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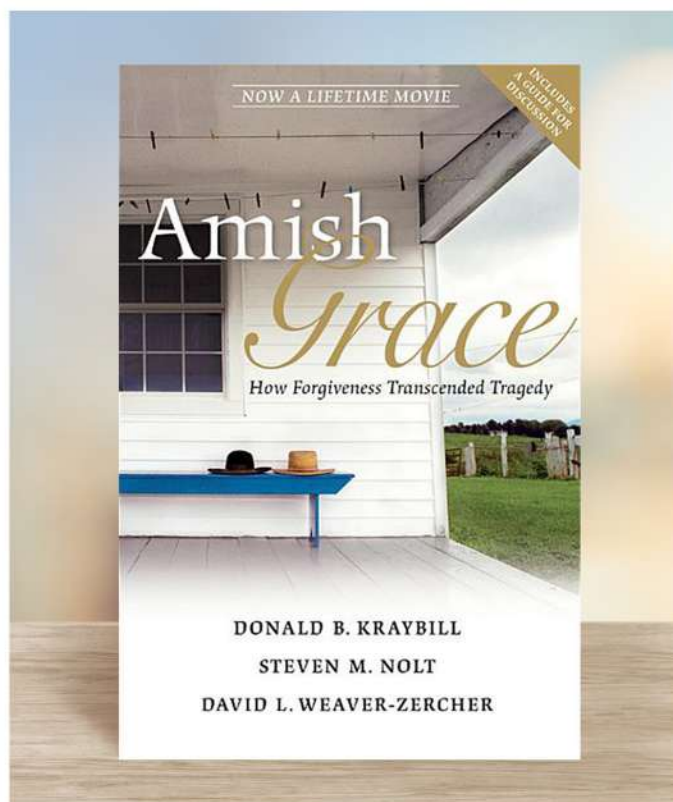
WPC is virtual until January 21st. Please go to waynepres.org for the most up-to-date information.

WPC BOOK CLUB IN JANUARY

On a beautiful autumn morning in October 2006, a young man entered the West Nickel Mines Amish School and, before he took his own life, killed 5 little girls and grievously wounded another 5. The Amish community came forward immediately with offers of forgiveness to the shooter and his family. The world was stunned with the speed, humility and generosity of the grace extended. This book explores the complexity of forgiveness and restoration through the lens of this Amish community moving through their grief. Join us while we learn from our friends in the Amish faith tradition.

WPC Book Club's latest selection is *Amish Grace, How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy*, by Kraybill, Nolt and Weaver-Zercher.

Book Club small group discussions will be held January 30th at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m., and January 31st at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. RSVP to the discussion of your choice at waynepres.org or by emailing Janice Mack at gardengirl65@gmail.com.



FAREWELL CASEY

On December 12th, the Wayne Presbyterian family gathered for a final worship service led by our departing pastor, Casey Thompson. It was a day of celebration, sadness and anticipation. We remembered the significant accomplishments of the last 11 years while we celebrated the new chapters opening in Casey's life and the life of WPC. We all will remember Casey's powerful sermon on reframing. A beautiful reminder of how God uses all things for good – difficult circumstances, when viewed through God's eyes, are blessings if we but look to God for guidance. Of all the words we have heard from Casey in the 1200 times he has addressed us from the pulpit, none are more powerful than his statement to all of us "I love you".

Those in the sanctuary for the congregational meeting will also remember the heroic efforts of our tech team to make the zoom link work and the equally heroic efforts from our Moderator, Reverend Raymond Bonwell, as he filled the gap with an impromptu monologue on Presbyterian polity, history and eventually even a pirate joke. The congregational meeting then turned to the serious business of approving the terms of call for the next year for Casey. With this vote, we have put both WPC and Casey on a dynamic path to the future that God is calling us to fulfill.

Many of us were able to gather for a reception where we had an opportunity to personally wish Casey well and hear a few reflections on his time with us. His initial vision for the Common Place has evolved into a nationwide example of creative community ministry. Both TCP and WPC are still benefiting from Casey's leadership of a successful capital campaign. Our parting gift to Casey is a framed picture of the founding statement for the school of love, Casey's favorite stained glass window and the exterior of the church. A symbol of what we are called to be, God's faithfulness and the physical launching pad for our ministry.

As we look forward, WPC has many blessings. A church building that is in great shape and is equipped for the future, a strong financial position, a restructured staff, vibrant programming in spite of the pandemic and leadership at every level that is poised to do great things.

Just as Casey emboldened us to address the future in spite of uncertainties, we all join together in wishing Casey well in the next chapter of his ministry. We pray that God will continue to abide with you, guide you and uplift you. Just as you declared that you are "rooting for WPC", we are rooting for you and will delight in hearing where God will next use you.





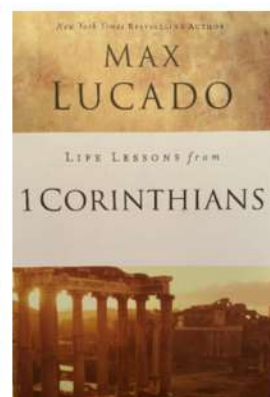
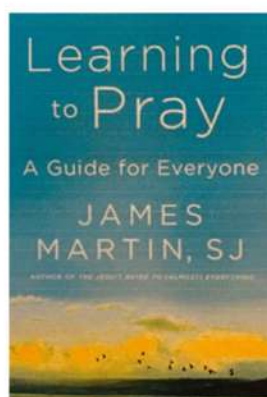
THE WINGS WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY WINTER/ SPRING 2022 COURSE SELECTION

WORD before WORK - Wednesday, January 26

In person and via Zoom

Learning to Pray, A Guide for Everyone by James Martin, SJ
The class will discuss the traditions of prayer throughout Christian history. We will explore different prayer styles to discover which prayers feed our souls and how to build and strengthen intimacy with God. (This study ends on 2/16.)

The Biweekly class, led by Jeanne Kauffman, meets from 6:45 – 8:00 AM in the Fireside Room with a Zoom option. Contact Jeanne at jkauffman2853@gmail.com for information. Contact Lee Pretz at lpretz@verizon.net for a Zoom invitation.



WOMEN in the WORD – Wednesday, January 26

In person and via Zoom

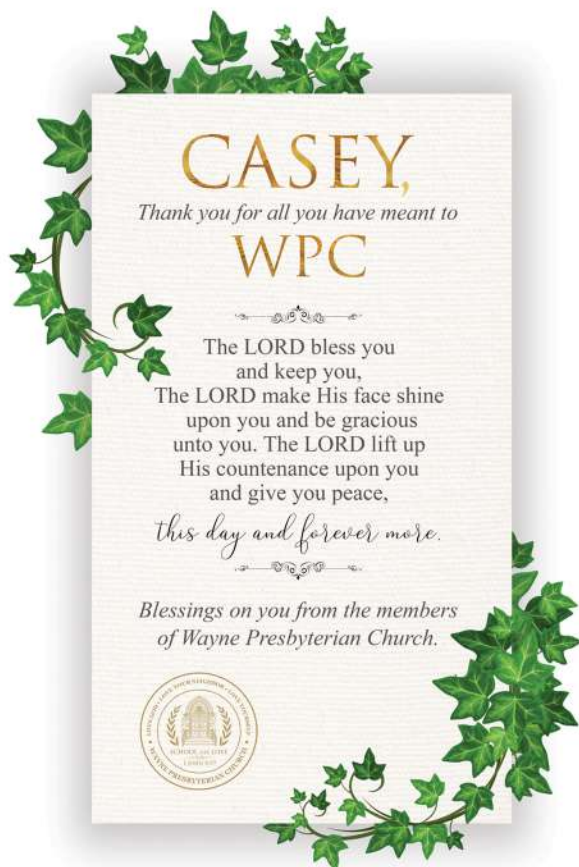
Life Lessons from 1 Corinthians by Max Lucado
Over this 12- week study, we will delve into Paul's thoughts on false teachings, worship, Christian unity, the role of women, the Lord's Supper, and love. The Study Guide offers intriguing questions, background stories, and reflections to encourage all of us to take a spiritual check-up!

The Weekly class, led by Angela Tait, meets from 9:30 – 11:15 AM in the Fireside Room with a Zoom option. Contact Angela at taitmaryangela333@gmail.com with questions or a Zoom invitation.

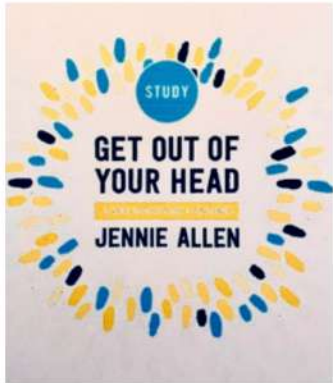
MOMs - Thursday, January 27

Get out of Your Head: Stopping the Spiral of Toxic Thoughts by Jeannie Allen

The 6-week DVD study, led by Pam Clark, provides projects, stories, and bible studies from the book of Philippians to give the tools necessary to transform emotions and outlooks to calm our thoughts when they spiral away from God. When we can learn to conform our hearts and minds to Christ, the goodness and promises of God can enter our lives.



The class meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, starting at 9:30 AM in the Fireside Room. Contact Pam at pammyclark@gmail.com with questions.



WORD before WORK

Rev. Katy Shevel will be leading another segment of Word before Work sometime in March. Stay tuned!

DEACON CHRISTMAS ANGELS



At the prompting of several church members the Community Service Committee of your Board of Deacons was pleased to assist WPC transition from a completely virtual/on-line approach for our annual Christmas Angel project in support of mission outreach. It was suggested that we try a blended offering that would include the old, familiar, hands-on experience of meeting in the connector over a festively decorated table, while continuing the virtual on-line option. And it worked!

We again had the pleasure of talking with so many familiar, and some new, church members in person as they gathered around the Christmas Angel project board containing the paper angels that represented the families provided by our mission partners. And within about three weeks all the angels, virtual and paper, were quickly taken by church members wanting to support this project. As a result, one hundred families from three of our mission partners surely felt your kindness and generosity this past Christmas season.

On behalf of the Board of Deacons your Community Service Committee would like to thank the members of WPC who participated in this year's Christmas Angel project, making it another example of the exemplary outreach program of Wayne Presbyterian Church.



FAMILY ADVENT CELEBRATION DECEMBER 5, 2021



OUR TWO PASTORS GALLOWAYS THE LIFE OF “PASTOR’S KID” ISN’T EASY BY GEORGE AMAN



It wasn't easy for young John Galloway to grow up as the "pastor's kid" in a big church like Wayne Presbyterian. For WPC members and staff as well, it probably seemed a mixed blessing having a super-bright, effervescent "PK" running around our rambling church facility.

Our present beloved Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Dr. John T. Galloway Jr., was seven years old in 1948 when his father, John T., Sr. was called as senior pastor of our church. John Jr.'s grandfather, The Rev. Hugh K. Galloway, yet another Presbyterian minister, was reportedly a strict Sabbatarian – nothing but church and family on blue Sundays.

Some of that pious regimen carried over into the Galloway's big church manse on South Wayne Avenue. During their school days in Radnor, John Jr and his younger sister Harlene were not permitted to do homework on Sunday. According to son Scott Galloway, his father never watched television or movies on Sundays either.

But early on, John Jr. had developed an independent streak, possibly due to the moderating influence of his gracious mother "Billie". For instance, when his birthday arrived during that bustling first year in Wayne, his parents said they didn't have time to organize a birthday party for him. Undeterred, "Gus" as he was known to chums, walked home from school bringing several of his friends home to have a party anyway. So, the softhearted Billie rushed to the Delaware Market across from the church store and bought ice cream for the group.

Society in America after WWII was accompanied by a boom in religion. It was not surprising that under its dynamic young preacher Wayne Presbyterian's growth was extraordinary. John Jr. recalls that underlying that surge in new membership was his father's highly organized approach

to recruiting. Every Sunday, worshippers were encouraged to provide contact information and staff members were detailed to make prompt follow-up calls and prepare prospect cards.

After each Sunday service, moreover, as people came up to shake his hand, John Sr. would nudge a well-briefed church Elder stationed at his elbow. The Elder would step in and introduce himself – allowing the pastor to personalize his own greeting! This unobtrusive attention to detail helped generate new annual memberships ranging from 200 to 400 additional families.

Dr. John, Sr. also found a way to rapidly bring the male new members into the leadership of the church. He created a unique "Board" (the men liked that!) called the Stewards. Their function was to tabulate Sunday morning offerings – as they still do. But they also made regular home visits to members to promote church activities (and follow up on "Estimates of Giving").

As with many churches of that era, during John Sr.'s tenure, which ended in 1973, our WPC Board of Stewards, like our Elder, Deacon, and Trustee Boards, did not include even one woman! (Just 4 years later under pastor Rev. Wesley Baker, ladies were very well represented on all those boards.)

Among those who John Sr. attracted to leadership roles were eminent local men like patent attorney John Howson and businessman Harold Beebe. They teamed together in 1950 to undertake WPC's first capital fund drive. With proceeds from this drive, we renovated the Sunday school and enlarged the chancel to accommodate the choir.

John Jr. says his father was "driven by music." Not a good singer himself, he had enjoyed the "Stepsinging" tradition when he attended Muskingum College in Ohio. John Sr. wrote many hymns and a four-line introit which was sung by the choir before each of his sermons. To develop the Sunday chancel choir and direct the newly formed Wayne Oratorio Society, he brought in Sherwood Kains, a prominent choral director. Later, he hired a brilliant 20-year-old organist named David Spicer who further expanded the adult choirs and added youth groups as well.

John Sr. was a Trustee of Princeton Theological Seminary (as later was John Jr.) which enabled him to select the brightest students as WPC assistant ministers.

The third element in John Sr's growth strategy were his sermons - biblically based and deeply researched. He was a voracious reader. Every day or two he dropped another book on a church secretary's desk with a half-dozen bookmarked passages carefully underlined with several subject headings.

These quotes were transcribed on 5 x 7-inch cards and the cards carefully filed in a huge file cabinet. As he prepared his sermons, John Sr. had related quotation cards plucked from the file cabinet and included them in his presentation.

John Sr. carefully wrote out his sermons in full, and copies were always available on the table in the vestibule. His sermon delivery never sounded like he was reading. John Jr. explained that his father was an orator in the old style, having studied that discipline in college and was runner up in a national oratory contest.

Not unsurprisingly, John Jr. followed his father's approach and kept church secretaries very busy during his own illustrious 14 years in our pulpit.

John went through the Radnor public school system but spent many hours at the church. One time when he was caught running around the sanctuary, an elderly member told him to stop. John retorted that it was alright for him to run in his father's church.

In due course, PK Galloway was confirmed as a member of Wayne Presbyterian and served as president of the high school fellowship. He graduated from Princeton University and Princeton Theological Seminary. John Jr. was ordained a minister in the Presbyterian Church USA in a moving service at WPC. As he described it, his father so overcome with tears of joy that he was almost unable to read his part in the ceremony.

John Sr. passed to a well-deserved presence with his Father in heaven. To everyone's delight, our present Pastor Emeritus, The Rev. John T. Galloway Jr. may be greeted most Sundays in his customary pew on right side of the Sanctuary along with his dear wife Nancy.

(The ministry of Dr. Galloway Sr. is described in the One Hundred Twenty-Five Year History of WPC. Information for this article was graciously provided by Scott Galloway.)



The Galloway family in the late 1950s. The youthful Harlene and her brother John Jr. (top) with Wilhelmina "Billie" and Rev. Dr. John T. Galloway, Sr., pastor of Wayne Presbyterian Church (Photo courtesy of Stephen T. Farwell).



JANUARY 2022 THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S MINISTRY 7:00 AM AT WAYNE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & ONLINE VIA ZOOM

January 6th Zoom Only -- Rev. Dr. Timothy Pretz; Topic: Understanding forgiveness and God's providence

January 13th & 20th Zoom Only -- Dr. Gary Jenkins; Summer Scholars Associate: Professor of History; Topic: The historic relationship of Calvin/Reformed church to Anabaptists

January 27th Zoom Only -- Rev. Dr. Richard Miller; Executive Pastor, WPC Topic: TBD

Thursday Morning Men's Ministry is an informal group of Wayne Presbyterian Church that meets at 7:00 am each Thursday. It is a wonderful opportunity for relationships, prayer, and learning. The program year runs from September through June.

The morning begins with prayer & fellowship. This is followed by learning time: a 30-minute presentation typically from professors from Eastern University. We usually wrap up at 8 am, although the speakers often stay for a while to answer questions and chat.

Are you looking to explore the world of history, bible study, astronomy, philosophy, theology, and a host of Bible-related topics? This might be just what you are looking for. The lineup of speakers will challenge your mind and fill your spirit. Join in for a morning or two or the entire series. You will be glad you did.

Please note: We are currently offering a hybrid-format meeting including live in the Fireside Room as well as access via Zoom. Please see the WPC weekly News & Views email blast to stay up to date on details.

For more information or to get on the email Zoom invite list please contact Tim Pretz at tpretz@eastern.edu or Sal Ambrosio at sambrosio55@gmail.com



YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY



Making cookies for Mitchell Elementary! And eating a few ourselves!



Youth Caroling. Singing cheer for all to hear!

CHRISTMAS TREE INSTALLATION



Will and Bill Gillespie, Lou Metzger, Bill Staples, Clyde Diehl, Chuck Rueger, Linda and Bill Nirmaier



SPECIAL VIRTUAL CAREER EVENT SPONSORED BY THE CAREER EXPLORATION & NETWORKING (CEAN) COMMITTEE OF WAYNE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH JANUARY 5, 2022, 6:00 -7:00 P.M.

How networking and social media can help you land that summer internship or first job! This virtual event is geared toward college students who are interested in landing a summer internship or first job to jumpstart their careers. You'll hear advice and networking tips from a panel of experts that represent a variety of industries and job functions. Also learn about the most effective ways to network and use social media to stand out from the crowd. This session will be completely informal and open to everyone – so come as you are and bring a friend as well as a list of questions for our panelists!

Workshop speakers:

Moderator

Austin Ricketts - Director of Youth Ministries @ Wayne Presbyterian Church

Panelists

Will Gillespie - Analyst @ Mobiquity

Anne McCrary - Director of Human Resources @ Valley Forge Educational Services

Bernie Clark - Vice President, Marketing & Strategy @ Catalent Biologics

Virtual Career Event

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LIFE EVENTS

Weddings

We celebrate the weddings of...

Amanda Booz and Austin Hunt
October 2, 2021

Baptisms

We rejoice in the baptisms of...

Charli Maia Cross
November 14, 2021

Rory Orion Cross
November 14, 2021

Monroe Elizabeth Mabe
November 21, 2021

Deaths

We give thanks for the life and the ministry of...

Elizabeth (Betty) Stewart
November 7, 2021

William Ogren
November 16, 2021

Ann Hyser
December 12, 2021

A THANK YOU

A sincere thank you is extended to all the members of the Chancel Committee for their talented help with the Christmas decorations for our church. We also thank those who support our poinsettia and lily sales to recognize loved ones. We especially appreciate the donation of fresh wreaths from Radnor Troop 284.

If you would like to join the Chancel Committee for a time of fellowship and creativity we would welcome you at Christmas and Easter.

With gratitude,
Betty Ogren and Nancy Bruhns.



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