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Tis The Flake Season!



January CUE Meeting

The next CUE members' meeting is on Thursday January 17th at 10:00 AM, with a presentation after the meeting, by Sue Mueller, on Saving and Sleuthing.



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CUE Calendar



Calendar events are subject to change. SIG stands for Special Interest Group.

CUE Membership Meetings (typically 3rd Thursday of each month)
Thursday January 17th at 10 AM
Thursday February 21st at 10 AM

Beginner's User Group (BUG) SIG Meetings
To Be Scheduled Upon Request

Digital Photo SIG Meetings (typically 1st Wednesday of each month)
NO Digital Photo SIG Meeting for January
Wednesday February 6th at 7 PM

Genealogy SIG Meetings (typically 1st Tuesday of each month)
NO Genealogy SIG Meeting for January
Tuesday February 5th at 7 PM

MAC SIG Meetings (typically 2nd Saturday of each month)
Saturday January 12th
Saturday February 9th

Smartphone & Tablet SIG Meetings (typically 4th Monday of each month) (RSVP John Fair)
Monday January 28th at 7 PM
Monday February 25th at 7 PM

Preview of Presentation at January CUE Meeting

by Sue Mueller at Computer Users of Erie

Oh, the Places You Can Go (with apologies to Dr. Seuss)—Sleuthing, Saving and More

Saving: Use your computer to shop? How and when to save money and make sure you get the best deal on your purchases. Hints to help you be a smart and savvy consumer. Why leave home? You can find it all online and have it delivered to your door.

Sleuthing: Want to find out more about your neighbors, your daughter's boyfriend, or just locate an old high school or college friend? Or are you simply nosy? Use your computer for skulking and sleuthing and be in the know.

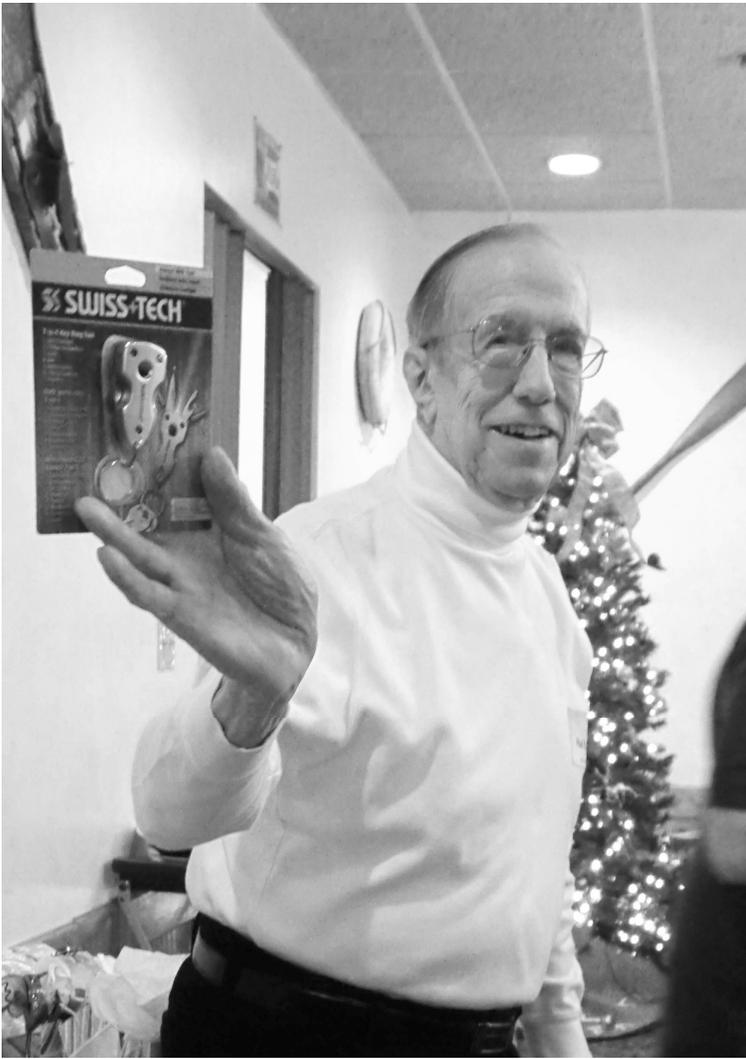


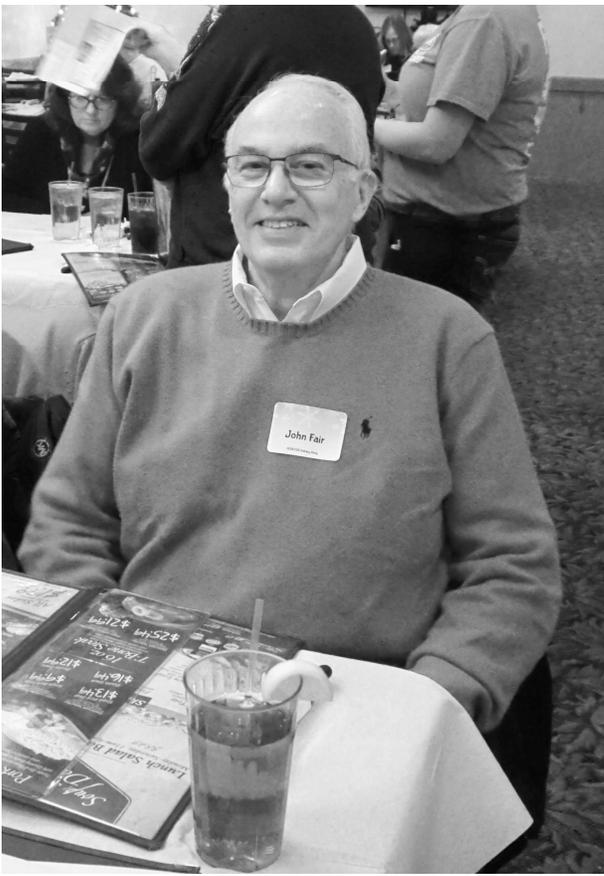
Next Stop, Pictures Ahead!

Janice Castro has provided the following pictures from the CUE Christmas/Holiday Party in December! However, do not be alarmed, and do not adjust your settings, for the pictures are provided in “black and white” (shades of gray). Many photographers will still work with non-color photos. Some of the reasons can sometimes be that color can distract you, black and white can enhance lighting and composition, black and white can show emotions and skin tones more, and black and white can be timeless and classic. If you want, you can pretend the pictures are from an old movie! Enjoy the pictures!

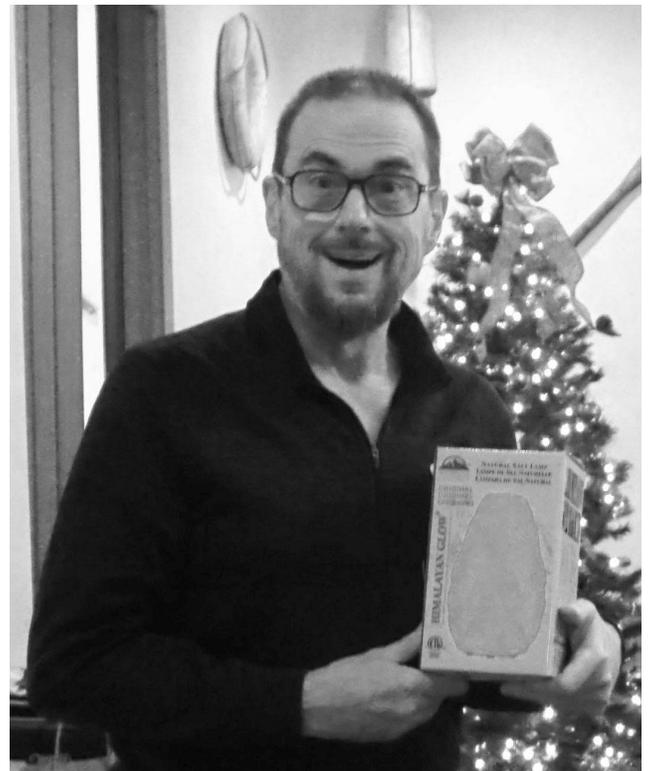


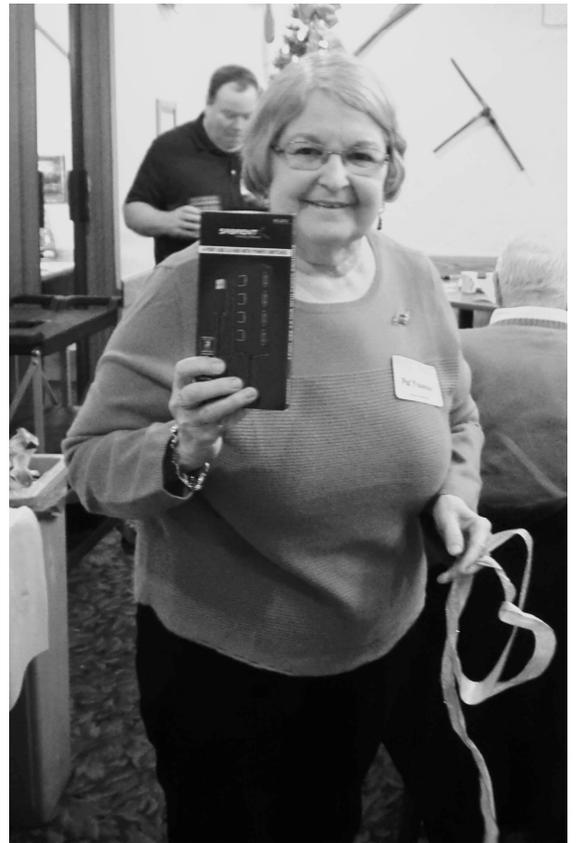












The End of the CUE Christmas/Holiday Pictures

But it is not the end of memories and future gatherings!

A Card Trick that Honors Computers

by Don Grim at Computer Users of Erie

I created a card trick that is based on a mathematical principle that is related to computers. I will show you how to do the trick but I will not reveal the principle so that you can have fun discovering it. Let me know later if you are still seeking to know the principle.

Before we get to the card trick, let's start with a number puzzle. You have someone think of a number (whole number) from 1 to 30 and not tell you what it is. Ask them if

it is in any of the five columns below. For every column their number is in, add the top number (16, 8, 4, 2, and/or 1). For example, if their number is in the 2nd, 4th, and 5th columns, their number is $8+2+1$ or 11. It works every time because of a math principle.

I have seen a similar number puzzle before. It had over 60 numbers. I created this puzzle for 30 numbers because it has a better feel to it for me.

NUMBER PUZZLE!

Think of a number between 1 and 30.

Which boxes have your number?

That will reveal your number!

16	8	4	2	1
17	9	5	3	3
18	10	6	6	5
19	11	7	7	7
20	12	12	10	9
21	13	13	11	11
22	14	14	14	13
23	15	15	15	15
24	24	20	18	17
25	25	21	19	19
26	26	22	22	21
27	27	23	23	23
28	28	28	26	25
29	29	29	27	27
30	30	30	30	29

I used the principle from the number puzzle to create the card trick. It could be an original card trick but it is not an original principle.

Here's how it works. You have someone think of a card, in a standard deck of 52 cards, and not tell you what it is. Ask them if it is in any of the six columns below. For

every column their card is in, add a number. For the first column on the left, you add 32. For the rest of the columns, you would add 16, 8, 4, 2, or 1. For example, if their card is in the 2nd and 3rd columns, you would have a number of $16+8$ or 24. You would then translate the number to a card. The number 24 represents the 4 of hearts.

Card Trick Continued

CARD PUZZLE!

Think of any card!

Which boxes have your card?

That will reveal your card!

J ♣	6 ♦	8 ♣	4 ♣	2 ♣	3 ♣
Q ♣	7 ♦	9 ♣	5 ♣	3 ♣	5 ♣
K ♣	8 ♦	10 ♣	6 ♣	6 ♣	7 ♣
J ♦	9 ♦	J ♣	7 ♣	7 ♣	9 ♣
Q ♦	10 ♦	Q ♣	2 ♦	10 ♣	J ♣
K ♦	J ♠	K ♣	3 ♦	Q ♣	K ♣
2 ♠	Q ♠	2 ♦	4 ♦	K ♣	A ♣
3 ♠	K ♠	3 ♦	5 ♦	4 ♦	3 ♦
4 ♠	A ♠	4 ♦	10 ♦	5 ♦	5 ♦
5 ♠	2 ♥	5 ♦	J ♦	8 ♦	7 ♦
6 ♠	3 ♥	J ♦	Q ♦	9 ♦	9 ♦
7 ♠	4 ♥	Q ♦	K ♦	K ♦	Q ♦
8 ♠	5 ♥	K ♦	6 ♠	A ♦	A ♦
9 ♠	6 ♥	A ♦	7 ♠	4 ♠	3 ♠
10 ♠	7 ♥	10 ♠	8 ♠	5 ♠	5 ♠
J ♠	8 ♥	A ♠	9 ♠	8 ♠	7 ♠
Q ♠	9 ♥	4 ♥	K ♠	9 ♠	9 ♠
K ♠	10 ♥	5 ♥	A ♠	J ♠	Q ♠
J ♥	Q ♥	6 ♥	2 ♥	Q ♠	A ♠
Q ♥	K ♥	7 ♥	3 ♥	A ♠	3 ♥
K ♥	A ♥	8 ♥	8 ♥	2 ♥	5 ♥
		9 ♥	9 ♥	3 ♥	7 ♥
		10 ♥	10 ♥	6 ♥	9 ♥
		J ♥	J ♥	7 ♥	J ♥
			A ♥	10 ♥	K ♥
				J ♥	A ♥

You need to memorize the translation but there is a pattern to make it relatively easy to memorize. Here is the translation:

- 1 to 10 is the 1 to 10 of clubs (1 is an Ace)
- 11 to 20 is the 1 to 10 of diamonds
- 21 to 30 is the 1 to 10 of hearts
- 31 to 40 is the 1 to 10 of spades

Notice that the suits are in alphabetical order from clubs to spades to help your memory. So numbers 1 to 40 represent all non-face cards and 41 to 52 represent face cards.

For the face cards, it has a similar alphabetical pattern:

- 41 to 43 is the Jack/Queen/King of clubs
- 44 to 46 is the Jack/Queen/King of diamonds

- 47 to 49 is the Jack/Queen/King of hearts
- 50 to 52 is the Jack/Queen/King of spades

If the card is not in any of the columns, the card is the Joker!

If you want to print either puzzle for yourself, you can find them on my website.

You can find the number puzzle at:
www.mathisapath.com/NumberPuzzle.pdf

You can find the card puzzle at:
www.mathisapath.com/CardPuzzle.pdf

Enjoy the puzzles and remember that there are math principles working in the background for computers!

Genealogy SIG Report for 12/4/18 SIG Meeting

The Genealogy SIG met at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Hal and Gretchen Kelley.

Those attending were: Susan Mueller, Hal Kelley, Carol Blakeslee, Hadley Jones, Bill Klauk, Don Rhodes, Robin Boyd, Pat Mickel, Shannon Zuck, Liz Wisniewski, Tim Donlin, Janice Castro, Paul Francis, Carl Hull, John Szympruch, Joanne Haulik and Carl Hull.

As our nation was grieving due to the death of President George H. W. Bush on November 30, 2018, Hal Kelley told the SIG members about the privilege he had of delivering the prayer to open an event at which Vice President George H. W. Bush spoke. The date was December 2, 1985. The event was held at the Women's Club in Warren, PA. Hal had the opportunity to meet then Vice President Bush and share in a short conversation with him. Hal remembers how gracious Vice President Bush was, and that he was a lot taller than he looked on TV. At the time, Hal was the Senior Minister at the First Presbyterian Church of Warren, from which he retired in 1998.

We spent quite a lot of time sharing memories of our past Christmases. Hal told of his tradition of eating herring in cream sauce on New Year's Day. Bill Klauk also likes herring. It turns out that in Germany, Poland and Scandinavia, because of their abundance, pickled herring, with its silvery, coin-like coloring, is eaten at the stroke of midnight to ensure a year of county and prosperity. It was also mentioned by several SIG members that sauerkraut is a German favorite for New Year's Day; it brings good luck. Carole Blakeslee mentioned that she knows of a

Spanish man who eats twelve big grapes, quickly, one after another, at midnight on New Year's Eve.

Janice Castro went to Times Square in New York City one New Year's eve with a friend, in from California, whom she knew at Berkeley. Janice lived close to there at the time. They decided to see the ball drop, among a couple hundred thousand other people. At one point they looked up at the marques in the theater district, and saw their snipers and TV cameras. In addition to that, everybody was smoking dope and drinking wine. It was just like a riot at Berkeley, Janice said. Tim Donlin also remembers seeing the ball drop one year in the 60's.

John Szympruch told of a very meaningful Polish Christmas tradition. They share a piece of unleavened bread called "oplatek" with friends and family. The "Wigilia" is the party where the bread is passed to everyone. It is meant to rebuild and smooth over relationships with the other person and mend the fences. It is a way to practice forgiveness. That is certainly a good way to begin the New Year.

The SIG members remember that one of our own, Rich Sagan, has been a Santa Claus for a good many years. How neat that we can lay claim to having our own real Santa Claus. One of his friends learned that Rich has been a Santa for eighteen years and still takes engagements.

Hal told a story about his and Gretchen's daughter's and son-in law's tradition about Santa Claus. They have three sons, ages 21, 19 and 16. Beginning with the oldest

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one, the boys have had their pictures taken with Santa every single year since they were born. Hal asked Margaret at Thanksgiving time if the picture with Santa and Ben, Craig and Brian was going to happen this year. She said she wasn't sure, but she thought she could pull it off this year. We will then have to wait for 2019 to see if it still happens then. After the picture with Santa is taken, the whole family goes out for a nice restaurant for lunch. Good for them.

Carl Hull told us about their very special creche which his family had gotten when they moved into a new house in East Brady, PA when Carl was a young boy. His father was able to buy the creche and set it up on a table in their living room; they were able to shine light on it. To this day, Carl and his wife, Kathy, display that creche with their Christmas decorations in their home in Erie. It has special meaning for them.

Pat Mickel told of something fun they did in their family during Advent to get ready for Christmas. It was probably of French tradition, though it could have been German, Dutch or Norwegian. Pat was the oldest of eight children. The oldest four or five were each given a shoebox from their mother at the beginning of Advent. The boxes were on the dining room table, and there was supply of straws on the dining room table too. They had to decorate their boxes. Every time one of them did a good deed, the child would put a straw in their box; the idea was not to tell anyone that you had done something good. This went on all through Advent. The one who had put the most straws in their box would get something. In the end, everyone got

something. It was an angel candle holder. Pat remembers that this exercise was fun to do and brought out the idea that we are to be kind to everyone.

Tim Donlin shared with the group a show and tell item. It was left in a mobile home Tim bought a few years ago, and it is understood at the closing that if something is left in a home you buy, you get to keep it. It was "a thing." But what the thing was, Tim did not know. He had come to think that it may be something that a musician uses to hold music, but he wasn't sure. It turns out that it is a lyre. There is some writing on it that says "AP&M Co." We looked that up on the internet, and sure enough it is a lyre that holds music. Pictures of some lyres very similar to Tim's are pictured under "Amplate – AP&M Company – Amplate" on the internet. It appears that this one that Tim has is held under an arm when whatever the instrument is, is being played. An interesting piece to be sure. It is made of wood, and the metal lyre is at the end of it. The previous owner of the home also left an old style pasta maker that you had to crank.

Robin Boyd and Sue Mueller have been working with the Genealogy online resources on the Blasco Library website. There are two ways you can access genealogy materials – From the Home page, you can slide down to "Databases, EBooks and more" and then move over to "Online Resources" and click on it and then click on "Biography" and "Genealogy." For Obituaries, you can slide down to "Services" on the Home Page and then slide down to "Obituary Listings." Full text

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obituaries are available from the Erie Times, 1995-the present – you will need to enter your Library Card Number to get full text obituaries by searching the Library's subscription to "Newsbank." Sue Mueller gave a demonstration of some of the resources available.

Hal shared with the SIG that an interesting site that can provide information on some genealogy topics and historical articles about remarkable things that have happened in U. S. history that may impact members seeking social and historical context for their family history work, is a stamp collection site:
www.mysticstamp.com/.

Hal demonstrated by going to the link on the site called "This Day in History – November 12, 1954 – Ellis Island Closes." The lengthy article on the history of Ellis Island also pictures U.S. stamps that have been issued through the years on the topic, Ellis Island. There are follow up five links that are interactive: News, Photo & Multimedia, History & Culture, Education, Kids and Youth and Management.

In response to a question about what programs might be desirable to present at our SIG meetings, there was a suggestion that one topic that would be interesting would be a discussion of how results from an old Ancestry DNA test might compare with more recent Ancestry DNA test results for SIG members who have done Ancestry DNA testing. Several members

reported that as the Ancestry data base grows larger, their results have changed. One member who knows she has German in her background learned that her 2003 test did not show that, but her recent test showed that she is 28% German.

Paul Francis reminded us that the CUE Christmas Party is December 6, It is at 6:00 p.m. at Hoss's Restaurant on 26th St. Those who have not yet registered should make their reservations with John Fair. CUE members in good standing will receive \$10 toward their meal. We will have the gift exchange again this year. Those wishing to participate should bring a wrapped gift of \$10 value.

Paul also strongly encouraged those who have DNA testing to upload their raw data to GEDmatch. Those who do so will get many more matches as GEDmatch is an open data personal genomics database. It was also mentioned that the 23andMe DNA test was available at \$69, down from \$99.

The next Genealogy SIG meeting will be held on February 5, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Kelley's home.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with everyone wishing everyone else a Merry Christmas and Holiday and a Happy New Year.

Respectfully submitted.

Harold D. Kelley

A Note from the Interim Editor

Due to the Christmas/Holiday pictures in the December issue, the PDF file for the CUE December newsletter is 17 megabytes in size. I read that the limit for an attachment for a Google Groups email transmission is 25 megabytes. However, that may just be for special circumstances, like sending the newsletter in a special direct procedure.

The group email that was sent with the December newsletter bombed! Nobody received it! A message was received later, after it bombed, that the message size limit is 8 megabytes.

So, like they say, problems can sometimes be opportunities for improvement, and we can sometimes make lemonade from

lemons. That prompted us to send the newsletter, for December and the future, by the way of a web link in an email message. That solves the size limit problem! It also allows us not to clog people's email boxes with monthly newsletters.

With the web link, it provides various newsletters to easily find and read (and download). The web link is not available by visiting the CUE website (only by email), so that just CUE members can read recent newsletters, and not the general public. So, you could call it a "secret link". Happy reading and let us know your suggestions for the CUE newsletter for the future.

Editorially, Don Grim

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April \$8	May \$6	June \$4	July \$2

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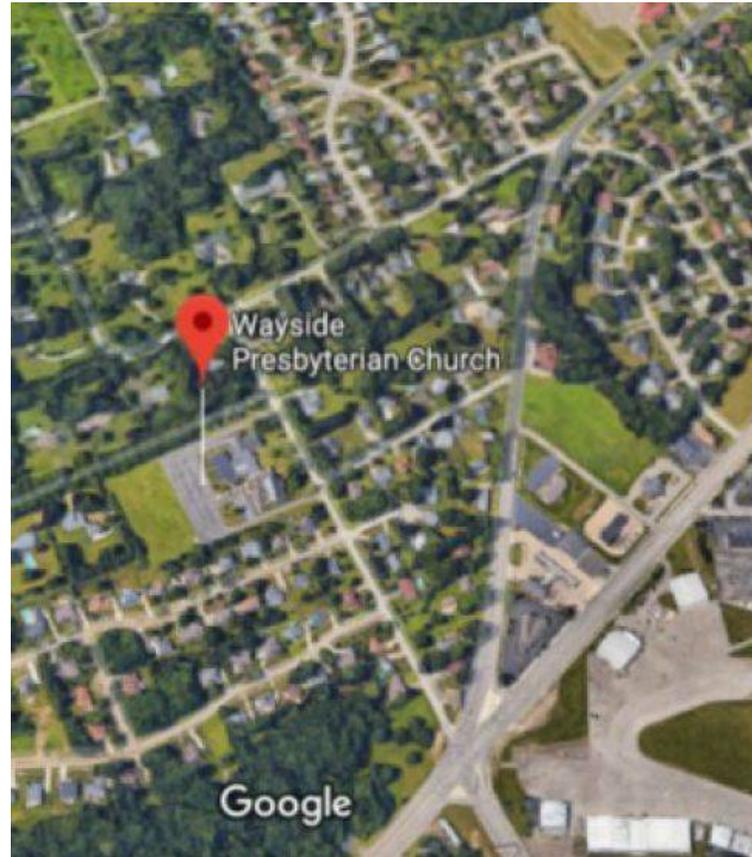
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Wayside Presbyterian Church, at 1208 Asbury Road, is approximately three blocks north of the intersection of Asbury Road and Route 5. This intersection is at the northwest corner of the Erie International Airport property. Following Asbury, turn left at the first marked driveway for the church. During the afternoon winter schedule (10:00 AM for the months of November, January, February and March), entry is through the two sets of blue double doors. Use the buzzer to gain entry if the doors are locked. During the normal evening schedule (7:00 PM the remaining months) use the double doors on the south side of the Christian Education wing. Signs are posted in the building to direct you to the meeting room.

From West of Erie International Airport: Follow Route 5 to the intersection of Asbury and Route 5. Turn hard left onto Asbury Road. Look for the church on the left approximately 3 blocks north of the intersection.

From South of Erie: Take Interstate 79 north to the 26th Street (Route 20) Exit. Bear left onto 26th Street (Route 20) west. Follow Route 20 about 3.4 miles west to Asbury Road. Turn right (at the Sheetz Gas Station) onto Asbury and follow it straight across Route 5. Look for the church on the left approximately 3 blocks north of the intersection.

From East of Erie International Airport: Follow 26th Street (Route 20) west to Asbury Road. Turn right onto Asbury and follow it straight across Route 5. Look for the church on the left approximately 3 blocks north of the intersection. OR, follow 12th Street (Route 5) west past the airport to Asbury Road. Turn right onto Asbury Road. Look for the church on the left approximately 3 blocks north of the intersection.



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CUE Membership Benefits



As the largest computer users group in northwest Pennsylvania, CUE has served Erie and surrounding communities since 1982. CUE provides a forum for people to learn about computers and have fun doing so. The group meets the third Thursday each month, with the exception of the months of July and December. In July the group gathers for a picnic and December is the annual holiday party (dates vary). CUE meetings are at Wayside Presbyterian Church, 1205 Asbury Road, Erie. Meetings from April through October are at 7:00 p.m. From November through March, the meetings are at 10:00 AM in the morning.

Our monthly meetings are open to the public regardless of age or ability. Many of our members are senior citizens who span a wide range of capabilities and interests but share a desire to know more about how to use computer related technology. Our role is to provide a forum for continuous learning from each other. CUE has a closed Google gmail group that is used to communicate with members and to post questions/problems to seek answers from the membership. Members pay an annual membership fee of \$24 to receive a membership directory, monthly newsletter, availability to monthly general meetings, and any of the Special Interest Group (SIGs) meetings, usually held in a member's home. Locations and times vary, so check the online EVENTS Calendar on the website for the latest information. SIG topics include:

- Digital photography [and photo safari]
- Genealogy
- Macintosh computers
- Computer troubleshooting
- Beginners users group (BUG)
- Handheld smartphones and tablets

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