



Wayne Presbyterian

Upcoming Events

January 1

Worship at 10:00am only

January 16

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of
Service

January 29 10:30am

Annual Meeting, followed
by Slow Cooker 'Supper' at
noon

February 10-11

Women's Retreat

Dear Women of the Church,

Now that Christmas is over I can say that we are most definitely heading towards the most wonderful time of the year. It's almost time for our annual women's retreat and I do hope you'll make plans to join us.

We'll gather at St. Raphaela Center (a new place!) in Haverford and spend Friday night and most of the day Saturday centered around the theme "Sacred Conversations." The Rev. Ellie Stratton will be our retreat leader and she is amazing. Ellie has been my spiritual director for years and is a woman of deep faith with great leadership skills. She'll help us explore some of the sacred conversations in the Bible and the way our daily conversations impact and enrich our lives and the lives of others. I have no doubt it will be a meaningful time together.

Not only will we be led in some wonderful ways, but I trust that God will be at work in our play and time together, in our worship and singing, and in our late night and early morning conversations. The retreat is truly one of the highlights of my year as it is always a time when I strengthen existing relationships with awesome women or make some new ones.

We all have busy lives and packed schedules, but I am confident that if you set aside the time to come to the retreat you'll be glad you did. God invites you to dwell with God in this time of prayer and conversation together. You can find out more details about the retreat inside or pick up a brochure at church.

Hope to see you there.

Peace,

Laurie



EDUCATION, DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Slow Cooker Sunday and Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 29

It's time again for the annual meeting, but this time with a new twist! We've moved the annual meeting to Sunday morning at 10:30am, immediately following the 9:30am service. Worship will be at 8:30am and 9:30am that morning, and the annual meeting will follow worship. Join us to accept the budget, vote on terms of call for the pastors, and elect elders, deacons and stewards. This is important work of the church body and we hope you can attend.

During the annual meeting, children will enjoy a movie and some games while parents attend the meeting. Sunday school is at 9:30am as usual.

And here's the big twist... following the annual meeting, we'll have an incredible slow cooker lunch. There will be chili and stew, pulled pork and mac and cheese. There will be great salads and desserts too! It's like the chili sup-



per, but at lunch and with a great deal more variety. It's going to be delicious!

If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a salad to share. If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a dessert to share. If you'd like to make something in your slow cooker, please email Laurie Taylor Weicher (lweicher@waynepres.org) to sign up.

Adult Education

Sunday mornings are wonderful with adult education! Join us this new year for a great new class. Joe Modica will launch a new Bible study on Sunday, January 15, at 9:30am in the Knox Room. This class meets weekly and

is open to all. Joe will help us explore Jesus' farewell discourse from the gospel of John this semester. Dive into this rich text and see where God meets you.

Parents are invited to join us in the Library on January 15, 22 and 29 as we welcome back Landi Turner and Tara Stoppa. These fantastic teachers will join us to take a look at the book *Teach your Children Well: Why Values and Coping Skills Matter More than Grades, Trophies or Fat Envelopes*. You don't need to read the book to come, but join us as these two professors offer helpful parenting tips and strategies.

If your New Year's resolution is to deepen your faith with God, consider trying Centering Prayer at 8:30am in Room 207 each Sunday morning. Centering prayer is an ancient, silent prayer that helps you center on God and dwell in God's loving presence. Leaders will be there to help explain the practice, but all are welcome to come and try out this way of praying together.

WinGS WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Calling All Knitters...

Beginning in February there will be a new opportunity to share your talents and touch the life of a congregation member who is hurting. WinGS, in coordination with the Congregational Care Ministry, will be starting a Prayer Shawl Ministry. What's that, you ask? Shawls that are knit or crocheted in a Prayer Shawl Ministry are symbolic of an embracing and unconditionally loving God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover and give solace to one

who is in need. Those who receive the shawls feel uplifted, affirmed, loved and prayed for.

The pattern for a prayer shawl is very basic so even beginning knitters can handle it. If you plan to join us, contact Linda Teets at LST833@aol.com for information on the needed materials.

We will meet the first and third Mondays of the month beginning on February 6 in the Fireside Room from 1:00 to 3:00pm. If your schedule does not mesh with this time but you would

like to participate, contact Linda for more details.

Please consider becoming a part of this new ministry!

Women's Retreat

Friday, February 10, and Saturday, February 11

Join us for our wonderful retreat at St. Raphaela Center in Haverford. You can come Friday or Saturday only, spend the night, or commute. The cost for a

single room overnight or the cost to commute is \$85. It's \$75 for a double overnight, \$50 for Saturday only and \$10 for Friday only.

As mentioned on the front page, the retreat will explore "Sacred Conversa-

tions" and will be led by the Rev. Ellie Stratton.

Sign up by Sunday, February 5, 2017. You can sign up using the form in the brochure, by stopping by the table in the Connector, or on our webpage.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE

A sincere thank you is extended to all the members of the Chancel Committee for their talented help with the Christmas decorations in our church. And special thanks to new members who turned out to help. We also thank all who support our poinsettia sales to recognize loved ones. Many thanks to Joan Spillman for handling the poinsettia orders.

May you all have a blessed Christmas and a joyous new year,

Betty Ogren and Nancy Bruhns
Chancel Committee Chairs

The Spring Semester for **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**



...begins on three different WEDNESDAY dates:

January 11, 6:45am:
Word Before Work begins (studying the New Testament book of ACTS)

February 8, 9:30am:
A second Bible study begins

March 15, 9:30am:
A third study begins

DEACON MINISTRY

Red Cross Blood Drive

Our next Red Cross blood drive is scheduled for January 26. Please join us in meeting the need of those in our community at this critical time of the year.

With thanks,

Frank McPherson and
Mary Ellen Smith
Coordinators



Deacon Angel Tree

The Deacons thank all of you who participated in another successful **Angel Tree Project**. Over 200 families including more than 400 children ben-

efitted from your overwhelming generosity. We wish you and your family the blessings of Christ this Holy season.

Cheryl McBrearty, Chris Poulos and Sue Metzger



A group of spirited Deacons on Angel Tree drop off day

MISSION OUTREACH



Baker Industries hosted their annual Christmas party in December for their employees in Philadelphia. Founders Weezie and Charles Baker are seen in the photo along with volunteers from WPC who served the food.

Alternative Gifts Continues to Share the True Meaning of Christmas

On behalf of the Alternative Gifts team we would like to thank you once again for your enthusiasm and support of this vital project! We listened to your thoughtful suggestions and we are looking forward to working with our Mission Partners (old and new) to offer gifts that you find personal and worth supporting next year.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

Monday, January 16

WPC would like to change our traditional Saturday of Service which has focused primarily on our Mission Partners and their particular needs, to an expanded 'to-do list' day where we will reach out to our own Wayne Presbyterian family and our neighbors. Our hope is that by establishing a network of 'helping hands,' we can continue to help serve others in more ways. After finding this quote from Martin Luther King Jr., it seemed right to try new things on the day when his life is honored: "If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way." Watch the bulletin for more details about this exciting day as plans are confirmed!

WPC Collaborates in Resettlement of Refugee Family in Radnor

Since 2001, our federal government has re-settled in the U.S. more than 10,000 ethnic minority refugees from the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) which has seen some of the world's worst violence and human rights abuses in recent years. More than 3 million such persons have fled their homes for safety and are living in camps of neighboring countries, including Kenya. One such family of refugees has been vetted and placed to live here in Wayne,



under the co-sponsorship of the Main Line Refugee Resettlement Committee (MLRRC) and Bethany Christian Services, who act as agents for the government.

The family of Erneste Muhizi, including his foster son Samuel Cyubahiro, arrived November 17, 2016. Erneste (28), his wife Denise (28), their daughter Faith (5), and Samuel (17) are Protestant Christians, and have some English capability. Erneste will become Samuel's legal guardian, as he has no other family. Faith and Samuel start school in December. Supplementing English as a Second Language in school, MLRRC volunteers will provide additional ESL sessions to enable them to thrive. Both Erneste and Denise are seeking employment so they can become self-sustaining because limited government assistance is insufficient. The MLRRC is committed to help them find jobs and meet financial obligations as necessary for the first year.

Erneste was in a camp in Kenya since 1996 where he met Denise, and Faith was born. He previously worked as a gardener, a driver, and a pool hall manager; however, his and Denise's formal education did not extend past primary school. Life in America requires that they must learn new cultural norms, using appliances they never had, a totally new environment, and transportation.

Through donations, they have essential material needs. When they come to WPC to worship, please offer them hospitality and moral support, and include them in your prayers. Contact Scott Laird (610-745-7479 or hslaird@aol.com) for more information.

Hammers with Heart Needs You!

Hammers with Heart is a ministry of WPC that focuses on construction and repair projects. At present, volunteers are finishing another bathroom at The

DEC. 31ST
10:00PM

WATCH
Right

LOCATION
The Common Place
58th and Chester Ave.
Phila., PA 19143

FEATURING

- Voices of Grace
- GCF PnW
- Catalyst Choir

...Special Guest Artist
JAY TODD

**** CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE ****
*** FREE WILL OFFERING ***

HOST CHURCHES:
Grace Christian Fellowship, New Spirit Community Church, and Catalyst for Change

Common Place, this time a boy's bathroom in the basement. This bathroom has showers, along with toilets, urinals and sinks. In the short term it may serve as a unisex facility, until a girls bathroom can be undertaken. At the time of writing, the bathroom is nearing completion. WPC folks have done the work, with help from St. John's Presbyterian Church and apprentices of the Philadelphia Plumbers Union Local 690.

Hammers with Heart is always in need of volunteers. Upcoming projects include a Habitat for Humanity one-day build in late March, Rebuilding Together Philadelphia two-day neighborhood home repair in early April, and work with the folks from Harrisonburg, VA, Mennonite Church at Cornerstone Christian Academy in June. Work at The Common Place

will continue as well. To volunteer (no experience or skill necessary, but useful), contact Peter Grim at pwgrim@comcast.net.

(Our thanks to those who have worked on the bathroom project, including: Peter Grim, Bonnie Lyon, Ted Laws, Ron Ridgway, Rod Roberts, Kevin Blackney, Park Blatchford, John Lar-kin, Jerry McVeigh, Dan McVeigh, Jeff Brown, Ian Robertson and Jim Rush, along with Rich Scott, Dennis Murphy, Mark Snyder and others from St. John's Presbyterian Church.)

theVillage Thanks WPC's Children, Youth and Families!

Every year theVillage hosts a Christmas party at the Rosemont campus for approximately 300 children who receive services from theVillage's SW Philadelphia location. In addition, girls who are part of the Residential Treatment Program on the Rosemont campus and are unable to go home are given gifts on Christmas day.

WPC's children, youth and their families, under the leadership of Kelli Masters and Andrew and Sarah Hostetter, collected well over 100 gifts. With your generosity, theVillage was able to fulfill many of the wish list requests for the families served. Thank you for sharing joy at Christmas!

To learn more about the services provided and ways you can volunteer, go to www.theVillage1877.org or contact Ruth Murphy, ruth591@verizon.net.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Youth Programming Returns

January 8

On January 8 our youth ministry Sunday programming is back from Christmas break! Starting that morning, Sunday School and Confirmation are back, and in Rock and Door there will be a movie night from 6 to 8pm in the Chapel. We hope to see you there!

Summer Youth Trips

Have you seen the youth trips we have planned for this summer yet?! We have three great youth trips you can still sign up for: Raleigh Youth Mission, a middle school mission trip where we will be serving people in inner city Raleigh; Next Step Ministry South Dakota, a high school mission trip where we will be serving the Lakota Sioux tribe through construction ministry and relational ministry; and Montreat Youth Conference, a week for high schoolers where you can relax, participate in some awesome worship services, play games, hear some amazing speakers, make friends and grow in your faith. Space is limited in all of these trips, so sign up ASAP to reserve your spot! To learn more, check out our two informational flyers online: www.waynepres.org/summertrips.

Discussion for Parents of Teens

- Do you ever wonder about how you can help your teenagers (or pre-teens) continue to develop their faith?
- Do you feel more challenged every year as more sports, homework, activities and our culture put more demands on you and your kids, and you have less time to help your family grow spiritually?
- Do you wonder how other families build faith together?
- Could the church be doing more to help you?

Many parents say that helping their teens continue to build their faith is one of the most challenging aspects of parenting, and it is one of the most important. We generally have guidance from schools and friends to help our kids navigate in today's achievement-driven culture, but we have less support for helping teens build the faith foundation that will sustain them throughout their lives. It's not something we're meant to do alone, and it's not something we're to outsource to the church. We're meant to do it together—as parents and as a church community.

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

SAVE THE DATES

Save the dates for these upcoming events...

January 8

Youth Programming Returns

January 15 12:00pm

College Brunch Returns

January 16 9:00am-2:00pm

MLK Jr. Day of Service

January 22 6:00-8:00pm

Parent Discussion, Great American Pub

January 25

The Chill Returns **3-4:30pm**

Anchor Returns **6-7:30pm**

January 27 5:30pm

Young Adult Social

February 4 3:00-8:00pm

Youth Ice Skating

February 5

Souperbowl of Caring Canned Food Collection

Please plan to attend a **parent discussion on Sunday, January 22, at 6:00pm at The Great American Pub** to share your thoughts, concerns and ideas on this topic, hear professional insights, and discuss real solutions to engage our families and youth in faith. At church, on the sports field, in the car, on the stage—wherever we are, so is God.

This discussion, along with the January Adult Ed series on parenting, will kick off an ongoing program to acknowledge that Family Faith Matters. We hope you will join WPC staff

and parents to create a framework and tools to help our kids build and sustain a lifelong faith.

Chill and Anchor Return

January 25

We hope you will join us for The Chill and Anchor returning after a break on their new day: Wednesday! Middle schoolers, join us from 3:00 to 4:30pm on Wednesdays for hanging out, playing games, and eating snacks. High schoolers, join us at the Hostetter house on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30pm.

Youth Ice Skating

February 4

Youth, mark your calendars for this fun social event! We will be going into Philly for an evening of ice skating. We will meet at Church and take the train downtown for an afternoon and evening of ice skating and dinner. Contact Sarah or Andrew for more details, or check their weekly emails for more info!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Kids Club

*Wednesdays,
4:00–6:00pm*



Kids Club will take a break in January. Our next session will begin on February 1. This would be a wonderful time for new kids to join us. Please contact Kelli Masters at kelli@waynepres.org or 610-688-8700, x222, for more information.

Children Giving to Children

Each holiday season, the children in Sunday School are provided name tags for children of the Village, formerly Presbyterian Children's Village, located in southwest Philadelphia and Rosemont.



The mountain of donated toys included contributions from our neighbors at Weichert Realtors as well as a few

generous children who shared their birthday gifts this year. We would like to thank all those children and families who helped to contribute gifts to the children of the Village, making their holiday season that much brighter.

Dinner and a Movie

Our next movie night will be on February 3. At the conclusion of each event the kids vote for the next movie. The vote was very close last month, but *The Peanuts Movie* beat out *The Good Dinosaur* by one vote! Make your reservations for February 3.



Vacation Bible School 2017

June 26–30

Mark your calendar with the dates for VBS this summer. Plan your summer vacation and camp schedules accordingly.

Children's Ministry SAVE THE DATES

Save the dates for these upcoming events...

February 3, 4, & 5

Dinner and a Movie: *The Peanuts Movie*

February 26

Annual Pancake Breakfast

April 9

Palm Sunday

April 16

Easter

June 26–30

Vacation Bible School



What's New **IN THE LIBRARY?**

Is one of your resolutions for the new year a commitment to daily devotions? Or maybe trying a fresh approach to your daily devotions? Your church library has a wide selection of daily devotional books that may aid you in finding an approach that is meaningful, personal, inspirational, challenging and comforting—no matter where you are in your journey of faith.

For example, in *God Whispers: His Words to a Listening Heart*, Sue Piper and Sandy Petty have written for each day a short paragraph based on a Bible verse exhorting us to listen for God's voice and feel his love.

Nancy Guthrie, in *Discovering Jesus in the Old Testament*, sets forth both Old and New Testament scripture in her daily meditations to show how the Old Testament anticipates and readies us for the person and work of Christ.

In *Daily Word for Women*, authors and editors Colleen Zuck, Janie Wright, and Elaine Meyer have prepared 365 brief messages, both practical and inspirational, each of which begins with a quotation from a woman in arts and letters, politics, athletics, music, entertainment, and/or social action.

Similarly, in *Today Is Mine*, Leroy Brown has authored 365 brief essays centered on a biblical verse and a corresponding quotation from a renowned author, philosopher, scholar, or statesman, modern or historical.

In *Finding Calm in the Chaos: Christian Devotions for Busy Women*, Kathleen Long Bostrom focuses each week of the year on a single Bible passage, with a daily devotional essay, prayer, poem, or quotation to encourage repeated reflection on that passage.

Author Sarah Ban Breathnach in her book of devotions, *Simple Abundance: A Daybook of Comfort and Joy*, considers the simple pleasures of life to help us recognize the sacred in the ordinary and the mystical in the mundane.

The above examples are only a sampling of what you may find in the library. Come and take a look. (*Please note that books designed for a year of devotions may be withdrawn from the church library for an entire year.*)



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