

WALLACE NEWSLETTER

"SERVING GOD, LOVING ALL"

April and Easter Worship- 10:15 a.m.

The month of April will begin with the Celebration of Easter! We hope you will join us for a vibrant celebration of our Lord, Jesus the Christ. Our joyous praise will be led by the Chancel Choir and a brass ensemble, as we gather to mark the fulfillment of the resurrection promise for us all!

As the month continues to unfold, we will welcome 7 new disciples to the ministry and mission of the Kingdom on April 12th. The members of the confirmation class will make their proclamation of faith and join us in service to the Lord.

On April 19th, you are invited to bring your personal Bible to worship as we begin a series on "Building Christian Character". Having proclaimed what great benefits we receive through belief in Jesus the Christ, we will focus on what to do after we believe. We will spend five weeks examining the scriptures for the ways we can build up our character as we follow Jesus. A highlight of the April 26th service will be the Scripture and the Arts display as we see how the Word inspires the soul to create visual expressions of faith.

April 5th- Easter Sunday Celebration

Scripture Proclamation: Luke 24: 1-12

Scripture Lesson: Luke 24: 13-35

Morning Message "Our Journey Companion"

Sacrament of Communion

April 12th- Second Sunday of Easter

Scripture Focus: John 21: 1-14

Young Disciples Time: "Unexpected Places"

Scripture Lesson: John 21: 15-17

Morning Message: "What Happens Now?"

Reception of the Confirmation Class

April 19th- Third Sunday of Easter

Young Disciples Time: "The Light unto my Path"

Scripture Lesson: Romans 12: 1-21

Morning Message: "The Surrender"

Sacrament of Communion

April 26th- Fourth Sunday of Easter

Scripture Focus: Colossians 3: 1-17

Young Disciples Time: "Budding Possibilities"

Scripture Lesson: John 15: 1-17

Morning Message: "A Good Pruning"

God and Church Award: Brenden Bronder

April

Sunday 4/5

Easter Sunday- No
Education Hour

Monday 4/6

Exhibition Planning
Team 1:00pm

Sunday 4/12

Confirmants
Received during
Worship

Monday 4/13

Young Women's
Study @ Panera
7:00pm

Sunday 4/19

Bible Emphasis
Sunday

Friday 4/24

Scripture and the
ARTS- Art Exhibition
Grand Opening
6:30pm

Wednesday 4/29

High Nooners @
Carnegie Science
Center

Sunday 5/3

Pastor Sarah's Israel
Trip Presentation
12:00pm

Sunday 5/17

Final Education Hour
for Spring

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Easter Greeting:

The Leadership Team, Church Council, and Board of Deacons wish for all of you a very Blessed Easter as we celebrate together the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for the many efforts on the part of so many of you that helped to make this such a Glorious Lenten and Easter Season.

Israel Trip Presentation:

On Sunday May 3rd, from 12:00-1:00pm, Pastor Sarah and her husband, Pastor Ben, will be sharing a brief bit about their trip to Israel. Over a light lunch, we look forward to passing along stories about the meaningful places we experienced and the wealth of knowledge we received from this trip of a lifetime! We hope you will join us in fellowship hall—to see pictures and other things we brought back from the Holy Lands!

One Great Hour of Sharing:

"I was hungry and you gave me food." - Matthew 25: 35

We will continue to receive donations for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering through Easter Sunday, April 05. These funds go to support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self Development of People through the P.C.U.S.A. missions. Thanks to your generosity, the church can respond to world crisis events immediately, encourage nutritional programs, supply food in areas of U.S.A. and the world, as well as enable people to provide a sustainable food supply and income in an ever changing world where the Lord calls us to care for others. Sharing brings joy to others, to God, and to us!

Lakota Art Camp Mission Trip:

The dates for the Lakota Art Camp Mission Trip are now set for June 22nd-26th. While our local congregation will be hosting Summer Kids Week here in the Green Tree area, a small mission team will be conducting our 3rd Art Camp on Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. We have 14 people committed to going this year, but we have room for more if you would like to join us. The journey will begin on Thursday, June 18th as we embark by church van to travel to South Dakota. We will be stopping in several locations along the way to learn more about the Native American Story and to visit several sights along the way. The cost is approximately \$750 for transportation, lodging, meals, and materials. If you have an interest please speak to Pastor Dennis, John Connolly,

or Eunice Nasri. An informative meeting with all the details will be held on Saturday, April 18th from 1:00 p.m.-3:00p.m. as we finalize trip plans and projects. (A light lunch will be served.) Even if you are not able to go, please hold the art mission team in your prayers.

Youth Fun Service Days! Mark your calendars and save the date!

Sunday April 26th- After worship youth are invited to have lunch and then participate in a service project with Light of Life Ministries. Their website- if you want to check out the amazing work this organization does is here: www.lightoflife.org. Youth are asked to bring \$5 to contribute towards lunch. We will have lunch, then serve from 1-3pm, and return back to the church by 3:30pm. Please RSVP to Pastor Sarah at srobbins@wallacememorial.org or cell: 412 715 3207.

Sunday May 17th- After worship youth are invited to help serve at our faith community here at Wallace. We will be working with Ron Brussemi (our facilities manager) to assist in an outside project. Please dress casually and in clothes you can get dirty for both of these service days!

The Table:

The Table is a fellowship and service group for young adults who are members or friends of members at Wallace church. We meet about once a month—for dinner, activities and service opportunities. For the most up to date information on our gatherings, check out our [Facebook](#) page, or contact Pastor Sarah. Please note: the Facebook page is a closed group. But please ask to be added if you are interested in this group!

Young Women's Study Group:

Twice a month on Monday evenings, young adult women are gathering at Panera on Greentree road to read, to share and to pray together. We are beginning to read, "Small Victories, Spotting Improbable Moments of Grace," by Anne Lamott. Please join us if you are interested!

April Dates- Monday the 13th at 7pm

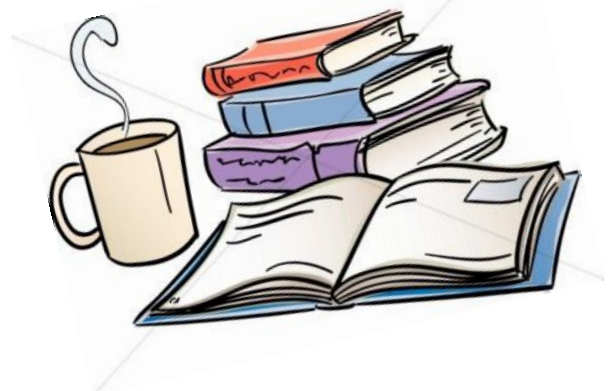
May Dates- Monday the 4th and 18th at 7pm

Communications Team:

Do you have an eye for design? Are you an excellent proofreader? Do you spend time on Facebook, websites, and blogs? Are you good at taking pictures? Do you have an understanding of the connection between faith and technology?

If you answered **YES** to any of those questions - you might be the person(s) we are looking for to help with the communications team! Pastor Sarah and Administrative Assistant Ashley Antonucci are the two staff persons who are going to be researching and planning for updates to our communications at Wallace. This will include looking at our website, social media, mailings and facility needs. Please contact Pastor Sarah if you are interested in helping!

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Wallace Memorial Facebook Page:

Are you on Facebook? Did you know that we are? Wallace Memorial now has a PUBLIC Facebook page. Our current Facebook page is private and only accessible to people who have been added to the group (mainly, our members and friends!) Our public page is a place for members, non-members and others to go to learn more about our church. It is also available to people searching on Facebook for churches in our area! We ask that you please "like" the new page! You can find it [here](#). Do you find yourself reading Wallace's updates online rather than on paper? Would you like to receive our newsletter electronically instead of hard copy? If so, please send us your email and we will be glad to make the switch for you! You may send your email to wallacememorialpc@gmail.com or aantonucci@wallacememorial.org.

High Nooners:

The High Nooners will meet on Wednesday, April 29th at noon at the Carnegie Science Center. We will be seeing the movie about 3 women who lived in Jerusalem. You can read a description of the movie and watch the trailer [here](#)!

Green Tree Garden Club:

Bill Goff, Penn State Master Gardener, will address the Green Tree Garden Club on Thursday, April 9, on the topic "Perennials: Three Seasons of Colors in the Garden." He is a retired organist and Director of Music at Northmont United Presbyterian Church and has been an avid gardener for more than 30 years. The meeting will be held in the Carlisle Social Hall of the Green Tree Fire Hall, 825 Poplar Street. Lunch, provided by the club, is served at 11, followed by a business meeting at noon and the program at 12:30. As always, guests are welcome to attend the program only or the entire event. There is no charge, and a reservation is not needed. For more information, call 412-875-6846.

Green Tree Day at PNC Park:

Saturday, June 27, 2015. Pittsburgh Pirates vs. Atlanta Braves. Limited number of tickets available! Sign Up at the Green Tree Municipal Office (10 W Manilla Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15220). Visit www.greentreeboro.com for further information.

Wedding Planning on a Budget:

Want to learn where to spend money and where to cut corners to make your special day the most fabulous ever? Come to the Green Tree Municipal Center on April 21st at 6:30p.m.! Tickets are \$10 for residents, \$15 for non-residents. Sign up at the Green Tree Municipal Office (10 W Manilla Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15220). Visit www.greentreeboro.com for further information.



Birthday Fund 2015: Raise the Roof!

The Birthday Fund is an opportunity to give back for the blessing of life, and to help us save for a rainy day! This year, the focus of the Birthday Fund will be "Raising the Roof!" During your birthday month, we ask that you consider giving one dollar for each year of your age in celebration of your years. But it is not limited to those celebrating a birthday during any given month – not at all! Do you see a name of a dear friend on the list below, or someone who has inspired you in your faith journey? Make a gift in honor of his or her birthday.

Gifts can be submitted on Sundays, using the blue envelopes located in the sanctuary pews (please indicate "Birthday Fund" on your check or envelope), or submitted at any time in person or through the mail - simply complete this page with your info below, and return it to the church office.

Happy Birthday to all of those born in March!

1) Ruth Hutchison
 2) Kelsey Kaplack, Khloe Kaplack, Rebecca Martinelli, Kyle McCoy, Marcie Neubert
 4) Alberta Aspinall, Norene Conley, Delaney Duch
 5) Michael Wherry
 7) Elaine Alter, Ruth Dodds, Kathleen Ellenberger, Sarah Harris, Adele Kunz, Ruth Millford
 9) Beverly Pini, Jim Rutledge, Katherine Whitfield
 10) Doris Gottschall
 12) Andrew Slifko

13) Daniel Esterly, Natalie Kappers, Carol Lindsay
 14) Russell Good, Joanne Olds
 15) Ian Cummins, Courtney Henigman, Tyler Fraer
 16) Wayne Long
 17) Jason Molnar, Joyce Nolte
 18) Janice Drzik, Timothy Schultz, Sr.
 20) Joyce Rossi
 21) Teegan Stewart
 22) Marguerite Canonge

23) Luke Arch
 24) Margaret Crawford
 25) William Harper
 26) Robert McCleery, Jr., Marilyn Sproat, Keith Tarbi, Conor Zimmerman
 27) Russ Faust, Patricia Tafel
 28) Jane Criswell, Alexander Oleksak
 29) Diane Ferianc

Yes, I am grateful for the blessing of life, and am happy to be a part of the Birthday Fund!

Name: _____

Gift Amount: _____

This is a:

___ Gift for my birthday month

___ Gift in honor of the birthday of _____

Did we miss your birthday? Please notify the church office and share your information. No ages will be published!

Through your faithful stewardship and generosity, we serve God and love all!

Happy Birthday

ACS Realm:

As some of you may already know, the church office is updating and improving the ways in which we interact with our congregation. We have purchased new software called ACS Realm. Realm is a modern, cloud-based administrative system designed for churches. It will help us manage important information about our members, but it will also provide a connecting point for members during the week. Realm will give our members the ability to update and maintain their own contact information, check event schedules, and interact with groups and committees you belong to. At this point, we are still uploading our information into the system, and we will need your help! Please complete the form below and return it to the office as soon as possible! Thank you!

ACS REALM INFO SHEET

Name: _____ **Ph. Number:** (____) _____

Address: _____ **Email:** _____

_____ **Preferred contact (phone, email, etc):**

D.O.B: ____/____/____ **Gender:** _____ **Member Status:** _____

Marital Status: _____ **Spouses Name:** _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

Allergies/Medical Conditions: _____

***Please include** members of your family, as well as yourself! (Ex. Children)

****Please note** - we are only asking for medical information to be prepared if something should happen to you, or a member of your family, while you are in the building. If you do not feel comfortable answering this, please let us know! Your medical information will be protected and only used for this purpose!

EDUCATION/SPIRITUAL FORMATION

One thing that I think the church does a very good job with is mixing the generations. **Roy and Joan Humphrey** are several decades older than our **Confirmation Class**, yet they create a community where faith questions are encouraged, discussed and explored while relationships are forged. Our class this year included 8th and 9th graders: **Annali Criswell, Olivia Dewick, Finn Dugan, James Hicken, Brant Purcell, Joey and Sammy Tortorella**. They met, mostly weekly, over the winter, with the Humphreys (plus Pastor Dennis, Pastor Sarah and Ellen Heriger), were received by the Church Council March 23rd, and will be welcomed into the congregation during worship on April 12, with a reception to follow. These new church members are engaging, faithful and just delightful. Thank you to them for their commitment, their parents for their perseverance in getting them here, and the Humphreys for taking on this ministry.

The biennial **Scripture & the ARTS: Personal Inspirations** will begin **Friday, April 24**, in our transept with the **Grand Opening from 6:30-8:30**. At 7:30 this year's juror, Jenn Fazzone, will be giving out the awards and critiquing the works, refreshments will be served. **Please come, and invite your neighbors and friends**. This year we have asked the Pittsburgh artists to spend time immersed in a verse of scripture of their choice, then bringing that verse to life through their artistic interpretation. You will be able to read and how and why they created their artwork. This can be very enlightening for how you may interpret the verse. The exhibition will then run Saturdays and weekdays 11:00-3:00; and Sundays 11:30-1:00 through Sunday, May 3. The planning team (Dee paras, Doris Gottschall, Polly Walter, Sylvia Procyk & Ellen Heriger) **invite you to volunteer to help**. We need some folks to make refreshments and also to sit with the art. Please contact Ellen 412.561.2431 eheriger@wallacememorial.org.

Scripture & the ARTS: Camp 2015 will be **August 3-7** from 9-noon for kids entering 6th grade to those entering 12th grade fall 2015. This was a big success that year and will be limited in size. So...**save the date!** I am working with the artists/instructors and making plans and will share the info when it becomes firm.

Summer Kids' Week, a Vacation Bible School @ Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church sponsored in memory of Raymond M. & Mary Louise Reisacher, will be **June 22-26 from 9-3, FREE for all community children entering kindergarten-entering 6th grade fall of 2015**. This year's theme is **G-Force: God's Love in Action**. Kids will become navigators and explore how to serve God's Love in Action through Opening, Scripture Zone, Craft Zone, Music Zone, Science Zone, Recreation Zone and Snack Zone. Staffs (both church members and community folks) are volunteering; registration forms are available at <http://www.wallacememorial.org/Page/Vacation-Bible-School> or call the church office; supplies are being purchased; and plans are being made. Teens are taking stronger responsibilities: a teen is recruiting, training and supervising the other teen volunteers and two boys who will be graduating High School will be running the Recreation Zone! **You can be part of this outreach program: volunteer, pray, invite your neighbor's and friends' kids.**

As always, I encourage you and your children to attend **Education Hour from 9-10 on Sunday mornings**. We have classes for all ages, with several adult options. Please email me if you would like specific information or suggestions as to which class might be a good match for YOU.

eheriger@wallacememorial.org

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR: LENT 2015

Jesus has instructed us to love our neighbors as ourselves. This Lenten Season at Wallace Memorial was marked with several “Love Your Neighbor” Mission Events offered to our members as volunteer opportunities. The organizations involved are all motivated by faith and serve alongside the poor and oppressed and represent God’s unconditional love for all people.

On February 21, a group travelled to *World Vision* in Sewickley where they sorted and packed boxes of donated goods to be sent out internationally for emergency assistance to children and families affected by disasters and conflict.

On March 4, a group went to The *Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank* in Duquesne and spent the afternoon packing food in the warehouse that will eventually be distributed to the various food pantries in Southwestern Pennsylvania, such as ours here at Wallace Memorial.

On Sunday, March 8, a group went to the *Light of Life Mission* on the North Side. In addition to assisting with the serving of meals to the men and women, our volunteers also assisted with some housekeeping chores, making us fully aware of the daunting task it is to provide not only a hot meal, but a clean, safe and comfortable haven for those who seek refuge here.

On Saturday, March 21, 3 of our married couples enjoyed an evening of preparing a meal and serving it to approximately 40 men and women at *The Community House East End Cooperative Ministry* in East Liberty. Folks who come here are offered a hot meal, a safe place to sleep, food for their families, or simply one-on-one help to change life for the better.

Finally, on March 25, a group of 10-12 volunteers prepared a meal and served it to approximately 40 folks who came to the soup kitchen at *St. Mark’s Lutheran Church* in Brookline. In addition, our extra stew fed the folks for Meals on Wheels the next day! A few of our Wallace children participated with their parents and enjoyed engaging the soup kitchen children in a praying hand craft project, puzzles, and playing Uno. There was much joy and laughter; in fact the kids continued their Uno games as they ate.

Our volunteer efforts with each Mission opportunity were deeply appreciated not only by the folks who manage and direct these facilities and their programs, but most importantly by the men and women whose lives have been shattered by homelessness, poverty, addiction and perhaps mental illness. All of our volunteers would agree that it was a blessing to be called to deliberately extend love to our neighbors, not to mention how wonderful it was to spend time with one another, often for the first time!

Jesus wants us to love everyone and serve anyone we can. These volunteer acts do not depend on wealth, ability or intelligence; they are simple acts freely given and freely received.

Written by: **Nadine Eichenmiller**

MISSION MINUTE

Mission Profile: Pittsburgh Theological Seminary:

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (PTS) is a graduate theological school of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), offering Master of Divinity, Master of Arts, Master of Arts in Theology and Ministry, Master of Arts in Theological Studies, Master of Theology, and Doctor of Ministry programs as well as Spiritual and Christian Leadership certificates.

Below is a testimony about the impact of PTS from our own student pastor Keith Sandell.

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My name is Keith Sandell and I have enjoyed serving as your Student Pastor for the last several months. As many of you know, I attend Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Over the past two years, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, or PTS as students and faculty fondly call it, has been shaping me into a better pastor and person. I am receiving a top-notch education from highly qualified faculty members. At PTS, I have received skills and tools needed for my future ministry.

One of the parts I appreciate most about going to PTS is the community. I have been blessed with incredible classmates. Additionally, I have enjoyed how the faculty wants to engage with students and be a part of our lives. I have matured through conversations with peers and faculty members both in and outside the classroom. I know I will maintain many of these friendships even after I graduate.

PTS has blessed me with a nice financial package, and I am reassured that I can enter into the ministry with little debt. One of the major reasons PTS can offer generous student aid is because of congregations, such as Wallace Memorial, who donate to the seminary. Your annual donation allows students, like me, to receive a quality education at an affordable price. Thank you for your contribution!

*In Christ,
Keith Sandell*

If you would like more information on PTS please feel free to visit their site: <http://www.pts.edu/>

What can I do?

What can you do to become more involved with our mission work? Volunteer! As we profile the missions we support we hope that one sparks an interest that you would like to become involved with. We also would like to extend an invitation to anyone in the church that has a heart for mission and serving, to consider joining the mission committee. We meet once a month to discuss, organize, and fund local and global mission work. If you have any questions about volunteering with a particular mission or joining the missions committee please contact Chris Franceschina at chris.franceschina@gmail.com

Please take time to pray, support, and join our mission work!

TOWERLIGHT

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