



news from the **EDGE**

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Pastor Mike's Monthly Message

June 2012

**LOVE GOD
TEACH OTHER
OUR NEIGHBORS**

Believing we are called together by **God's love through Jesus Christ**, our mission as the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood is to **love God**, to **love each other**, and to **love our neighbors**.

Dear friends,

Last month I wrote to tell you that Mary Louise and I are leaving Pittsburgh for Nashville, Tennessee, where she will become the Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church. At that time our plans were rather indeterminate, other than her firm start date of June 24. Over the last month our plans and opportunities have become more clear and concrete so I'd like to lay out our current timeline.

My last Sunday at FPCE will be July 15. I had anticipated staying about a month longer than that. But we were fortunate enough to sell our house very quickly; our closing date is July 12 and the movers are coming July 9. So I won't have a place to live after that. More importantly, though, Mary Louise and I have come to realize that we need to be together as she begins this new and challenging adventure. She needs my fullest support, especially in the early weeks and months of her call. My earlier arrival also affords us greater opportunity to find a new home in Nashville. And over the last few weeks some opportunities have presented themselves to me in Middle Tennessee Presbytery and I want to be able to pursue them from a closer proximity. In the meantime, I'll be going to Nashville with Mary Louise on June 18 to move into our interim apartment and to be there for her installation on June 24. I'll be returning on June 25. Rev. Wendy Keys – an excellent pastor and preacher – will be preaching for you on June 24.

Since I announced my departure a lot has happened to insure that you will have good and consistent pastoral leadership after I'm gone. The first step was the session's selection of a transition team. Its members are Marcia Haley, Chris Baldwin, Gregg Baldwin, Brad Masten, Tim Carr and Debbie Pike. The transition team will work as quickly as possible to put together a job

Sunday Worship Schedule

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SERVICES

Sunday Mornings
11 a.m. in the Sanctuary
10 a.m. starting June 10

June 3 – Youth Sunday

A special service led by our young people. We'll also celebrate the Sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism.

June 10 – 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture: Psalm 138
Mark 3:19b-35
Sermon: *Disordered Love*

June 17 – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture: Psalm 20
Mark 4:26-34
Sermon: *The Kingdom Is Like...*

June 24 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Wendy Keys, guest preacher

July 1 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A special worship service for commissioners to General Assembly
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a
2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27
Sermon: *Love Is Love*

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description for a transitional pastor (interim), interview applicants and hire that person who will provide continuity in leadership, preaching, worship and pastoral care while the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is formed and does its work of finding your next called Pastor. The transitional pastor could potentially be in place in August.

Changes in the PC(USA) Form of Government (Book of Order) and Pittsburgh Presbytery policies have significantly streamlined the process for selecting a called pastor. What used to take two years or more (as was the case between Doug Stevens and me) now takes on average 12 to 14 months. And a hard-working PNC could complete its work even faster. One big change is the substitution of a three- or four-*week* congregational survey for the previously required six-*month* Mission Study. The survey will help the PNC assess the current congregational character and needs so they can write an accurate and compelling Church Information Form (CIF) to attract the best pastoral candidates. The survey team consists of Paul Otori, Liz Held and Jim Segedy. The survey is done online by every member of the congregation (paper surveys will be available for those without computer access) and will be administered shortly after my departure.

It will be the responsibility of the Nominating Committee that was elected last December to select the PNC. The Nominating Committee is Nancy Ernst, Angel Lehrian, Kathi McShane, a deacon representative and a session representative (to be appointed by those boards). All members of the church are eligible to serve on the PNC and I would encourage you all to prayerfully consider being part of this admittedly hard but ultimately rewarding process.

Through the whole process, from now until the installation of your next pastor, Elder Roger Stuart will be your liaison from the presbytery's Commission on Ministry. Roger is a Commissioned Lay Pastor serving the United Presbyterian Church of Universal. He is wise, patient and sensitive to the needs and concerns congregations have during pastoral transitions. He will do a fine job helping all your teams and committees navigate the denominational waters as you are guided to your next pastor.

In the meantime, there is still much for us to do together. On July 1 we'll host commissioners and guests from General Assembly in worship and for a lunch. And the very next week is Vacation Bible School. I will cherish every moment of my remaining time with you and do my very best to continue to serve with all the "energy, intelligence, imagination and love" I pledged on the day I was installed as your pastor.

For now, I will forgo any further goodbyes until next month's newsletter. For the next six weeks I remain fully yours.

Grace and peace,

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EDGEWOOD
Prayer Chain List
June—August 2012

Regular Prayer Requests

Alan
Amanda
Amy
Angela & Claudia
Arlene
Art
Billy Alan
Bud
Ruth Carnegie
Carol's mother, Mrs. Payne
Grandma Cloonan
Kay Connelly
Gordon & Linda Crocker
Helen Crow
Larry Crytzer
Dorothy Denton & Suzanne
Amy Donachy
Elaine's brother-in-law, Bob
Eleanor Elliott
Mary Gloster
Laura Kingston's Family
Kristi's friend, Elissa
Doris Hamilton
Rob Hamilton
Bert Hart's Family
Heather's husband, Dylan
Tracy Huse
Joey & Chuck
Jonah & family
Josie
Josephine
Judith
Kara
Karen
Kim's dad
Leigh Ann & Aasta
Louise
Louella's husband

Regular Prayer Requests (continue)

Dave Mason
Baby Mason & family
Rick Masten
Bernard McGoldrick
Elinor McGoldrick
Judy McMillian
Michelle
Michelle's brother, Michael
Nancy's father-in-law, Sam
Natalie
Betty Noah
Patty
Joe Plazek
Rachel
Rick "Huck"
Riley
Rose's husband, Bob
Baby Scarlet Rose & family
Sallie's nephew, David
Ann Smith
Robin Steck
Terri's daughter, Erin
Tina & Dain
Nancy Trirsch
Tyler (5-year-old) & mother
Barbara White's Family
Rev. Mary Louise & Rev. Mike Wilson

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Captains: Sallie Monk (412) 371-4344 or Patti Mielke (412) 350-8442

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Long-Term Prayer Requests

Gene Carrick
Patrick Carrick
David Cloonan
Dorothy Cramer
Al Hartman
Jason Hartman
John
Kathy
Darren Kemmerer
Marica's mother, Madeline
Mark
Marsha
Betty Jane Mervick
Norman
Ed Pelemio
Ricky & Carolyn
Tom & Kendall Schoedel
Dave Schermonn
Kim Slobodayak
Ronnie Strathmann
Walter's Family
Paul Yester

Soldier's Prayer Wall

Soldiers of Family and Friends:
Jeffery Bache; Matthew Bocian; Brad Cavrak;
Matthew Czegan; Dan Dugo; Erich Fink;
John Fleming; Matthew Kaufman;
Peter Lahoda; Anne LaSerre; Suzanne Lesko;
Jennifer Lewis; Sean Logan; Joshua McKenzie;
Holly Nicom; John Renuzit; Rob Schmidt;
Natalie Wetzel.

The Church: The Body of Christ
The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Leaders in Government
Staff & Leaders of FPCE
Youth Ministry & F.R.O.G.S.
Prayer Chain
Friends & Members of FPCE
Wilkinsburg Community Ministry
Troop 23 Boy Scouts
Pack 23 Cub Scouts
AA'a that meet at FPCE
Men's Organization & PW of FPCE
The Homeless
People in South & Southeast Asia
Those effected by Hurricane Katrina
Earthquake in Pakistan
Genocide in Darfur
People of Israel & Palestine
Victims of terror everywhere
People of Iraq & Afghanistan
Middle East
Malawi Partnership
Japan

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHORUS (THE CANTARE) OF ERIE VISITS EDGEWOOD

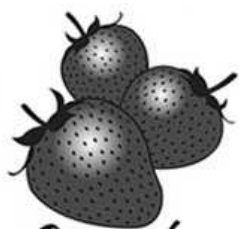
I'm seeking your help in helping to promote a performance that very recently fell into my lap. The Cantare training choir from the Young People's Chorus of Erie had planned to do a day trip to Buffalo, but venue issues have prevented that from happening. **They are now coming to Pittsburgh for the day and will be performing a free public concert at First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood on Saturday, June 2nd at 7:00PM** – I'm asking for anyone who thinks they may have people that would be interested in attending the performance spread the word so that we have a proper audience for this wonderful ensemble.

Last year, Edgewood hosted YPC Erie's Concert Chorus and Men's Ensemble in a widely publicized "Cross the Commonwealth" tour as the first stop in a week of performances. This time, I've got just under 2 weeks to get the word out. I've put together a flyer and ask that you forward it to friends, colleagues, members of your choirs, anyone you think might have an interest in hearing this group.

Also, any younger singer (middle school aged) who might be close to the area and would be interested in joining the group in a selection on the concert is encouraged to show up at the church at 10:30AM for a rehearsal with the group, where they will learn a selection that they would be invited to perform with the choir at the evening concert. Director Caitlin Henning is hoping for a bit of community outreach through this effort, and I know I welcome the chance to get people singing at any chance I can get!

So, pass it on... Cantare from YPC Erie, Saturday, June 2, 2012 at 7:00PM, First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood, 120 East Swissvale Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15218 – FREE!

Peace,
Shaun



Strawberry Festival

Join your friends from the church and community at the Deacons' Annual Strawberry Festival, the social event of the season, on **Wednesday June 20th from 6-8 pm** on the side lawn (in the social room if the weather is threatening). Come for a hot dog or two and then have the deacons put together your strawberry dessert just the way you like it. Come early and catch up on the news from your neighbors.

Prices: Strawberry desserts are \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children (under age 12), and \$2.00 for refills. Hot dogs are \$1.00 each. Drinks are included.

June PW Corner

"She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed, her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all." Proverbs 31:27-29 (KJV)

She doesn't sit around twiddling her fingers. She is busy all the time looking after the needs of her household. Her children and her husband praise her because she takes care of them.

KJV says, "eateth not the bread of idleness" while the CEV quotes "she doesn't eat the food of laziness." Lets look at the definition of 'idle'.

Idle means 1) useless, futile 2)unemployed, not busy 3)lazy. Now let's look at the definition of 'lazy', 1) not eager or willing to work or exert oneself 2) sluggish. Family is important to this woman because she is constantly looking after their needs. Her children know Mom will be always there for them. Her husband praises her.

As women, our relationship to God is daughter. Many of us have a daughter and we understand our relationship to her. We have God as a Father and Jesus as a brother. Just as we are concerned about the daughter's well-being so is God concerned about our well-being. The Good News Bible writes verse 29:"He says 'Many women are good wives, but you are the best of them all'". Many women know how to be good wives, but only a Christian woman can excel because she puts God and Jesus first. What makes us excellent is that we have Jesus Christ.

PWPP- Presbyterian Women Pittsburgh Presbytery

Theme for the Spring Gathering was 'Shower of Blessings'.

The Synod of the Trinity PW mission projects is: Roots International

Haiti Health Missions

The PWPP business meeting focused on the passage of the 2012 budget and changes in the bylaws. A notable change in the bylaws was that 'Enablers' are now known as 'Liaisons'. It is a change everyone is struggling with. Carol MacDonald succeeded Judy Jerry as the new PWPP Moderator. Harriette McCray and Simone Spauding are new Liaisons for Central.

Luella Broe

FPCE PW Moderator

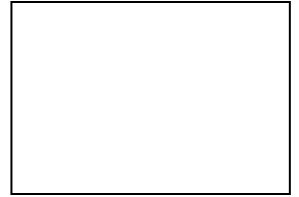
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					8 p.m. AA	7:00 Cantare Concert
Sunday School Sunday 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
12:15 Cong. Mtg.	7 p.m. Scouts	7:00 AA 7 p.m. Deacons		10:00 Thursday Morning Group	5:00 Wedding Reh. 8 p.m. AA	3:00 Hollingsworth Wedding
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10 a.m. Worship	7 p.m. Scouts	7:00 AA 7:00 Session Mtg.		10:00 Thursday Morning Group	8 p.m. AA	
Tools of Hope Sunday 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
12:15 Donuts for Dads/Fruit for Fathers	7 p.m. Scouts	Strawberry Festival set-up No AA's	6-8 PM Strawberry Festival	10:00 Thursday Morning Group 7p.m. Grief Support Group	8 p.m. AA	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	7 p.m. Scouts	7 p.m. AA		10:00 Thursday Morning Group	8 p.m. AA	

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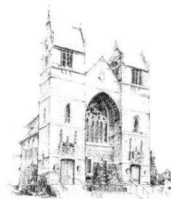
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**A monthly support group for
people surviving the loss of a
love**

GRIEVING SPACE

at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood



Here, we understand that finding the space to grieve can sometimes be every bit as challenging as the loss itself.

Should you need us, our support group is here.

Meetings: every third Thursday of the month 7 pm

Call us to let us know you are coming: 412-241-4613

Individual support with a certified grief counselor is also available through:



Edgewood Psychological Services

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This month's meeting will be June 21 at 7PM in the Lounge