriptures, has not changed! In the gospel we are encouraged to delve even deeper into the scriptures to know Jesus as the Christ and allow the living Word to dwell with us always, to the end of the age.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the

Word was God."

He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him...

What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

The glory as of a Father's only son, full of grace and truth.

John 1: 1-4, 14

During the upcoming months we are going to emphasize dwelling in the Word so that the Word can dwell in us, as disciples of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. We want to come to know Christ, in order to make him known! This means we must engage in the practice of dwelling in the scripture, the Word of God, to know Jesus and to allow him to instruct us as his disciples in the world. You will note several ways, in this newsletter, we are going to engage the Word through disciple education and formation opportunities beginning Sunday, September 11th. There will be a new Disciple Zone time for the nursery through upper elementary children. There will be a disciple confirmation course for the middle school and junior high age youth. There will be a disciple formation course and practices offered for the high school youth. We will also be offering three Enhanced Disciple Education opportunities for adults on Sunday morning. (See details in separate article by Nancy Schultz and Fred Frost)

The new emphasis will be on discipleship formation through engaging the Word of God, that it may produce the activity of God through our discipleship service. We will develop the habit of dwelling in scripture to guide

our discipleship practices in the world. If you are learning about Christ, it's fair to assume you'll become more Christlike, and thus he will become more present and visible in the world through your daily life practices. The habit of spending time knowing God through scripture will translate into making God and his reign known in the world.

To this missional end, I invite you into the weekly practice of reading the scripture lesson listed for each week of worship, (See separate article), and then ask ourselves four key questions.

What does it say about God? What does it say about us as people?

If this is the Word of God in scripture, what is it saying we should do as his people and his disciples in the world?

How can we then do one thing the scripture tells us to do during the upcoming week?

This is a simple practice that doesn't take too much time (10-15 minutes of reading and reflection). I believe the results will be not only in having the Word dwell more deeply in each of us, but the real fruit will be in the application of what we hear and put into practice as God's witnesses to this age of world.

Please join me in this spiritual practice to enhance the discipleship of our congregation for the Lord!

Peace,

Pastor Dennis W. Molnar

P.S. I look forward to hearing what you hear in scripture and how you have applied the learning.

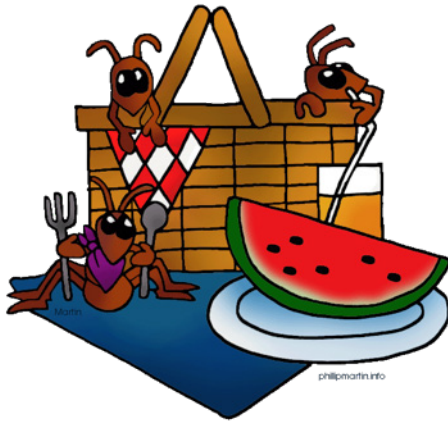
Events and Announcements



WALLACE MEMORIAL CHURCH

PICNIC

Hot dogs, hamburgers,
condiments and drinks
will be provided!



Congregation may bring items using the below guide:

By Last Name

- A-I appetizers, snacks, dips and cheese
- J-P desserts, cookies, pies, cakes
- Q-Z fruits, veggies, cold salads

Sunday, September 11th • Scott Township Park • Large pavilion on the hill

Come and join your church family for food, fun, and fellowship!

Interfaith Exploration Group

On September 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., the Interfaith Exploration Group of S.S. Simon & Jude Parish and Wallace Memorial will host a tour of Wallace. Pastor Dennis will walk participants through each of the elements of a worship service in a congregation of the Presbyterian Church USA, including beliefs and practices relating to Communion. The unique and beautiful Advent tradition of the Chrismon Tree will also be discussed. The tour is open to members of both churches and to the community. Light refreshments will be available afterwards. Please join us on September 14!



Tabletop Game Day at Wallace

Please join us Sunday September 18th at 3:00pm in the Chapel for fellowship and gaming from old favorites like Clue and Uno to new and more challenging games such as Settlers of Catan and Carcassonne. We will have seasoned gamers there to teach you all you need to know, and refreshments and sandwiches will be offered for a goodwill donation.



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Poets of the Piano



Second Friday Serenades Resume September 9th

There are many exciting recitals lined up, and our first one will be Nathan Cartarette, playing piano beautifully as always. It will begin at 12:30 p.m. on September 9. Mark your calendar, invite your friends, and come for an afternoon of outstanding musical offerings! Stay tuned for more announcements on our upcoming Friday afternoon and Saturday evening concert series.

Stewardship & Planned Giving

"Like the good stewards of the manifold Grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." - Peter 1 - 4:10

Do we as church members enjoy being good stewards in ways that keep our mission going - and growing? Can we get excited about laying a foundation for outreaches that make positive changes in lives? Will each of us embrace the opportunity to help fund Wallace Church through a simple gift in our will?

Gifts that become wills/bequest can play a critical part in continuing our church's mission.

Let's make it happen!



The High Nooners' "Simple Life" Tour

We are participating in a Simple Life tour of the Amish in and around New Wilmington, PA on Wednesday, September 28th. We will meet in the back parking lot at 8:45 a.m. and car pool to The Tavern in New Wilmington. The tour will last from 10 to about noon, after which we will return to The Tavern and have lunch there. Cost of the tour is \$20 if we have 10 or more participants; we will pay for our own lunches.

If you are curious about possible locations we will visit, please see www.simplelifetours.com. For more information contact Harriette Apel, rustyharriette@yahoo.com

"At any price give me the book of God! Here is knowledge enough for me. In God's presence I open, I read this book for this end: to find the way to heaven."

- John Wesley (1703-1791)

Events and Announcements



Join us in a new spirit of worship...

Our new worship service begins this Fall...

Thank you for your survey feedback earlier this year regarding an additional worship service at Wallace! Based on your responses, we have developed a contemporary, Taize style format that we be held every other Saturday at 5:00pm. The service will be conducted by elders and deacons of the church, and include guest speakers. It will be more interactive as we will hold open discussions on short videos, and engage in labyrinth walks. Each service will revolve around Preparing for the Word, Engaging the Word, and Responding to the Word.

Come kick-start this exciting new offering to the congregation on Saturday, October 8th at 5:00pm!

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

To all of those who made August an exceptional month at Wallace, we'd like to extend our gratitude! The Scripture and the Arts exhibition was a great success thanks to the 18 entries we received, which beautifully adorned the walls of our Sanctuary. The Golden Opportunities Bazaar was a HUGE undertaking, and we definitely could not have coordinated it without all of our dedicated volunteers. We are blessed to have such a loving congregation!

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**Love to Sing?
Want to make music?**

Come join...
**Pittsburgh Sings:
A Parkinson's Choir**



This form of music therapy is presented by the Parkinson Foundation of Western Pennsylvania, and features Music Therapist Michelle Muth, MT-BC. Wallace will proudly offer our facility for this group beginning on Monday, September 26th. Pittsburgh Sings will meet every Monday thereafter from 1:30pm - 2:30pm through November 14th (8 weeks).

Singing has been known to help people with Parkinson's because it stimulates the movement centers of the brain. If you, a family member or friend would like to participate, please register by calling (412) 837-2542.

"Just as you do not analyze the words of someone you love, but accept them as they are said to you, accept the Word of Scripture and ponder it in your heart."

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)

Christian Education



Education Hour Resumes Sunday, September 11



Meet Fred Frost, the New Director of Christian Education

We are pleased to announce that the Council has hired Fred Frost as the Interim Director of Christian Education and Discipleship. Fred has a long history in education, and has led many Christian Education efforts in other congregations. We welcome Fred to our staff as we begin the Fall Season of Christians Education and Discipleship Formation. You can contact Fred at ffrost@wallacememorial.org

"We should search the Scriptures carefully, in humility and with counsel of experienced people, learning not merely theoretically but by putting into practice what we read."

-Peter of Damaskos (Twelfth Century)

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

ROUND TABLE CLASS

Location - Chapel
Coordinators - Joan & Roy Humphrey
with Rotating Leaders
Initial Topic - *Why Do We Care?*

BIBLE FOCUS

Location - Room 202
Teacher - Arlene Crissman
Topic - *Book of Revelation*

SHORT CLASS

(meets from 8:45am-9:30am)
Location - Lounge
Coordinator - John Gottshall
Topic - *The Cost of Discipleship*
by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

LOOKING FORWARD:

OCTOBER 2

A six-week study on music in the church, based upon the new Presbyterian hymnal. "Glory to God" will meet in the Sanctuary at 8:45am-9:30am.



Youth Ministry



DISCIPLE ZONE!
(Education Hour Classes for
Birth - 12th Grade)

TODDLER CLASS/NURSERY

Ages - Birth - 3 years
Location - Room 101/Nursery
Teachers - Ardie Vernacchio &
Volunteers
Curriculum: Age Appropriate
Bible Stories

KIDS' CLASS

Ages - Pre-K - 2nd Grade
Location - 201
Teacher - Tiara Vater
Curriculum - Deep Blue

INTERMEDIATE CLASS

Ages - 3rd - 6th Grades
Location - Room 206
Teacher - Lynne Wallis & Jessi-
ca Franceschina
Curriculum - Deep Blue

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Location - Room 208
Teacher- Jennifer Tancaitor &
Nate Vater
Curriculum - Confirmation
preparation in addition to
Echoes

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

Ages - 9th -12th Grades
Location - Room 204
Teacher - Dom DeMarco /
Nancy Schultz
Curriculum: New Echoes

Introducing **Deep Blue**

An exciting new religious education curriculum for youth.

Get ready for adventure! Put on your hiking boots, wear your adventure hat, and join three animated adventurers, Asia, Edgar, and Kat, as well as their loyal dog, Indie, as they dive deep into the Bible. The theme of the Deep Blue Adventure Party centers around the Bible verse, *"In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior"* (Luke 1:47).



This festive curriculum includes themed decorations, food, games, crafts and a treasure hunt. Don't miss this adventure of both land and sea!



New This Fall!

The Wallace Children's Choir

1st - 5th Grades
Wednesday After-
noons from 4:00-
4:45pm

This will involve musical games, Orff instruments, rhythm instruments and learning about the special instrument that God gave each of us: our VOICE! The Children's Choir will sing approximately once a month, beginning in October. All parents will receive a list the first night of rehearsal, as to our participation in particular services. Invite your friends and come for this fun rewarding time of stickers, prizes, singing games and fun to be had by all! I will bet that a neighbor friend would like to come and have fun, while learning about God's grace too! **Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, Sept. 14th!**

Music Ministry



Music Lives at Wallace!



Listen for beautiful new sounds and voices this fall...

...We have purchased some new percussion instruments for use in worship with memorial gifts.

Members of the church have given a gift to purchase a Zimbelstern and Glockenspiel for the organ. Look and listen for these additions in the months ahead.

A Choirchime Choir for Fall!

Thursday evenings for Intergenerational (AGES 14 +) fun from 6:00pm – 7:00pm in the sanctuary. A family commitment is a fun way to learn together and share a ministry! With enough interest, we may even have a Senior (retired) Ensemble rehearse in the mornings! Think outside the box and let God guide you into a new ministry! Our first rehearsals for choirchimes will be Thursday Sept.

15th. You **MUST** speak with Sandy of your interest so that we can be sure that we have a full ensemble. Take a risk and dare to have fun!



Adult Choir

The Wallace Adult Choir will begin rehearsals on Thursday Sept. 8th from 7:00-8:30 in the choir room. It will be a year full of variety and opportunities for different combinations of our musical ensembles. We will sing one anthem with the Children's Choir, the bells will accompany us, and we will continue to explore different genres. We are always looking for new members. By shortening our rehearsals on Thursday to 1 ½ hour, it is hoped that you will think about participating with the singing angels of Wallace! Remember that if only the most beautiful songbirds of the forest sang, then the forest would be pretty quiet. But, when we put our strengths together; we have a rich sound. Your voice is needed!



"Let no day pass with reading some portion of the Sacred Scriptures and giving some space to meditation; for nothing feeds the soul so well as those sacred studies do."

- Theonas of Alexandria (c.300)

The Wallace Soul Series



LuAnne Cibik Returns this October! Clear and Charge your Chakras

LuAnn Cibik conducted a previous workshop for the Wallace Soul Series in July that involved using the principles of Feng Shui to "Clear a Sacred Space for Your Life." Wallace members who attended remarked they found the workshop to be useful, and LuAnn herself inspiring.

LuAnn's workshops focus on tapping further into the spiritual dimension of our existence and engaging in practices to enhance positive energy in our lives.

On Sunday evening, October 16th, at 6:30pm in the Wallace Chapel, LuAnn will return to conduct a new seminar relating to Chakras. Based on ancient Ayurvedic concepts, chakras represent various forms of the spiritual energy within us.

Council's Corner

Please note the following announcements from Wallace Council:

- The Council took action on the retirement request of Ron Brusceci as Facilities Manager. He will conclude his service on September 30th and we will recognize him for over 18 years of service to the congregation on Sunday, September 11th.
- We will be adding two large screen monitors in the sanctuary for use in worship services. They should be installed in September.
- We will be replacing the sanctuary windows in October. We will continue to make sanctuary improvements during the upcoming years as we evaluate the space and create a master plan for renovation.
- The Transept area will undergo a renovation process with the removal of the pews and the addition of padded chair seating. This will make the area a multi-use space for new worship service offerings, spiritual practice opportunities (Labyrinth Space), hospitality options, exhibit space, and teaching opportunities.
- A roof for the New Vertical Columbarium will be installed in August, with the potential of further expansion of two more vertical Columbarium units as needed.
- The horizontal (original) Columbarium will undergo a restoration process in the Fall. The Council established the price of \$1,200 per unit for the new vertical Columbarium. A promotion of the available Columbarium space will be made in the fall, once improvements have been completed.

"In our meditation we ponder the chosen text on the strength of the promise that it has something utterly personal to say to us for this day and for our Christian life. "

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)

Birthday Fund 2016: Raise the Roof!



The Birthday Fund is an opportunity to give back for the blessing of life, and to help us save for a rainy day! This year again the focus of the birthday fund will be "Raising the Roof!" During your birthday month, we ask that you consider giving one dollar for each year of your age in celebration of your years. But it is not limited to those celebrating a birthday during any given month - not at all! Do you see a name of a dear friend on the list below, or someone who has inspired you in your faith journey? Make a gift in honor of his or her birthday.

Gifts can be submitted on Sundays, using the blue envelopes located in the sanctuary pews (please indicate "Birthday Fund" on your check or envelope), or submitted at any time in person or through the mail - simply complete the form below with your info, and return it to the church office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF THOSE BORN IN SEPTEMBER!

9/1 Geoffrey Madge
 9/3 Luke Gillen
 Jody Vater
 9/4 Willis Sam Ennis
 Scott Keefer
 Mary Rodavich
 Julie Vano
 9/5 Alex Alspach
 George P. Fenton III
 9/6 David Kirley
 Carol Kostors

Gwen Nelson
 9/7 Patrick Martinelli
 9/8 Paul Patterson
 9/9 Marsha Kirley
 Sarah Scharding
 9/10 Lynn Mildner
 Brian Rodavich
 9/11 Monica Ide
 9/12 LaRue Muellerschoen
 9/13 Ruth Volk

9/14 Kayleigh Thomas
 9/15 Geraldine Zalar
 9/17 Kenneth Ide
 Amanda Popovich
 9/18 Carol Kerr
 Carli Schroeder
 Theodore Schroeder
 9/19 Nicole Ryan
 9/20 Harriette Apel
 9/20 Ron Brussemi
 9/21 Arlene Crissman
 Mark Vater
 9/23 Dan Ehrhart
 9/26 Michelle Ehrhart
 9/27 Daedalus Brockner
 9/28 Albert Rossi
 Elizabeth YaSenka
 9/30 Jeremy Bryan
 Susan Eibs
 Judith Marchlen

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 • *Yes, I am grateful for the blessing of life, and am happy to be a*
 • *part of the Birthday Fund!*
 • Name: _____
 • Gift Amount: _____
 • This is a:
 • _____ Gift for my birthday month
 • _____ Gift in honor of the birthday of:

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