



Wayne Presbyterian

I'm sitting at my desk on the day before Election Day. It's been a particularly difficult season. Fifty-two percent of Americans have said that this election is causing them stress (either at a "somewhat" or a "very" significant level). I hear about it everywhere—even when I'm alone. Even when I'm actively trying to avoid the news! It'll sneak in via an email, a headline, a

Facebook post, a mailer, or a scrolling headline across the TV.

What is at stake, of course, is significant as well. What vision will govern our country in our highest office?

But I'm not writing to talk about that.

I'm writing to talk about an even higher vision of governance. I'm writing to talk about the Kingdom of God.

A few years ago I heard John Bell, a Church of Scotland minister and a significant member of the Iona community, a community of faith in Scotland, talk about a worship service his community helped plan in conjunction with the state. The service, like many of pomp and circumstance, included a procession. According to the state, the order of the procession should be from least significant member to the most important member of the group. Servants of the queen stated that they should have the position of greatest import since they represented the queen in this service.

The lowly member who was present for Iona, however, had a different notion. Though of little stature in her everyday life, she felt she should have the highest honor.

"My dear," they responded, "we represent Her Majesty, Her Royal Highness, Elizabeth the Second, Queen of En-

gland and Scotland." I probably don't have the wording quite right, but they didn't hold back on embellishing her titles—and their importance.

To which the lowly member of Iona responded, "My sirs. And I represent the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, Jesus Christ, Savior of the World."

Her point is well taken. It is not who wins an election that governs us at our highest level. That role has been appointed by our Creator and held by our Savior. With that theological truth in mind, I'll be voting tomorrow morning and then tomorrow evening I'll show up to sing in the first rehearsal for Handel's *Messiah*. Hopefully, we'll get to the Hallelujah chorus tomorrow, and I'll be able to sing with great relief to the "King of Kings and Lord of Lords."

By the time you're reading this, we'll have a president elect. The election will have come and gone. But you'll also probably read this before the Wayne Oratorio Society presents this year's version of *Messiah*. Come join us on December 3rd or 4th for a concert where we remember who truly is the most important member amongst us.

I hope to see you there.

Cathy

Advent and Christmas Worship

Sunday, November 27:

First Day of Advent
(Communion)

8:30, 9:30, 11:00am

Saturday, December 24:

Christmas Eve Worship

4:00pm, Children's Choirs,
Come As You Are Service

7:00pm, Westminster Youth
Choir, Candlelight Service

10:00pm, Chancel Choir,
Brass, Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25:

Christmas Day Worship

10:00am

Sunday, January 1:

New Year's Day Worship

10:00am

EDUCATION, DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Adult Education: The Friends of Jesus

A number of figures are prominent in Luke's account of the events surrounding Jesus' birth: Elizabeth and Zechariah, Mary and Joseph (of course) and Simeon and Anna. We examine the momentous times in which they lived; the spiritual leaven that made them so responsive to heavenly messengers; and the implications of such simple faith in our difficult times. Join us Sundays, December 4, 11 and 18, at 9:30am in the Knox Room as we enjoy this Advent study together. Class will be led by Ted Behr, a church member and wonderful teacher! All are welcome!

O Come, All Ye Frazzled

Saturday, December 3, 9am-11am

Take a break from this crazy, busy time of year and join us for a peaceful morning of prayer and yoga. We'll enjoy some gentle yoga and spend some time in silence doing lectio divina or centering prayer. No yoga experience necessary, come as you are! Allow yourself to spend time with God as we prepare for the coming of Christ.



Email Laurie Taylor Weicher (lweicher@waynepres.org) to sign up.

Advent Blog

Looking for a way to deepen your Advent journey? Check out the blog each day during this season for a short devotion, poem, video or prayer. The blog can be found on the homepage or by going to www.waynepres.org/thefrontpage. Happy reading and reflecting.



One Book, One Church

We're thrilled to announce the next One Book, One Church selection on Sunday, December 4, in worship. Join us that morning for the big reveal and buy your copy of this year's all-church read in the Connector on Sunday mornings in December. One Book, One Church is a chance for the whole church to read a book together and enjoy faithful, thoughtful conversation about it in the spring.

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study Ministry

Dr. Michael Lee will be our next speaker. He is the Grace F. Kea Associate Professor of American History at Eastern University.



Save the Date: Slow Cooker Sunday and Annual Meeting!

We're trying something new this year and hope you'll be as excited about it as we are! Mark your calendar for our Slow Cooker Sunday and Annual Meeting on **Sunday, January 29**. That morning, we'll have worship at 8:30am and 9:30am. Immediately following the 9:30am worship service, we'll have our annual meeting. This is a chance for you to vote on important issues in the church, elect officers, and receive the annual budget. When the meeting is over, make sure to join us for our Slow Cooker Sunday Lunch...

What's better than a hearty stew or some chili or pulled pork on a cold, winter Sunday? Get creative with your slow cooker recipes and join us for this fun all-church event.

WinGS Christmas Tea

Thursday, December 1, 9:30am

Please join us in celebrating this special season. As always, we will have carol singing, coffee, tea, a light conti-



mental breakfast and a program about one of the ministries we are able to support because of your contributions of time, talent and treasure.

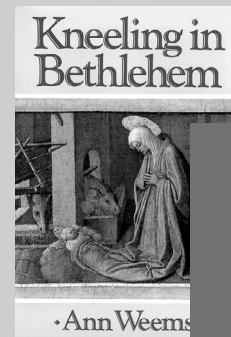
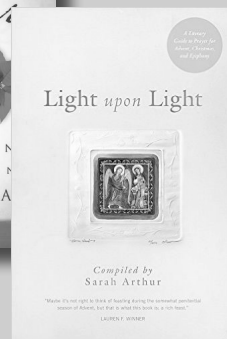
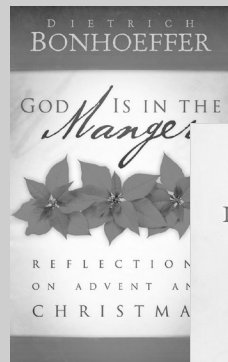
We think you will be very interested and encouraged to hear about the outreach of Liberty Ministries to visit men and women in prison to help them know about Christ and how to live a Christian life in our society. Our speaker, Patty Fleming, visits women prisoners and has experience she will share about their basic needs while incarcerated and how they are helped to make the transition back to freedom and a better life.

Gifts of the following would be a blessing: bar soap, stick deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, small travel size tissue packs, small baby clothes (such as onesies, sleepers, bibs, outfits, socks, hats) receiving blankets, diapers, washcloths, new bottles, and baby toys (or anything else baby related). Feel free to bring a friend to the tea. Child care will be provided.

What's New IN THE LIBRARY?

Advent begins this year on Sunday, November 27, and we invite you to look in your church library for books that may help you to prepare for the coming celebration of Christ's birth. In *God is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas*, editor Jana Riess has compiled daily devotions prompted by passages from the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer wrote most of these reflections during the time he was imprisoned by the Nazis, a time of waiting and hoping that he compared to Advent. In *Light Upon Light*, Sarah Arthur has compiled a literary guide to prayer for Advent,

Christmas, and Epiphany. Drawing from a wide variety of sources, ancient to modern, Arthur combines Old and New Testament Scripture with poetry and fiction to create a weekly devotional that can illumine during this penitential and contemplative season. Our collection also includes two books of poetry which may serve as a starting point for devotions: *Kneeling in Bethlehem*, by Ann Weems, and *Christmas Blessings*, poetry by the famous and the not-so-famous, collected by June Cotner. In coming weeks, the library will also add several books to accompany Ted Behr's Advent Bible Study, "The Friends of Jesus," an in-depth look at figures prominent in the account of Jesus' birth set forth in the Gospel of Luke.



WORSHIP & MUSIC

COMMUNION DATES FOR 2017

- January 8
- March 5
- April 13 (Maundy Thursday, intinction)
- June 4 (Pentecost)
- July 23 (intinction)
- October 1 (World Communion)
- December 3 (Advent Sunday)

Concert Dates

Wayne Oratorio Society

December 3 & 4, 2016, at 7:30pm

G.F. HANDEL: *Messiah*

April 1 & 2, 2017, at 7:30pm

J.S. BACH: *Saint John Passion*

Music Transforms

Sunday, January 29, 2017, at 4:00pm

BEETHOVEN: *String Trio, Op. 9*

SCHUMANN: *Piano Quartet, Op. 47*

Netanel Draiblate, violin; Joseph Kauffman, viola; Yoni Draiblate, cello; Lura Johnson, piano

Sunday, March 5, 2017, at 4:00pm
ARCADIAN TRIO

Igor Szwec, violin; Vivian Barton Dوزير, cello; Diana Goldsmith, piano

Sunday, May 7, 2017, at 4:00pm
MOZART: *String Quintet, K. 516*

SCHOENBERG: *Verklärte Nacht*
Also featuring the Violin Students of the Mitchell School

MISSION OUTREACH

Andy Greenhow Says Goodbye to Broad Street Ministries

Andy Greenhow and his wife Karen Rohrer will be moving to the western part of our state. Karen has served as Co-Pastor at Beacon Church in Philadelphia, a WPC mission partner, and Andy at Broad Street Ministries, following his ordination at Wayne Presbyterian.

Andy had this to say to the group of Ambassadors of BSM:

“My last day is November 23rd. Rev. Sammie Evans will serve as Interim Pastor following my departure. Between Sammie, Mike, and BSM’s robust lay leadership groups, the worshipping community is going to be just fine.

Karen’s new position will be *Director of the Church Planting Institute* at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. My full-time job will be spouse, dog parent, house seller, other house buyer, and moving/storage consultant... I have loved being at BSM and I have loved working with all of you.”

Andy looks forward to returning to WPC in March for Breakaway.



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When you shop AmazonSmile at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will make a donation to The Common Place! The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of your AmazonSmile purchase to The Common Place once you select TCP at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-2143184>. You will be supporting our mission to offer holistic care to the children and families of SW Philadelphia through educational programs, social service, collaboration, and faith formation. Please keep us in mind as you do your holiday shopping! Questions may be directed to Bre Moore at: mooreofbre@gmail.com.



“Voices from Mount Pleasant”

December 13, 7:00pm

Presented by Prof. Sharon Schwarze, Ph.D. at 1st Baptist Church, 1012 Upper Gulph Road, Wayne. Co-sponsored by Radnor Historical Society, Radnor Memorial Library and the First Baptist Church of Wayne. This presentation comprises a wide selection of oral histories gathered over the years by students of Cabrini entitled Democracy and Diversity, a class taught there by Dr. Schwarze. The community of Mount Pleasant is mostly African American, many of its residents being descendants of families who settled during the early 1900s as part of the Great Migration, while the neighborhood itself dates back to the early 1800s. The first-hand accounts of earlier times in this tight-knit community provide a valuable insight into a bygone era and document some of the many changes it has seen over the years.



Looking for the Perfect Christmas Gift?

The Wayne Presbyterian Alternative Gifts Program was created to help respond to 'special needs' of organizations supported by our Mission Outreach Program. Each year a variety of gifts are offered that reflect those needs. This year, the 'catalog' has a different look and is being used as a way to introduce you to our partners and their good works. There is a selection of tax deductible gifts offered that range from \$4 to \$100. Each 'gift' is presented on a card with a profile about the Mission Partner and a description of how that 'gift' helps others. By giving these to family, friends, teachers and others you will not only be helping others, but at the same time sharing the Good News of God's love.

Pick up gift cards at the Alternative Gifts Table in the Connector after each service from November 27 to December 18. Or get order forms in the Church Office or online. For questions or to help with this exciting ministry, call Lani Fabere, 610-687-5753.

PROPERTY
COMMITTEE

Chapel Steps Restoration

Materials Conservation of Philadelphia removed the Chapel steps for complete restoration. Return of the steps will be late December. Temporary steps are in place for safety reasons.



Christmas Poinsettias

Sign up for poinsettias in the Chapel before and after all morning services on November 27, December 4 & 11, 2016. The cost of each plant is \$10.00.

Name(s) of DONOR(S):

Telephone: _____ (day)

_____ (evening)

Please check and print name(s) to be:

_____ Memorialized (deceased)

_____ Honored (living)

Total number of poinsettias requested _____

ORDER(S) MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 11.



Please make checks payable to:
“Wayne Presbyterian Church”
 and send along with this form to:



Attn. Chancel Committee
125 East Lancaster Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087

Proceeds benefit Wayne Presbyterian Church needs.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Youth Ministry SAVE THE DATES

Save the dates for these upcoming events...

December 18 6:00-8:00pm

Christmas Caroling

December 25, January 1

No Youth Activities

January 8

Youth Activities Return

Christmas Caroling

December 18

At this time of year it is so easy to get wrapped up in shopping, wrapping presents, figuring out who from your family will bring the mashed potatoes to Christmas dinner, and a host of other holiday activities that we forget to remember and share the good news of Christ's birth. The whole church is welcome to join the youth of our church in an evening of Christmas caroling, where we will be singing our favorite carols for members of our church and surrounding community who are homebound, sick, or feeling forgotten. We will meet at the church at 6pm, split into our various groups, leave for our designated houses or medical facilities to sing, and then will return again by 8pm. Please RSVP to Andrew Hostetter so he can arrange transportation for all: ahostetter@waynepres.org.

Hostetter Trip to Liberia

Andrew and Sarah Hostetter will be gone for several weeks at the end of December until early January. They will be traveling to Liberia where they will be serving again with God's Precious Children, a non-profit organization which promotes education in

Bong County, Liberia through building schools, training teachers, providing scholarships, and promoting school fiscal self-sufficiency. Please keep them in your prayers while they are gone.

Parent Discussion – Save the Date

January 22

Parents of youth, mark this date in your calendar. From 6–8pm there will be a parent gathering at the Great American Pub in Wayne to discuss Christian parenting. Parents will be discussing questions like: *How can the church support parents in feeling less amateur and more capable when it comes to our kids' spiritual development? How can we take on this most important element of our most important venture?* Join us for this time where we will learn from each other and support one another in parenting. More details to follow next month.

College Brunch

As you finish up finals, and look forward to the end of your semester, mark these brunch dates on your calendar! On December 4 and 11 we will be gathering for brunch at church after the 11am service in the Calvin room. Then on December 18, all college students are welcome to come to the Hostetter home for lunch, baking cookies, drinking hot cider, and celebrating making it through the semester! Please email Sarah for her address



College Ministry SAVE THE DATES

Save the dates for these upcoming events...

December 4 & 11 12:00pm

College Brunch, at WPC

December 18 12:00pm

College Brunch and Cookie Bake, Hostetter House

and parking instructions for the 18th: shostetter@waynepres.org.

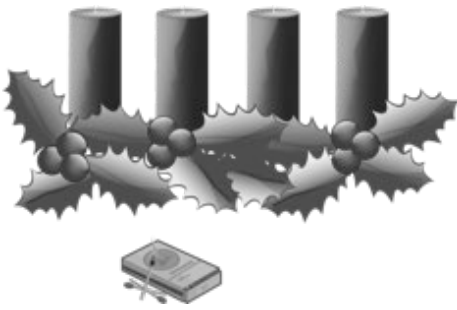
We Need Your Help

Just about every week we have a college brunch that provides a delicious home-cooked meal for our college students, and we really need your help to make this happen! We need families from the church to donate meals to serve 8 people each Sunday. If you would be willing to make one of your favorite meals for us, please contact Sarah Hostetter to sign up for a date this winter or spring: shostetter@waynepres.org. We thank you for your help in making our college students feel at home in our congregation!

Young Adult Activities

Young adults, we hope to see you for our two events this December. On December 1, we will be meeting at the Great American Pub in Wayne at 8pm for a Theology on Tap. Grab some food and a drink and join us for fellowship and discussion of a theological topic. Then on December 15 we will either have another theology on tap or a Christmas party. Check the young adult emails from Sarah for more details. If you would like to be added to this list, please email shostetter@waynepres.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Family Advent Celebration

Sunday, November 27

Everyone is invited to this wonderful evening of fellowship to begin the Advent season. There will be Christmas crafts to create, followed by a 'spontaneous' Christmas pageant presented by anyone who would like to participate. (No rehearsals necessary!). Add in some Christmas caroling and a delicious pasta dinner and you have one delightful evening! Share the joy of the season.

Call the Children's Ministry office at 610-688-8700, x222 or email kelli@waynepres.org to make a reservation.

Sunday School Update



"It's the best day of the week!" ... The "Joyful Noise" of children's voices, led by Mrs. M., continues to open each Sunday morning and set the tone for

the day with music, messages and mission projects. Our little ones celebrate in song with Miss Moffitt each Sunday. Join our children by visiting the classrooms, or participating in any way you like. Additional help is always welcome. We would love to have you. If interested, please contact Kelli Masters at kelli@waynepres.org or 610-688-8700, x222.

Children's Thanksgiving Mission Project

Boxes decorated and filled to the brim by our children were delivered to our community food bank, the Great Valley Food Cupboard. We have been blessed with so much and it's hard to imagine that there are those living near to us without food. Thank you for your gifts of seasonal food for this well-organized mission project. You can help all year long. For more information, call the church office of the Baptist Church in the Great Valley at 610-688-5445, located at 945 North Valley Forge Road, Devon.



Kids Club

Wednesdays, 4-6pm, rooms 208-209

If you haven't heard... Kids Club is off to a great start! Mrs. M. has introduced a new creative and artistic curriculum which follows the *Jesus Storybook Bible*, written by Sally Lloyd-James (every story whispers His name). Learning about the Bible has been so much fun for our kids in grades 1 through 5. *Plus...* snacks, crafts, music... everything provided at no cost to you. Everyone is invited to join at any time and bring your friends. The only thing missing is you! Stop by any time. Please contact Kelli Masters at kelli@waynepres.org or 610-688-8700, x222 for more information.

Children's Ministry SAVE THE DATES

Save the dates for these upcoming events...

Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18

Advent Sundays

December 11

Calvin and Cantus Choirs sing at the 11:00am Worship service

December 24

Christmas Eve Family Worship at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary; Calvin, Cantus and Cherub Choirs sing

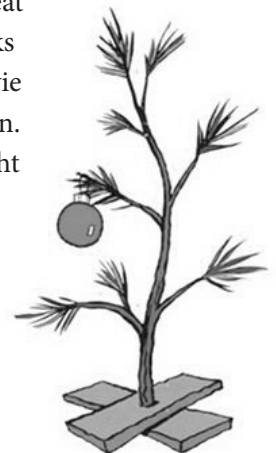
December 25, January 1

Christmas and New Year's Days—Worship at 10:00am. Preschool Sunday school classes only

Dinner & a Movie

Friday, December 9, 6-8pm, Chapel

A fun night for kids in grades K-5. This evening is a favorite activity for the Children's Ministry department. The kids come with their sleeping bags and cherished pillows. They wear their P.J.'s and spread out on the floor of the chapel to eat pizza, have snacks and watch a movie on the BIG screen. Parents get a night out while the children get a great night with friends at the church. Call or email for reservations.



Births

Samuel Ellis Pretz, son of Dan & Rachelle Pretz, grandson of Tim & Leanne Pretz, great grandson of Bob & Marj Evans.

Felicity Jane Oswald, daughter of Elizabeth & Michael Oswald, granddaughter of Cheryl & Doug McBrearty, on October 9.

Addison Grace Larkin, daughter of Tim & Natalie Larkin, granddaughter of John & Sue Ellen Larkin, on October 1.

Lillian Marie Collins, daughter of Brittany Larkin & Kenny Collins, granddaughter of John & Sue Ellen Larkin, on November 7.

DEACON MINISTRY

It's Time for the Angel Tree!

Nov. 19: Tree goes up in the Connector, angels are placed on the tree



Dec. 17: Drop off day in parking lot, 8-10am. Yay!!

Joseph's People/Career Networking Ministries

Aligned with Joseph's People International, our career networking group meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Wayne Presbyterian, 7-9pm. Please join us at any meeting if you are looking for a job, need help networking or writing a resume, or are hopeful of making a career change.

See www.josephspeople.org or www.bigtent.com for more information as well as job searching resources. Any questions? Please contact Wayne Presbyterian Deacon Diane Merry at DianeMerry@Jefferson.edu.



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