

news from the **EDGE**



First Presbyterian Church of
EDGEWOOD
The Community Church

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.

The monthly newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood

October 2014



Here at FPCE, we've "fallen" into our routines and are back in full swing with church life. FROGS is up and running with new students and volunteers, Sunday School for all ages is meeting again, Bible studies are gathering, the choir and worship ensembles are rehearsing. We continue to discuss our visions for reaching out to the community, and our Stock the School drive is going strong to help with that connection, after a successful summer of community cookouts.

October brings us more opportunities to come together and to serve. We gather around the Lord's Table with brothers and sisters from around the world in our observance of World Communion Sunday. Several members will walk with brothers and sisters from churches in the East End for the Church World Service CROP Walk. And we've made an opportunity for our FPCE brothers and sisters to share in fellowship and food together for an old-fashioned church potluck after worship.

So come and join us as we FALL INTO CHURCH!

OCTOBER 2014

Worship Schedule



OCTOBER 5

One of the most important Sundays on the Christian Calendar. **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**, Not only will we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we will have a time in the service dedicated to praying for our broken world. A world God will not stop loving.

OCTOBER 12

We continue to focus on the deep truth we celebrated on World Communion Sunday. The communion meal is the beginning of a greater banquet that God is preparing—even now.

OCTOBER 19

It is called Children's Sabbath. "and a child will lead them..." says the prophet Isaiah. During this Emerging Worship Sunday, the young people, the children and the child in all of us will lead us toward a renewed understanding of who God wants us to be. (Hint: it is not mature senior!)

OCTOBER 26

Members of the worship committee, choir and staff already are preparing banners, music and a powerful message on this Reformation Sunday.

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PASTOR'S POINT OF VIEW



Michael P. Rucker
Interim Pastor

A happy and blessed autumn to all!

I have been sitting on something for a few months now, it is time for me to put this issue on the table. I asked Heather what she thought about it, she said, “You will be making yourself vulnerable, babe, do it.”

Recently, I read an article written by a Christian millennial, someone in their 20’s, entitled: *Five Uncomfortable Issues the Church Needs to Start Talking About*. Addiction topped the list. So, let’s talk.

As I shared in this past week’s sermon, addiction is deeply rooted in my family system. People I’ve known since I was a child, including a grandfather, two uncles, two brothers, one of my own children, even my closest high school/college friend have been addicted, struggled with addiction or in recovery from addiction. The culprits include alcohol, narcotics and prescription drugs. When addiction rears its ugly head from the heart of a person I love (and thought I knew) I have been stunned into a “this can’t be happening!” response. But eventually, I have to deal with it. Denial is the first hiding place for an addict and his or her family.

As a Pastor I have known scores of families who have faced the same struggle. We learn that even in the lives of people we have loved deeply— and who have loved us in return— there is a dark side. I’ve attended open AA/NA meetings, read articles and books on the physiological impact addiction has on our bodies, especially the brain. I learn what it means to “pray constantly.” I have learned how to love and honor all who struggle with addiction from the depths of my soul. They are in the battle of their lives. Recovery is a life long commitment.

A wise soul once said, “Church is not a museum for saints, but a hospital for sinners.” All of us are broken. All of us long to be healed. As sons and daughters of God, we discover how deeply God loves us; how God longs to heal us. God is committed. God sacrificed himself when he sent Jesus to walk in our shoes and die loving us and forgiving us to the very end. That love, that sacrifice, opens the way to a new life. We call it resurrection.

Brothers and sisters, we are all in recovery from something! On this mysterious, miraculous journey of healing—addicts lead the way.

Pastor Michael

Please know this: if anyone wants to talk to me about what I’ve shared, addictions come in many forms—please do. Let’s talk.



Pittsburgh East CROP Walk Sunday, October 12, 2014

On October 12, the Pittsburgh East community will celebrate its 37th 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 Wilkinsburg

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.

This year will be the 10th consecutive year that Judy and Mariah Mysels will be walking in the Crop Walk. If you would like to sponsor them in their walk, call the Church Office or join them by picking up a registration form in the Church Office.

Church Potluck Set for October 19

It's time to get together for an old-fashioned church potluck! We've decided to give the Harvest Happening a much needed rest this year and do what we do best: gather around the table for fellowship! Join us after our next Emerging Worship service in the Social Room for a covered dish luncheon. So, dig out the old recipes and help us enjoy Christian fellowship FPCE style! We'd like to ask that folks bring the following:

Birthdays in

January through April - soups/salads/bread/appetizers

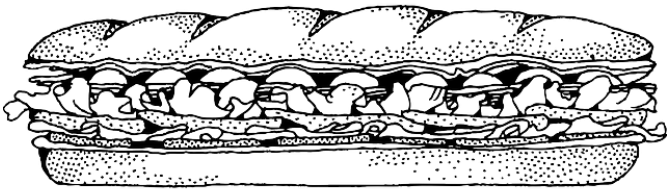
May through August - covered dishes/casseroles/etc.

September through December - desserts/drinks



Deacons to Sell Triangle Hoagies

The Deacons are selling the famous Triangle Hoagies.



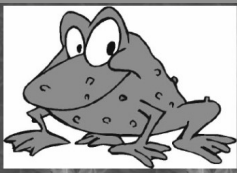
8" Italian \$7.00 with/without oil

8" Corned Beef \$8.00 with/without oil

8" Turkey \$8.00 with/without oil

8" Roast Beef \$8.00 with/without oil

Orders are being taken now. Call the Church Office at 412-241-4613 to place order, send in check made payable to FPCE with "hoagie sale" in memo line. Deadline is November 11th by 2PM. Pick up will be at the church on Thursday, November 13th from 11AM-1PM, and 4-6PM. Questions, contact Rick Masten at 412-371-4984.



F.R.O.G.S.
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
 (FRIENDS, READING, & OTHER GREAT STUFF)

The FROGS After-School Program is hopping along nicely. Most of last year's students have returned and we have 3 new students. We still have room for a few more children. We welcome Ruth Miller to our devoted FROGS volunteers.

The children are enjoying their outside activities, after finishing their homework, of course! We expect to have some special programs this year. The children are looking forward to October 23 when PACES will present a chemistry hands-on science program. We thank Emily Lilly for arranging this.

Sunday School Update



Youth Sunday school resumed on September 14th.

We are excited to be back together for another year of Bible study and fellowship. All school age children are invited to join us for class during worship.

Our mission project this Fall is to help with the "Stock the Schools" project.



P.W. Corner

Lori Stutz
 Moderator



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

October, the air is a little colder, crisper, and the leaves many beautiful colors. I don't know how anyone can be outside during this time of year and ever doubt the fantastic phenomenon that our God is. Speaking of this, well something like this, we have had wonderful times of fellowship and learning in September and are looking forward to October.

The new daytime circle was so much fun. We have made some changes. The daytime circle will still meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, with Tina Nine leading. We have decided to have the circle from 1-230pm. If you'd like to come a little earlier to have lunch you may. We will still meet in the Gathering Place.

We will also be getting together Saturday, Oct. 4 at 1pm to make pumpkin and zucchini bread, hopefully to sell the following Sunday. Please come and fellowship and bake with us. We will not be eating ourselves that day, just baking. It should be fun!

We will be having a planning meeting on Monday, Oct 20 at 7pm, in the Gathering Place. This meeting is to give us a jump on our business, which is scheduled in November. Please look for that date/time in the bulletin. At this meeting any woman from the congregation may attend. This is a time to bounce off new ideas, and come up with new things for our upcoming meetings/events. If you'd like to come and share or cannot come but have ideas, please let me know via email.

Finally, I am still seeking some one to help with correspondence for us. This would be someone to work with one other person to help send cards, etc. We are still seeking one or more persons to volunteer for heading up the Spring Flea Market. Please let me know if you or anyone you know might be interested in helping. Thanks so much and enjoy the beautiful things Autumn has to offer.

Daytime Circle

Ladies please join Tina Nine in the Gathering Place for PW's new Daytime Circle. **It will run 1-2:30PM.** Meetings will be every 2nd and 4th Thursday.

Stewardship: Taking Care of our Ins and Outs

In medicine, health care workers talk about the "ins and outs" when managing patients. What comes in must come out in one form or another. The balance of our "ins and outs" is a reflection of our health. A similar analogy may be made regarding our spiritual health. What comes in must come out. During this Stewardship season, let us explore how we manage the following important aspects of

- Our lives
- Our body
- Our harvest
- Our time

Balancing these aspects brings us closer to a healthy relationship with The Lord.

Blessings,
Paul Ohori
Stewardship Committee



FPCE to Host November Women's Choral Festival as Part of Concert Series

It has been several years since the FPCE Music Ministry has held a full Concert Series. Over the past few years, we've hosted one or two special concerts per year - groups from the Young People's Chorus of Erie, pianist Nathan Carterette, as well as the annual Edgewood Symphony Orchestra holiday concert. We're going to try to make a more formal series for 2014-15, starting with hosting a Women's Choral Festival on Sunday, November 9, 2014. This festival has been around for several years, beginning with the University of Pittsburgh Women's Choral Ensemble hosting it at Heinz Chapel, then moving to Seton Hill University. Due to lack of a facility to hold the event, it was canceled last year, so FPCE has offered to make it a part of our Concert Series and will serve as the host for this unique display of women's choral music.



There is no charge for the concert, which will take place at 3:00PM in the Sanctuary. The nice thing about the festival is that the performing groups get to hear each other by sitting in the audience when they are not performing. Groups participating in this year's festival include 2 high schools, 2 universities, and a community choir. They are: North Hills High School, Pine-Richland High School, University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne University, and the Carica Milica Serbian Women's Choir.

Plans are in the works to hold at least one other concert in addition to the ESO holiday concert -- possibly featuring our own pianist Sunny Sakai and daughter violinist Inori Sakai. The North Hills Singers ensemble that minister of music Shaun Cloonan directs will most likely

join us for worship in December with a mini-concert after the service, and we're also hoping to welcome back the Nouveau Noir Vocal Ensemble some time this year.

Daylight Saving Time Ends November 2

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



CANCELLED

Thanksgiving Dinner Canceled

At the joint board meeting in September, it was decided that we will not hold our community Thanksgiving Dinner this year. Our kitchen is not up to code and will be unavailable. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Project Manger Tree

Beginning Sunday, Nov. 9, 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 . 7** Thank you for your support of this project.

God Bless,
The Board of Deacons



Sharing in the joys and concerns of our family & friends at FPCE

- THE FPCE FAMILY HAS GROWN. It's a girl!!!! Stephanie and Tyler McGuigan are the happy and blessed parents of Sophia Grace McGuigan (Kathi McShane is the proud grandmother, Erin McShane the very cool and happy aunt.) Sophia entered our world (and changed that family) on September 5...all 9 lbs, 7 oz, 18 3/4 inches of her. REJOICE WITH THOSE WHO REJOICE...and we do. God bless you Stephanie, Tyler and Sophia!
- Many thanks to everyone for the surprise recognition of my 25 years here at FPCE. It was very meaningful and surprising. I have been truly blessed for the opportunity of working here and meeting/knowing such special people. This is more than a place to work...you are family and I love each and every one of you.
Thank you, Judy Mysels
- Tina Nine (R.N.) will be on a medical mission trip to Argentina from October 4 - October 12. She is accompanying a physician and another nurse to provide medical care to villages in and around Tucuman, in north central Argentina. The Presbyterian Women have set up a mission fund. If you would like information about donating to this trip talk to Lori or Sallie.
- STOCK THE SCHOOL PROJECT is proof...FPCE is a "community church!" Thanks to the inspiration and leadership of Emily Lilly, our congregation contributed supplies and funds to assist the Wilkinsburg Middle School music department. Way to go people. We love the kids, we love our music.
- Will you pray with us? Patti Mielke is the head of our committed group of Prayer Warriors. If you want to join the prayer team, let her know. You will be part of the Warrior email team.

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>C=Choir Room GP=Gathering Place L=Lounge O=Office PS=Pastor's Study S=Sanctuary SC=Scout Room SR=Social Room</p>			1 7:00 Bible Study (L)	2 3:45 FROGS	3 8:00 AA (SR)	4 1:00 PW Crafting 8:30 AA (SR)
5 9:30 Choir (C) 9:45 Pollyanna (GP) 9:45 Adult Class (L) 11:00 Worship (S) Communion 12:15 Fellowship (L)	6 7:00 Men's Group 7:00 Scouts (SC)	7 10:00 Book Club (L) 3:45 FROGS 7:00 Deacons (L) 7:00 AA (SR)	8 7:00 Bible Study (L)	9 1:00 PW Circle (GP) 3:45 FROGS	10 8:00 AA (SR)	11 8:30 AA (SR)
12 9:30 Choir (C) 9:45 Pollyanna (GP) 9:45 Adult Class (L) 11:00 Worship (S) 12:15 Fellowship (L) CROP WALK	13 7:00 Scouts (SC)	14 10:00 Book Club (L) 3:45 FROGS 7:00 Session (GP) 7:00 AA (SR)	15 7:00 Worship Ensemble (S) 7:00 Bible Study (L)	16 3:45 FROGS 7:00 Grief Group (L)	17 8:00 AA (SR)	18 8:30 AA (SR)
19 9:30 Worship Ens. 9:45 Pollyanna (GP) 9:45 Adult Class (L) 11:00 Emerging 12:30 Potluck Lunch	20 7:00 Men's Group 7:00 Scouts (SC)	21 10:00 Book Club (L) 3:45 FROGS 7:00 AA (SR)	22 7:00 Bible Study (L)	23 1:00 PW Circle (GP) 3:45 FROGS	24 Newsletter Deadline 8:00 AA (SR)	25 8:30 AA (SR)
26 9:30 Choir (C) 9:45 Pollyanna (GP) 9:45 Adult Class (L) 11:00 Worship (S) 12:15 Fellowship (L) 12:15 Staff Mtg (PS)	27 7:00 Joy Circle (L) 7:00 Scouts (SC)	28 10:00 Book Club (L) 3:45 FROGS 7:00 AA (SR)	29 7:00 Bible Study (L)	30 3:45 FROGS	31 8:00 AA (SR)	

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for people surviving the
loss of a love**



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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