



# news from the **EDGE**

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## JUNE 2013

**LOVE GOD**  
EACH 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**.

### WORSHIP

Sunday Mornings  
**11:00AM**  
in the  
Sanctuary

[www.fpcedgewood.org](http://www.fpcedgewood.org)

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Sponsorship is available for \$40 per month

## June Brings Summertime Events at Edgewood

As the temperatures rise outside, the energy and enthusiasm in the FPCE congregation is also kicking into high gear with several events to usher in the summer months. Youth Sunday, Emerging Worship with Communion and the reception of new members, a baptism, an outdoor picnic for the community, our annual Deacons' Strawberry Festival, "Dream Team" gatherings, Vacation Bible School, "Donuts for Dads," and the worship hour's move to 10:00AM fill the month of June in the life of this faith family. Want to know more about it all? Read on!



### June Worship Schedule

#### June 2 - Youth Sunday

The youth of the church will lead worship on Sunday June 2. Please support them in this expression of their faith and learning. We will also witness the baptism of Norah Paige Elliott. Parents: Please plan to arrive at 10am on June 2.

#### Sunday, June 9 - Emerging Worship & Celebration of the Lord's Supper

An exceptional Sunday! The worship ensemble will lead us into joyful praise and we will celebrate "jazz communion" service.

#### Sunday, June 16

On Father's Day we will begin our summer worship season. Service begins at 10:00 a.m. Following worship Donuts for Dad and "Tools of Hope."

#### Sunday, June 23 & 30

Join us at 10:00 a.m. for a meaningful and fulfilling time of praise. scripture.



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the 15th of the prior month.  
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## PASTOR'S POINT OF VIEW

Hello good people of  
FPCE!

*Get ready -  
a Dream Team is  
getting ready for  
you!*

I am in the final stages of putting together a series of listening groups - I prefer the term Dream Teams. We will be divided into 6-8 (or more, if needed!) small groups. The groups will gather in people's homes or at the church. We will spend some time looking through and learning from the results of the survey we took earlier this spring. In last month's newsletter I shared the celebration and excitement the survey generated among our leaders. (My wife, Heather, has summarized those results into just a few pages.) Then comes the good part - we will dream together.

Where the Spirit of God is present, scripture tells us - *the sons and daughters will prophesy, the young shall see visions, the old shall dream dreams!* (Acts 2:17) We will be giving the Spirit time and space to inspire us.

Early in June you will hear from me, I will list the Dream Team dates and places and strongly encourage all of you to become part of one.

But we can begin to prepare ourselves now. Take some time. Quiet yourselves. Perhaps you might even want to drive or walk by the church building - pray - and let the dreaming begin.

We are being changed. We are being transformed. God is giving us a new song to sing! Let us rejoice and sing it together - AND DREAM BIG.

*Pastor Michael*



**WORSHIP MOVES TO 10AM ON  
SUNDAY, JUNE 16**

# EDGEWOOD

**COMMUNITY DINNER SET FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5  
6:00-7:30PM, SIDE LAWN (weather permitting\*)**

The Evangelism ministry team is planning an event to help us connect with our community. Spread the word that we will be opening our doors for a FREE meal that is open to all in our Edgewood and surrounding areas.

Want to help out? Contact Jim Segedy or Tyler McGuigan.

*\*if weather is not cooperating, we will move into the social hall*

## STRAWBERRY Festival

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2013  
6:00-8:00PM • Side Lawn**

The Board of Deacons' Strawberry Festival occurs each year during June – rain or shine! Food includes grilled hot dogs, cold drinks and strawberry desserts! Take out meals available.

This is an outdoor event held on the side lawn, unless weather requires the event to be held inside the building.

Costs:  
3.00 for Adults  
2:00 for Children  
And half price refills!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2013 JUNE 24-28 – 6:00-8:00PM

Find about King David and other royalty of the Bible and learn how God's love helps us stand strong! Find out what wild adventure Chadder is on this year while you snack in the King's Kitchen. Visit the Imagination Station and participate in the Tournament Games. Get ready for an epic adventure!

Kids ages 3 -12 are encouraged to participate, and anyone older is welcome to help out! We enjoy singing, Bible stories, snack, crafts & activities, and learning more about God.

Children may be pre-registered or registered on the first night. A \$10 donation is suggested to defray supply expenses.

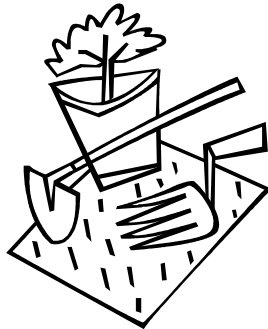
**VBS Volunteer  
Meeting:  
June 9 following  
worship  
(Gathering Place)**



## **GARDEN FRIENDS**

The spring bulbs and the dogwood tree have finished their blooming. Now the grass is being mowed regularly and the honeysuckle tree is in bloom. The roses are full of buds ready to put on their show for June.

The side yard needs regular tending during the growing season. Come Thursday, June 6 at 9:30am for an hour or so if you can help out. Bring your favorite hand tool, gloves, a bottle of water, and maybe a hat. Rain date: Thursday, June 13.



FPCE will be used this summer as a satellite site for the Wilkinsburg Community Ministry to help feed children (to the age of 18) for lunch in our area. The program will run Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week from 11:30am -1pm,

beginning June 17 until August 9th. Please contact Chris Baldwin for questions or to volunteer: 412-963-9860 or gcbaldwin@aol.com

## **MAY MISSION: BLANKETS**

Thank you to everyone who donated to Blanket Sunday. Sponsored by Presbyterian Women, this yearly collection supports the purchase of blankets by Church World Service, an international aid organization known for disaster relief activities around the world.

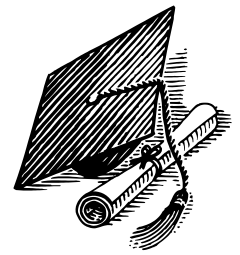
Thank you also to everyone who brought in blankets and other twin bedding. Sponsored by the Mission Ministry Team, this collection of items for local mission went directly to Mars Home for Youth residential homes.

## **JUNE 16, TOOLS OF HOPE**

Honor Dad or another special man in your life this Father's Day! (See bulletin insert for donation form.) The Church World Service Tools of Hope program provides hope each time the right tool is placed in the hands of people in need.

## **NEWS AT FPCE...**

Nozomi Sakai has graduated from the college of Natural Resources in University of California Berkeley where she majored in biology. She completed her studies in 3 years and was one of the top 10 highest GPA students.



## **CALLING ALL GRADUATES**

The church likes to honor students graduating from high school, college, and other programs. Please inform the church office as soon as possible if anyone in your family is celebrating a graduation this year.

## **GRIEVING SPACE**

There have been some changes to the format of Grieving Space, the support group for people who are grieving the loss of a loved one, or of health, or of a situation, as well as news of a "field trip" planned for this summer.

First, rather than following the typical support group format of opening up the discussion to all who would like or need to share, Grieving Space has been utilizing in its past two gatherings a Taize service format that intersperses sharing with moments of mediation, the lighting of candles, prayer, singing, inspirational readings as well as spaces for silence. Grieving and healing are such private experiences and the Taize service format is designed to create a space where one can honor the loved one and spend time with their own thoughts and feelings in their own ways of participating. The new format has created a very special place for those in attendance of Grieving Space and you are invited to join us.

Also, make plans to join the Grieving Space group in July when we will visit a spiritual center/monastery in the area for a day outing of prayer, reflection and meditation. We are tentatively planning for a Saturday trip (July 20<sup>th</sup>) but the specifics of where and when will be in the next newsletter. All persons whether members of Grieving Space or FPCE or of our surrounding communities are invited to share in what promises to be a moving, healing time in honor of our loved ones.

# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p><b>YOUTH SUNDAY</b></p> <p>11:00 Worship (S) 12:15 Fellowship (L) 1:00 Choir Picnic @ Segedy's House</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 Men's Group-L 7:00 Scouts (SC)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 Tuesday Group (L)</p> <p>7:00 AA (SR)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:00-7:30PM <b>Community Meal (Side Lawn)</b></p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 Worship Ens. Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 AA (SR)</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p><b>COMMUNION</b></p> <p>11:00 Emerging Worship (S) 12:15 Fellowship (L) 12:15 VBS Mtg (GP)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 Scouts (SC)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 Tuesday Group (L)</p> <p>7:00 AA (SR)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30 Pack Mtg (SC)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00 AA (SR)</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p><b>FATHER'S DAY</b></p> <p>10:00 Summer Worship (S) 11:15 Donuts for Dads (GP)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 Men's Group-L 7:00 Scouts (SC)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 Tuesday Group (L)</p> <p>Strawberry Festival set-up</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:00-8:00 <b>Strawberry Festival (Side Lawn)</b></p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>4:30 Wedding Rehearsal (S) 8:00 AA (SR)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>3:00 McGuigan/Nihart Wedding</p>
<p>23</p> <p>10:00 Summer Worship (S)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 Scouts (SC)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 Tuesday Group (L)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00 AA (SR)</p>	<p>29</p>
<b>6:00-8:00PM Vacation Bible School</b>						
<p>30</p> <p>10:00 Summer Worship (S)</p>						



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## 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**