



news from the **EDGE**

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**NOVEMBER
2013**

**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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Give Thanks

WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

November is the month when we thank God for the bounty he provides, and at FPCE, we have many reasons for giving thanks! Our Stewardship team helps us to give thanks with our pledges at our Consecration Sunday service on November 3rd. At the same service, we give thanks for the lives of those saints among us, and we give thanks to our Lord for the gift of Holy Communion. And, we open our doors to give thanks for all that God does in our midst by providing a meal for the community on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 28th.

We are a blessed congregation with many talented and giving individuals who help us continually live out our mission to love God, love each other, and love our neighbors. Join us all throughout the month as we give thanks!

Sunday Worship Schedule

Worship Alert! Sunday mornings at FPCE will become an important, meaningful and (yes) fun part of your week. Join us - bring a friend!

NOVEMBER 3

One mighty full Sunday! We will honor the brothers and sisters who have entered their eternal reward (i.e. Recognize All Saint's Sunday,) Celebrate the Lord's Supper and dedicate to our financial commitments for 2014. The worship service will be followed by a stewardship luncheon in the social hall.

NOVEMBER 10

Our Classic style worship service will become a time to begin our giving to the 2013 *Manger Tree*. Thank you Deacons for this ministry!

NOVEMBER 17

Emerging Worship. I always leave this casual and up-beat service with my heart swelled with joy.

NOVEMBER 24

How did our Pilgrim ancestors worship? Come and find out! And finally...the new hymnals have arrived! A special moment in worship will introduce our new hymnbook.



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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



INTERGENERATIONAL? IT'S A STICKING POINT

I have said it before; I'll say it again. I have the deepest respect for churches like FPCE. There are three choices that many mainline church in our kind of setting have as they move into the future (with much fear and trembling, I might add.)

1. A congregation can decide to remain the same. Same worship style. Same leadership style. Same goals. In other words, serve the members who have been with the church the longest. And the young will follow... not!
2. A congregation can make BIG changes. Sell out to the most modern ways, with the youth as our wise guides. Move to all contemporary style of worship, new leadership methods, drop traditions and live in the "now." (However long that lasts.) The seniors will completely understand and learn how to rap....not!
3. A congregation can serve members of all ages and generations, i.e. become an *intentional intergenerational* congregation. A congregation can become a place where all people from all generations are loved, accepted, celebrated, honored and encouraged to be themselves. The most difficult but most rewarding way. (Do we really think God expected every generation to go to their own corner of the building/community/world and live there???)

I BELIEVE IN THE INTERGENERATIONAL CONGREGATION. (And I do not believe I am alone.) This third way will encounter a difficult challenge from the beginning. It may lose the people on either end of the generational spectrum: the older generation will not generously and lovingly give room to the younger generation; the younger people will turn and walk away from the older people and their "boring" traditions.

I have the deepest respect and admiration for FPCE because it is trying to follow the third path.

In my reading, I ran across an encouraging article from a website called *stickyfaith.org*. It turns out recent research is discovering that the "sticking point" for churches is that *intergenerational relationships are a key to building lasting faith in*

young people. Interviews reveal that students feel separated from the rest of the congregation. But fixing that gap would help unite the church. And all generations will thrive and love together. Wow! What a concept!



The article offers four insights that will help a congregation attain “the sticking point.”

- INSIGHT 1: All-church worship during high school is more consistently linked with mature faith high school and college aged people than any other form of church participation.
- INSIGHT 2: The more likely students serve and build relationships with younger children, the more likely it is that their faith will stick.
- INSIGHT 3: High school seniors DO NOT feel supported by the adults in their congregation.
- INSIGHT 4: By far, the number one way that churches made the teens in the survey feel welcomed and valued was when adults in the congregation showed interest in them.

Question: What do we have to do to become a “stickier” church?

No we don’t have the numbers to brag about but we are working toward the qualities that develop a mature faith in all of us. I believe FPCE is moving in the right direction people! Let’s keep on keepin’ on!

In Christ’s service,

Pastor Michael



...LEADS A GIVER’S HEART TO JESUS

You should have received a letter from Stewardship Ministry Team chair Paul Otori during the week of October 20th. Here is an excerpt from that mailing if you did not receive it:

This is the time of year when many organizations have their fund raising campaigns. You probably have received mailings, e-mails, and phone calls asking for donations from charities, universities, libraries, public radio stations, etc. So here we are - approaching Stewardship Sunday on November 3rd. Yet, is giving to God and the Body of Christ, the church, the same as giving to those other worthy charities?

Many of us give because we believe in a cause. With cause there is an effect. What is the cause and effect in Christianity? Admittedly, the answer is complex. In one view, the effect may be interpreted as our being in a covenantal relationship with God. A covenantal relationship may be compared to a contractual one. But, is not our covenant with God

different from a business-like relationship?

Perhaps a better analogy would be to understand our covenant with God as we understand the marital covenant we have with our spouse. If your spouse asks you to do something, you may do it. Ideally, and because of your love for your spouse, you do it because you want to do it. Should not our relationship with God and his church be the same? We respond because of our love and gratitude for what God and his people mean to us.

In scripture, God challenges us to tithe; to return to Him ten percent of what He has given to us. The tithe is set as a benchmark. Over and over, witnesses to our faith have shown us that tithing is more than an obedient response to God’s love, but tithing enriches and deepens a person’s life

In many ways, God’s part of the deal is already fulfilled. He lived for us, died for us, rose for us, reigns in heaven for us, and prays for us. How will you respond to the Lord who is forming and reforming you into a new creation? Let us offer joyful prayers of thanksgiving; let us give, that we may grow in and give honor to our covenantal relationship with God, the Giver of life.

Join us on Sunday, November 3rd for a stewardship worship service and then for a luncheon afterward in the Gathering Place.



**CHANGES PLANNED FOR
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL**

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and FPCE will continue to be a blessing in serving a hot dinner to our neighbors. This year we will be serving a take out dinner only between 11:00AM and Noon to people in our local area. Orders will be accepted until Friday November 22 with a two person maximum per household. Volunteers are needed to help prepare food the week of Thanksgiving and clean up on Thanksgiving Day. Food donations of turkeys and all the

usual trimmings such as potatoes, vegetables, rolls, pies etc. will be much appreciated. Money donations are always welcome as well. Please help us to keep the Thanksgiving tradition in serving others. Contact Chris Baldwin to schedule volunteer times and food donations-- 412-963-9860 or gcbaldwin@aol.com.

S O P S A L E

Sunday, October 20–November 10

Autumn Harvest Pumpkin Lentil
Candlelight Corn Chowder
Fireside Supper Bean
Penn's Pike Potato Leek
Wagoner's White Bean Chili

Barn Raising Country Vegetable
Colonel Maxwell's Minestrone
Henna Marie's Potato Cheese Soup
Pioneer Split Pea
Yankee Doodle Chicken Noodle

Blacksmith's Black Bean Chili
Colonial Broccoli Cheddar Chowder
Mi Madre Maria's Chicken Tortilla
Ten Shilling Sherried Mushroom

Cooke Tavern Soups offer an easy, tasty alternative to fast food. No preservatives, no MSG or salt in any of our soup mixes. Made from only the finest all-natural and freeze-dried ingredients. Shelf life of at least one year. Each mix makes a full 2 quarts of soup. Great gifts for friends, neighbors, co-workers, teachers, etc. All soups are \$8 each or choose any 4 for \$30. Cash or please make check payable to FPCE Deacons (in memo line-"soup"). Please attach your order form to the check. All orders and payments are due by Sunday, Nov. 10 and may be given to a Deacon or placed in one of the baskets at church entrances. Orders will be available on Sunday, Dec. 8.

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 (located in hallway next to the water fountain) 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





JEWELRY SALE TO BENEFIT DEACONS

Lisa Segedy will be holding two "trunk sales" of handcrafted jewelry in the lounge during coffee hour on Sunday, Nov 17 and again December 15. 100% of the proceeds of both sales will go to the deacons to support their work. This will be an opportunity to buy unique gifts and support the deacons.

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

(And help in other areas, too!)

Most of us at FPCE want to be involved in helping others in some way. But we're not sure how much time and energy is required to lend a hand. As the time approaches to choose leadership for 2014, we all might think about how we can be part of some of the many opportunities to serve here at First Church of Edgewood.

One option might be to serve on the Board of Deacons or on Session. If you think you may be interested, please talk with an Elder or Deacon to learn more about these positions. Or, contact someone on the Nominating Committee - Elaine Cloonan, Marcia Haley, Rick Masten, Ruth Miller, or Lisa Segedy - to inquire.

In addition to being a church officer, there are a number of other opportunities to get involved that may better suit you, from serving as a Liturgist to helping plan an event. Session Teams can use new ideas, new energy and more hands. The Teams and Session representatives include:



MISSION/OUTREACH

Works to serve those in need; plans and executes volunteer efforts both locally and outside our area. (Chris Baldwin, Doris Hamilton, Jim Segedy, Tyler McGuigan)

PROPERTY TEAM

Keeps our physical plant in good order; makes decisions regarding viability of building improvements. (Tom Ochs, Brad Masten, Liz Held)

PERSONNEL TEAM

Works on contracts, communication and human resource issues of Staff. (Marcia Haley, Kathy Clevenger)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/YOUTH MINISTRY

Runs Sunday School program, Vacation Bible School; develops programs for youngsters. (Joe Elliott, Tyler McGuigan)

****WORSHIP TEAM**

Assists Pastor and Music Minister in planning regular and special worship services, seasonal decor. (Lorraine Douthett, Lisa Segedy)

****FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP**

Plans and oversees the fiscal matters of the church. (Tom Ochs, Paul Ochori)

****SPECIAL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES**

Community Dinners, Harvest Happening, Thanksgiving Dinner, Vacation Bible School, Peach Festival, Choir, etc. all can use an extra pair of hands. (Deacons, Elders, Staff)

If you think you might be interested in any of the above, or, if there's someone you'd like to recommend, please contact** a Deacon, Elder or Nominating Committee member. Volunteering is a great way to do good, get to know folks better, and have a great time!

**For contact information, please get a Church Directory on the table by the side door.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

P.W. CORNER

*By Luella Broe, Presbyterian
Women Moderator*

The article is copied from a trifold that I got at Big Tent 2013 in Louisville from a PW seminar. The article is titled: "WORDS HAVE VALUE". The title of the article is true.

"Language is not value neutral. All words have value and meaning. The words we choose to use to communicate our personal thoughts, beliefs and feelings. Our language is a carrier of culture and mirrors culture. It can create systems of insiders and outsiders.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to a new way of life and a new way of speech. Accordingly, we are called to consciousness that 'death and life are in the power of the tongue' (Proverbs 18:21). Each time we speak, we have the opportunity to give life by choosing to use language that empowers, that is insensitive to the plight of oppressed people, that honors all human beings as God's good creation, and that has

evolved through time and history. Well chosen words have the ability to build up, instead of tear down. Our use of inclusive and expansive language speaks to our ability to be reformed in our thinking about God and the people of God."

Positive words build up and negative words tear down. We need to be watchful of how we use negative words. The way we speak can create 'the in crowd' and 'the out crowd', and no one wants to be in the 'out' crowd.

Ladies, it is important to remember that November is election month. We have 2 offices to fill. Please contact Luella Broe if you are interested in the Vice Moderator for PW and also we need to fill the role of Treasurer for one year as Debbie Pike will be unable to complete her term. You can email me at labroe1991@yahoo.com or phone me at 412/371-2699.

Bible Study in Genesis continues through November and is open to the whole church. Spring 2014 begins a new study in Exodus and Deuteronomy.

**November 17:
Following worship
in the Gathering Place
Monthly meeting &
election of officers**



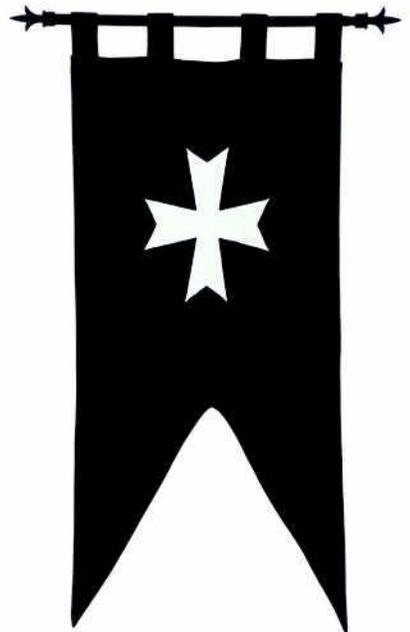
VISIONS OF GOD BANNER

In 2011 I/We began to create a banner for the sanctuary. I petitioned the congregation for input and assistance in creating blocks demonstrating 'Visions of God' as you see Him in your life. Many of you contributed blocks that represented your individual visions. I am very grateful for these beautiful creations, however, we did not have enough blocks to complete a full size banner. I am determined to finish this banner to be hung when we decorate the sanctuary for Advent at Hanging of the Greens on December 1st.

I ask for your assistance to create the additional blocks needed to make a full banner. I have prepared 8" x 8" blocks in various fabrics as the background for your design. Use any medium you choose to create your block; embroidery, applique, painting, etc. I have some other materials available to use in creating your block. This will be a banner that can be displayed year-round. Please see me for materials and details. I'll need finished blocks no later than November 24th so that I have enough time to assemble all the blocks before December 1st.

Thank you. Your assistance and ideas are always appreciated.

Lorraine Douthett

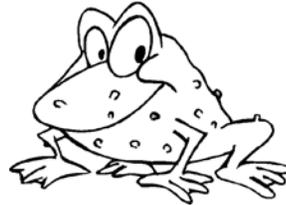


GRIEVING SPACE UPDATE

After an amazing day-long retreat on October 12th at the Kearns Spirituality Center, members of the support group Grieving Space are back on track for their regular monthly meeting on Thursday November 21st at 7pm. We meet in the Lounge (with light refreshments) for an evening of caring, sharing, and being there for each other as we come to terms with all the changes and losses that occur to us every day. We help each other find hope, regain our faith, and reorient to a future again. You are most welcome to join us.

WILKINSBURG COMMUNITY MINISTRY BOARD MEMBER WANTED

FPCE supports WCM financially and with volunteer support. The Board of WCM is comprised of members from the churches in Wilkinsburg and the surrounding area and has the responsibility to watch over programs and finances. This year WCM's budget was \$240,000 that was used to help provide support to poor families and seniors in Wilkinsburg with food, utility support, bus tickets, second hand clothing and furniture and counseling. Our church needs a second WCM board member. If you are interested in this mission opportunity, please contact Tom Ochs at (412) 952-8242 or at tomochs.101@gmail.com. The board meetings every other month (6/year) on Saturday at 9:30am. It's a great opportunity to meet representatives of the other churches in our area.



FALL F.R.O.G.S.

(Friends, Reading, and Other Great Stuff)

Fall FROGS continues Tuesday and Thursday afternoons through December 19, with a few days off in November for school

conferences and Thanksgiving. Our afternoons include homework and reading time, crafts, outdoor play or indoor game time, dinner, activity sheets, puzzles, and board games. We occasionally have special activities or programs. October brought a second visit from PACES with engineering projects: building miniature towers, bridges, and slides from cardboard, spaghetti noodles, marshmallows and such - what fun!

Providing dinner is a special blessing to families with busy schedules and those on a tight budget. We are grateful for the relationship with Wilkinsburg Community Ministry, the organization that provides our meals through the federal food program. We also appreciate faithful volunteer Connie Black, who heats, stirs, and serves what we have been given to make a meal for our crew each day.

Thank you for your on-going support of the FROGS after-school program! For information on volunteering or registering a student, please call 412-241-4613 or email Debbie at frogs@fpcedgewood.org.

FPCE FINANCES AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2013

	<u>10/31/2013</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income:		
Donations	\$ 129,915	\$ 144,083
Investment/Trust	35,950	37,500
Other	<u>19,921</u>	<u>19,333</u>
Total Income	\$ 185,786	\$ 200,916
Expenses:	\$ 200,249	\$ 204,083

If you would like a more detailed statement or have questions,
please send to fpce.treasurer@gmail.com

MUSIC Ministry

A DECADE OF SONG

By Shaun Cloonan
Minister of Music



It doesn't seem real, but October 15 marked the 10th year since I've begun serving as leader of the music ministry here at FPCE. I remember all too well the conversation after our staff changes were made asking me for "help with music for a while" during the transition. Well, here we are 10 years later. The titles have changed - Interim Music Director, Director of Music, Minister of Music - but the job and the goal have remained the same: help to proclaim God's word through music in the best way possible.

Thinking back from October 2003 to today, much has changed. Our section leaders (some of you newer members have asked "what is a section leader?" They are our paid "core" singers who assure that we have all parts covered each week in worship) have come and gone. Some of these names will bring back memories: Jen Sleppy, Molly Chandler, Sam Griffin, Steve Hein, Helen Gruner, Debbie Duckworth, Jason Schultz, and our current group of Mia Hotkowski, Mandy Rineer, and Tyler McGuigan. We've had a rather interesting trip through organist relationships: Jon Danzak, Jacob Gordon, Sylvia Palmore, Jon Danzak (again), Haley Waddell, and now Sunny Sakai. Our "Worship Ensemble" has evolved over the years from me and Sunny singing at "The Edge" service on Wednesday nights to our current group. The name of the service has gone from "The Edge on Sunday," to "Transformational" to "Non-Traditional" to "Informal" to our current "Emerging Worship" format.

We've explored all sorts of musical ways to praise the Lord. Just a sample: traditional African praise songs with percussion, spirituals, Gospels, contemporary anthems, classical pieces like Vivaldi's *Gloria*, Faure's and John Rutter's *Requiem*, Christmas and Lenten musicals with readings and guest musicians, music from the Taizé and Iona communities, jazz vespers, and the music of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. We've had times where there was a full adult handbell choir (with director Florence Pickels) and a good-sized youth bell choir as well (with directors from the Crean family!). We've welcomed the Cross Culture Jazz Ensemble, Pitt Women's Choral Ensemble, North Hills

Singers and the Nouveau Noir Vocal Ensemble during worship. We've hosted concerts by Sunny and her colleagues, several vocal ensembles including choirs from Duquesne University and Westminster College, two groups from the Young People's Chorus of Erie, a piano recital, a few organ recitals, and of course the partnership concerts with the Edgewood Symphony each December. Pastor Mike's band performed on the lawn during VBS week a couple of times, Calvin Stemley has joined us several times, Lou Lowenstein performed with Sunny during our first couple of Blue Christmas services, several of my colleagues from North Hills have joined us to sing or accompany on instruments. We've been blessed musically!

What will the next 10 years hold? The possibilities are endless! One thing that will be an exciting enhancement will be the inclusion of our new *Glory to God* hymnals. We plan to dedicate them as part of the worship service on November 24th so that we can begin using them when the new church year begins on the first Sunday of Advent, this year occurring on December 1st. We'll journey through the Lectionary in song, learning all of the various parts of the hymnal as we work our way through the life of Christ and the scriptures listed over the 3-year cycle. We'll sing songs we know and love, and learn to love new songs we didn't know or maybe haven't heard in a long time if they weren't a part of the list we worked from in the past. We may stumble upon some new favorites and might decide to skip a page or two after trying some out! But all of it will be to share in fellowship as God's children during worship, proclaiming the Gospel through our voices joined in song.

One more little commercial: if you've ever considered singing, the choir has a place for you! We rehearse only on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30. There is no mid-week evening commitment! I work a week or 2 ahead during the first part of the rehearsal and then spend the rest of the time on the day's anthem. We're a relaxed and joy-filled group who enjoys our fellowship as much as our singing! Consider joining us. And if you're more instrumentally inclined, consider becoming a part of the Worship Ensemble that rehearses the week before our Emerging Worship service. Or maybe you just have a piece you're itching to share with everyone. Let me know and I'll find a space for you in worship. It might be the prelude, maybe the offertory, or maybe I'll give the choir a week off and put you in the anthem spot. Maybe communion music during the distribution of the elements. There are many spaces and the schedule is flexible. If you have a joyful noise to make, we have a place for you to do it!

more >>>

Thank you to all who have been supportive of our efforts in the music ministry these past 10 years. I remain humbled at the outpouring of kindness, understanding, and trust you have placed in me. I will continue to do my best to help Pastor Michael and the rest of the faith family at Edgewood experience the presence of the Holy Spirit through the powerful gift of music. †††



HANGING OF THE GREENS
Sunday, December 1
following worship

Advent, our journey to Christmas, begins in just a few weeks! We'll begin our visible preparations with the Hanging

of the Greens after church on **December 1**. We'll meet in the Lounge for fellowship, then, as usual, we will sing and pray. But we'll set aside a majority of our time for dressing up the sanctuary and hallways for Christmas. Join us for this time of celebration and anticipation.

Joys & Concerns
of the People of God

We had another beautiful day for the Crop Walk. Participants: Judy and Mariah Mysels finished in record time. Upon registration, recorded initial contributions, but monies can be still be collected. Deadline is Nov. 13. Checks can be made payable to CWS/CROP or cash donations can be dropped in the collection plates or mailed into FPCE.

Inori Sakai will be the featured solo violinist performing with Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra at Heinz Hall for the Regional Asset District concert on November 22nd.



December 7, 2013
 7:30pm



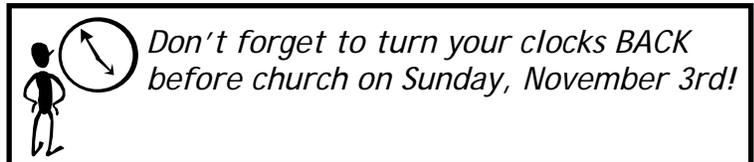
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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Home for the Holidays
 Berlin's White Christmas
 Chadwick's Noel
 Herbert's March of the Toys
 Traditional Rock of Ages (Arr. by Molly D. May)
 Select Holiday Favorites

Bring the entire family to hear your holiday favorites while experiencing the inspiring performances of the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra. It wouldn't be the Holidays without highlights from Handel's inspiring Messiah featuring the Renaissance City Choirs. The ESO continues its tradition of ushering in the holiday season with the ever-popular White Christmas, Sleigh Ride, the March of the Toys and the Polar Express. This is a concert not to be missed!

Featured Artist(s)
 The Renaissance City Choirs

Venue Details
 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EDGEWOOD
 120 E Swissvale Ave
 Pittsburgh, PA 15218
 Tickets are available at the door
 (cash or credit cards accepted)



Mark Your Calendar!

UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS

Advent Soup & Scripture
 Wednesdays at 6:30PM

Advent Prayer Vigil
 Friday, December 20

Blue Christmas Service
 Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00PM

Christmas Eve Service
 December 24 at 7:30PM

NOVEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
C=Choir Room; GP=Gathering Place; L=Lounge O=Office; PS=Pastor's Study; S=Sanctuary Sc=Scout Room; SR=Social Room					1 8:00 AA (SR)	2 TURN CLOCKS BACK TONIGHT! 8:30 AA (SR)
3 ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION 9:30 Choir (C) 9:45 Adult Ed (L) Pollyanna (GP) 11:00 Worship (S) 12:15 Stewardship Luncheon (GP)	4 7:00 Parent Mtg.	5 10:00 Tuesday's Group 3:45 FROGS 7:00 Deacon Mtg. (L) 7:00 AA (SR)	6 7:00 Bible Study (L)	7 NO FROGS	8 8:00 AA (SR)	9 8:30 AA (SR)
10 9:30 Choir (C) 9:45 Adult Ed (L) Pollyanna (GP) 11:00 Worship (S) 12:15 Fellowship Prayer List Mtg.	11 7:00 Scouts (Sc) 7:00 Men's Group	12 10:00 Tuesday's Group 3:45 FROGS 7:00 Session (GP) 7:00 AA (SR)	13 7:00 Youth Mtg (GP) 7:00 Bible Study (L) 7:00 Worship Ensemble (S)	14 3:45 FROGS	15 8:00 AA (SR)	16 8:30 AA (SR)
17 9:30 Worship Ensemble (S) 9:45 Adult Ed (L) Pollyanna (GP) 11:00 Emerging Worship (S) 12:15 Fellowship (L) 12:15 Presbyterian Women (GP)	18 7:00 Scouts (Sc)	19 10:00 Tuesday's Group 3:45 FROGS 7:00 AA (SR)	20 7:00 Bible Study (L)	21 3:45 FROGS 6:30 Pack Mtg. (SR) 7:00 Grief Group (L)	22 8:00 AA (SR)	23 8:30 AA (SR)
24 9:30 Choir (C) 9:45 Adult Ed (L) Pollyanna (GP) 11:00 Worship (S) 12:15 Fellowship (L)	25 7:00 Scouts (Sc) 7:00 Joy Circle (L) 7:00 Men's Group	26 10:00 Tuesday's Group 7:00 AA (SR)	27 Thanksgiving Dinner set-up (SR)	28 12:00-4:00 Thanksgiving Dinner (SR)	29 OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 AA (SR)	30 8:30 AA (SR)

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Poinsettia plants may be contributed by anyone to help decorate the sanctuary for the Advent season. Please fill out the order blank below and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the Church Office. **Deadline is December 8, 2013.**

I wish to contribute _____ Poinsettia(s) for the beautification of the Church Sanctuary for Christmas.

I would like choice of color: _____red _____white _____marble

Please attach a check or money to this order form. Make all checks payable to First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood. The cost is \$7.50 per plant.

The wording: _____In honor of: _____In loving memory of:

By: _____

_____I wish to take my plant after the Christmas Eve candlelight service.

**A monthly support group
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

This month's meeting will be November 21 at 7 p.m. in the Lounge



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