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John 13:35 MSG

“Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other.” John 13:35 MSG Since Christmastime, in our sermons, we have been walking with Jesus and his disciples as he first started his powerful ministry. His disciples would see things they never thought they would see, hear things they never thought they would hear and partake in an incredible adventure that was both exhilarating and heartbreaking.

Isn't it interesting to read in the Gospel of John, “A new commandment I give to you...” John 13-34 NIV Wouldn't that just be a given - to love one another? Why would this be “new” and why would love need to be commanded?

Can you imagine me saying to my kids, “Sit down children. I want to tell you something new we are going to start to implement in this house. Love one another. When people see the way we love each other they will know we are the Ventre family!”

However here we know that Jesus' followers are witnessing a love like they have never seen before. They will witness one of the greatest acts of love, even if they don't understand it at the time. One where the Son of Man would actually lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus clearly gives this command to the disciples, to model the way they love after him, and he calls the church to do the same. “They will know we are Christians by our love ♪...”

What does this “new” love look like and why is this important? Unfortunately the church these days is getting a bad rap and is not necessarily known for the way it loves. Jesus's model of love challenges us to stop settling for anything less than “the most excellent way.”

CAN ANYONE REALLY LOVE LIKE JESUS?

When it comes to love, Jesus raised the bar astronomically. He teaches us to love our enemies, turn the other cheek, and walk the extra mile. To our human minds, that sounds completely outrageous—but that's the point.

If we want to love like Jesus, we have to open our hearts and our minds. We need to be able to fully utilize our emotion, reason, thoughts, and feelings. We can't bring perfect love into our imperfect lives without this kind of complete vulnerability.

Why? Because opening your heart allows love to change your mind. When Jesus touches your heart, your mind can follow suit and be completely transformed. Allowing your heart into the conversation will revolutionize your thinking. We believe that's what Paul meant when he said, “You'll be changed from the inside out” (Romans 12:1 MSG).

If you're in search of reasonable love, you'll miss out on a love that's extraordinary—on the opportunity to find a love you didn't realize you had.

Jesus's ideal model of love can rub off on our imperfect lives. Why? Because loving like Him is more attainable than we realize.

5 ACTIONABLE WAYS TO LOVE LIKE JESUS

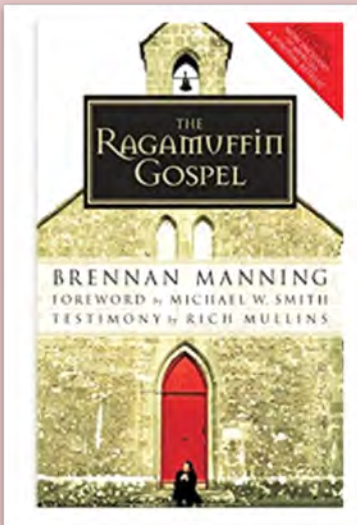
Jesus's example and teachings show us at least five ways we can love more like Him. While it's not an exhaustive list by any means, these practices can provide us with an actionable starting point to apply to our imperfect, human lives. To love like Jesus, we must:

1. **Be mindful.** We need to connect more deeply with our lives and the people in them, rather than living a detached, disconnected existence.
2. **Be approachable.** It's important for people to feel safe approaching us; in other words, we must become less exclusive in our interactions with others and more welcoming to those who seek us out.
3. **Be full of grace.** We must be willing to relate in a less judgmental way.
4. **Be bold.** We have to shed our fears, "for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control" (2 Timothy 1:7, ESV).
5. **Be self-giving.** We need to become less self-absorbed and more invested in those around us.

Over and over, Jesus demonstrated these qualities to show us that they're not unattainable ideals. Instead, they're a doable way to get an earthly handle on a heavenly ideal. Let's LOVE, Wayside!

With love,
Becky Ventre
Congregational Care Director

Are you bedraggled, beat-up, burnt-out?



Most of us believe in God's grace—in theory. But somehow we can't seem to apply it in our daily lives. We continue to see Him as a small-minded bookkeeper, tallying our failures and successes on a score sheet.

Yet God gives us His grace, willingly, no matter what we've done. We come to Him as ragamuffins—dirty, bedraggled, and beat-up. And when we sit at His feet, He smiles upon us, the chosen objects of His "furious love."

Brennan Manning's now-classic meditation on grace and what it takes to access it—simple honesty—has changed thousands of lives. Now with a Ragamuffin's thirty-day spiritual journey guide, it will change yours, too.

If you're interested in joining us for this study, we will meet on Friday, March 10 at 9:30 AM. Books are \$12.00 each. Julie will be placing a book order, let her know by Friday 2/10 if you would like her to purchase a copy for you.



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Remembering
Gordon Poecking
1936-2023

Sad News
To
Pass Along

Beloved Wayside
Member, Gordon
Poecking was laid to
rest on January 30,
2023. A service was
held at Wayside. Please
keep Gordon and his
family in your thoughts
and prayers.



March 2023 Gift Card Fundraiser

A special thanks to Wayside congregation, Bella Pizza, Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant, JP Pub (Lakeview), and JP Fitzgerald's for their donations for our calendar. Covid has challenged us to be more creative in our fundraising efforts. Some information about our fundraiser. Cost is

\$10.00 per ticket. \$965.00 in gift cards will be given away. Sundays will be a \$50.00 gift card. Monday-Saturday will be a \$25.00 gift card **except** for \$110.00 value on March 17 and a \$30.00 value on March 27.

After each daily drawing, the winning ticket will be returned to the container. Your ticket is in the drawing for 31 days.

Tickets can be sold by any member of Wayside. Please contact Kris Passinault after Sunday service or at 716-860-9830 to pick up tickets. Calendars are also available to show the daily prize. Ticket numbers start at 801-1200. Any questions, please feel free to contact Kris.

What is Per Capita?

Please consider adding your Per capita to this month's donation envelope. Your Per Capita provides the Office of the General Assembly with the means to strengthen the connections of our work, and build lasting relationships to help all Presbyterians share God's love through mission and ministry. The 2023 Per Capita amount due is \$36.00 per person. Please be sure to write "Per Capita" on your envelope or check. You can also make a payment in the weekly email.

A Friend In Need!

Melanie Scholl is having a benefit for her friend, Renee "Nendza" Gennocro and Renee's dad, Edward Nendza and she needs our help. Please consider making a monetary donation or maybe a basket donation. Any help would be appreciated. If you would like to purchase a ticket for the benefit scheduled for **Sunday, March 12 at the Woodlawn Fire Hall** please see Melanie.



**Edward Nendza & Renee
"Nendza" Gennocro**

**Fundraising Benefit for
Edward Nendza
&
Renee "Nendza" Gennocro**

**Sunday, March 12 1-6pm
Woodlawn Fire Hall
3281 Lakeshore Rd
Blasdell, NY 14219**



Themed basket auction, 50/50 raffle, tickets & more.

Pre-sale tickets \$25

Tickets at the door \$30

Admission will include music, food and refreshments.

All money raised will help Ed (Father) and Renee (Daughter)

with medical bills and expenses.

To donate* please call or text:

Louise Ruger (716) 867-0572 or

Michelle Rickard (716) 208-9733

Ed was diagnosed in early October with Goblet Cell Carcinoma of the appendix. Goblet Cell is extremely rare, with an estimated 1 per 2 million people impacted. Ed started chemotherapy and will soon be going through surgery.

(*Venmo Available)

Renee already had breast cancer in 2015 and thought she beat it! In December, she was diagnosed with Stage 4 Metastatic Breast Cancer, which now has spread to her liver and other various body parts. She is starting her treatment this month.

ARE YOU FEELING CREATIVE?

We are looking for someone who wants to awaken their inner artist. We are in need of someone to decorate the bulletin boards, both at the top of the stairs and in Room 110. We have a ton of supplies available and you can do this on your own schedule making it convenient for almost anyone.

If you think you might be interested, please see or contact, Pam Decker at (716) 998-9025.

**HEY
YOU,
LOOK
HERE.**



Wayside has been praying for Donald Minnick every week. A dear family friend of Kim Carlson and her family, Kim is sharing the [gofundme](#) page set up for Donald.

Donald was in a terrible accident on December 23, 2021 and has been working on recovering. Due to the accident he was left a quadriplegic. He is unable to do the things he loved to do like helping others. On the night he was injured he was helping his friend get his truck out of a ditch. While he was securing the tow strap under the truck another vehicle hit the truck he was under causing a life changing spinal cord injury. He was taken to ECMC, where he had spinal surgery on Christmas Day 2021 and stayed there until February 2022. He was then transferred to a specialty hospital in Erie, PA that helped him wean off the ventilator. He stayed in PA until May 2022 when he was then transferred to Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester for rehabilitation. He finally came home in the middle of June 2022. While he was in the different hospitals, visits from family and friends were limited due to Covid restrictions and distance. The family is under a severe financial hardship due to the hundreds of thousands of dollars in medical bills, trying to find a way to make accommodations to his house (wheelchair accessible shower, installing a permanent Hoyer lift in his bedroom that helps move him from his bed to his wheelchair, buying a standing wheelchair (\$20,000 used!) that can prevent osteoporosis and pressure ulcers, and other needed changes so he can get around the house in his wheelchair.) A wheelchair van would also be a wonderful thing to have. Instead of waiting for a van service to pick him up for therapies, his mother could drive him. The van services are often late or cancel which interferes with him getting the therapy he needs. Not only did he spend Christmas 2021 alone in the hospital, but he also spent Thanksgiving 2022 in the hospital due to Covid! His mother is his caregiver 24/7. He needs help with even the most basic everyday things like eating and dressing. If it were not for her commitment to him, he would be living the rest of his life in a nursing home. If you have any questions, please see Kim Carlson.

<https://gofund.me/31a96385>



THIS SUNDAY!

LET'S HAVE SOUP TOGETHER!

SOUP FEST 2023!

SUNDAY, February 05, 2023
Wayside Presbyterian Church
 11-2 pm (or until sold out)

LARGE ARRAY OF SOUPS— All you can eat!
 \$10.00 per person
 \$25.00 per family

“I DO”...see you



Valentines Day is coming and next Sunday, February 12, we're feeling the love. Bring in your wedding photo and let's walk down memory lane together and reminisce about your special day. Do you look the same as you did on your wedding day or have you changed maybe just a little bit? We had so much fun the last time Cheryl Panfil did

this, trying to guess who some of the beautiful brides and handsome grooms were. Don't be shy, share your memories. You can drop off anytime before next Sunday or bring with you next week, we'll have a decorated table in the Fellowship Hall so all can enjoy during coffee hour.

Waysider Pictures & Articles

Anyone can send in pictures for the Waysider! If you see something great happening at Wayside, snap a picture and send it to Julie with an explanation. Something on your mind, or heart? Send it in and share it with others. We are always looking for content for the next copy of the Waysider.

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