

WALLACE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

April 2016

| April 3rd - 24th |

Theme: Preparing for the Holy Spirit and Pentecost



During the month on April we will be looking at the Post Resurrection Appearances of Jesus as he prepares the disciples to live by the Spirit that will become ignited in them at Pentecost.

April 3, 2016 The Second Sunday of Easter / The Sacrament of Communion

Scripture Text: John 20: 19-31
Jesus surprises the disciples in the upper room.

Morning Message "The Breath of New Life"

Young Disciples Message
"Breathing in the Spirit"

April 10, 2016 The Third Sunday of Easter

Scripture Text: John 21: 1-19
Jesus meets his disciples at the shore.

Morning Message "Grace Abounds"

Young Disciples Message
"Seeds of Grace"

April 17, 2016 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sacrament of Communion and
Sacrament of Baptism

Scripture Text: John 10: 22-30

Morning Message "Rejection or Reception"

Young Disciples' Message
"Washing for Supper"

April 24, 2016 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scripture Text: John 13: 31-35
Morning Message will be presented by Elder Roy Humphrey
Young Disciples Message by Nancy Schultz

Pastor's Corner



That's Not All Folks!

For those of you who grew up with Saturday morning cartoons, you will remember the classic sign off for the Bugs Bunny Show and other Looney Toons cartoons. At the end of a cartoon, Porky Pig emerged through the Looney Toons logo and in his own unique way says, "That's All Folks!" I think that is sometimes how we look at the events of Easter and the emergence of Jesus from the tomb, as if that's the end of the show for Jesus. In actuality, it's just a new beginning. As if, Jesus bursts through the tomb door and proclaims, "That's Not All Folks!" The resurrection brings new life to all of creation, and we need to embrace that new life every time we celebrate Easter!

The celebration of Easter is not only the celebration of Jesus' resurrection but the celebration of new life in our midst. Resurrection, and all new life, is a gift that happens around us every day. We need to wait patiently for life to sprout, in its own way, and in its own time – keeping our eyes and hearts open for the miracles of new life that are happening around us all the time. We cannot force new life, for new life takes time to form and sprout.

There is the story of a little girl who received sunflower seeds to plant in her back yard. Her parents advised her as to when it was the right time to plant the seeds in the ground, and she happily did so, burying them several inches into the soil. Her parents also explained to her that it would take seven to ten days before the new plants would sprout. Each day the girl watered the plants as she had been instructed to do. Then, when no one was looking, she would get out her small shovel and dig up each seed, lifting it out of the ground to see if it was, in fact, sprouting. Several weeks passed and the parents wondered why none of the sunflower seeds were sprouting. The girl, overhearing her parents, reported she had wondered the same, and went on to say that this was why she had been digging them up every day, to inspect them for signs of growth. So the mystery for the parents was solved, and daughter learned an important lesson. It takes great patience to wait for new life to sprout, and any attempts to rush the process may in fact prevent it from happening altogether. We cannot rush the process by trying impatiently to force change or growth to happen. Growth happens at its own rate. The caterpillar will emerge as a butterfly in its own time frame. The adolescent will become an adult in his or her own time frame, not ours. The pain of grief will gradually subside and a new normal will emerge, but only in its own time. "For everything there

is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

The Celebration of Easter Sunday is now past, however the emergence of the power of the resurrection is just beginning.

Throughout the month of April I invite you to look for signs of new life all around us, including in the life of our families, our friends, and our community of faith. Explore the pages of this April issue of the newsletter looking for new things emerging among us as a community of faith. Stay tuned as the Lord continues to show us the "new thing he is doing" among us!

Peace.

Pastor Dennis Molnar

The Sacrament of Baptism will be performed on Logan James Molnar on Sunday, April 17, 2016 during the morning worship service. Parents are Jason Robert Molnar and Ashley Marie Shoup Molnar. Grandparents are Pastor Dennis Molnar and Terri Molnar.

Events and Announcements



April Events

Saturday, April 2nd

June Rush Memorial Service

Visitation, 10:00am - Lounge

Memorial Service, 11:00am -
Sanctuary

Friday, April 8th

Second Friday Serenades

12:30 pm - Sanctuary

Friday April 8th and

Saturday, April 9th

*Recalibrating the Church for
the 21st Century World
Mission Initiative Conference
Pittsburgh Theological
Seminary*

Sunday, April 10th

*Church Membership Lunch
and Information Session
After Worship - Fellowship Hall*

Sunday, April 24th

*PRISM International
Student Dinner*

5:00pm - Car pool from Wallace
parking lot.

Saturday, April 30th

Pancake & Sausage Brunch

8:00-12:00 - Fellowship Hall

Amica Mia Concert

7:30pm Wallace Sanctuary

*The Table Group Pirate Game
Outing*

Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church Presents

Second Friday Serenades

Friday, April 8th

12:30pm - Wallace Sanctuary

***Bryan Sable and Ellen Fast,
piano duo***

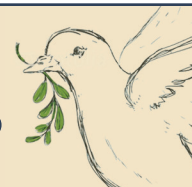


The four-hand recital of piano duets will feature Bryan Sable and Ellen Fast. The concert will consist mainly of dance music by Gwyneth Walker, John Corigliano, Antonin Dvorak and Peter Warlock, plus Mozart and Poulenc. A good will offering is appreciated, but not required.

Whose World Is It Anyway?

The Round Table Adult Class meets in the Chapel on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00. This series will be presented by Betty Eichler the four weeks following Easter. Unit title: "Whose World Is It, Anyway?" We will use passages of Scripture as well as selected sections from a number of books, along with articles from magazines, and lots of our personal experiences and perceptions. Our goal is to see the world through the lens of God, and to see God through the lens of the world. Session subjects: 1} Making Connections 2} What have we done? And What are we doing? 3} Cyborgs and Chimeras: Am I Still Me? 4} A Vision of Peace.

Events and Announcements



The TABLE Group is planning an outing to the Pirate game on Saturday April 30th, at 7:05pm, against the Reds. The RSVP deadline is Saturday, April 9th. Interested parties should contact Sean Boehm at sboehm@live.com. Please see The Table's Facebook Group page for additional updates and information.

Dormont AARP PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BRUNCH - All You Can Eat!

Saturday, April 30th
8:00am - 12:00pm
Wallace Memorial Fellowship Hall

Adults: \$5.00, Children Under 10:
\$2.00

There will also be a bake sale and book sale. Come hungry!

Amica Mia

Dedicated to the memory of Dolores Single

Saturday, April 30, 2016
7:30 PM

Wallace Memorial
Presbyterian Church
1146 Greentree Rd
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15220

Eva Ostrakovna, Soprano
Yeeha Chiu, Piano
Michael Nieland, Violin
Mark Sutton, Violin & Viola

Featuring music of
Berlioz, Mozart,
Faure and Schubert



Free and Open to the Public



\$10.00 donation suggested for
the American Cancer Society



We are very proud of Geoffrey Madge, who won the Young People's Concerto Competition. Geoffrey and his mom will be sharing a Bach Concerto with us on Sun., April 10 in preparation for his performance with the Pittsburgh Symphony! Congrats Geoffrey!!!



EASTER SEASON FUN:

Starting Sunday, April 10, and continuing through May, the children of Education Hour will gather from 10:00 - 10:15 a.m. to work on a special anthem called **Spirit Boundless**. We will rehearse in Room #201 each week in preparation for May 22, when we will sing Spirit Boundless in our worship service. Come, bring your friends and delight in the joys of singing with flute and finger cymbals!

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Mission Minute

Please join the Perspectives class in an international mission opportunity.

Mission Opportunity -PRISM

When: Sunday, April 24th at 5pm

Where: Meet at Wallace and car pool to Bellefield Presbyterian Church

What: We will be serving dinner to international students and sharing in fellowship with them.

Contact: Chris Franceschina at chris.franceschina@gmail.com

Mission Profile: PRISM

Do you have a heart for international mission work, but not sure how to make it happen? Do you feel a calling to reach all over the world? PRISM just may be the mission opportunity for you! PRISM stands for Pittsburgh Region International Students Ministries. You do not even have to leave the familiarity of Pittsburgh. PRISM is an outreach program for the international presence that already exists right in our backyard, the university community in Oakland.

- Ways that PRISM Serves the Local International Community:
- Annual Garage Giveaway: 2014 saw that 350 students from 16 countries attended this free event.
- Weekly Open House dinner: Each week a different church helps to serve a meal to students and to interact with students through discussion topics.
- Trips and Conferences: Students travel to various places to see the beauty of America, but also to experience the warmth and hospitality of a Christian host family.
- Friendship Partners: Students are matched with local Christian families or individuals for a once-a-month gathering. Students gain exposure to American culture and volunteers can gain a greater understanding of their student's culture.
- Classes: English and cooking classes.
- Holiday Hosting: Students join an American family for a holiday meal and celebration.
- Church visits: Students visit local churches and join a family for lunch after church.
- Bible Studies: PRISM conducts seven weekly Bible studies.

Wallace became involved with PRISM in 2014. We have committed to hosting at least a meal a year and financial support.

For more information please visit PRISM's website:
<http://prismpg.org/>

In the Community...



Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church Presents The Wallace Soul Series



A "gym" for your spiritual fitness.

SPEAKERS AND WORKSHOPS SUNDAYS AT 6:30PM:

May 22nd, June 26th, July 24th, August 14th

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE.

A good will offering to continue the Wallace Soul Series will be appreciated, but not required.

**Maggie Horgan -
Writer, Speaker,
Community Activist**

*Author of "Heartifacts: When a
Child Dies, Love Remains"*

Sunday, May 22nd, 6:30pm -
The Wallace Chapel



Topic: A message of hope for
parents and siblings facing a loss
that no person should have to
bear: the loss of a child.

Shortly after her blindsiding divorce, Maggie's son, Niel, was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma his senior year at Mt. Lebanon High School. Nearly two years later, this rare form of pediatric bone cancer took his life. As a single parent of three other children, Maggie desperately needed to find a way to go on, to find a way to support her children through a traumatic divorce and the unimaginable loss of their deeply loved and admired brother - all the while still reeling with her own grief.

Oddly help soon showed up in the most unexpected place, in the form of a heart-shaped stone. And then the hearts kept manifesting, until their message became impossible to ignore.

Perhaps you work out at a gym or participate in activities related to physical fitness, but aside from attending worship, what are you doing for your spiritual fitness?

The Wallace Soul Series is a service we are offering both to our congregation and the community at large. It will be a series of motivational speakers addressing various topics meant to be healing, helpful and inspirational in nature.

The project launches in May and continues through December. Our hope is that it will not only provide healing, but motivate people to live a life full of spirit, courage, proactive passion and joy- just like God wants us to live. We'd like to offer a spiritual solution to universal matters that plague the soul, and provide "spirit" element of the mind, body and soul connection- helping to create overall vitality and health.

You can think of this as "Spirit Gym" as well, where people of all faiths or beliefs can come to work on their spiritual fitness, and find comfort and inspiration to live their best lives. So it is with love that we present it to the members of our church, but it is also meant for anyone who feels they may benefit from the workshops and speakers. All events are free, but a good-will offering will taken to continue The Wallace Soul Series.

Please note we are in the process of scheduling a speaker for August 14th, since later in August is "Back to School" crunch time for parents. We hope you will join us!

Wallace Soul Series Speakers



Maggie's experience has a universal appeal in that it presents strong evidence that we do go on after death, and the love of our lost ones is eternal, both in this world and the next. No matter what your beliefs, at the very least, Maggie's story illustrates how one can make the journey back from paralyzing sorrow to "life and love". Although the journey is continuous, it is possible.

Maggie holds a degree in Health Planning and Administration from Penn State. She is a frequently requested speaker at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Maggie has also shared her message of hope and compassion with audiences at Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh Institute of Noetic Sciences, and with American military veterans. As noted on the back cover of her book: "She considers *Heartifacts* to be her fifth baby as it was created in collaboration with Heaven and is a manifestation of love."



Check back in our May newsletter for an more in-depth article on Maggie's Story.

...And don't miss these other phenomenal speakers this summer!



Janet McKee - Visionary Leader, Teacher, Author, Health Counselor, Award-winning Film Director
Founder of SanaView, a highly successful Holistic Health Company based in the Laurel Highlands.

Sunday, June 26th, 6:30pm -
The Wallace Chapel

Topic: "Food for Life" workshop, which focuses on "healthful eating for cancer and diabetes prevention and survival, weight management and children."

In 2006 Janet founded SanaView, a multi-faceted Holistic Health organization that includes an organic farm in the Laurel Highlands. SanaView holds numerous classes and workshops in the medicinal properties of food, produces high quality supplements, published books on various aspects of well-being, kitchen

equipment and even produced an award winning documentary called "Bethany's Story". On her website Janet states, "We chose the name SanaView, as we recognize that effective transformation begins with having a new 'view' on your health, or Sana in Latin."

Janet's extensive credentials include: Being a Board Instructor for the Physicians' Committee for Responsible Medicine, Certified Member of American Drugless Practitioners, Preferred Provider for UPMC's Shadyside Hillman Cancer Center, and serving on the advisory board for the Nemacolin Woodlands Resort's new Holistic Healing center.



LuAnn Cibik - One of the few worldwide Master Educators of Interior Alignment®. She is an Advanced Soul Coaching® Practitioner, Gateway Dreaming® Coach, and Master Oracle Card Reader.

Founder of the Inner Harmony Feng Shui School.

Sunday, July 24th, 6:30pm -
The Wallace Chapel

Interfaith Exploration



Topic: Creating a Sacred Space for your Life

Your home is the template for your life, and the place where you nurture your goals, dreams and ambitions in life. Feng Shui is the ancient art of arranging your space to support the life you want. Your home might be subtly blocking you from your goals, or not in alignment with your innermost beliefs. Discover 4 easy ways to create a Home for your Soul, that will empower you to connect more deeply to the Divine and your values in life. Find out easy methods for Clearing and blessing the energy of your home, in order to release the energy of past emotional challenges. Learn powerful methods for releasing the objects in your home that no longer bring you joy, or hold you in a past pattern of disempowerment. Discover through the use of the ancient Chinese tool, the Bagua, what the different rooms in your home represent in order to create a more balanced life.

Additionally, LuAnn's company, Inner Harmony Feng Shui School, offers feng shui and space clearing certification courses, workshops and events, as well as private consultations and coaching.

LuAnne will also be back in the Fall sometime to conduct a workshop entitled, "Clear and Charge your Chakras" Stay tuned to learn more about LuAnne Cibik and her soul nourishing topics!



Interfaith Exploration Activities with SS Simon and Jude Parish

Members of the Interfaith Exploration group, including members from Wallace and SS Simon and Jude(SSJ), continue to work on joint events that will enable everyone involved to increase our understanding and respect for other faith traditions, to find

commonalities in one another's beliefs and practices, and to enrich our individual discipleship journeys through joint interaction and worship. Initial efforts have involved inviting members of each other's churches to already planned events, such as the Upper Room presentation at Wallace on March 6, which had close to 20 members of SSJ attended.

The first official, cooperative Interfaith Exploration event with SSJ was the Fish Fry and Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 18. Over 40 people from Wallace attended the delicious fish fry before making our way to the SSJ sanctuary for the Stations of the Cross. This ancient, Lenten tradition of praying and meditating on the final hours of Christ's life featured combined choirs, the leadership of both Father Jay of SSJ and Pastor Dennis, and readings by members of both congregations made for a beautiful, loving, and extremely powerful experience. The extremely warm and generous hospitality of the members of SSJ made the entire evening perfect.

The Interfaith Exploration group is meeting regularly, and numerous events will be coming up throughout the year. These include tours of each other's churches to learn more about the worship, beliefs, and sacraments of each; an exploration of the great saints of Christianity, such as St. Francis of Assisi and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, through videos and discussion; and special opportunities and events to worship, socialize, and learn together. Plans are also underway for our youth groups to interact and for our congregations to eventually work together on mission outreach in the community.

Anyone wanting to share ideas or suggestions for the Interfaith Exploration group to undertake are encouraged to contact Sally Petro at sarpetro@msn.com or 412-531-2868. All input is very welcome!

FYI - Father Jay and Ashley Miller, Executive Director of the "Renew the I Do Foundation", will be conducting a presentation on "Marriage in Modern Times" as part of the Wallace Soul Series. It will be a TBD date in September.

Admin and Stewardship Updates



2016 Memorial Flower Available Dates

May 22nd, June 19th,
July 31st,
August 21st and 28th
October 2nd

If a specific date is not covered
by a donation, the church cov-
ers the cost of Memorial Flow-
ers on that date.

\$45 includes the cost for 2 floral
arrangements - Please
call the church office.

Wallace Food Pantry wishes to thank
members of the congregation for their
generosity in providing Giant Eagle
gift cards for distribution to our client
families, enabling them to purchase meat
for their Easter dinner. Families were
extremely grateful for the opportunity to
personally make choices about the meat,
fish, or poultry that would best meet their
health, religious, and/or personal needs in
celebration of this holiday.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING:

Thank you for your contributions
so far of \$1,317.80! Through this
longstanding ecumenical effort,
Presbyterians give to those in
need throughout the world.
Funds are used for disasters,
hunger, and community develop-
ment. Special offering envelopes
have been provided in the pew
racks. Please make all checks
payable to Wallace Memorial
Presbyterian Church, ear-marked
for One Great Hour of Sharing.
Please include your name and
amount on the envelope.



Realm System - Heads up!

Realm is a powerful on-line database software that helps the
administrative team keep records of the congregation members and
manage the operational needs of the church. Realm is extremely fast
and useful for running data queries; for instance, if we want to see all
congregation members born in April or the children that were baptized
in 2016.

We are trying to update the Realm system for all church members.
You will soon be receiving an email invitation from Realm, asking you
to register your Realm account and create a password. We will pro-
vide written instructions on how to do this. You should then edit your
Profile in Realm. We are missing key information for many members,
including Birth Dates and Emergency Contact information. If you wish,
you may also upload a picture to your Profile. Please update your
Profile by April 29, as we will also use updated information to produce
a Family Directory in May.

The Wallace Memorial Nursery School is starting our annual scholarship fund drive!



As a mission of the church, you
have an opportunity to make
a donation to help families
afford nursery school tuition.
You can donate all year, but
giving now will help us know
how much money we will have
to distribute by September
when school starts. Please
make checks payable to:
Wallace Nursery School or
cash in envelopes marked for
Nursery School Scholarship.

Thank You!

In the Community...



Recalibrating The Church for the 21st Century April 8th - 9th Featuring Alan Hirsch



"Recalibrating the Church for the 21st Century" is the theme for the 2016 World Mission Initiative Conference to be held at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on April 8th and 9th. The keynote speaker is Alan Hirsch, Missiologist and author of *The Forgotten Ways* and *ReJesus: A Wild Messiah for a Missional Church*. There are also plenty of workshops on the future direction of the church. Wallace is a sponsoring congregation, and thus you can go for free! Flyers are available in the Transept, and if you have questions, see Pastor Dennis Molnar or Eunice Nasri



Summer Kids Week

Summer Kid's Week will be held July 11-15. This year's theme is 'Cave Quest'. Please consider volunteering for this fun filled week! We get well over 50 children who participate in the stations of story time, science, music, games, crafts, and snacks, including an energizing closing program for the parents! So much fun!

Contact Nancy Schultz at nschultz@wallacememorial.org

Food Pantry Update

On April 20, 2016, volunteers from Wallace Food Pantry will join with volunteers from Thrivent Financial, as well as seven students and five teachers of the Chartiers Valley Intermediate School Life Skills Class, and will meet at the Dollar Tree Store in Bridgeville to purchase toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs and deodorant for each of the Food Pantry's clients. The group will then return to Wallace where students and volunteers will bag these toiletries, plus shampoo and conditioner.

Youth Ministry

The High School class will be cooking breakfast for families of patients in Children's Hospital at the McDonald House on May 1.

The Middle school class will start collecting items for operation safety net beginning Sunday, April 10. They will be collecting new socks and toiletries.

The High School and Middle School classes will be doing an in-house project of a thorough cleaning of the kitchen on Sunday April 3, following worship.



The Family of Pastor Dennis and Terri Molnar and Family of Dean and Beth Sabolick, cordially invite you to attend the Covenant of Marriage Ceremony of their daughter, Renee Lynn Molnar and their son, Joshua Sabolick, on Saturday, April 23rd at 1:30 p.m., in the church sanctuary. A light reception will follow in the transept area. Your presence and your prayers are the gifts we seek as our children enter into this covenant with one another and with the Lord.

Birthday Fund 2016:

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 again 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 the form below with your info, and return it to the church office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF THOSE BORN IN APRIL!

4/1 Ruth Hutchison
4/2 Kelsey Kaplack
Khloe Kaplack
Rebecca Martinelli
Kyle McCoy
Marcie Neubert
Aubrey Ploesch
4/4 Noreen Conley
Delaney Duch
4/5 Michael Wherry
4/7 Elaine Alter

4/7 Ruth Dodds {Happy
100th!}
Kathleen Ellenberger
Sarah Harris
Adele Kunz
Ruth Millford
4/9 Beverly Pini
James Rutledge
Katherine Whitfield
4/10 Doris Gottschall
4/12 Andrew Slifko

4/13 Daniel Esterly
Natalie Kappers
Carol Lindsay
4/14 Russell Good
Joanne Olds
4/15 Ian Cummins
Meredith Barrett
Courtney Henigman
Tyler Fraer
4/16 Wayne Long
4/17 Jason Molnar
Joyce Nolte
4/18 Janice Drzik
Timothy Schultz, Sr.
4/20 Sierra Jane Hayes
Joyce Rossi
4/21 Teegan Stewart
4/22 Marguerite Canonge
4/23 Luke Arch
4/24 Margaret Crawford
4/25 William Harper
4/26 Robert McCleery, Jr.
Marilyn Sproat
Keith Tarbi
Conor Zimmerman
4/27 Russell Faust
Patricia Tafel
4/28 Jane Criswell
Alexander Oleksak
4/29 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 _____



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