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WAYNE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Advent EVENTS

Happenings:

Christmas Angels: Support families in need this holiday season.

Christmas Poinsettias: Donate a plant to decorate our sanctuary in honor/memorial of a loved one.

Alternative Gifts: Support the special needs of our Mission partners.

Events:

Advent Worship Services: 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, and 12/19 at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

WinGS Christmas Tea: Thursday, 12/2 at 9:30 a.m.

Messiah Concert presented by the Wayne Oratorio Society: Saturday, 12/4 and Sunday, 12/5 at 7:30 p.m.

Family Advent Celebration: Sunday, 12/5 at 11:30 a.m.

Youth Group Christmas Caroling: Friday, 12/10 at 6:00 p.m.

Youth Group Christmas Party: Sunday, 12/12 at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Angels Drop Off: Saturday, 12/18 from 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Worship Services: Friday, 12/24
4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Service
7:00 p.m. Westminster Choir and Brass
10:00 p.m. Chancel Choir and Brass

Find more information at waynepres.org

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2021

Please plan to attend a congregational meeting on December 12 following the 10:30 a.m. worship service to vote on the dissolution of the pastoral relationship with Rev. Casey Thompson and approve the transitional Terms of Call.



ALTERNATIVE GIFTS

2021

Here we are Friends—another Christmas season fast approaching We have been tested, but know that we are still blessed, and we continue to stay thankful. We remain vigilant, careful, and protective of the ones we love while working together towards ‘normalcy’.

With Advent right around the corner, that means it is almost time for Alternative Gifts! Each year Wayne Presbyterian Church offers the Alternative Gift Program to respond to a variety of special needs that partners supported by Faith in Action (Mission) may have. Continuing to respect the contactless safety protocol, the Alternative Gifts “Catalog” can be found on the church website www.waynepres.org. We will continue to use all versions of online payment options as we did last year.

We are STILL providing important gift offerings that will look familiar to you. We’re STILL offering beautiful Cards to serve as a tangible gift to give to loved ones or coworkers describing the partners and their various needs. This card will give those you honor with a gift, a way to experience and share the joy of supporting these special ministries, and are perfect as stocking stuffers, and teacher or hostess gifts. Each gift is a tax-deductible purchase - and the partner chosen will quickly receive the funds to further their Mission. Once you place your order online, I will contact you within 48 hours via email to let you know your cards are ready to be picked up. The outside entrance doors into Church from the back parking lot are unlocked. You will see a Christmas themed decorated table in the vestibule where your order will be waiting for you.

Thank you once again for considering our Partners with your gifts. My wish to you as always is that you have a safe and Blessed Christmas season!

If you have any questions, or need ANY assistance with this new ordering process, please contact Lani Fabere at lanifabere@gmail.com, or call me at 610/368-4300

“It’s not so much what we have in this life that matters. It’s what we do with what we have.” Fred Rogers



FAMILY ADVENT CELEBRATION

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 5th

11:30am-1:00pm

Reservations are required / space is limited

Contact Mrs. M. kelli@waynepres.org

Come and join the fun and fellowship. Light lunch, carol singing and a buffet of Christmas ornaments to make!



Use this to register



And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name."

Luke 1:46-49

CHRISTMAS ANGELS ARE NEEDED!



Join with the Deacon Christmas Angels this Holiday Season

Provide a Holiday meal and small gifts for one of our mission partner families.

**Drop off day is Saturday, December 18
8AM – 9:30AM In the church parking lot.**

Please see our list of families and make your selection at www.waynepres.org/ChristmasAngels

A list of suggestions for filling your Deacon Christmas Angels 18 gallon tub and an FAQ is also available on the website.

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

In November, the Youth Group did a great job writing cards to kids at Gemma Services. The cards were heart-warming and spread the holiday cheer. Many of the cards said, “Please know that someone is always thinking of you.” Tacked on to these notes were gift cards to help out with groceries or to spend on presents for the holidays.

In December, we look forward to caroling for some of our members on December 10th. And our Christmas party will be celebrated in the Chapel. We’ll have tons of Christmas treats, some singing, and a raucous White Elephant exchange. We’ll also be decorating loads of cookies to send to the students at Mitchell Elementary School. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas!



WINGS FALL GATHERING HIGHLIGHTS

WinGS (Women in God’s Service) celebrated being back together at the Church in person for our Fall Gathering; “Where is God in difficult times?” on Saturday, October 23, 2021. Close to 70 women registered for Zoom conference and in person for Marie Monville’s presentation, a wonderful outcome considering the challenges and uncertainties involved in return to group gatherings after a long pause. An email with the event information was sent to participants.

In addition to hearing an inspirational speaker, we delighted in songs and worship hymns with the gifts of Beth Greenwood and Brian Meneely. Support for local Afghan refugees fleeing from the troubles in Afghanistan was also a part of our event. Lisa Gower (pictured) coordinated a gift card collection for the Islamic Society of Chester County.

The presentation was recorded and is available on the Women’s Ministry page under Events on the Church’s website. What a gift to share in this experience as we navigate our fall theme, through the wilderness!



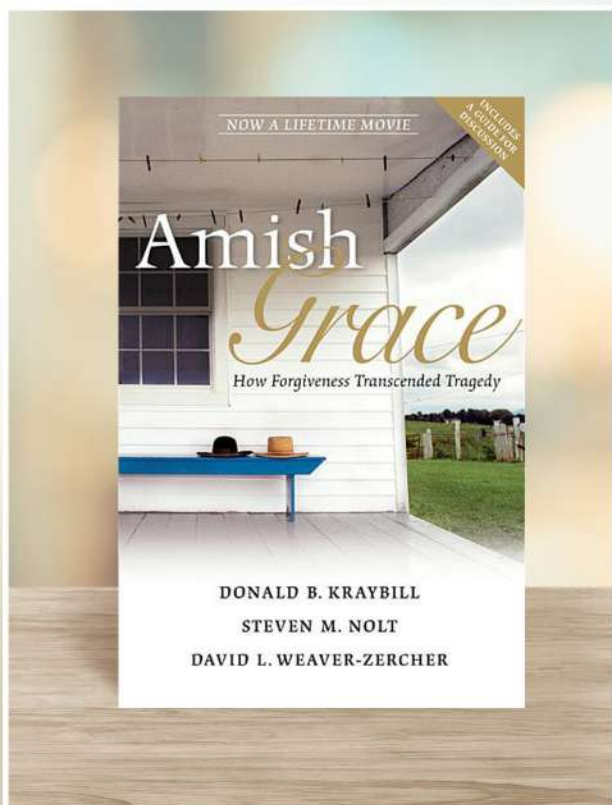
WPC BOOK CLUB FOR JANUARY

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 discussion will be on Sunday, January 9th at 9:00am or 10:30am in the Fireside Room. There will also be a Zoom discussion on Monday, January 10th at 7:00pm. Email Janice Mack to RSVP at gardengirl65@gmail.com or go to waynepres.org

Join us for small group discussions on January 9th at 9:00am or 10:30am.



WINGS WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY WINTER/SPRING 2022

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12
7:00 AM OR 9:30 AM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27
10:00 AM



COME BACK TO BIBLE STUDY
either in person or via Zoom!

Word Before Work, led by the Rev, Katy Shevel, meets weekly with classes alternating between teaching sessions and discussion sessions. Topic TBD.

Women in the Word, led by Angela Tait, meets weekly. This course will focus on a New Testament Book with practical applications for a woman's daily walk with Christ. Title TBD.

MOMs Bible Study, led by Pam Clark, meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday. This Semester's selection is *Get Out of Your Head: Stopping the Spiral of Toxic Thoughts* by Jennie Allen

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: ANGELA
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TAITMARYANGELA@GMAIL.COM

The angel said to Mary, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God."
Luke 1:35



WOMEN'S RETREAT 2022

Grief, Joy, and the Heart of God

JANUARY 21 & 22

Location: Wayne Presbyterian Church

Catherine Ricketts will be our retreat leader.

For more information, please see our
website: waynepres.org

presented by **WINGS**



If we are really paying attention to what's happening within and around us, we will always be grieving something, and we will always be celebrating something. There is no moment in our lives when the notes of sorrow and joy do not sound together. What can be gained by tuning into this tension, and how might it lead us to the very heart of God? Catherine Ricketts will guide us through these questions with personal narrative and a study of sorrow and joy in the life of Christ. We'll then consider how the arts can uniquely help us to hold this tension, and we'll have the opportunity to respond during a memoir-writing workshop or visual art workshop.

Catherine Ricketts is a writer and musician whose work focuses on the arts, grief, joy, and spirituality. Her writing appears *The Christian Century*, *The Kenyon Review Online*, *The Ploughshares Blog*, *Image Journal*, and WXPN's *The Key*. In addition to her own creative practices, she's maintained a vibrant career nurturing the work of other artists at Philadelphia arts institutions, including WXPN, *FringeArts*, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art. She lives outside of Philadelphia with her husband Austin and two young sons. Learn more at www.catherinedanaricketts.com or on Instagram @bycatherinericketts.



Christmas Poinsettias

Sign up for Poinsettias in the Chapel before and after all morning services on November 28, December 5 & 12 2021. The cost for 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 12.

“Wayne Presbyterian Church”

and send along with this form to:

Attn. Chancel Committee

125 East Lancaster Avenue, Wayne PA 19087

Orders can also be made online

waynepres.org/poinsettia

Proceeds benefit Wayne Presbyterian Church Needs.

THURSDAY MORNING
MEN'S MINISTRY
DECEMBER 2021
7:00 AM AT WAYNE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH & ONLINE VIA ZOOM



On December 2, 9 & 13 (no meeting on December 23 & 30)

Michael J. Lee: Chair; Associate Professor of History & Grace F. Kea Chair of American History; Eastern University

Topic: "Some reflections from the book of Judges"

Follow go to www.eastern.edu/michael-lee for more information on Dr. Lee.

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.

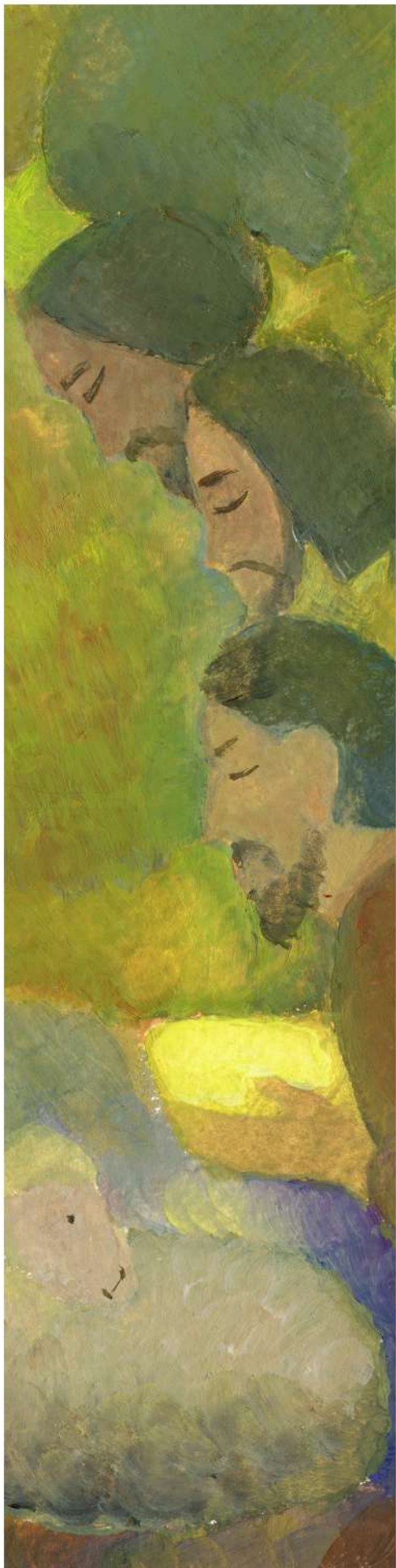
The morning begins with prayer & fellowship. This is followed by learning time: a 30-minute presentation typically from professors from Eastern University. We usually wrap up at 8 am, although the speakers often stay for a while to answer questions and chat.

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





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