



# news from the **EDGE**

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## JANUARY 2014

### 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**.

## WORSHIP

Sunday Mornings  
**11:00AM**  
in the  
Sanctuary

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This month's news from the **EDGE** is sponsored by Mary Ross.

Happy New Year good brothers and sisters!

One of Desmond's favorite songs when he was a younger lad went like this: "The wheels on the bus go 'round and 'round, 'round and 'round, 'round and round..." Does it ring any bells? We could all join our voices together and sing that same tune with a lyrical variation: "The years of my life come 'round and 'round, 'round and 'round, 'round and 'round..." For yours truly, that would be sixty of those years to be exact.

But I want to think about the word TIME for a bit. The New Testament has two words for "time." The first is *chronos*, as in chronology. As in the years of our life coming 'round and 'round...or Pastor Michael is 60 years old...or it is now 10:43 a.m. on Friday, January 3, 2014.

The other word for time is *kairos*. Kairos is meaningful time. A time that is pregnant with possibility. A time of crisis...that is, a time of decision. As in "it is time to learn what you are made of young man," or, "it



## Sunday Worship Schedule

### SEE YOU IN CHURCH!

Sunday morning worship services at FPCE can become an inspiring, meaningful, beautiful and—yes! - fun part of your weekend. Please join us. Bring a friend!

#### JANUARY 12

This Sunday will be an opportunity for you to seek God's blessing on the *kairos* time I refer to in my article. It is Baptism of the Lord Sunday. During the service we will celebrate our own baptisms. We will also ordain and install our newly elected elders and deacons.

#### JANUARY 19

It is the Sunday before Martin Luther King Day. His message of reconciliation and peace-making is thoroughly grounded in the teachings of Jesus, we

will recall the promise, hope and challenge of those teachings. Also...I'm excited to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism.

#### JANUARY 26

We are planning a service that will broaden our worship experience and help us celebrate our faith in new and uplifting ways.

#### FEBRUARY 2:

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

#### FEBRUARY 16:

A follow up to the worship experience of January 26.

#### MARCH 2:

The Transfiguration of Jesus will lead us into the season of Lent.



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If you have information you would like  
to include in the next issue, email Judy Mysels  
at office@fpcedgewood.org by  
the 15th of the prior month.  
Sponsorship is available for \$40 per month.

## PASTOR'S POINT OF VIEW

"The time (kairos) is fulfilled, the kingdom of God is near..."

Every year that "comes 'round and 'round" begins on January 1, that's a day in chronological time.

But January 1 can mean more. Every new year is an opportunity for us to sit down, think and pray about decisions that we need or want or are called upon to make - that's kairos time. It is a time that is pregnant with possibility.... I hope you have a meaningful kairos time as this new year begins. Toward the end of our Snuggie Service on December 29, I lifted up a prayer for the new year that I'd like to share with all of you:

*Creative God,  
you make all things new in heaven  
and on earth.  
We come to you with new desires  
and old fears,  
new decisions and old weaknesses,  
Because you are a God of hope,  
we know that you create all the possibilities of  
the future.  
Because you are a God of love,  
we know that you accept all t  
he mistakes of the past.  
Because you are a God of faith,  
we enter your gates with thanksgiving  
and praise,  
we come into your presence with  
gladness and joyful noise,  
we come seeking to live our lives  
in service to you.  
Amen.*

**HAVE A BLESSED  
NEW YEAR!!!**

*Pastor Michael*

## **DEACON'S DOINGS...**

- Deacons delivered harvest baskets in November and poinsettias in December to friends of the church
- New Christmas tree was bought in memory of Al and Lucille Hartman
- Deacons will be serving a meal after the congregational meeting in Social Room (menu to be announced at a later date)

## **PASTOR NOMINATING COMM. UPDATE**

The PNC met on numerous occasions throughout the winter, spring, summer, and fall of 2013. Initially, we reviewed the church survey information and then began working on our church information form so that it could be approved by Session, the Presbytery and Pastor to Presbytery in accordance with Rules of Order. On Nov. 25, we submitted the Mission Information Form (MIF) to the Presbytery. Thus, at this juncture, we are awaiting approval of the form. Upon receipt, the Presbytery will post our form on their website so that applicants can submit to us their Personal Information Forms (PIFs). After our review of the PIFs, reference checks and interviews, we hope to be in a position to nominate a minister for the position of our Pastor.

## **ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY 26**

As we enter into a new calendar year, don't let your family at First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood fall off of your resolutions list! We'll be gathering to plan some exciting and meaningful experiences for the year ahead, in worship, fellowship, through scripture, prayer, food (of course!) and more. We come together as a congregation and a corporation at our Annual Meeting to discuss the important business in the life of the church. We receive ministry team reports and the church budget, and elect new leadership to the Session and Deaconate. Please plan to join us on Sunday, January 26 immediately following morning worship. Help secure the future of the Edgewood Church as a bright and vibrant one, carrying out our mission to love God, love each other, and love our neighbors. Happy New Year!

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

The following members were elected to offices at the December congregational meeting and will be installed/ordained in worship on January 12.

### **Session:**

Chris Baldwin (2nd term), Gregg Baldwin, Patrick Carrick, Dan Mielke

### **Deacons:**

Ralph Bliss (2nd term), Elaine Cloonan, Deb Harris, Sallie Monk, Glenn Allen Monk(2nd term)

### **Auditor:**

Cathy Fisher

### **2014 Nominating Committee:**

Brenda McCrady, Mary Ross, Lori Stutz, Deacon Rep., Session Rep.

## **POLLYANNA CLUB**

**Invitation:** The Pollyanna Club at FPCE meets most Sundays in the Gathering Place from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and is open to children 3 (if potty trained) and up.

**What is the Pollyanna Club?** Webster's definition of a Pollyanna is: a person characterized by irrepressible optimism and a tendency to find good in everything. We will focus on being joyful, praising God and realizing God's love for us. Kids are encouraged (but not required) to share something they have to be glad about. We will sing Christian children's songs, play games and make simple crafts.

Any suggestions or helping hands are welcome. Please call Lorraine Douthett at 412-638-2747 or email me at - a2zebra@earthlink.net Parents may want to take advantage of this 'child-free' time to join the adult Bible study that meets at the same time in the lounge.

# January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			OFFICE CLOSED		8 p.m. AA	2:00 Pack Meeting  8:30 p.m. AA
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
9:30 choir reh.  11 a.m. Worship  12:15 Fellowship	7 p.m. Scouts	7 p.m. AA			8 p.m. AA	9AM Joint Board Meeting   8:30 p.m. AA
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
9:30 choir reh.  11 a.m. Worship/ Installation & Ordination	7 p.m. Men's Group  7 p.m. Scouts	10:00 Book Club  7 p.m. AA		7:00 Grief Support Group	8 p.m. AA	2:00PM Pinewood Derby  8:30 p.m. AA
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9:30 choir reh.  11 a.m. Worship  <b>12:15 Cong. Meeting/ Luncheon</b>	7 p.m. Men's Group  7 p.m. Scouts 7 p.m. Joy Circle	10:00 Book Club  7 p.m. AA			8 p.m. AA	

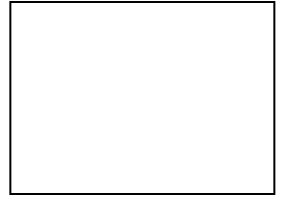
# February 2014

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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**