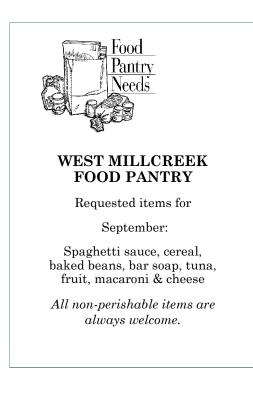
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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Just a reminder .....beginning September 8th our Worship Services return to regular hours.

Early celebration of worship will be in the Sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. and the traditional Celebration of Worship will be at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School begins on September 8th following a breakfast in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m.

# WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Our Wednesday evening Fellowship Dinners and study will kick-off on September 11th. Supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to take the night off from cooking (except, of course, those whose turn it is to prepare the meal) and join your Wayside family for good food and fellowship - no reservations necessary.

After dinner those who wish will move into the Parlor about 6:45 p.m. for some stimulating study and discussion. As always, we will finish up by 7:30 p.m. Please join us Wednesday evenings.

If you would be interested in cooking one of the Wednesday evenings please contact Bobbi Jo Fye at 449-1808 or e-mail her at fye@gannon.edu. Individuals are free to cook a meal of their choosing and the cost of the dinner is covered by donations and the 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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#### This month at Wayside:

- Rally Day Sunday September 8th WOW Kick-Off
- Wednesday Dinner September 11th
- Rally Day Carnival September 14th
- PW Potato Dinner September 25th
- Crop Walk September 29th

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# **RALLY DAY CHURCH CARNIVAL TO KICK OFF FALL ACTIVITIES**

We'll celebrate the new church year with a Church Carnival on Saturday, September 14! Bring your family and friends who may be interested in Wayside and join us for the fun. The festivities will begin at 3:00 p.m. with activities for all ages to enjoy. A catered BBQ dinner (hot dogs will be available in addition to BBQ) will be served at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$9 per adult (10 and older), \$5 per child (age 3-10), with a maximum charge of \$30 per family. There are a limited number of complimentary tickets available for guests who are interested in attending. Please contact the church office for details. Planned activities include guessing games, arts and crafts, carnival games for the kids, face painting, "Corn Hole" competition, lemonade stand, baking contest, and picnic dinner. Due to popular demand, the dunking booth will be back this year. Bring your extra money and get ready to dunk a member of the Wayside staff or family. Proceeds from the dunking booth and lemonade stand will benefit the CROP Walk.

Bakers are wanted for the Baking Contest. We'll have a panel of Wayside judges to evaluate entries. After some minimal sampling, we'll enjoy the baked goods for dessert! This year's bake-off contest will include age categories as well as theme categories. Due to the overwhelming response last year, we will limit each baker to one entry for this year's event. However, if you'd like to make extra, we will be happy to include it in the desserts we serve with dinner. We're looking forward to a fun evening of fellowship to start off the year.

## **CROP WALK SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 29th** 1:30 P.M. - Presque Isle State Park

September is Crop Walk time so get your sneakers dusted off and get ready to walk. If you can't walk then maybe you would consider sponsoring a walker. Wayside has for many years been one of the biggest contributors to Crop Walk both in Erie and in Pennsylvania. This year's walk will be Sunday, September 29th at 1:30 p.m. The walk starts at Beach 1 and does a six or one mile route that ends at Beach 1.We will have a tailgate gettogether in the parking lot after you have completed your walk. Look for sign-up sheets in the lobby and more information in the bulletins.

# Inside Wayside

#### SEPTEMBER 2013

Join us for this fun event for all ages!

<sup>&</sup>quot;Inside Wayside" is published monthly by Wayside Presbyterian Church, 1208 Asbury Road, Erie, Pennsylvania 16505 and is sent free to members.

# **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:

- All those Waysiders who so generously offered their wonderful music talents with us during the summer; the special music during the services has been outstanding.
- To Barry Stamm for coordinating the project to renovate Room 18.
- To Rev. Sundberg and other staff who covered things so well during the weeks Rev. Haas was off for treatment.
- To all the many people who have been busy during the summer months helping Wayside get ready for all the fall events and activities.

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

# UPDATE ON NEW **HYMNALS**

Offers to contribute toward the purchase of our new hymnals, Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal, continue to come in to the church office. More than two-thirds of the funds needed have now been received. If you haven't done so yet but would still like to support this effort - whether in memory of or in honor of a loved one or simply to the glory of God – please use the special envelope included in this mailing, or pick up one up from the Information Table, and return it to the church office as soon as

possible.



# MUSIC SCHEDULE

Wednesday's Choirs:

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WOW	4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
WaYouth	4:45 - 5:30 p.m.
Primary	5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
<u>Chancel Choir</u> :	
Sunday morning	gs 9:30 a.m. beginning 9/8
Thursday eveni	ngs 7:00 p.m. beginning 9/12
(Wedne	esday September 4th at 7:00 p.m.)
Sunrise Singers:	

First Sunday of the month 8:00 a.m. - begin 10/6

# SANCTUARY BELL CHOIR

We are looking forward to another exciting fall for the bell choir. We will be preparing for our regular monthly worship service performances in October and November, and of course some time in Advent, and finally our Christmas Eve prelude. Our rehearsals will commence on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30PM in the sanctuary.

# SPECIAL THANKS TO SUMMER **MUSICIANS!**

It is always a musical treat to feature Wayside musicians who provide special music during the summer months. These included Karen Sidorowicz, Micki Loesel, Shawn Babcock, Brianna Morrow, Judy Wahlenmayer, Brian Ripley, Ron May, Genna Feltmeyer, Mark Twinem, Caroline Grimm, Alivia Garrity, Grace Garrity, Ella Garrity, Aurora Fuchs and Bella Fried. Thank you for sharing your talents with us!

# **PICNIC ALERT!**

The Chancel Choir, Sunrise Singers and Sanctuary Bell Choir will hold a picnic on Sunday, September 8th at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Bill & Sally DeWitt. All previous members as well as new members and spouses are welcome! Bring a salad or dessert to share and a lawn chair! Beverages and meat will be provided.

# **NIGHT OWLS**

End of summer sailing and dinner at the Erie Yacht Club. Saturday, September 21st. Sailing at 5:00 p.m/dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Bliss Room. Bay sail on Stamms', McGills' or Loesels' sailboat. Depending on the number of people for dinner, we will order from the regular menu (18 person max.) or have a limited menu. Please sign up no later than September 15th.

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# FALL CONVOCATION

"Heaven and Hell: Four Perspectives" Saturday, October 12th Sunday, October 13th, 2013



Our Fall Convocation will explore

"Heaven and Hell" from the perspectives of the Jewish, Muslim, Roman Catholic, and Reformed traditions. There will two sessions in the morning with each speaker offering his perspective. Our presenters include: Rabbi John Bush, Temple Anshe Hesed, Erie, PA Dr. Ramez Islambouli, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio

The Reverend Nicholas J. Rouch, S.T.D., Vicar for Education. Diocese of Erie

Rev. Richard McCarty, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Mercyhurst University, Erie, PA

#### **SCHEDULE**

#### Saturday, October 12, 2013

8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast 8:30 Morning Prayer Service 8:45 "Hell from Four Perspectives" 10:15 Mid-Morning Break 10:30 "Heaven from Four Perspectives" 12:00 Lunch 12:30 p.m. Discussions Around the Lunch Tables 1:30 Conclude for the Day

#### Sunday, October 13, 2013

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services: Preacher: Rev. Richard McCarty, Ph.D., "Christianity's Unholy Obsession with Hell"

9:15 Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 9:45 Presentation and Discussion

## SECOND SATURDAY WORK PROJECT

Our project this month takes us to the Second Harvest Food Bank on the morning of Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Adult Volunteer program for the PCUSA We will work from 8:30 a.m. until noon. We won't know exactly the type of work we will be doing until closer to and needs at that point. I have every conthe date. But, our most recent visits have had us workfidence that Mamonyane will appropriateing at a conveyor belt type of operation packing food boxly use the gifts that Wayside will send es for senior citizens. It was great work for people of all and they definitely need the support." ages; we've had volunteers as young as 9 and as youngat-heart at 74. If you would like to participate please Our next "Noisy Offering" will be Septemsign up at the Information Table. ber the 15th.

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#### **MISSIONARIES RELOCATE**

After a 30 year connection to Lesotho, Nancy and Frank Dimmock have uprooted their family and moved to Lusaka, Zambia which Frank will use as a "home base" for his new position as a Poverty Network Catalyst. The Presbyterian World Mission press release stated that Frank's extensive experience in poverty work in Africa, especially as it impacts women and children, will be of great value to the larger church in addressing this issue. Nancy referred to this as his "dream job" because he is indeed passionate about connecting and motivating brothers and sisters around the world to share in the work of Jesus Christ around issues of poverty.

Nancy has a continued call to serve in Africa and will be the new site coordinator for the Young Adult Volunteer program for developing Christian community through spiritual formation, mission service, and mission learning. Contemplating this move she writes: "A return to the tropics—especially appealing just now as I sit typing with frozen fingers in Lesotho! We will get to know and love a whole new part of our Christian family. We will pile into our trusty Land Cruiser and pull out of Lesotho on July 12th travelling through South Africa and Zimbabwe, crossing four national borders, we aim to arrive in Lusaka July 17th."

When asked if she would prefer that Wayside support her new focus instead of the orphanage in Lesotho, Nancy replied, "I would like Wayside to continue to support Ministry of Hope Lesotho, at least through June, 2014. I will have a Young by then, and we can re-evaluate priorities

# SEPTEMBER 2013

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10:00 A.M. Celebration of Worship	LABOR DAY					
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CHOIR REHEARSAL 9:30 A.M. RALLY BREAKFAST 11:00 A.M.	12:00 P.M. TRUSTEES		PRIMARY CHOIR 6:00 P.M. FELLOWSHIP DINNER	12:00 P.M. MARTHA CIRCLE		DANK
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP	7:30 P.M.		6:45 P.M. Adult study	7:00 P.M.		3:00 P.M. Rally day picnic
	OUTREACH		7:30 P.M. Session	CHOIR REHEARSAL	7:00 P.M. SOPHIA CIRCLE	
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:30 P.M. Crop Walk						

# FROM OUR PASTOR

Early in August Karen and I had the privilege of spending five days at the Chautauqua Institution. This was the first time I'd been there long enough to get a fuller appreciation of the 'Chautauqua' experience. It was pretty impressive: so many interesting talks and lectures, so many good worship opportunities, so much to see and do. It was an exciting and stimulating experience.

On two of the mornings we were there I attended the morning worship service in the Amphitheater. Excellent preaching, good liturgy, wonderful music. The other two days I used that same hour to participate in a morning study led by a conservative rabbi from New York City. As far as I could tell, I was the only gentile in a room of about thirty Jews. Though I was welcomed, for obvious reasons I stayed relatively quiet and just listened, fearing that if I did much more I would quickly show my ignorance.

One of those mornings the focus was on the Talmud - the collection of writings that constitute Jewish civil and religious law – and what it had to say about an apparently hot topic issue at Chautauqua this summer, that being whether people should be allowed to save seats for others in any of the large group venues. Indeed we had witnessed a rather heated exchange between two octogenarians the previous afternoon when sitting space was at a premium during the afternoon lecture. It proved to be a fascinating study.

When it concluded I shared the walk back across the Institution grounds with a Jewish woman from Long Island. She told me about her synagogue and how the question of 'saving seats' was only an issue on high holy days. Then she asked me if that question ever came up at the church I served.

I had to admit that it is a problem I'd love to have. That the only times it might be a relevant question were on our 'holy days', i.e., Easter and Christmas Eve. And, even then, we're just so happy to see everyone that I couldn't imagine the ushers ever having to deal with a complaint that somebody was holding a whole pew for the rest of their family.

Every worshiping community has its own challenges and issues as my Jewish friend and I quickly acknowleged. The more I thought about it, the more thankful I became for the unique set of challenges and issues we face here at Wayside. We are certainly not immune from such concerns, but I am rarely disappointed with the manner and promptness in which they are resolved.

So please, go ahead and save as many seats as you want – as long as they get filled!

See you in church.

Peace.

Jim

Rev. James Haas

PS – Many thanks for all your expressions of support and concern over these past months. I have now completed my chemotherapy (at least for the foreseeable future) and, while not officially 'in remission' (that would require another bone marrow biopsy), all the numbers are very good and treatment going forward will be minimal. I give thanks to God and to this faithful community.

# WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

September is the time when all aspects of church life kick back into high gear. On the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, we will have our monthly celebration of Holy Communion. The following week (9/8) we switch back to the regular worship times of 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. That will also be our "Rally Day" with the beginning of the Sunday School program. On that same day we will present Bibles to preschoolers and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders during worship. On the final Sunday of September we will recognize all our CROP walkers.

September 1st Communion Sunday

Text – Luke 14:1. 7-14

Title – "Humility and Generosity"

Our reading tells of Jesus as a guest at a banquet hosted by a leader among the Pharisees. We don't know what the seating arrangements were for the occasion, but Jesus used his visit to suggest in pretty strong terms what the proper etiquette will be in the kingdom of God. He seems to invite us all to an approach that is both humble and generous.

September 8<sup>th</sup>

Rally Day

Texts – Luke 14:25-33

Title – "Sticker Shock!"

There are certain words of Jesus that we might find ourselves wishing he had never spoken. For some of us that would include several lines that begin our reading this morning. As we hear them a certain chill creeps over us. How could we possibly fulfill such expectations? If we are honest, would we even wish to? To adopt his words as literal truth seems to work against everything we feel to be true and good. So what are we to do?

September 15<sup>th</sup>

Text – Luke 15:1-10

Title – "Lost and Found"

It is probably safe to say that we have all checked the 'lost and found' at one time or another, whether at school or the mall or Wegmans. And we are at least happy, if not elated when the item we've misplaced has been turned in and we can reclaim it. How much more does God rejoice when one of his lost children is returned to the fold!

September 22nd

Text – Luke 16:1-13

Title – "Shrewd Investing"

On first hearing it seems to be one of the strangest parables Jesus told. For, without any doubt, he is praising a manager who is conniving at best and dishonest at worst. Why would Jesus lift up such a man in a positive light? What is it about him that Jesus finds worthy of emulating?

September 29th

Texts - Luke 16:19-31

Title – "The Chasm"

This is not my favorite gospel lesson: dark images of hell and words of condemnation. It will get us thinking before the Fall Convocation on the same subject. There is heaven too and Lazarus at the bosom of Abraham. Still it is not my favorite.

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"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18

The Stewardship Committee is excited to introduce our stewardship theme for the church year September 2013 - August 2014: "Wayside Cares, Wayside Shares".

We have chosen our logo, theme, and Scripture reference with great care, believing that the vision that we have for stewardship in action at Wayside is expressed in all three. As a committee we are charged with sharing this vision with the congregation, as an outward expression of what it means to be a good steward of God's gifts to us of time, talent, and treasure. Wayside's love for our church community, for the world beyond, and most importantly for our God and Savior is demonstrated in our caring and our sharing.

We encourage you to continue to strive to fulfill the goals of Wayside's "Worship + 2" concept (involvement in at least two service and/or spiritual study opportunities AND committing to regular Sunday worship). To aid you in finding opportunities to care and share, there will be a new insert in the Sunday bulletin at least two Sundays of each month which will list specific ways for you to become involved in the life and ministry of our congregation

We are also entering the technology realm with the production of several videos featuring Waysiders as they share their time, talent and treasure in service to God and explain why they've chosen that path. Judy Knoll has already produced our first photo video and Mary Larson is leading the way on our interview project which will be shared with you throughout the church year. Our aim is to show how Waysiders actively engage in stewardship, now and in the past, thereby extending an invitation to all to join that journey of faith.

Finally, the treasure portion of stewardship will be in the forefront in October and November as we prepare to dedicate a portion of our financial gifts to God's work through Wayside. Please mark Sunday November 10 on your calendar which will be Consecration Sunday, the highlight of this year's Fall Pledge Initiative.

"Wayside Cares, Wayside Shares"....

We think it has a good ring to it and hope that you do, too.

The Stewardship Committee

## **NEWS FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

The Outreach Committee is still planning an adult mission trip to an east coast location to support Sandy relief efforts. We are planning for the week of September 22. If you have an interest in this type of work trip experience, there is still time to get involved. Please let Mark Twinem or Rev. Haas know of your interest and we can include you in the planning and event. Thanks for all that you do for our community.

# WAYSIDE CARES, WAYSIDE SHARES

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# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

# **BIBLES FOR 3rd GRADER**

Each September our congregation presents 3rd graders with a full version of the Bible. We will mark that special occasion on Sunday, September 8th at both services. They will receive a newly published Bible entitled: Deep Blue Kids Bible. The children this year are:

Logan Catrabone, Elana Dolan, Eva Duska, Nathan Feltmeyer, Bella Fried, Elias Fuchs, Hope Garrity, Bryan Petsch. If we have omitted someone, parents are asked to call the office so we can correct our record keeping and secure a Bible for each child.

## PRESCHOOLER **BIBLES**

We will give our preschoolers graduating from "Georgia's Room" their copy of The Early Reader's Bible on Sunday, September 8th. Spiritual formation begins at home and this is a wonderful aid to parents for introducing their children to the stories of our faith. Children "graduate" around the time they are able to leave diapers behind. The children we know moving up are Claire Bowes, Jaida Fried, Claus Fuchs, Maximilian Hutzelman, Austin Jewell, Brooke Marsh, Ethan Murphy, Logan Thompson. If your child's name is not on the list please call the office as soon as possible.



#### **PARENTS & THE** NURSERY

All parents with a child in the nursery are needed to share the coverage of the 11 a.m. service. We ask that each parent help twice between September and May. (4 Sundays per family) Missy Grimm will be calling soon to find dates that fit your family schedule.

Story Cards: The nursery is each child's first Sunday School class. Most of the curriculum is social interaction. They learn how to play with others and to trust adults beyond their parents. We have story cards for parent volunteers to teach the oldest in the room about our faith. They feature a colorful illustration on one side and provide the story on the other side for the story teller. If there are precocious little ones in attendance, there are activity

sheets for creative learning. We hope parents will begin the little ones on a meaningful lifelong journey of learning.

Safety: For the safety of each child parents must sign their son or daughter in and they must sign them out.

#### **RALLY DAY** SUNDAY SCHOOL September 8th 9:45 a.m.

Breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall followed by "People Bingo." Teachers and students will meet in their classrooms this Sunday. Adults and Senior Highs will stay in Fellowship Hall. All classes will commence the following Sunday, September 15.

## **WOW KIDS CLUB**

A Club for Children in Grades Second - Fifth on Wednesday 3:00 Van picks up students at Tracy, Asbury, Fairview Schools 4:00 -6:00 Snack, Choir, and WOW Club Program 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. Primary Choir (1<sup>st</sup> grade & younger) 6:00 Dinner for whole Family Start Up Date:

Wednesday, September 11 Staff: Diane Feltmeyer, Barb McGill, Jean Moore, Linda Pentz, Dawn Weborg, and Keith Sundberg

## **WOW** for Adults

Wednesday 6:45–7:30 pm Small group discussion led by Jim Haas

#### Adult Education

#### **Sunday Morning Classes:** 9:45 to 10:45

Adult Bible Study: led by Don Worthington in Room 4 Embracing an Adult Faith meets in the library The Bible and More: led by Jim Haas in Room 18 *Issues of Faith:* speaker series in the parlor

#### **Financial Report**

## July 2013

**Receipts:** This month \$ 39,830 Year-to-date \$287,830

#### **Expenses:**

This month \$ 37,721 Year-to-date \$279,830





1st—Jan Anderson, Hope Garritv 4th-Rachel Swanson 5th—Jana Babb 6th—Scott Jackson 7th—Jeff Blake, Trina Brozewicz, Jessica Day, Kate Martin 8th—Emily Betz, Judy Knoll, Jami Sundberg 9th— Carrie Murabito 10th—Andrew Fritts, Dale Massing 11th—Ethan Craig 12th—Chelsea Bojewski 13th—Hope McGeary, John Valentine 15th—Diane Feltmeyer 16th—Bill Weborg 17th—Betsy Evans, Seth McCullough, Kathrine Swanson, Patrick Warnaka 18th—Penny Porter, Jill Weber 19th—Karen Dunn, Mary Eighmy 20th—Susan Bert-Zurn, Amanda Garrity, Justin Grimm, Andrew Watson 21st—Lillian Bittner, Collin Bowes, Carrie Mummert 22nd—Jane Hess, Stephanie Sheriff, Gladys Smith, Keith Sundberg 23rd—Todd DeBello, Barb Egg, Alivia Garrity, Kim Hain, Ron Kolb

24th— Lynn Bowen, Jeremy Brinling, Barb Foutz, Kelsey Grode

25th—Lavonne Carney, Mike Monaco. Zeke Porter. Paula Robertson 28th—Erin Gleason, Treven Patrick, Logan Thompson, Harlie Yahn 29th—Tim Glass, Melissa Grimm, Nick Monaco 30th—Kimberly Hutzelman, Jack Utlev

Anniversaries

Scott & Carrie Bastow Ken & Debbie Smith Justin & Missy Grimm ten Morgan 22nd—Mark & Melissa Ron & Barb Trisket 24th - Dave & Denise Borowski

## Birth

Congratulations to Tracey and Casey Bowes on the birth of James Paul born August 12th. He joins Collin, Virginia and Claire in the Bowes Family.

# **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

1st—Steve & Diana Day 2nd—Dick & Nancy Ebinger 3rd—Gary & Marcy Goodwin, 4th—Randy & Amy Valentine, Scott & Darlene Jackson 5th—Les & Donna Stone 6th—Mike & Sharon Bittner. Ed & Cindy Grode, Bill Wickham & Stephanie Russo 11th—Bill & Janet Coyne 12th—George & Pat Fish, 13th—George & Shirley Diller, Dick & Elaine Glass, 18th—Mike & Vanessa Paris 19th—Kurt & Kelly Duska 20th—Joseph Martone & Paige Peasley, Doug & Kris-

Buseck, Tom & Nancy Fye,

25th—Rod & Barb Foutz 29th—Steve & Diane Briggs

#### **THROUGH THE EYES OF THE ARTIST**

The Sundberg and Marsh families are generously loaning several artworks of the late Gene Sundberg for display beginning in September. His watercolor and pen and ink landscapes are beautiful! After Worship on September 8th (8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) plan to spend some time browsing through the church parlor and enjoy the paintings of this talented artist. Gene's work will be shared with us through October.

# **BACK TO SCHOOL** PROJECT

The Deacons would like to thank everyone at Wayside who supported our annual Back to School Project. Wayside donated \$830 in cash and gift cards as well as a grocery cart full of school supplies to Community Shelter Services. The monetary contributions and gift cards will be given to parents to buy clothing for their children who are beginning school in the coming weeks. Once the parents return receipts for the clothing they purchased, the students will be given a book bag filled with school supplies. The Shelter is grateful for our assistance in helping these needy students begin this school year "ready to learn".



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#### SOPHIA CIRCLE

The Sophia Circle will start off this Fall on Friday, September 13th at 7:00 pm at the home of Gretchen Kelley. Linda Lorah will lead our study. Please read the introduction and chapter 1 of our chosen study- Becoming Fully Human by Joan Chittister. All women are welcome! If you have any questions please contact Karen Haas 833-2053 or karenhaas79@gmail.com.

#### **PW FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

Wednesday, September 25, Wayside Presbyterian Women will hold their 3rd Quarter Business Meeting at 5:15 in the church parlor. Planning for 2014 PW events will take place. Please join us bringing ideas for PW programming you would like to participate in or coordinate! Plan to stay for the Fellowship Dinner hosted by PW and coordinated by Karen and Emma Sidorowicz and Penny and Flori Porter with offerings donated to a Hunger Project. We look forward to fun and fellowship with the women of Wayside!

#### **PWP LAKE ERIE FALL GATHERING**

Saturday, September 28, 2013 9:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church of Corry

Keynote Speaker: Chris Laufer, We Pray for Children Whose Monsters Are Real Plus!

Four Amazing Workshops, choose any two:

1. Faces of Children Prayer Bracelet led by Chris Laufer: come make a tangible reminder to pray for the children of our local and global communities. You don't have to be an expert jewelry maker, just have a willing heart to pray for children. Volunteers will be available to help you assemble your bracelet after you have finished praying through the stations and collecting your beads.

2. "End Human Trafficking NOW" A Bible Study led by Glenda Buonanducci: "Do you have an extra \$90?" That is the average price of a slave today. This Bible study seeks to move us beyond a general awareness to prayerful action. We will learn that Scripture clearly condemns slavery and oppression; feel empowered to make a difference and have one personal resolution or goal as a proactive response.

3. It CAN Happen Here! led by Vicky Hermann We always think things like human trafficking happen somewhere else not where we live. But it can, and does happen, right here is our corner of northwestern Pennsylvania. In this work-shop we will learn about human trafficking on the local scene.

4. Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide led by Karen Haas. Come watch clips from a DVD based on the best-selling book Half the Sky. We will see scenes that show us some of the most courageous individuals of our time who are doing extraordinary work to empower women and girls everywhere. Afterwards, we will have time to discuss questions, wonderings and insights gained from the amazing stories of heartbreaking challenges, dramatic transformations and enduring hope.

Registration Deadline: Friday, September 20, 2013

#### THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE **NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE**

The Church Officer Nominating Committee is beginning its work and would appreciate your input. If you have suggestions of Waysiders who you think would serve well as Elders, Deacons, or Trustees, please submit their names on one of the forms that can be found on the Information Table. The Nominating Committee welcomes your suggestions and will give praverful consideration to any submitted.



#### LUNCH BUNCH - SEPTEMBER

The monthly gathering of the Lunch Bunch will be held at Peninsula Grille on September 21st at 12:30 p.m. Please contact either Linda Lorah 450-2108, or Annette Rothschild, 836-0835, to make a reservation.

## **ERIEPRESSIBLE ARTICLE ON TURKEY** by Linda Lorah

A Turkish Muslim man named Fethullah Gulen had an idea. He posited that if people of different races, different cultures, different faiths got to know one another as people, real people, that that might foster peace and tolerance in the world. Not too original you say; other people have thought the same thing you say, why even I've thought of that you say? Right, me too.

Except, that Mr. Gulen actually did something about that idea; he started a movement for peace and understanding in the world by introducing open minded Christians and Jews to Turkish Muslims. It's rather simple really, and very, very powerful.

Led by Halil Yavuz and his wife, Emine, of the Turkish Cultural Society of Erie, seven of us from PA and two from Arizona met in Istanbul, Turkey for 11 days this June. We saw the country (extraordinarily beautiful), we visited mosques (lovely), we saw historical sites like Ephesus of Bible fame (awesome), we ate dinner in the homes of ordinary Turkish Muslim families. (scrumptious and cozy). In a word, we spent 11 days getting to know a country and its people.

We visited a large newspaper, 2 universities (one with an enrollment of 60% women), we went to schools, visited a journalism society, saw historical sites like the Blue Mosque, the Hagia Sophia, and the little home of Mary of Nazareth, after her son was crucified. We saw pottery being made and rugs being knotted by hand, we ate peaches right off the trees, fish right out of the sea, and lentil soup was a staple, almost every day.

We wound through bazaars, went out onto the Bosphurus and the Golden Horn on a boat, climbed ancient ruins, viewed homes cut into the side of hills. We descended 4 stories down into the earth to see where Christians hid from the Romans over 2000 years ago. Oh yes, and we went down into the cistern under Istanbul that supplied the city with water when they were under siege and which is mentioned in Dan Brown's new book. Inferno.

In a word, we tried to get to know a people and a country. Differences, yes. Turkish people eat lots more vegetables than we do: tomatoes, cucumbers, beets, carrots, olives. (are olives a vegetable?) More Turkish people live in apartments than we do, I think. All of the families we visited lived in buildings with many floors, but maybe that's because we were in cities. Oh, yes, and many Turkish women wear scarves, called Habayas, on their heads. I got so accustomed to that, I didn't even notice any more, but I was interested in how they coordinated the colors with the rest of their clothing. Oh, I didn't see any short shorts or halter tops; that's about it.

And places of worship, somewhat different, but not a lot. No adornment or stained glass windows, or statues, or icons: Islam doesn't approve of images in their mosques, but there was writing and the tenets of Islam and the teaching of Mohammed on the walls. Men and women worship in different parts of the mosque in Turkey. Did I like that? Not really, but who am I to say.

Lots of the writing in the Koran could easily come from the Old Testament of Judaism or the New Testament of Christians. Things like "love your neighbor"; do unto others as you would have them do unto you." We agree on a lot of things.

Maybe it really is possible: maybe if we get to know and respect each other and our differences, and see our similarities, maybe, there could be Love and Peace and Tolerance in the world. I for one am all for it.

