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ANNUAL MEETING

REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 2025

WAYSIDE CHURCH
5017 LAKE SHORE RD.
HAMBURG, NY

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IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SERVICE**

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AGENDA

2025 Annual Meeting Agenda

Open with a prayer

Determine a quorum is present

Receive the Report of the Clerk

Receive and act upon the Report of the Nominating Committee

Receive Reports of Session Committees

Receive and review the 2025 Year End and the 2026 Budget.

Dismissal of the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Adjourn

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Wayside Presbyterian Church
Hamburg, New York 14075

“Reaching out and bringing people to meet, know and follow Jesus.”

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Sunday, January 26, 2025,
11:05 A.M. Sanctuary

Meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Dorothy Pearman

DETERMINED THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Congregational Meeting on January 28,2024

Motion to receive the Report of the Clerk, seconded, APPROVED

Nominating Committee, submitted the nominees for Deacons and Elders as follows:

Elders

Thomas Miller to fill a three year term,

Kim Carlson to fill a three year term,

Laura Glista to fill a three year term.

Nominations were opened from the floor; no nominations were made.

Motion was made to close nominations from the floor, seconded, APPROVED.

Motion to elect the list of nominees as provided, seconded, APPROVED.

Deacons

Tracy Kalemkiewicz to fill a three year term,

Mary Ann Miller to fill a three year term,

Nominations were opened from the floor;

Stacy Koehler to fill a three year term.

Motion was made to close nominations from the floor, seconded, APPROVED.

Motion to elect the list of nominees as provided, seconded, APPROVED

Motion to receive the financial report as presented by Barbara Boquard representative of the finance committee, seconded, APPROVED.

Motion to receive the financial report as presented by Barbara Boquard representative of the finance committee, seconded, APPROVED.

Motion to receive the Reports of the Session Committees, seconded, APPROVED

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING...CONTINUED

The floor was opened to nominees for the 2023 nominating committee:
Nominees are as follows:

Lisa Lafreddo
Leslie Persons
Stacy Koehler

Motion to close the nominations, seconded, APPROVED.
Motion to elect the list of nominees, seconded, APPROVED.

MEETING ADJOURNED WITH A PRAYER at 11: 30 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria L. Glass, Clerk of Session

Moderator, Pastor Dorothy Pearman

CLERK OF SESSION REPORT

2025 Clerk of Session Report

The Session of Wayside Presbyterian Church held ten regular monthly meetings.

The Annual Congregational meeting was held on January 28, 2024.

The Session was composed of:

2025	Barbara Rickard	Brian Horwood	Debra Hurd
2026	Barbara Marino	Dave English	Lisa Laffraddo
2027	Laura Glista	Kim Carlson	Tom Miller

Membership

Active members as of 12/31/25: 205

2 New members

3 Deaths

There was 1 baptism.

Communion was celebrated on a monthly basis in 2025 and at designated special services.

Average attendance at Sunday worship in 2025 was 54

Total attendance on:

Easter – 79

Christmas Eve

5:00 – 109

10:00 - 120

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Glass

Clerk of Session

LOOKING FORWARD- A LETTER FROM PASTOR REECE NOLT

Looking Forward- A Letter From Pastor Reece Nolt

Dear Wayside,

I want to take a moment to thank you for the warm welcome I've received since I joined you all last month. It has been a joy to get to know you and start putting names and faces together as I get settled into my role. I look forward to getting to know more of you and connecting more deeply with the life and faith of Wayside as we journey together.

Looking forward to our work together, I want you to know that pastoral and congregational care will be top priorities. I know this element of pastoral leadership has been central to you in the past and want to honor what has been important for Wayside as we move forward together. As a pastor it is such a privilege to get to come alongside you in moments of joy and grief and all the sacred holy ordinary moments between. And while as pastor, I have a particular role in this work, I truly believe that community care is something we tend together and look forward to partnering in this faithful, loving work with you all.

Beyond pastoral care, I look forward to continuing to help create meaningful worship and learning opportunities for all ages here at Wayside, through engaging with scripture and prayer, singing, asking questions and making room in our everyday lives for God to meet us. In the coming months, during Lent you can look forward to gathering around tables for a time of intergenerational learning and fellowship. My hope is that this is just the beginning of many opportunities to grow in faith and love and that each time we gather together we will feel grounded in God's love for us and the world.

In the midst of all the work and planning and getting to know you, I want to take a minute to acknowledge the range of emotions that come with transitions: from excitement, to uncertainty, to grief. I want you to know that I am here for you however you find yourself this season. You can count on me to pay close attention, guide with honesty and humility, as we follow where God is calling us. I am hopeful about what we will grow together and where God is leading Wayside.

With peace,
Rev. Reece Nolt

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT (ADULT & CHILDREN'S)

2025 Christian Education Report (Adult & Children's)

ADULT EDUCATION

An adult education class was held most Fridays throughout the year.

The study of the Gospel of Luke that was started in 2024 was completed in the spring.

A week-by-week study of the Bad Girls of the Bible was held during the summer weeks.

In September, a study of the book of Genesis was started and is still in session with the expected completion date of Easter 2026.

The current study has an enrollment of approximately 25.

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION:

Sunday school was held during the worship service each Sunday with a pause during the Summer. Becky Ventre created the study to coincide with the worship theme for the week. During Lent a particular study was focused on the Christmas story with an original play being produced for the early Christmas Eve service.

Looking ahead – the Christian Education committee is currently working on a creative look at children's education. Some possibilities include creating a child friendly space in the sanctuary for children to participate in worship and yet be safe to be kids and with this creating an alternative weekday time for a more formal Christian Education curriculum.

TEEN EDUCATION:

Becky Ventre held a Sunday evening teen time from the winter through the spring of 2025. This is a program that needs to be revamped in 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Molly Golando
Associate of Pastoral Care

DEACONS REPORT

2025 Deacons Report

Our goal is to build community within our congregation and provide opportunities to open our doors to our neighbors! To accomplish this, we hold social events and fundraisers throughout the year. In addition, we send care cards to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries or in need of sympathy or get well wishes. We also host the weekly coffee hour and have been called upon to greet visitors for funeral services held at Wayside. The proceeds from our fundraisers are used to fund our social events and cover the costs of our care for persons responsibilities.

Here is a breakdown of our activities for the year.

February 2025:

All enjoyed the Soup Fest on February 2: Many delicious soups and desserts were donated by the congregation and local restaurants.

March 2025:

Pancakes and sausage were served for Shrove Tuesday on March 4.

April 2025:

We sold tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths at cost. The flowers were used to decorate the sanctuary and could be taken home after the Easter Service on April 20.

May 2025:

A variety of hanging baskets and plants were sold at our Mother's Day Flower Sale on May 10. We showed our appreciation for the mothers of our congregation by distributing religious-themed bookmarks and spring seed packets during the May 11 service.

June 2025:

On June 16 we gave religious-themed magnets to the fathers in our congregation. All enjoyed strawberry shortcake and ice cream at our annual Strawberry Social on June 23.

July 2025:

The Deacons and members of the congregation partnered with Friends Feeding Friends to prepare and serve a hot meal and desserts to approximately 175 of Buffalo's homeless on July 16.

September 2025: Our breakfast service was held on September 21. The Deacons provided a variety of breakfast casseroles and fruit. Our congregants joined in by contributing a wide array of baked goods and treats. Becky provided probing discussion questions for each table allowing us to gain greater insight and understanding of our fellow congregants. Bruce Decker, Mark Panfil, and Becky Ventre provided the music!

DEACONS REPORT...CONTINUED

October 2025:

On October 25 we hosted a Square Dance featuring Creek Bend. We had many visitors from the community join us for this lively evening of music and dancing. The Deacons provided cider and donuts and paid a reduced rate for the band.

December 2025:

The Deacons purchased poinsettias for the Christmas Eve service.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US IN 2025!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU IN 2026!

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Boquard

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

2025 Finance Committee Report

Members of the Finance Committee include Barb Boquard, Maria Glass, Julie Horwood, and Cheryl Panfil.

This past summer Elizabeth (Liz) Bermingham was hired as our bookkeeper. Liz replaces Kathy D'Auria who resigned due to personal reasons. We work closely with Liz with reconciliation, payroll as well as categorizing revenue and expenditures.

The 2026 budget was approved by the Session on January 12. The budget reflects the goals of Wayside for this year as well as the realities we are all facing with increased costs for utilities, maintenance, etc.

Please consider the role Wayside has in your spiritual life and give accordingly. If you are able, you may wish to consider a bequest to Wayside. We have benefitted greatly from bequests in past years.

Please feel free to reach out to any Finance Committee member with questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Boquard, on Behalf of the Finance Committee

Annual giving amount totals:

2025: \$110,976

2024: \$123,496

2023: \$116,321

FINANCE REPORT-BUDGET

Source / Description	Actual 2025 Revised	Budget 2026
Income:		
Tithes and Offerings	110,976	118,000
Per Capita (Presbytery)	1,497	2,500
Miscellaneous Income	7,991	5,000
Fundraising	6,134	6,000
Deacons	6,270	6,000
Deacons - Coffee Hour	1,055	500
Rental	10,973	9,000
Interst Income	1,849	1,000
Bottle Return	180	200
Sub-Total Income	146,926	148,200
Expense:		
Administration	29,661	30,000
Compensation / Payroll Taxes	76,349	80,657
Adult Christian Education	0	200
Children's Christian Education	179	200
Building and Grounds	51,761	73,000
CCD/Pastor	1,432	0
Deacons	6,431	6,000
Per Capita (Presbytery)	2,500	2,500
Mission and Outreach	5,130	3,000
Music and Worship	7,948	3,000
Sub-Total Expenses	181,389	198,557
Discrepancy Reconciliation	14	0
Total	-34,477	-50,357

MUSIC AND WORSHIP REPORT

2025 Music & Worship Report

The Music and Worship Committee has met periodically and the members are: Bruce Decker, Mark Panfil, Laura Glista and Becky Ventre. Our focus is to provide a spiritual time that meets the needs of our congregational members through scriptures that bring a message for our lives, offer prayers of concern and joy, and lift our voices in song.

The sacrament of communion is shared the first Sunday of each month.

We continue to bring back our familiar ways of doing things in the service and strive to provide for the spiritual needs of the congregation whether in person or virtually.

It has been our pleasure to have worked with Becky, who freely gives of her spiritual gifts leading us in worship through word, voice and congregational care. We are so fortunate to have her and the loving energy she shares with all of us and her talented family who willingly give of their gifts in song and instruments. Grateful thanks to Becky as we wish her well wherever her next pastoral journey leads her.

We are blessed to have Rev. Molly as a member of our choir and for providing a children's message each week. Special thanks for her work with the children and the clever reenactment of the familiar story on Christmas Eve.

Wayside is fortunate to have the musical talents of many musicians sharing their gifts, Bruce and Mark on keyboard and dedicated singers to lead the singing. We are grateful to Mark for coordinating music and sharing his musical gifts to ensure we have that important component in worship each week while Bruce was away. We are thankful that Bruce had safe travels and is back lending his special music talents, always encouraging us to try new things. Music is certainly one of the attributes that holds a special place in our hearts at Wayside.

Thank you to all who have served as worship assistants. We are always open to new volunteers as well as deacons and elders, past or present, to serve communion.

Special thanks to those in the back, who continue to learn new skills turning on microphones, adjusting sound and using technology to provide worship for those at home. Grateful appreciation for our ushers, Bev Hall, Al Peiffer and Dave English. who greet everyone and step in whenever there is a need. The role everyone fills is what makes our team complete.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP REPORT... CONTINUED

We look forward to the year ahead, continuing to get to know Rev. Reece Nolt as we plan for our future spiritual path and worship.

Last, but definitely not least, thank you to Julie, who works her magic every week in creating the bulletins and keeping us all on track. We truly couldn't do it without you.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Glista, Committee Chair

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

2025 Pastor Nominating Report

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is pleased to share an important update regarding our search for a new pastor.

Committee Members:

Brian Horwood (Chair), Cheryl Panfil, David English, Maria Glass, and Lisa Laffrado

Over the past year, the PNC has worked diligently and prayerfully to identify a part-time pastor for Wayside Presbyterian Church. With the guidance and support of the WNY Presbytery Committee on Ministry and Rev. Abigail Trautman, we engaged in a thorough process—listening to feedback from the congregation, conducting interviews, and discerning the best fit for our church community.

We are delighted to announce that the Session unanimously approved our recommendation to offer the position to Rev. Reece Nolt as the next pastor of Wayside Presbyterian Church. Even more exciting, Rev. Nolt has graciously accepted this position!

Special thanks to the committee members and all who offered prayers, guidance, and encouragement along the way.

We are grateful to everyone who contributed to this process. Special thanks to the committee members and all who offered prayers, guidance, and encouragement along the way.

We look forward to having Rev. Nolt join us at Wayside and begin this new chapter together as a congregation.

With the process completed, the nominating committee is asking to be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian A. Horwood
Chair, Pastor Nominating Committee

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION REPORT

2025 Personnel & Administration Report

This committee oversees and advises the session on the Wayside staff including, writing job descriptions, reviewing job performances, recruiting and interviewing potential staff members.

Members of the committee are, Brian Horwood, Lisa Laffrado, Kim Carlson, Cheryl Panfil, Dave English, and Maria Glass.

In 2025 the committee:

Reviewed staff performances and determined that all performed above expectations.

We agree that at this time we are unable to give raises and will revisit it later in the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Panfil, Committee Chair

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT

2025 Building and Grounds Report

Prepared by Jeff Ventre, Building and Grounds Coordinator

It continues to be a tremendous honor to serve the Wayside community, its congregation, and this beloved church facility in my role as Building and Grounds Coordinator. The care and stewardship of our sacred space, inside and out, is something I take seriously and joyfully. It's a privilege to partner with so many generous volunteers and committed professionals in maintaining a safe, beautiful, and functional environment for worship, service, and fellowship.

Over the past year, we've handled a blend of large projects, surprise repairs, and the quiet but essential daily upkeep that makes our church feel like home. It's often the little things done behind the scenes, tightening a curtain rod, replacing a faulty ballast, sprinkling salt on an icy walk, or fixing a leaky toilet, that go unnoticed but ensure everything runs smoothly. This report highlights both the big wins and the countless smaller tasks that sustain the integrity of our building and grounds.

2025 Highlights and Updates

1. Gutter Emergency and Heat Trace Installation

After ice buildup caused the Amsdell side gutter to fall for the second consecutive winter, AJ from Frontline Gutters stepped in and honored a previous warranty, saving the church a major expense. The funds were instead used to install heat trace cabling, which will prevent similar issues in the future.

2. Supporting Electrical Work

John Barr Electric completed the necessary electrical modifications to support the new heat trace system, ensuring long-term functionality and safe winter operation.

3. Furnace Maintenance and Boiler Safety

Bear Heating performed annual furnace and boiler maintenance. While cleaning and testing revealed a faulty control unit and elevated CO readings from Boiler #4, the space remains safe for use. Replacement of the control unit is pending as we await further evaluation and guidance.

4. Garden Beautification and Fall Maintenance

Once again, Wayside was blessed with volunteers who lovingly maintained our gardens throughout the seasons. In the fall, congregants were called on to trim perennials, clean out beds, and prepare the landscape for winter.

5. Lawn and Snow Care

Lawn care services continued with Nate's Neighborhood Lawn care, whose attention to detail has kept our grounds in great condition. This winter, we welcomed CW Landscaping as our new snow removal provider, and they've done an excellent job keeping our lots clear and safe after every snowfall.

6. Tree and Stump Work

Thanks to the generosity of Rich and Susie Owen, two large stumps were ground down and a dead tree near the garage was professionally removed by The Tree Team (Braden Guenot). This not only improved aesthetics but eliminated safety hazards.

7. Front Sign Refurbishment

Our front sign received a stunning facelift, thanks to the craftsmanship of Tom Miller. His work has made the sign vibrant and welcoming once again.

8. Ongoing Maintenance and Behind-the-Scenes Work

In addition to the major projects, a wide range of small but vital tasks were completed throughout the year, including:

- Replacing light bulbs and faulty ballasts
- Toilet repairs
- Curtain rod installations
- Snowblower tune-up and sidewalk snow removal
- Power-washing exterior sections of the building
- Working with the janitor to maintain supply inventories
- Cleaning and sanitizing the front electric sign
- Exit sign battery and bulb replacements
- Health Department and Town of Hamburg fire safety inspections
- Fire extinguisher recertification
- Updating door locks to modernize security and reduce uncontrolled key distribution
- Assisting the Women of Wayside with setup for their new sewing room

Plans for 2026

While several major projects proposed in 2025 were deferred, they remain important considerations for the year ahead. In 2026, these items will be reassessed in partnership with church leadership, including Pastor Reece and Music Director, to determine priorities and scope:

1. Audio/Visual Enhancements for Sanctuary

1. Upgrades to sound and video systems remain under consideration to improve the worship experience and accommodate evolving needs.

2. Flooring Replacement in Room 110

The aging flooring in Room 110 is still on the radar and will be reevaluated for both aesthetics and safety.

3. Ceiling-Mounted Light Bar in Sanctuary

A new light bar would allow for better lighting during services and performances. This project is still pending broader conversation.

4. Unforeseen Maintenance

A dedicated line for emergent needs will continue to be reserved in planning conversations, knowing that building upkeep is dynamic and often unpredictable.

Ongoing Gratitude

The success of our Building and Grounds work depends not just on budgets or contractors but on the incredible commitment of Wayside's members. Whether you plant flowers, shovel snow, change batteries, or simply lend a hand when something breaks, thank you. Your stewardship honors the church, the mission, and the many people who gather here each week. If you feel called to help maintain our beautiful space, please contact Julie in the church office. There is always room on the team, and many ways to serve.

Building and Grounds Committee Overview

Purpose/Charge:

The Building and Grounds Committee supports the health, safety, and functionality of Wayside's physical campus. This includes all structures, equipment, furnishings, and the land that surrounds them.

Responsibilities Include:

- Developing and monitoring the annual building budget
- Evaluating and coordinating necessary maintenance and repairs
- Conducting semi-annual inspections □ Supporting improvements, remodeling, and upgrades
- Coordinating with other ministries and staff for space and safety needs
- Organizing all-church workdays as needed
- Keeping session informed and attending meetings as appropriate

Thank you again for the privilege of serving in this role. Here's to another year of faithful stewardship and shared responsibility for the space we all call home.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff Ventre
Building & Grounds

BUFFALO BLUEGRASS YOUTH ENSEMBLE REPORT

2025 Buffalo Bluegrass Report

This past year was a great year for the BBYE! We played a concert at Wayside last June with a bake sale following it with the proceeds donated to Wayside.

In June, we ended our School year with a picnic at Chestnut Ridge.

In August, we played two 75 minute sets at Slade Park at the Erie County Fair.

This October we began our school year with 14 middle school musicians and 15 high school musicians. Our six person teaching and mentoring team are all volunteers and include Bruce Decker and Mark Panfil from Wayside.

We would like to thank all of the members of Wayside for your support and for allowing us to hold our bi monthly meetings here at Wayside.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Panfil

CONGREGATIONAL CARE REPORT

2025 Congregational Care Report

This past year at Wayside has been marked by God's steady faithfulness, and a shared commitment to being a light on the Lakeshore.

As a congregation, we started 2025 focusing intentionally on cultivating healthy spiritual habits, habits that ground us in prayer, Scripture, worship, and life together.

Our study of the book of Nehemiah reminded us that God calls His people to build faithfully, even amid opposition and uncertainty. We were encouraged to trust that the work ultimately belongs to Him and that perseverance, prayer, and dependence on God are essential as we seek to be faithful in our own time and place.

During our summer series in 2 Peter and 2 John, we were further reminded of the importance of remaining rooted in truth, walking in love, guarding the faith entrusted to us, and living with hope as God continues shaping His church.

Worship remained central to the life of Wayside throughout the year. Through teaching, Scripture, prayer, and musical worship, we sought to create meaningful worship services and experiences that were Christ-centered, theologically grounded, and pastorally attentive. Each service was shaped with the intention of helping the congregation encounter God, respond in faith, and be encouraged and equipped for faithful living and loving beyond Sunday morning.

Through teaching and preaching, we explored what it means to live faithfully in both ordinary and challenging seasons, trusting that God is at work forming His people day by day.

This year was also marked by a strong emphasis on congregational care and encouragement. Together, we walked through seasons of joy and seasons of grief, including loss of and illnesses experienced by beloved family members and friends. It was a sacred responsibility to journey with families, to offer pastoral presence, and to proclaim the hope of the resurrection through funerals and services of remembrance. In these tender moments, God's nearness was evident, comforting, sustaining, and reminded us that nothing can separate us from His love in Christ.

In youth ministry, the spring semester concluded with a focused journey through the Old Testament for both middle school and high school students. Together, we explored God's unfolding story of redemption, helping students see how Scripture fits together and how their own lives are caught up in the larger story God has been writing from generation to generation. It was a joy to witness their growth, thoughtful questions, and deepening understanding of God's faithfulness.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE REPORT...CONTINUED

In November, I announced my resignation, entrusting the ongoing life and ministry of Wayside fully into God's hands. This season of transition has been approached prayerfully and with trust that God continues to guide His Church. I am deeply grateful for the leadership and care of Pastor Molly as she continues faithfully serving the congregation, and I give thanks for God's provision in calling Rev. Reece to lead Wayside into its next chapter. The future of Wayside is secure, not because of any one person, but because of the faithfulness of the God who calls, builds, and sustains His people.

I am deeply grateful for the privilege of serving the Wayside congregation. Thank you for the trust you extended to me and my family, and for the countless moments of shared ministry. I have been continually encouraged by your faithfulness, and your love for one another.

As I conclude this season of ministry, I do so with profound thanksgiving and abiding hope. I give thanks for the dedicated leaders, volunteers, staff, and ministry partners who serve faithfully and often quietly behind the scenes. Most of all, I give thanks for God's unfailing presence among His people, a presence that has sustained Wayside in the past and will continue to guide it into the future.

It has been an honor to serve as your Congregational Care Director. As I step away, I do so with confidence that the same God who has been faithful in every season will continue writing a beautiful story at Wayside, for the glory of God and the building up of His Church.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace."
Numbers 6:24-26

Respectfully Submitted
Becky Ventre

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 30605 REPORT

2025 Girl Scout Troop 30605 Report

Troop 30605 had a busy 2025. We have 15 active girls, currently in 7th -9th grade, who have continued to work hard to develop new skills and help others and their community.

We were lucky enough to continue to add new friends to our group this year and continue to grow each year.

During 2025 we worked toward several badges and had several field trips. We had several girls attend a full day certification to earn their Babysitting badge, and babysitting certification card. We traveled to WNY Book Arts to learn about the art of book making. We earned badges relating to cookie season and held several cookie booth sales to raise funding-exercising all of our leadership, sales, and communication skills at their finest. We sold over 850 boxes of cookies in 2025 and were able to donate cookies to first responders as well as various hospital site staff at the completion of our sales.

We participated in Girl Scout Thinking Day and learned all about Belgium. We created a presentation for other troops on our country and participated in their annual Thinking Day event. We participated in several community service events including making blankets for Project Linus, as well as collecting garbage and participating in a Clean Sweep clean up event at Hamburg Beach for Earth Day. We also helped to run BINGO at Fox Run Orchard Park.

We always take the summer off from regular meetings. We started back up by visiting Rowandale Therapy Goats and learning about their upkeep.

In October we started regular meetings with some Halloween craft fun and terrarium making, We followed up with some Veterans Day Jeopardy-learning new facts about Veteran's Day. We also had a guest speaker and worked with the Edgy Gazelle on self defense and empowerment.

We capped off 2025 with our Annual Christmas Party and wreath making. We strive to have fun in everything we do, for it to be interesting, for it to be thought provoking, and for it to make us good humans. We are continually grateful for our space to meet.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Winters, Troop 30605

2025 Lake Shore Cooperative Nursery School

Lake Shore Cooperative Nursery School has been serving the Southtowns for 76 years.

Currently, we have 44 families in our program.

We are taking our students on several field trips this year (Awald Farms, Tumble Bees Gymnastics and the Burchfield Penney Art Center) and we are hosting our Annual Thanksgiving Play, our Dad's Pajama Party, our Spring Art Show, our Mother's Day Tea event and our Four Year Old Class Graduation Ceremony all here at Wayside.

The long standing relationship with Wayside has played an important role in the history of our school and is greatly appreciated.

Our Open House for the 2026-27 school year will be held on Saturday, February 7th from 10-11 a.m. in our classroom and is open to the public.

We look forward to another great year serving the Southtowns.

Respectfully submitted,
Lake Shore Cooperative Nursery School
Hilary Hacic, Director

MARY STYLE BRIDAL BOUTIQUE REPORT

2025 Mary Style Bridal Boutique Report

Mary Style Bridal Boutique operated throughout the 2025 calendar year, marking both the beginning and conclusion of its retail bridal gown services. In 2025, the boutique successfully sold wedding gowns to seven brides, including its first and final bridal clients of the year.

Over the course of the year, demand for bridal alterations services increased significantly, ultimately surpassing the retail portion of the business. This growth highlighted a clear shift in client needs and business focus, leading to the intentional closure of Mary Style Bridal Boutique's gown sales operations at the end of 2025. The conclusion of the boutique allowed for a strategic transition toward an expanded bridal alterations practice.

Mary Style extends sincere gratitude to Wayside Presbyterian Church for generously providing the space in which the boutique operated. The availability of this location played a vital role in the business's success and directly supported the rapid growth of bridal alterations services. Without this support, the expansion of the alterations side of the business would not have been possible at the same scale or pace.

As Mary Style Bridal Boutique formally concludes, the business transitions forward with a renewed focus on bridal alterations, continuing to serve brides through expert craftsmanship and personalized service.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lindstrom

MORE THAN STRONG CANCER GROUP REPORT

2025 More Than Strong Cancer Group Report

The Cancer Warrior Connection group greatly appreciates Wayside Presbyterian Church for opening their doors to our group. The space we use is perfect for our needs and is easily accessible to our members.

Our group is a local social group where individuals touched by any type of cancer can connect, share, and simply belong with other cancer warriors. We have about 20 people attend each month. Our monthly meetups are a great way to meet other local cancer warriors in our community. These are very informal meetups, where we chat, laugh and sometimes cry with one another.

We provide snacks and beverages for everyone attending the meetup. The group meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, except for the months of July and August, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. We also host a Christmas party for our group in December, where we exchange gifts, play games and enjoy a wonderful meal together.

Our meetups are funded by the More Than Strong Cancer Fund – a local non-profit that helps local cancer warriors in a variety of ways.

We greatly appreciate your hospitality throughout 2025 and look forward to a happy and healthy 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Jolene Wilson and Lynn Hansen

WOMEN OF WAYSIDE REPORT

2025 Women of Wayside Report

The Women of Wayside meet every Wednesday from 10-3 and Every Tuesday evening from 6-9 in Room 105.

Everyone is welcome to come to join us.

If you want to learn to sew, knit or quilt please join us or just stop by to chat. We are open to the community and all denominations.

Our activities for 2025 included:

- 19 quilts to members and of the community
- 18 quilts to ECMC
- 10 children's quilts to Pittsburg Children's Hospital
- 8 Quilts & 2 flannel quilts
- 28- twin size men's quilts to Homeless Veterans Rehabilitation Home
- 15 quilts of honor to VA hospital
- 20 chemo pillows to Roswell

On November 14th and 15th, we held our annual Shopping Spree. It was a great success with a profit of \$6457. Of that amount \$1000 was donated to Wayside's general fund. The remainder will help us to continue with our mission work. We've also spent the past year reorganizing and setting up Room 105 to become our permanent sewing room.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Glass on behalf of the Women of Wayside.

QUILTS OF VALOR WAYSIDE REPORT

2025 Quilts of Valor Report

The Western New York Quilters for a Cause Chapter of the Quilts of Valor Foundation appreciates Wayside allowing us to use Room 110 to award quilts to deserving veterans and active duty servicemen and women.

In 2025 our group awarded over fifty quilts to veterans. The National Foundation has awarded over 450,00 quilts since its inception in 2003. We have awarded over 475 in WNY. Our group is totally funded through donation since we are a 501C3. The mission of the organization is to cover every veteran and/or active duty with a quilt to thank them for their service to our country.

If you have a friend or family member who has served or is serving currently you can nominate them to receive a quilt by going to qovf.org and entering their information.

They can live or be stationed anywhere in the United States or overseas.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lou Zerby
Leader—Western New York Quilters for a Cause

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

2025 Congregational Care Report

The Nominating Committee met during 2023 for the purpose of identifying open positions on the Session and Deacons.

The committee nominates the following people for three-year terms as Deacons:

Karen Eppolito

Michelle West

Karen Beamish

We are grateful to Lisa Laffrado and Mark Panfil for their service as Deacons

The committee nominated the following people for three-year terms as Elders:

Barbara Marino

Lisa Laffrado

Dave English

We are grateful to Bruce Decker and Rich Owen who completed their terms of service.

2023 Members of the Nominating Committee include Maria Glass, Leslie Persons, MaryLou Zerby, Kathy McKinney, and Debra Hurd.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Glass on behalf of the Nominating Committee

DID YOU SEND ONE FOR 2024 ?