



news from the **EDGE**

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**September
2012**

Rally Day **Sunday, September 9**

**LOVE GOD
TEACH OTHER
OUR NEIGHBORS**

Believing we are called together by **God's love through Jesus Christ**, our mission as the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood is to **love God**, to **love each other**, and to **love our neighbors**.

SERVICES

Sunday Mornings
10/11 a.m.
in the Sanctuary

www.fpcedgewood.org

Join us as we kick off the fall programming at FPCE

9:30: Sanctuary Choir rehearsal resumes in the Choir Room/Sanctuary.

9:45: Adult Education group will meet in the Lounge to pick this fall's study. Pollyanna Club for children will begin in the Gathering Place

11:00: Worship in the sanctuary (note time change!)

Children & youth will be dismissed during sermon to learn what is in store for this fall.

12:15: Lunch & Info Fair in the Social Room.

Menu is Triangle Hoagies, with side dishes/salads, desserts provided by participants. Please RSVP with number attending and what food item you will bring by calling the Church Office at 412/241-4613 or email at office@fpcedgewood.org.

Sunday Worship Schedule

September 2

Last Summer Worship at 10:00
Communion, the Rev. Dr. Stewart Lawrence, guest preacher

September 9—Rally Day

Worship moves to 11:00
Dr. Jeffrey Nine preaching,
commissioning of leaders and teachers, Picnic follows worship.

September 16

Emerging Worship in the Sanctuary

September 23 & September 30

Worship TBA, depending on if/
when our interim starts (back-up
preaching/leadership plans are in
place if needed)



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Calming the Seas of Change

The same evening, Jesus suggested they cross over to the other side of the lake. With Jesus already in the boat, they left the crowd behind and set sail along with a few other boats that followed. As they sailed, a storm formed. The winds whipped up huge waves that broke over the bow, filling the boat with so much water that even the experienced sailors among them were sure they were going to sink.

Jesus was back in the stern of the boat, sound asleep on a cushion, when the disciples shook Him awake.

Disciples (shouting over the storm): Jesus, Master, don't You care that we're going to die?

He got up, shouted words into the wind, and commanded the waves.

Jesus: That's enough! Be still! And immediately the wind died down to nothing, the waves stopped.

Jesus: How can you be so afraid? After all you've seen, where is your faith?

The disciples were still afraid, slowly coming to grips with what they had seen.

Disciples (to one another): Who is this Jesus? How can it be that He has power over even the wind and the waves?

--Mark 4:35-41 (The Voice translation)

Doesn't it sometimes feel like this scene when going through the transitions in life? You want to scream "Jesus, Master, don't you care that we're going to die?"

Most of you know that I was recently on a cruise to Bermuda for my first-in-a-long-time vacation. On our return day at sea, we encountered a low pressure system that had us moving a bit. Let's just say not too many folks were walking a nice straight line for a couple of hours that day! It reminded me of the scene I just mentioned.

Calming the Seas of Change (continued)

Your church leadership has been working hard to emulate Jesus's calming and reassuring ways during our period between Pastor Mike's departure and the start of our Interim's time with us. I personally think we've done a nice job of keeping things in a "business as usual" feel:

- worship has continued in various ways, showcasing the gifts and talents of our members
- we've put on a successful Peach Festival – a joint effort by PW and the Deacons
- Emerging Worship on the lawn went very well in our first attempt as a worship ensemble without Mike (and by the way, welcome John Hrebik as our new drummer. Several folks have been wondering where he came from. He's been my personal trainer for about 7 years on-and-off, and a casual discussion about him playing and us needing a drummer turned in to him coming to church every week and now playing I the band. So, welcome, Johnny!)
- and I believe our communication is just as strong as before through the website, Facebook, and weekly e-mails

We know the transition team has been working hard and will soon be sharing the details of who will be our next leader. Thank you to all of them for their dedication to continuing the strong leadership of our vibrant ministry at Edgewood. Having served on the last PNC, I can appreciate the time and work involved in what they're doing. Don't forget that soon, we'll be putting together the new Pastor Nominating Committee to fill the full-time, settled, called pastor/head of staff position. Officially, it's the job of the Nominating Committee (the one who puts together your slate of officers each year) to put together the PNC, but volunteers who feel called to this work are most welcome. Consider contributing to the future of our church by serving on this important committee.



As we turn our thoughts toward the fall, I encourage you to think of those words Jesus spoke: "How can you be so afraid? After all you've seen, where is your faith?" The Holy Spirit is most certain moving among us, leading us in new ways to new experiences together. Keep praying, keep reading what's going on, and keep coming each Sunday to support FPCE's mission to love God, love each other, and love our neighbors.

Peace,
Shaun



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CORNER...

Summer has gone. Here we are at Labor Day.

Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant and praise is comely. ...The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy. (Ps 147:1 + 11)

I love the last five psalms because each one is about praise. It is not right for us to be afraid of the Lord, but fear, in the sense of awe is perfectly right to fear the Lord. It is when we reach the awe stage that we can praise Him for his magnificence, omnipotence, omniscience. We have a God who is almighty, all-knowing, and all-powerful. He is all-merciful. We can give him thanks and praise. It is what He wants us to do. The last five psalms confirm that.

Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and His praise in congregation of the saints. (Ps 149:1) (KJV)

The inaugural Peach Festival was blessed. We had fellowship. PW and the Deacons worked hand-in-hand successfully. God gave us wonderful weather for the festival. It was totally peachy. Everyone enjoyed the peaches, ice cream and whipped topping. God blessed us with even a small profit.

Next Peach Festival is August, 2013.

Ladies, we need a new secretary and treasurer. The term is two years. Secretary and Treasurer are two separate positions. Election will be Nov. 4th. Term begins on Jan 1, 2013. Is anyone willing? Commitment is to make each of the quarterly meetings held in Feb, May, Aug and Nov. Be available for events. Mary Ross is the current treasurer. Her term is expiring. Sallie Monk is the current secretary. Her term is expiring. Please contact Lori Stutz with names. Is there any lady who would like to serve as part of the election committee for these two positions and is not interested in the position?

The Flea Market is a moneymaker for the PW. We need someone who will be willing to chair the Flea Market. Flea Market is customarily held in April to coincide with Spring Cleaning. Is any of the ladies willing to chair and organize the Flea Market?

Ladies, we have been very busy doing a variety of things: funeral luncheons, flea market, Peach Festival. I thank each and everyone for their participation in all or any of the events. I also thank you for your support. Without the participation or support, these things would not have been possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 4, 2012 PW Business Meeting in the Gathering Place at 12:15 following worship.

Feb 10, 2013 PW Business Meeting in the Gathering Place at 12:15 following worship.

If thou canst believe all things are possible to him that believeth. Mark 9:23

*Luella Broe, Moderator,
Presbyterian Women*



JOINT BOARD MEETING—Tuesday, September 11, 7PM

Session and Deacon Members, staff are to attend.

Agenda is planning calendar for 2012-2013. Deacons will meet at 6:30PM prior to Meeting. Session will meet after Meeting is over.

CHURCH WIDE BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 7PM

Topic: The Beautitudes

Held every Wednesday 7PM
from September 12—November 7
(except on Halloween—Oct. 31)

Child care available for all ages

YOUTH GROUP

Wednesdays, 7PM

FPCE is attempting to start a Youth Group on Wednesdays at 7PM (same time as Church Wide Bible Study). Childcare available for all ages. Debbie Pike has volunteered to lead first meeting, Sept. 12 with hopes of holding activities the following Wednesdays. Youth could sign up to bring snacks, lead a lesson, plan a game on a rotating basis with various adults. Ideas or questions welcome.

Mission Corner

Another year of Mission activities has started at FPCE. First, the **CROP Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 14**. We did so well last year and raised over \$1,000 right here at FPCE. Let's try and beat that amount. Secondly, **our annual Thanksgiving Dinner is right around the corner...November 22**. Watch for upcoming bulletin inserts, emails and newsletter info asking for donations, helpers, etc.

GRIEVING SPACE RETURNS

The monthly support group Grieving Space for people who have lost a loved one or who have suffered a loss of health/employment will be meeting again starting in September. Members of the group create a very caring and understanding environment for all who are grieving because of their own recent losses. Major changes in one's life are always followed by a period of adjustment which can often be difficult. Trying to get through these times in isolation is not necessary when others can share in your struggle and sorrow. Group support has been found to be the best way to help a person get through a difficult, sad time. You don't have to be a member of the FPCE to be a part of Grieving Space. Grieving Space meets every third Thursday of the month from 7 pm to 8 pm in The Lounge of the FPCE. The next meeting will be September 20th. Refreshments will be served.

JOIN A MINISTRY TEAM!

Session is looking for a few good men and women to assist in carrying out the mission and ministry of FPCE. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Rally Day picnic/info fair in the Social Room on September 9th. We would like to have a couple of folks join each of our standing ministry teams to help in planning so that more than just the appointed Elder isn't solely responsible for everything! Commitment levels would range from attending a monthly or bi-monthly meeting to assisting in the planning and execution of a particular event during the church year. Our ministry teams are: Worship, Christian Education, Parish Life, Mission, Evangelism, and Property.

PRAYER CHAIN LIST—September-November 2012

Regular Prayer Requests

Alan
Amanda
Amy
Angela & Claudia
Arlene
Art
Billy Alan
Bud
Ruth Carnegie
Carol's mother, Mrs. Payne
Grandma Cloonan
Kay Connelly
Gordon & Linda Crocker
Helen Crow
Larry Crytzer
Dorothy Denton & Suzanne
Amy Donachy
Elaine's brother-in-law, Bob
Elenor Elliott
Mary Gloster
Laura Kingston's Family
Kristi's friend, Elissa
Doris Hamilton
Rob Hamilton
Bert Hart's Family
Heather's husband, Dylan
Helen
Tracy Huse
Joey & Chuck
Jonah & family
Josephine
Josie
Karen
Diane Kemmer's Family
Kim's dad
Leigh Ann & Aasta
Lorraine's brother-in-law, Albert
Lorraine's mother, Katie
Louise
Luella's husband

Regular Prayer Requests (continue)

Martha
Mary
Dave Mason
Baby Mason & family
Rick Masten
Ken's father, Bernard McGoldrick
Elinor & Ken McGoldrick
Judy McMillian
Michelle
Michelle's brother, Michael
Nancy's father-in-law, Sam
Natalie
Betty Noah
Tom Ochs
Tom Palmer & family
Patty
Joe Plazek
Rachel
Rick "Huck"
Riley
Rose's husband, Bob
Rosemary
Baby Scarlet Rose & family
Sallie's nephew, David
Ann Smith
Robin Steck
Ruth's friend, Ed
Terri's daughter, Erin
Tina & Dain
Nancy Trirsch
Tyler (5-year-old) & mother
Virginia
Barbara White's Family
Rev. Mary Louise & Rev. Mike Wilson
David Wippich
Ruth Wolf (from Mulberry)

PRAYER CHAIN LIST—September-November 2012

Long-Term Prayer Requests

Gene Carrick
Patrick Carrick
David Cloonan
Dorothy Cramer
Al Hartman
Jason Hartman
John
Kathy
Darren Kemmerer
Marica's mother, Madeline
Mark
Marsha
Betty Jane Mervick
Norman
Ed Pelemio
Ricky & Carolyn
Tom & Kendall Schoedel
Dave Schermonn
Kim Slobodayak
Ronnie Strathmann
Walter's Family
Paul Yester

The Church: The Body of Christ
The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Leaders in Government
Staff & Leaders of FPCE
Youth Ministry & F.R.O.G.S.
Prayer Chain
Friends & Members of FPCE
Wilksburg Community Ministry
Troop 23 Boy Scouts
Pack 23 Cub Scouts
AA's that meet at FPCE
Men's Organization & PW of FPCE
The Homeless
People in South & Southeast Asia
Those effected by Hurricane Katrina
Earthquake in Pakistan
Genocide in Darfur
People of Israel & Palestine
Victims of terror everywhere
People of Iraq & Afghanistan
Middle East
Malawi Partnership
Japan

Soldier's Prayer Wall

*Soldiers of Family and Friends:
Jeffery Bache; Matthew Bocian;
Brad Cavrak; Matthew Czegan;
Dan Dugo; Erich Fink; John Fleming;
Matthew Kaufman; Peter Lahoda;
Anne LaSerre; Suzanne Lesko;
Jennifer Lewis; Sean Logan;
Joshua McKenzie; Holly Nicom;
John Renuzit; Rob Schmidt;
Natalie Wetzel.*



Fall F.R.O.G.S.

(Friends, Reading, and Other Great Stuff)

Fall FROGS begins Thursday, September 13, 2012.

Our after-school program operates Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:45-6:00pm in the lower level of the church building. Students are walked over from Edgewood Elementary School or may be brought to the church by family. The program includes snack, homework, reading, craft, outdoor play or games, and dinner. Participation is limited to twenty students in kindergarten through sixth grade. The cost for fall term is \$100 per student (\$25/month), with some scholarship help available.



Volunteers find participation a rewarding experience and really make this program possible. If you are interested in volunteering or visiting to share a craft or special interest, we'd love to have you join us. Our volunteer planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8, 1:00pm.

For information on registering or volunteering, please contact Debbie at frogs@fpcedgewood.org or speak with her at church.

TRANSITION TEAM NEWS...

We are very close to selecting an interim pastor. Through the interviews conducted, the Committee has narrowed the choices to two candidates. Hopefully an announcement will be made soon. Thank you to the dedicated members of the team for their hard work in meeting over the difficult summer months: Gregg & Chris Baldwin, Tim Carr, Marcia Haley, Brad Masten, and Debbie Pike.

STEWARDSHIP

As we head into fall—a gentle reminder to check where you are with your 2012 Commitment. We often tend to drop off during the Summer months.



MUSIC Ministry

It's that time of year again...time to start up rehearsals for the Sanctuary Choir! Did you know we only practice on Sunday mornings? Yes, this amazing group of men and women who make such beautiful music during worship only get together for one hour before worship each week to prepare their anthems. Sound like something you might be able to commit to doing? Then come join us! **We begin again on Sunday, September 9th at 9:30am in the choir room.** During Emerging Worship weeks, we meet for a short time to rehearse, but don't sing as the worship ensemble takes care of that music. Come and see what we're all about!

Emerging Worship will continue on the 3rd Sunday of each month through the fall. We're blessed to have such dedicated and talented music staff and volunteers to assist with this service. Thank you to Sunny, Chris, Lisa, Matt, Tyler, Mandy, and new member Johnny for their work in preparing some of your favorite songs. And thanks to Jim as well, for serving as our sound guy, making sure that everyone is well-balanced through the speakers.

Finally, we wish Mia and Lenny well as they get married on September 16th! We're looking forward to welcoming Mrs. Witkowski back among our ranks shortly after their big event. We've missed having her around every week, but totally understand what goes into putting together that special day. Congratulations Mia and Lenny!

As always, if you have a special musical gift or talent you'd like to share, let me or Sunny know, and we'll be happy to work you into our worship schedule. I'm thankful each week for the opportunity to serve as your music director. You all have been so incredibly supportive and encouraging as I've stepped in to fill in gaps this summer. I truly feel that you're all an extension of my own family, and feel much love from and for everyone at Edgewood.

Blessings to you all!

Shaun

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING DATES...



FALL FESTIVAL: October 21 Side lawn, following worship

October 21...Rain or shine...come and enjoy the taste of fall. Everyone plan on enjoying a couple of hours with all your friends and family from FPCE, eating, playing games, etc. Tentative menu: hot dogs/hamburgers, side dishes, desserts, beverages for \$5 donation. Watch for upcoming bulletin inserts, emails and next month's newsletter for more details.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY : October 7

Did you know that World Communion Sunday began here in Pittsburgh at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in 1933? From its humble beginnings in that sanctuary on Westminster Place just a few miles from us, it has grown to be the international observance we now know it to be.

This year, we plan to make the service something special. Incorporating music of various cultures, readings, colorful ribbons, drama, youth participation, and of course, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper itself, we hope this will be a service you remember!

More details will be coming your way in the next several weeks. If you are asked to participate, please consider being a part of this celebration of the world coming to the table.

CROP WALK: October 14

On Oct. 14, the Pittsburgh East community will celebrate its 35th 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). Over 34 years we have raised \$283,566 to fund anti-hunger and development projects around our block and around our world. 25% of what we raise is returned as grants to East End Common Ministries and Wilksburg Community Ministry. Won't you join us this year in making this a stellar event as we celebrate 35 years of working together to do that which none of us can do alone?

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. Watch for upcoming bulletin inserts, emails and/or announcements.



September 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:00 Worship (Communion)	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 7:00 AA (SR)	5	6 10:00 Thursday Group (L)	7 8:00 AA (SR)	8
9 Rally Day 9:30 Choir (C) 9:45 Adult Ed (L) Pollyanna (GP) 11:00 Worship 12:15 Picnic/Info Fair (SR)	10 7:00 Scouts (SC)	11 6:30 Deacon Mtg. (L) 7:00 Joint Board Meeting (GP) Session after 7:00 AA (SR)	12 7:00 Worship Ensemble (S) 7:00 Bible Study (L) & Youth Group (GP)	13 10:00 Thursday Group (L) 2:45 FROGS (GP/SR)	14 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal (S) 8:00 AA (SR)	15 2:30 Mia's wedding (S)
16 9:00 Worship Ensemble (S) 9:45 Adult Ed (L) Pollyanna (GP) 10:00 Choir (C) 11:00 Emerging Worship (S) 12:15 Fellowship (L)	17 7:00 Scouts (SC)	18 2:45 FROGS (GP/SR) 7:00 AA (SR)	19 7:00 Bible Study (L) & Youth Group (GP)	20 10:00 Thursday Group (L) 2:45 FROGS (GP/SR) 7:00 Grief Group (L)	21 8:00 AA (SR)	22
23 9:30 Choir (C) 9:45 Adult Ed (L) Pollyanna (GP) 11:00 Worship 12:15 Fellowship (L)	24 7:00 Joy Circle (L) Scouts (SC)	25 2:45 FROGS (GP/SR) 6:30 ESO Rehearsal (S/GP) 7:00 AA (SR)	26 7:00 Bible Study (L) & Youth Group (GP)	27 10:00 Thursday Group (L) 2:45 FROGS (GP/SR)	28 8:00 AA (SR)	29
30 9:30 Choir (C) 9:45 Adult Ed (L) Pollyanna (GP) 11:00 Worship 12:15 Fellowship (L)	<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 style="margin-top: 20px;">News from the Edge 11</p>					



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GRIEVING SPACE

at the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood

Here, we understand that finding the space to grieve can sometimes be every bit as challenging as the loss itself.

Should you need us,
our support group is here.

Meetings: every third Thursday of
the month 7 pm

Call us to let us know you are coming:
412-241-4613

Individual support with a certified
grief counselor is also available through:



Edgewood Psychological Services

This month's meeting will be September 20 at 7 p.m. in the Lounge