



news from the **EDGE**

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LOVE GOD LOVE EACH OTHER LOVE 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

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are Needed

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Happy autumn good people!

I open with good news. Make that great news. After this past Saturday's combined officer/staff meeting (elders/deacons/staff) I unreservedly say - your leaders are faithful, hard-working, creative and humble. Each one of them longs for the ministry of FPCE to be effective and life-changing for members, visitors and friends. Continue to pray for them.

A few brief notes on highlights of the meeting:

Four concepts emerged from our discussion on Christian Education:

1. Technology in the classroom. Kids learn via computer.
2. LISTEN...LISTEN...LISTEN to the words of our young.
3. Establish meaningful relationships.
4. Work with other churches on elementary/youth activities.

Publicity: DO IT. Continue to create a good web page (thanks to Emily Lilly for leading the way!); BIG AND VISIBLE signs in front, advertise on "The Patch," and Edgewood on-line newsletter, postcards, clear out the front and open the doors—look like we're really open.

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Sunday Worship Schedule

Worship with us and bring a friend.

Special Sundays to keep in mind:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20:

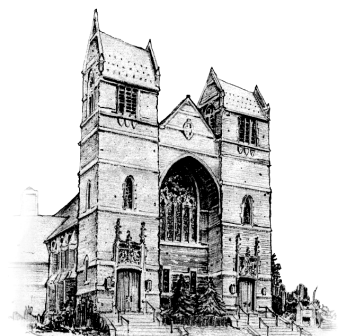
Our Praise Ensemble will lead us in a varied and meaningful time of thanksgiving and praise.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6:

World Communion Sunday. We will join brothers and sisters around the world at the Lord's Table. The choir will lead us in awe-inspiring and joyful singing.



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If you have information you would like
to include in the next issue, email Judy Mysels
at office@fpcedgewood.org by
the 15th of the prior month.
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DREAMS (continued)

Meet our neighbors. Introduce ourselves. In other words, go door-to-door and ask them what they look for in a church. (A key principle in growing a church is that church is for those who are *not here yet!!!*) How can we be in a meaningful relationship with them? Maybe they will worship with us too.

The FPCE food bank will be open to the community one morning/afternoon per month. Not only with food, but with a cup of coffee, fellowship and a prayer.

I left Saturday's meeting greatly encouraged. The above actions might not sound like much. But I see a theme that excites me. Let's open our doors, our hearts (and yes, our pocketbooks!) - to our young, our neighbors and the those in need.

Be open to our dreams brothers and sisters. Encourage one another. Celebrate, for the Lord is alive and well and moving through the hearts,. minds, bodies and souls of all of us.

Thanks be to God.

Pastor Michael

OCTOBER EVENTS HERE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EDGEWOOD

CROP WALK: October 6

On Oct. 6, the Pittsburgh East community will celebrate its 36th year of walking to end hunger one step at a time. The oldest walk in the country, is sponsored by Church World Service (www.churchworldservice.org). 25% of what we raise is returned as grants to East End Common Ministries and Wilksburg Community Ministry. Youth and adults from this congregation will gather at the South Avenue United Methodist Church at 1:00 to gather in preparation for the 10K loop through Squirrel Hill and back. The walk distance is 6.2 miles. Walking time is approximately 2.5 hours. You can participate by either walking or sponsoring a walker. Walkers this year are: Mary Ann Hartman, Judy and Mariah Mysels.



YOUTH GATHERING: OCTOBER 9

Youth of the church are encouraged to meet together on Wednesday, October 9 for a bit of fun and to talk about what we can do together this year for learning, activities and mission. We will be in the Gathering Place 7:00 - 8:15pm to coincide with the adult Bible study. Contact Debbie for further information.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Harvest Happening is joining up with Mission Committee and their Community Dinners, to enjoy the taste of fall. Everyone plan on enjoying a couple of hours with all your friends and family from FPCE, immediately following morning worship in the Social Room, eating, decorating pumpkins, etc. Tentative menu: chili bar with fixin's, cornbread, desserts, beverages. Bring your family, friends, neighbors. Steelers play at 4:25PM. Watch for bulletin inserts with more information.

JOIN OUR SOJOURN : OCTOBER 12

The Grief Group is sponsoring a sojourn to Kearns Spirituality Center on Saturday October 12th for a day of prayer, meditation, and solace on the beautiful campus of the Sisters of Divine Providence in the North Hills. Facilities include a Woodland Reflection Trail, a Labyrinth for prayerful walking, a Meditation Garden and a beautiful Visitation Chapel. Plans are to meet at the FPCE for a light breakfast before caravanning to the Center's activities that begin at 10:00 am and conclude at 4pm. A lunch is included in the price of \$21.00 per person. About ten people so far have committed to the trip. Come join us for a day that holds the promise of deepening and enriching your spirituality. Just let Judy know at the church office (412 241-4613) your intention to join the sojourn or let any of the members of the Grieving Space support group know of your plans. The cost can be paid the day of the sojourn.





PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

P.W. CORNER

By Luella Broe, Presbyterian Women Moderator

Please plan to join us for the next Presbyterian Women Quarterly Business Meeting. Due to a personal conflict, *it is rescheduled to Sunday, November 17, 2013 after the worship service*. We will review the results of the Peach Festival (Thank you all who participated!) and hold election of officers for the position of Vice Moderator (2 years) and a partial term as Treasurer (1 year). We will also review the calendar for 2014 so that we can authorize printing of the yearbook. Please prayerfully consider what events we should hold and what you can personally commit to help lead as an officer or chairperson.

"Praise the Lord from the heaven! Praise God on the heights! Praise God, all of you who are his messengers! Praise God, all of you who comprise his heavenly forces! Sun and moon, praise God! All of you bright stars, praise God! You highest heaven, praise God! Do the same, you waters, that are above the sky! Let all of these praise the Lord's name because God gave the command and they were created! God set them in place and forever. God made a law that will not be broken." --Psalm 148:1-6 (CEV)

Looking forward to seeing you.



CHURCH WIDE (men too!) BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 7PM

Topic: Firsts in the Bible
(led by Sallie Monk and Luella Broe)

Held every Wednesday until November 6

THE TUESDAY GROUP

BOOK & FAITH DISCUSSION: TUESDAY GROUP

On Tuesday mornings 10:00-11:00am a group meets in the Lounge to share reaction to the next chapter of our book. On October 15, we will be beginning a new book, *Heaven is for Real*. If anyone would like to try this group, this would be a great time to begin. If you would like us to purchase a copy of the book for your use, please call the church office.

PRAYER CHAIN

FPCE has an active PRAYER CHAIN with 16 Prayer Warriors. The Lord tells us "Do not be anxious about anything, but rather bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understandings will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:1:6-7)

That's what we do. We keep asking Jesus about your needs and requests. You're welcome to join us. We also give our joy and praise to God with our thanksgiving. If you have a prayer request(s) contact: Pastor Michael at 412-241-

4613 or mprucker@fpcedgewood.org; Judy Mysels at 412-241-4613 or office@fpcedgewood.org; Sallie Monk at 412-371-4344; Patti Mielke at 412-350-8442 or pgmielke@hotmail.com

You are welcome to send your requests for prayer. We phone or e-mail current requests as we receive them. If you have any questions, please contact one of us (see above).

Join us as a Prayer Warrior. We send out a prayer list quarterly and meet twice a year to review our prayer list. **Our next meeting is Sunday, November 3, following morning worship.**

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

This month we celebrate one year with Pastor Michael Rucker. We thank him for his steady, thoughtful, and encouraging leadership during this time.

During this year we have completed and reviewed the church survey as well as shared our dreams for the future at FPCE. A committee has gathered information and drafted our church information form which is now being reviewed by the Session.

FPCE NEWS

Hibiki Sakai graduated from Shady Side Academy this year and is now attending the University of Pittsburgh.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Thank you to all who helped make our Community Dinner happen and to all who came to enjoy the food and fellowship September 4. We hope to hold these picnics on the lawn again next summer.



Fall F.R.O.G.S.

(Friends, Reading, & Other Great Stuff)

Fall FROGS began

Tuesday, September 10, 2013, meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays in the lower level of the church building. The program runs 3:45 - 6:00 pm to coincide with dismissal time at Edgewood Elementary. Homework time, reading, craft, outdoor play or games, and dinner are included on most program days.

In September we welcomed PACES for a Sci-Tectives adventure one day. The hands-on science activities were a big hit with the kids. This outreach program involving STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) was brought to us by Emily & Josh Lilly of our congregation. See www.pittsburghaces.org (programs, STEM Outreach) for more information and photos.

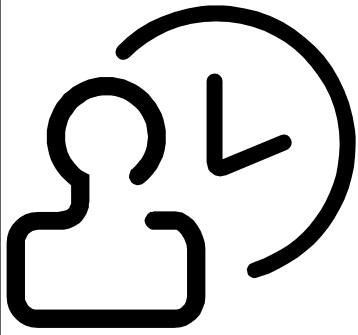
Nozomi Sakai joined our volunteer crew this fall (Thanks Nozomi!). We appreciate her help as well as those continuing on a regular or occasional basis. We miss Chris Baldwin and Rick Masten, but understand they are busy with family obligations. Volunteers find participation a rewarding experience and really make this program possible. If you are interested in volunteering or a one-time visit to share a craft or special interest, we'd love to have you join us. For information on registering or volunteering, please contact Debbie at 412-241-4613, rogs@fpcedgewood.org or speak with her at church.

The Hymnals are Here! The Hymnals are Here!

Maybe that's not quite as dramatic an announcement as Paul Revere's shouts, but it's pretty exciting to many of us in the music ministry at FPCE. Twenty-four boxes arrived on Monday, September 30th and are currently living in the back of the Gathering Place. Sunny, Michael and I have each taken a copy to begin learning the new contents. Over the next few weeks, we'll get the dedication stickers placed, figure out where the old books are going, and make the switch in the sanctuary. We'll dedicate the new books at a yet to be determined time during worship. But know that very soon, you'll no longer see "blue" and "red" listed in the bulletin because everything will be in the new purple book!

Speaking of hymns, I wanted to draw your attention to something that maybe you've never even noticed...our hymn selections are not random and are intentionally chosen to enhance the scripture and message preached for the day. Over the years, we've occasionally heard the question "do we have to sing all of those verses?" Well, the answer probably should be "yes," and the reason is that the hymn is chosen for the text and lyrics, not necessarily the tune. While I do try to balance old and new, slow and fast, varying in style, the driving force of music selection on Sundays is the scripture. So, take a moment the next time we sing a hymn right after the sermon and see if you might feel a little more connection the message you just heard. You may experience a fuller and deeper worship!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING DATES IN NOVEMBER ...



Daylight Saving Time Ends: November 3

Be sure to adjust
your clocks to
arrive at church
on time!

PROJECT MANGER TREE

Beginning Sunday, Nov. 10, the Board of Deacons will be working with Action Housing Homeless Service again this year. We have had an overwhelming response from the congregation in the past and would like to continue this wonderful project.

Please select a tag from the tree and buy an age-appropriate gift. Money can also be donated to buy wrapping paper, gift bags and ribbon. See any Deacon for more information about the project, for help in selecting a manger tree tag and for gift ideas. Please sponsor one of God's children.

We would like your UNWRAPPED gifts along with the tag returned to the church by Dec 8. Thank you for your support of this project.

God Bless,
The Board of Deacons



*Thank
you*

I would like to thank my "church family and friends" for all your letters and cards of condolences; your comforting words, your prayers, for attending daddy's services, your generous donations and the

wonderful luncheon that was arranged was truly appreciated. Your kind words of encouragement, and hugs was such a source of strength and comfort for me during this difficult time. To my friends, my church family, you are all a blessing - you have really helped me.

From the bottom of my heart - thank you.

May God Bless You - Mary Ann Hartman

TURKEY TIME ALREADY...

While it may be October now, the membership at FPCE is already busy planning its annual community Thanksgiving meal. This outreach event has brought hot, home-cooked meals to many Edgewood homebound residents, provided fellowship for those without families to spend the day with, and a given a holiday pick-me-up for service workers at the police, fire, and EMT stations in the area. The entire meal is donated and prepared by church and community members. **This year we will not be holding an eat-in dining option in order to give those who have faithfully dedicated time year after year an opportunity to spend time with their own families later on Thanksgiving Day. Church members will still be welcome to pick up a meal to eat at home or to request delivery of a meal. More information will be forthcoming in November.**

Donations of cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, broth, sweet potatoes, canned vegetables, are already being accepted. Sign-up sheets will soon be posted for helpers, donations, etc. Donations of turkeys, potatoes, pies, rolls, butter, can be notated on the sign-up sheets so organizers can shop for necessities. If you would be interested in helping to prepare the meal, cook an extra turkey at home to donate, serve the meal, or deliver take-out meals, please contact Judy at the church office to get signed up. If you are unable to help, think about making a cash donation to buy last minute staples such as milk, butter, onions, All hands and hearts are welcome for this important hands-on act of compassion toward the Edgewood and surrounding communities.



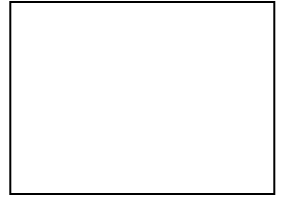


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 WORLD COMMUNION 9:30 Choir (C) 9:45 Adult Class (L) 9:45 Pollyanna (GP) 11:00 Worship (S) 12:15 Fellowship (L) 1:00 CROP Walk	7 7:00 Parent Mtg (SC)	8 10:00 Tue Group (L) 3:45 FROGS (SR) 7:00 Session (L) 7:00 AA (SR)	9 7:00 Youth Mtg (GP) 7:00 Bible Study (L)	10 3:45 FROGS (SR)	11 8:00 AA (SR)	12 GRIEF GROUP SOJOURN 8:30 AA (SR)
13 9:30 Choir (C) 9:45 Adult Class (L) 9:45 Pollyanna (GP) 11:00 Worship (S) 12:15 Fellowship (L)	14 7:00 Men's Group (L) 7:00 Scouts (SC)	15 10:00 Tue Group (L) 3:45 FROGS (SR) 7:00 AA (SR)	16 7:00 Bible Study (L) 7:00 Worship Ens (S)	17 3:45 FROGS (SR) 6:30 Pack Mtg. (SC) 7:00 Grief Group (L)	18 8:00 AA (SR)	19 8:30 AA (SR)
20 9:00 Worship Ens (S) 9:45 Adult Class (L) 9:45 Pollyanna (GP) 11:00 Emerging Worship (S) 12:15 Fellowship (L)	21 7:00 Scouts (SC)	22 10:00 Tue Group (L) 3:45 FROGS (SR) 7:00 AA (SR)	23 7:00 Bible Study (L)	24 3:45 FROGS (SR)	25 8:00 AA (SR)	26 8:30 AA (SR)
27 9:30 Choir (C) 9:45 Adult Class (L) 9:45 Pollyanna (GP) 11:00 Worship (S) 12:30 Harvest Happening	28 7:00 Men's Grp. (GP) 7:00 Joy Circle (L) 7:00 Scouts (SC)	29 10:00 Tue Group (L) 3:45 FROGS (SR) 7:00 AA (SR)	30 7:00 Bible Study (L)	31 3:45 FROGS (SR)		



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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, 7pm

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