



September Marks Return to Fall Programming

As morning traffic increases with school buses back on the road as students return to school, and those end of summer last family vacations finish up, fall programming will resume at First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood. Worship returns to the 11:00 hour, Sunday School for all ages begins again, the Sanctuary Choir rehearses and takes their place back in worship, and our FROGS program kicks off newly organized and recharged. The ladies of PW have added a new daytime circle, Christian Education teams up with Mission for a School Supply drive for area students, the Tuesday book club continues, and a Wednesday night Bible Study starts up for the fall.



And if you're looking for the most updated information, we now have a multitude of online outlets to check. Our new website was launched in early August, our Facebook page has gotten many likes and re-shares of information, and we have also jumped on Twitter as well! Check out all the latest FPCE buzz on the website at www.fpcedgewood.org, on Facebook by clicking "like" at www.facebook.com/FPCEdgewood, or on Twitter by following @FPCEdgewood.



SEPTEMBER 2014

Worship Schedule

Services begin at 11am starting September 7

SEPTEMBER 7

Join us at 11:00 a.m. as we begin our fall worship schedule. This will be a very full Sunday as we celebrate Holy Communion, Recognize our Christian Educators and welcome our back our Sanctuary Choir.

SEPTEMBER 14

One of the most potent, meaningful and challenging parables is at the heart of this worship service. We will sing some of our classic hymn favorites.

SEPTEMBER 21

Our talented praise ensemble will lead us in our Emerging style of worship. Weather permitting, we will worship outside on the side lawn. We will read a story from one of the Bible's more enigmatic characters.

SEPTEMBER 28

Back indoors, back to our Classical style of worship. We will read once again one of the most meaningful and moving descriptions on the nature of Christ's mission and ministry. See Philippians 2: 1-13

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at office@fpcedgewood.org by
the 15th of the prior month.
Sponsorship is available for \$40 per month.

PASTOR'S POINT OF VIEW



Michael P. Rucker
Interim Pastor

Hello brothers, sisters and friends of FPCE,

And we're off! The youngest among us to the first day of nursery or kindergarten. Other young people are finding their way through a new grade, a new teacher, new friends and new homework assignments! Some of us are jumping headfirst into high school or college and a myriad of longed for experiences. September always caused me to feel an befuddling combination of excitement and dread. *"Finally! I'm in high school! I'm so scared! Now what?"*

**"SEE, I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW!"
thunders the Almighty from his throne. Rev. 21:5**

We often read those words during the Easter season. But *I feel their emotional impact* most viscerally in September. And I wonder, how can God make all things new when there is so much old stuff hanging around?

I'm spending a lot of my time reading the reflections of a spiritual director named Richard Rohr (cac.org) One of his refrains is: **THE FIRST STEP TO MOVING FORWARD IS LETTING GO.** The first step to forgiveness....the first step to self-discovery....in recovery....in our new journey...the first step in September is to let go.

Deep within ourselves, in our conscious and unconscious selves, we carry baggage. We remember the times we didn't live up to the hopes of our parents or our teachers or ourselves. We carry the hurt of past disappointments and loss. We carry the fears of not succeeding, or worse, looking like a fool. We carry our hurts like badges of honor. We carry old stuff. With everyone around us focusing on moving forward, learning new things, obeying new schedules and achieving new goals—it's easy to forget all that heavy baggage we lug around wherever we go. But once the energy of a fresh start is past, all that stuff surfaces again, doesn't it? **THE FIRST STEP TO MOVING FORWARD IS LETTING GO.**

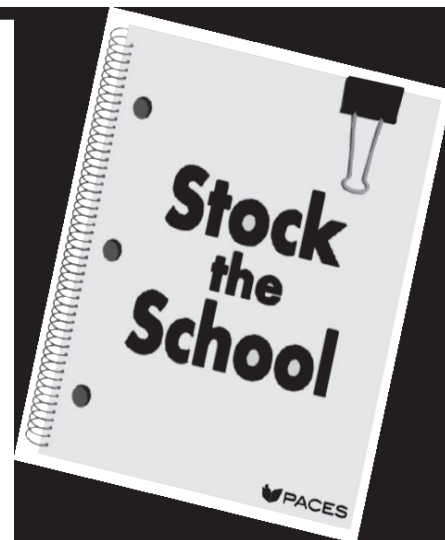
The good news from the One who is making all things new is that the only effective way to let go of our baggage is by giving it to God. Trust that. It really works.

Before jumping into the new, take some time. Some real, quiet time. Not just a quick minute but ten minutes to twenty minutes a day. Open up your heart, your mind, your fears, your distress, and your anxiety. Share it all, say it all, shout it all! Let it go. Trust that the Almighty One who is making all things new—loves you more deeply than you know and is *doing that new thing for you, too!*

Pastor Michael

Christian Education Mission: Stock the School Program

The Christian Education Committee has partnered with local non-profit organization PACES (Pittsburgh Assistance Center for Educators and Students, Inc.) for their "Stock the School" program. "Stock the School" will work with other local organizations to gather supplies and resources for Wilkinsburg Middle School. This supply drive is divided by school department, with various organizations sponsoring departments such as art, English, and math. FPCE requested to sponsor the music department at Wilkinsburg Middle School, due to the rich musical history and current musical offerings of the church.



The program is similar to toy drives often held during the holiday season. Christian Education participants are asking members to help us gather donated school supplies to aid students and staff at Wilkinsburg Middle School. Soon, we'll receive a "wish list" from the school and will post the requested items. All items collected will be used for educational purposes at the school. More information will be coming soon in your bulletins and via email, but for now, we ask for your help in the following ways:

Help us kick off the drive during Rally Day on Sunday, September 7, 2014.

Please consider bringing school supply items to church for our first collection day on September 7th. On this day, we're asking for general educational items for the music department, such as:

- Pencils/Pens
- Markers/Colored Pencils
- Dry Erase Markers/Chalk
- Folders/Notebooks
- Music-themed stickers/posters



We'll also be taking a **special offering** on Rally Day for "Stock the School". All proceeds will be used by the Christian Education committee and Sunday School students to purchase items specifically requested by the music department. Later in September, we'll also post the music department's "Wish List" and hope the congregation will aid us in donating as many requested items as we are able.

Thank you, in advance, to all who will help us make this program successful. We are eager to support education, particularly music education, in our community schools! For more information on "Stock the School", please visit the PACES website at www.pittsburghaces.org/stock-the-school.html.

Joint Board Meeting
Saturday, September 6
9:00AM, Gathering Place

Session, Deacons and Staff are to attend this meeting to plan the 2014-2015 calendar.



FALL KICKOFF

Sunday, September 7 marks the beginning of Fall programming at FPCE. Join us for any of the following on this day and every Sunday after:

- 9:30 Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School in the Lounge
- 9:45 Pollyanna Club in the Gathering Place
- 11:00 Worship in the Sanctuary
- 12:15 Fellowship in the Lounge

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education Ministry Team
& FROGS Program News

Submitted by
Patrick Carrick & Flo Raisig

Sunday School Resumes for All Ages

"Teaching the Scripture and Demonstrating a Christian worldview is how we integrate faith and learning."

Author Unknown

Christian Education is for everyone. You are never too old or too young to learn. And we prove that in many ways here at the FPCE. We have classes and opportunities for everyone.

- **Our Sunday Morning Sunday School resumes on Sunday, September 7, 2014 with classes for Adults, and Children's Sunday School begins on September 14.**
- **Pollyanna also resumes on September 7.**
- We will recognize our teachers and volunteers on September 7, during the Morning Worship.
- Our Tuesday Morning Book Club continues with its studies.

We are starting a mission project through the Church School partnering with the Wilkinsburg School District. We will be gathering supplies for their Middle School Music Classes and Department. Please see the separate article on this great project. As you know, we have a wonderful history of music here at FPCE, and we encourage music in many ways. Unfortunately, music and the arts are often the first things cut in schools today. Please help us to support mission and music appreciation by supporting this effort. We hope to see you as we seek to learn more about God's word, and in our efforts to share Him with our community.



Fall Bible Study: Revelation

Come join Sallie Monk and Jeff Nine as they guide us thru Revelations. This bible study is to do away with the concept of

Revelations being about doom and gloom. It actually is the story of the revelations of Jesus Christ and the reason for our hope. Join them for a church- wide bible study starting Wednesday Sept. 3 at 7pm -815pm in the Lounge. This study will meet every Wednesday thru October 29.



Angels on Sunday Mornings

"There the angel of the LORD appeared to him [Moses] in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed." Exodus 3:2

"For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all of your ways." Psalm 91:11

"After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow." Matthew 28: 1-3

Angels-- the messengers of God. They bring messages to God's people. They appear in dreams and visions. They protect us. The scriptures clearly tell us that they exist. But what are they? How are we to respond to them? Stories of angels clearly mystify and confuse us because they are so far out of our experience. The Adult Church School Class will begin its new year with a study of angels, thanks to the suggestion of one of our participants. Some of the questions and mysteries we will investigate are:

- Angels: who and who and what are they?
- Angels as Messengers and Guides
- Angels in the Life of Jesus
- Angels and the Gospel Message
- How should we respond to Angels?

Please join us on as we begin our new year, September 7th promptly at 9:45am in the Church Lounge. There is a cost of \$6.00 for each study guide. Please see Pat Carrick if you are interested in joining us. We always have a good time in discussion and we want you to be a part of it. **All are welcome; you do not have to be a Bible scholar to attend!!** Please bring your favorite bible and your thoughts and ideas. Hope to see you there.



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

Ribbet...

The F.R.O.G.S. Program is back! As Interim Director, I'm delighted that we have some new volunteers, as well as some returning former volunteers. All the info about the program, as

well as application forms, can be found on the FPCE website.

F.R.O.G.S. serves the children a snack and dinner. We get the dinner from the Wilkinsburg Community Ministry. We will gratefully accept donations of juice boxes or juice bags, as well as individually wrapped snacks such as peanut butter or cheese crackers, fruit rollups, pretzels, etc. for snack time.

The children enjoy doing crafts. If you like crafts too, we'd love to have you visit and share your talent with us. Of course we can always use help at homework time!

— Flo Raisig



P.W. Corner

Lori Stutz
 Moderator



**PRESBYTERIAN
 WOMEN**

Our Peach Festival was amazing! The most amazing part of the Peach Festival was the people. The people who helped with everything from planning, to cooking, to set up, to serving and to cleaning up. It was also so nice to see so many people from the communities around us. I dare say that we had more faces I didn't recognize than those I did. I was overwhelmed with the support of everyone pitching in and working together. I was overwhelmed with the positivity of the people involved.

The Sunday to prior to this event we had our quarterly business meeting and prior to that a planning meeting. Here are our new ideas to add to your calendars:

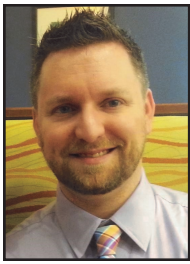
- We have formed a Mission Fund. This fund will be available in future for members of our congregation to have to draw from for missionary projects/trips. Anyone who may be interested in using this resource must go thru PW to apply for funding. We also have come up with some new things such as three fall events.
- Church wide Bible Study starting on Wedn. Sept. 3 at 7pm in the lounge. Please see the newsletter announcement for details. One of the other new things we've decided is to have a Daytime Circle. This is a circle that will start meeting Thursday, Sept 11 at 1130am going until 2pm. Please bring your lunch. This will continue to meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the upcoming months. Please contact Tina Nine with any questions.
- On Saturday Oct 4 at 1pm we will meet to make pumpkin bread and zucchini breads to possibly sell after church, but mostly to get together and make harvest things. We will not be eating, so please have an early lunch before coming, more details to follow at a later date.

Announcements:

- If you have any personal items downstairs in the kitchen please remove them, so they do not get confused with the church's items.
- We are looking for one or possibly more chair persons for our Flea Market this spring, if you are interested or have any ideas as to whom might do a good job please let me know.
- We are also looking for a person to help with correspondence. This would be someone to help with getting cards, etc and keep up with sending get well wishes, etc..
- Finally we are looking to put together another cook book so let me know if anyone has any recipes they might want to share. By the way you don't have to be one of the ladies to submit recipes or ideas.

New Daytime Circle

Ladies please join Tina Nine starting Thursday, September 11 in the Gathering Place for PW's new Daytime Circle. It will run 11:30AM-2PM. Please bring your lunch. Meetings will be every 2nd and 4th Thursday.



Shaun Cloonan
Minister of Music



You know how people like to share videos on Facebook, even if they might be several years old? Well that happened to me recently. I clicked and started watching a bit from 2009 on the *Ellen* show where an 88-year old viewer named Gladys would call in and have a minute or two conversation with Ellen about all sorts of things. There has been wild speculation over the years as to whether this woman is real, if she might be a character made up by a male comedian, and that it's possibly all scripted. Whether "Gladys" is real or not, this Texan grandma had lots of funny things to say (the one that got me almost falling out of my chair was "honey, I love Jesus, but I drink a little!") and words of wisdom to impart. One of the quotes that stuck with me was "if everyone in the choir sang the same note, there would be no harmony."

I love that I get to make music with you all here at FPCE week in and week out, but harmony can't happen alone. It's time for the Sanctuary Choir to start up again, and we would love to have a few more voices to make those harmonies stronger. I've heard that there are a few of you out in the pews that enjoy singing and have been considering a visit to our group. Well, here is your official invitation: JOIN US! You don't have to be the next American Idol or lead on Broadway, just have a love of God and singing. You don't even have to read music — we'll help you along! And...there is no evening commitment. We rehearse only on Sunday mornings, and only on the Sundays that we sing (the worship ensemble meets on Emerging Sundays). So come and see what we're all about as we "make a joyful noise to the Lord" on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the choir room.

And if guitar or another instrument is your thing, consider being a part of the Emerging Worship ensemble. We rehearse the Wednesday night before the service and early Sunday morning. I send out PDF packets of the music that week so you can print out ahead of time and practice if you need to.

Thank you all for going along with my little *Glory to God* summer anthem project. I hope you heard a new piece or 2 that you like. We'll try it again next summer. You might hear one of those new selections in worship this fall. Come to church to find out!

Pastoral Search Update

The PNC has continued to meet regularly and to date we have reviewed 78 Personal Information Forms (PIFs) from candidates. We have conducted several phone interviews and continue to schedule more.

If you have any further questions, please contact any member of the PNC:

- Rhonda Apossos (rar@friedkanelaw.com)
- Patrick Carrick (pjcstarfan@gmail.com)
- Brad Masten
- Tyler McGuigan (mcguigantylor@yahoo.com)
- Judy Mysels (office@fpcedgewood.org)

Deacons' Doings...

On August 10, the Melfard Douglass Scholarship was awarded to Jeffrey Mellon and Inori Sakai. Jeffrey will be attending the University of Pittsburgh and Inori will be attending Julliard School.

The Food Pantry is in need of tuna, tuna helper, pancake mix, syrup, toilet paper, dish soap, spaghetti sauce, cereal. Please no beans!

Roadway Improvement Program Underway

Please be advised that beginning the week of August 18th and continuing until the anticipated project completion date of October 16th, a roadway improvement program will take place in Edgewood Borough. This includes manhole and inlet adjustments, Roadway Restoration (Milling and Paving) and Line Painting.

All work will be done between 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Monday through Saturday and will be dependent on weather conditions.

We ask for your cooperation with no parking on the street(s) when ****NO PARKING**** signs are posted. These signs will have dates and times as to when parking is not permitted.

Please feel free to contact Michael Facchiano Contracting, Inc. with any questions or concerns. Project Manager Ernest Carns can be reached at (412) 344-5503. Thank you for your cooperation.



From the Associate Pastor's Desk

REV. DR. BEVERLY JAMES

GO. DISCIPLE. LIVE.
 Evangelism and Church Growth Conference

Dear East Branch,

Can you imagine taking a pilgrimage on a beach? Well, that was the intriguing journey of the early morning worship on the first full day of the Evangelism and Church Growth Conference in St. Pete Beach, Florida. We moved peacefully through eight stations not far from the rolling surf. We threw a rock with our cares and burdens into the sea at the Letting Go Station. We carved hearts in the sand to share our prayers for all we love.

At the Kite Station we pondered the power of the Holy Spirit to lift us to greater heights. We walked a simple Spiral labyrinth taking a smooth piece of beach glass from the center reminding us of God's gracious transformation of our jagged edges. Finally, our chosen shell entered the bowl of baptismal waters to join with others already there. Laughter, quiet, sounds of surf, sand, singing, walking, talking, sitting, praying, listening. What new ways can we find to worship together as congregations, as a branch, as a presbytery? What ways can God's good earth in western Pennsylvania call us to worship together, opening ourselves to a new day?

Please pray for all the folks at this conference including presenters and attendees from all over the world. Together we are seeking the breezes of the Spirit to lift us up to see transforming ways of bringing the Good News to God's people in every place!

"Behold, I make all things new." Revelation 21:5
 Faithfully,
 Beverly

Teamwork Worship Innovation Growth Service



The East Branch is interested in sponsoring activities that encourage teamwork, worship, innovation, growth, and service. Ideas? Share them with the Steering Committee by emailing bjames@pghpresbytery.org

Intentional Team Ministry Takes a First Step: Join Us!

Are you interested in working with other pastors and members of congregations in Intentional Team Ministry? Do you have an idea for a project joining with another congregation in worship, study, mission, or fellowship?

At a gathering on July 23rd, ITeM [Intentional Team Ministry] was described and discussed with 18 pastors and church members. Deb Warren, Dan Corll and Beverly James shared their experiences using this model. A grant from the Synod of the Trinity will provide for the funding of co-operative project ideas. We will meet again in October to discuss project ideas. Watch for the date!

Wilksburg Community Ministry Looking for Office Support Position

The individual in this position will be responsible for a variety of duties:

- Coordinator for volunteers for the Meals on Wheels program; this person will see to it that volunteers are assigned to drive or assist in the delivery of the meals. Recruiting new volunteers is a major function of this position. This will include maintaining personal contact with volunteer resources as well as making appeals for new volunteers.
- Each month this individual will develop, distribute and maintain a schedule for the volunteers outlining when they will be volunteering.
- This individual will provide support for the food programs; gathering and reporting data monthly as well as distributing food from the food pantry when needed. This will include monitoring the programs to make sure state regulations are followed at each site.
- As administrative needs fluctuate throughout the year, this individual will provide support as needed in the various programs we provide. Individual should be organized and have basic computer skills. Ability to communicate well and interact appropriately with clients is necessary. Interested individuals contact Cathryn Brundage, Executive Director, 412/241-8072.

NOT AS HELPLESS AS WE THINK

Rachel Held Evans

This article is an excerpt of a piece in Sojourner Magazine.

See <http://sojo.net/blogs/2014/08/21/not-helpless-we-think-3-ways-stand-solidarity-ferguson>



Justice for Michael Brown rally in Washington, D.C., Aug. 14.

Photo by Elvert Barnes Protest Photography / Flickr.com

I've been calling it the Summer of Helplessness.

From the conflict in Gaza that has left more than 1,000 civilians dead, to the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 over the skies of Ukraine, to the Ebola breakout getting worse by the day, (to the ISIS aggression and consequent violent terror in Iraq, my edit, Pastor Michael), to the shooting of yet another unarmed black teenager here in the U.S., the news of late is enough to make a person feel paralyzed with helplessness and despair. My prayers these days are of the tired, desperate sort: How long, O Lord? Will you hide your face from us forever?

But when it comes to violence and oppression, we are rarely as helpless as we think..... I've heard from many of my white friends and readers who say they aren't sure how to respond to the anger and grief they are watching on TV or hearing from their black friends. They want to be part of the solution but don't know where start. They may even feel a little defensive when they hear people talking about white privilege or inaction on the part of white Christian leaders. I'm in the process of learning too, but as I've listened to people of color whose opinions I trust, I've heard them issue several calls to action we can all heed:

Lament.

In his letter to the Romans, Paul tells Christians to "rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15). In the wake of the events in Ferguson, those of us with racial privilege should avoid trying to regulate the emotional responses of our black brothers and sisters and instead listen and learn so that we better understand those responses, and ultimately, share in them. Anger can be startling, certainly, and it might even make us uncomfortable. But anger is not a sin. Anger is the right and just response to inequity and inaction. When people of color express anger or frustration regarding the racism they have experienced, the worst thing white people can do in response is shrug off those stories as insignificant in an attempt return to our emotional comfort zone.

Desmond Tutu said, "true reconciliation exposes the awfulness, the abuse, the hurt, the truth. It could even sometimes make things worse. It is a risky undertaking but in the end it is worthwhile, because in the end only an honest confrontation with reality can bring real healing. Superficial reconciliation can bring only superficial healing."

As many parents of black children will tell you, their greatest fear is that it will be their sons or daughters next, so much so that they often give their kids 'The Talk,' warning them that they will be treated differently by police because of the color of their skin.

Listen and learn.

If you were bewildered by the response to Michael Brown's death, it might be worth asking yourself why. How might your experiences as a white person limit your ability to put this shooting into context? And how might you expand your educational and relational horizons to better understand the struggles of your brothers and sisters of color?

It's important to note that when white people are reminded of their racial privilege, it is not a personal insult, nor does it deny the reality of other potential disadvantages white people may experience in their lives. It

simply acknowledges that the broken, sin-riddled systems at work in our society tend to favor white people over people of other ethnicities, so even a white person who may be disadvantaged in other ways — socioeconomically, physically, etc. — will still know less about racially based oppression than a black person.

Take a hard look at your social circles and ask yourself how you might expand them to include people unlike yourself — racially, socioeconomically, even religiously. If you attend a predominantly white church, talk to the leadership about how you might partner with other, more diverse churches in the area in ministry activities.

Loose the chains of injustice.

Finally, while prayer and fasting are fitting responses to what's happening in Ferguson and around the country, we cannot forget the Word of God through Isaiah: "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?"

No single person can "solve" racial inequity in this country, but we can each do our part to loose the chains of injustice in our own neighborhoods. Racial reconciliation can be a hard, discouraging road. But we are not helpless. The same Spirit that raised Christ from the grave propels us forward, wresting us from our apathy, our prejudice, and our despair.

There is nothing to fear.

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PITTSBURGH EAST CROP WALK Sunday, October 12, 2014

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. With its inception in 1969, CROP Hunger Walks are "viewed by many as the granddaddy of charity walks," notes the Los Angeles Times (Oct. 26, 2009).

On October 17, 1969, a thousand people in Bismarck, ND, walked in what may have been the first-ever CROP Hunger Walk – and raised \$25,000 to help stop hunger. Several other CROP Hunger Walks occurred soon thereafter, and before long there were hundreds of Walks each year in communities nationwide.

Currently, well over 2,000 communities across the U.S. join in more than 1,600 CROP Hunger Walks each year. More than five million CROP Hunger Walkers have participated in more than 36,000 CROP Hunger Walks in the last two decades alone.

The Pittsburgh East CROP Walk will take place on Sunday, October 12 beginning at South Avenue United Methodist Church and circling through the East End community. FPCE has consistently sent walkers to participate in this event. If interested, contact the church office for registration/sponsorship forms.

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 at 412/241-4613 or join them by picking up a registration form in the Church Office.

The Bulletin Board

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

- Congratulation to **James (Jake) Russell McGregor III and Emily A. Allen** who became James and Emily McGregor in a lovely, well-attended marriage ceremony on August 2. The couple now reside in Madison, Wisconsin. The wedding ceremony included a *Pinning of the Sash* ceremony. An ancient Scottish clan ceremony where the newest member of the McGregor clan, Emily, is donned with the family tartan sash. Pastor Michael officiated, Sunny played the organ, and Shaun served as coordinator.
- On Sunday, August 3, the congregation bade a fond farewell to the **Pike family**. George Pike found a new and exciting call to become the law librarian at the Northwestern Law School in Evansville, Illinois. He moved to the Chicago area earlier this year. The family joined him the first week of August. We will miss the ministries and presence of Debbie Pike (FROGS Director and Christian Ed volunteer) and the two young men, Benjamin and Jeremy. GO WITH GOD PIKE FAMILY!
- If you like to eat, visit and sit outside on a lovely summer night – then the August Community Dinner was the place to be. On Wednesday, August 6, we held our final summer community dinner for 2014. Reports are there were at least as many community members as church members present! A big thanks to the outreach team (**Jim Segedy, Chris Baldwin and Tyler McGuigan**) for making these events happen! Also, thanks to the many volunteers who helped set up, serve and clean up.
- Way to go **Presbyterian Women** – THE PEACH FESTIVAL – proved to be a big hit whether you like peaches or not. The threat of rain kept us indoors, but a lot of people found us in the social hall. A ready, smiling, helpful group of Presbyterian Women, (Lori Stutz, chair) made sure everyone had a taste of peaches and FPCE hospitality.
- **FROGS** is open and ready for some young people (grades K-4) to become part of this outreach program. **Flo Raisig** is the Interim FROGS chair and she has the volunteers organized, the publicity out to area schools and an action plan in place. FROGS adult volunteers had their final preparation gathering on Tuesday, August 26. FROGS opened our doors to the community on Thursday, August 28. FROGS is open for ministry after school until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Our hearts embrace and hold fast the **David and Dee Wilson family**. (Most of us know the energetic young daughter, Amber.) Dee's sister, Pauline Retasky died on July 28, 2014. Pastor Rucker conducted a Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 23.



SEPTEMBER

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>	<p>1 LABOR DAY— OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>2 10:00 Book Club (L)</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 9:00 Joint Board Meeting (GP)</p>
<p>7 9:30 Choir (C) 9:45 Pollyanna (GP) 9:45 Adult Class (L) 11:00 Worship (S) Communion 12:15 Fellowship (L)</p>	<p>8 7:00 Men's Group 7:00 Scouts (SC)</p>	<p>9 10:00 Book Club (L)</p>	<p>10 7:00 Bible Study (L)</p>	<p>11 11:30 PW Circle (L)</p>	<p>12 8:00 AA (SR)</p>	<p>13 Scout Flea Market 8:30 AA (SR)</p>
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<p>21 9:00 Set-up Outside 9:30 Worship Ens. 9:45 Pollyanna (GP) 9:45 Adult Class (L) 11:00 Emerging Worship Outside 12:15 Fellowship</p>	<p>22 7:00 Men's Group 7:00 Scouts (SC)</p>	<p>23 10:00 Book Club (L)</p>	<p>24 7:00 Bible Study (L)</p>	<p>25 11:30 PW Circle (L)</p>	<p>26 8:00 AA (SR)</p>	<p>27 8:30 AA (SR)</p>
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	8:30AM-4:30PM Pittsburgh Watercolor Society (GP)					
	<p>7:00 Scouts (SC)</p>	<p>10:00 Book Club (L)</p>	<p>7:00 Bible Study (L)</p>	<p>3:45 FROGS</p>	<p>8:00 AA (SR)</p>	<p>8:30 AA (SR)</p>

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