



news from the **EDGE**

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**MAY
2013**

**LOVE GOD
LOVE EACH 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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PASTOR'S **POINT OF VIEW**

Hello good people aka the FPCE Family!
The survey results are in. The church leadership
has been briefed - and the church leadership is
excited! A general overall assessment of our
survey led Doug Portz of Pittsburgh Presbytery to
assert, "*These are GREAT scores.*" Your all
provided the leadership with reason to hope,
reason to believe in our future. I'd like you to
focus on three words this month:

CELEBRATE

We want to grow! We love to worship together - but what we do outside
worship is very important to us. We want TO DO something for the Kingdom of God
in our community! We are willing to change to in order to reach new people. We
want families with younger children and youth to feel "at home" in our space. We
are ready to grow spiritually. "LORD, TRANSFORM US!"

Does this sound like the church for you? You got it. You've found a home;
right here in the FPCE family.

GIVE THANKS

I've heard the stories. I've read the history. I've reviewed the minutes.
I've spoken with most of the previous pastors. Let's be honest. This church
endured some difficult years in the early part of this

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May Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 5

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper.
Pastor Michael preaches from Acts 16
and challenges us with the question "Do
you ever dream?"

Sunday, May 12

I know we all pray for one another and
for the specific hopes and dreams in our
hearts. But if Jesus were to pray for us?
What would he pray for? Come and find
out. A Classic worship service is being
planned. And join us after worship as
we honor our special women with
Muffins for Moms.

Sunday, May 19

Our creative style of Emerging Worship
will return this month. It's PENTECOST.
Come, Holy Spirit, Come with power!
Wear something (or everything) in red.

Sunday, May 26

The Scouts will help us give thanks to
God and honor the sacrifice of others on
this Memorial Day weekend Sunday.



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EDGEWOOD
The Community Church



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Pastor's Point of View (cont. from page 1)

millennium. You confronted loss. You made very painful, but necessary changes. You suffered together, hurt together, cried together and *you stuck together*. You learned and you endured. The past is past. The future is bright with promise. You all have my deepest respect and honor.

DREAM AND SHARE

During the month of May we will be forming *listening groups*. Let's call them "*The Dream Teams*." We will organize the Dream Teams; then an elder or two and I will meet with you. Do you know how many times a turning point in the Bible began with a dream? Abraham, Jacob, Daniel, Elijah, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Joseph (Jesus' father), Peter - an impressive group of God's children. And didn't the disciple Peter (quoting the Prophet Joel) talk about dreams in his Pentecost Day sermon? *Your young shall see vision, your old shall dream dreams.*" *I want to hear your dreams.*

A WORD ABOUT THOSE DREAMS.

As far as it is possible for you, dream boldly, dream in specifics, dream in pictures, dream to dare the leadership to be courageous and outrageous as we step into the future. Thinking outside the box isn't bold enough. Dream bigger.

We all dream for a church that: is growing, is loving, is more faithful and reaches out. Dare us with your dreams!

For example, when my daughter was about 8, we were sitting around the dinner table after church when she shared a dream: "*Dad, church is OK. But it would be a lot better if we had a popcorn machine in the back.*"

Now there's a dream with a vision! That's the kind of dream I long for...*that's a dream that we can work with...that will transform us to become the people God is calling us to be.*

Have a blessed, joyous and fruitful spring...and dream on!

Pastor Michael

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Hello from the Board of Deacons...

There are several things going on in the near future in the life of a Deacon...

In May, we will host fellowship on Mother's Day—so bring your mom, grandmother, aunt or sister to church, then to "Muffins for Mom's" in the Lounge. We will also host Father's Day in June, so again, bring your dad, grandfather, brother and join us.

Applications for the Melfard Douglass Scholarship will be available at the church office.

(If you need any information, contact one of the Deacons). The Melfard Douglass Scholarship was started 19 years ago in memory of Melfard, who was tragically killed in a plane accident; he was a longtime member of our church, a deacon and a volunteer fireman. This is a scholarship awarded to church members who are enrolling in secondary education/college. We was a man that always gave and loved his family and friends.

Let's not forget to mark your calendars for June 19th—the Strawberry Festival is just around the corner. Hope to see everyone there rain or shine—bring your family, a friend, oh heck, bring the whole neighborhood!

We are very grateful for the continued support from our church family and the Boy Scouts who help us supply the food pantry so we can help those who have fallen on hard times. Please continue to support our need to help others.

Congregational members are encouraged to help support the Melfard Douglass fund, the food pantry and bring a friend or two to church to join our church family—what a wonderful family we have!



Remember—smile and laugh more
it's actually good for your health

God's Blessings to you and yours -
Mary Ann Hartman
Moderator of the Board of Deacons



COMMUNITY DINNER SET FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5 6:00-7:30PM, SIDE LAWN (weather permitting)

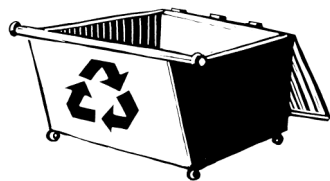
The Evangelism ministry team is planning an event to help is connect with our community.

Spread the word that we will be opening our doors for a
FREE meal that is open to all in our Edgewood and surrounding areas.

More details will be coming in the next few weeks in the form of announcements, bulletin inserts, and e-mails, but know that we'll need volunteers to help prepare the meal, serve, set up and clean up, and we'll also need food donations. For more information, contact Jim Segedy or Tyler McGuigan.

CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY **SATURDAY, MAY 18**

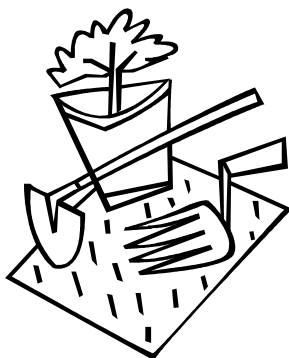
Looking for a great way to get in shape for the summer? Join the FPCE Property Team on Saturday, May 18 at 9AM for a spring clean up day! If you can navigate the stairs to "take out the trash" or help clean out a few cabinets, stop in and give us a hand. Any amount of time you can spare, will be appreciated.



Weather permitting, there is a lot of garden work to be done. Bring your favorite tools and get dirty.

Garden Friends

The Prayer Garden in the side yard could use some sprucing up! Come Thursday, May 9 at 10am for an hour or two if you can help out. Bring your favorite hand tool (clippers, loppers or trowel), gloves, and a bottle of water. Rain date 5/16.



V.B.S.

Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it! Save the dates: **June 24-28**. FPCE offers an evening VBS. Please spread the word to those with children and considering volunteering. VBS Volunteer meeting, June 9, following worship. We have a lot of fun!



FPCE will be used this summer as a satellite site for the Wilkinsburg Community Ministry to help feed children (to the age of 18) for lunch in our area. The program will run Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week from 11:30am -1pm, beginning June 17 until August

9th. Please contact Chris Baldwin for questions or to volunteer: 412-963-9860 or gcbaldwin@aol.com



"Peter's Epistles"

**Wednesdays,
7:00-8:15 PM**

Continues through May 29

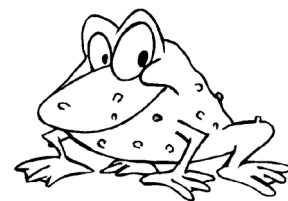
Child care available upon request

F.R.O.G.S.

(Friends, Reading, and Other Great Stuff)

Spring FROGS After-School Program continues through May 30. The students have been enjoying playing on the side lawn again in the nice weather. Many thanks to our Spring FROGS volunteers: Chris Baldwin, Connie Black, Rick Masten, Dan Mielke, Flo Raisig, and Mary Ross. We also appreciate the efforts of those in the Wilkinsburg Community Ministry kitchen that provide our dinners!

There will be no 2013 Summer FROGS program, but FPCE is looking into being a feeding site for lunches through the federal food program. Speak to the Mission Ministry Team if you have questions or would like to help.



The Mission Ministry Team is collecting twin bedding

(new or used twin size sheets, blankets, and comforters as well as pillows and pillow cases) for Mars Home in May. Please leave any items you would like to contribute at the side entrance. Speak to Lisa Segedy if you have any questions about MHY Family Services or items that can be of use.



PARKING LOT CLOSED

Parking lot at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf will be unavailable because of construction of a dormitory. Please use street parking East Swissvale Avenue and parking in the rear of the building.



P.W. CORNER...

By Luella Broe, Presbyterian Women Moderator

We sing hymns and I wonder if we pay attention to the words that we sing. Let's read the words to "How Great Thou Art". It is a hymn that we are familiar with, but have we paid attention to the words? I ask you to read and pay attention to the words below:

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r thro'-out the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings, my Savior God, to Thee: How great thou art, how great Thou art!

When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. Refrain:

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. Refrain:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, What joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art. Refrain:

I love this hymn sung by a man with a deep voice. When we are at home with Christ, will we in humble adoration proclaim My God, thou art great!

PWPP

Sept 21, 2013 Fall Gathering Location and Time to be announced. Everyone is welcome to attend Presbytery PW events.

Synod of the Trinity PW

June 7-8 Southwest Regional Meeting
Jumonville Christian Camp & Retreat Center, Hopwood, PA
Luella Broe, Moderator

**P.W. MEETING
Sunday, May 19
following worship in the
Gathering Place**



P.W. Thank You...

Thank you to everyone who supported the Presbyterian Women's April Flea Market through donations, volunteering, and/or purchases! With everyone's help, we raised about \$1000 for PW's mission endeavors.



Just a brief update from our music ministry...first, we're trying something new in worship. The spot in the service where we've traditionally had the Gathering Song is now being replaced with a "praise song," or one in a style you would typically hear on an Emerging Sunday. This request came from several members, so rather than adding a song (and a few more minutes!) to the service, we're making what was a choir-led or choir-only song after the Passing of the Peace into a song for everyone to join in together. So, sing out and with spirit!

As summer approaches, we typically try different things in worship. If you have a musical gift you'd like to share during our service, or have ideas of different types of worship we might explore, let me or one of the worship team members (Pastor Michael, Sunny, Lorraine, Marcia, Lisa) know so we can discuss it at our May 12 meeting.

Finally, the new hymnals will be coming in over the summer. Keep watch for the change in the pew racks...you won't see "red" or "blue" in the bulletin anymore, because all we'll have will be purple (kind of ironic that mixing red and blue makes purple, huh?) See you in church!

Shaun Cloonan, *minister of music*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 Bible Study	2 3:45 FROGS	3 8:00 AA	4
5	6 7:00 Scouts	7 10:00 Tuesday's Group 3:45 FROGS 7:00 AA 7:00 Deacon Mtg.	8 7:00 Bible Study	9 3:45 FROGS	10 5:00 AA's anniversary party	11
12 Blanket Sunday Muffins for Mom	13 7:00 Scouts	14 10:00 Tuesday's Group 3:45 FROGS 7:00 AA	15 7:00 Bible Study	16 3:45 FROGS 7 p.m. Grief Group	17 8:00 AA	18 9AM Church Clean up Day
19 11:00 Emerging Worship 12:15 P.W. Mtg. (GP)	20 7:00 Scouts	21 10:00 Tuesday's Group 3:45 FROGS 7:00 Session 7:00 AA	22 7:00 Bible Study	23 3:45 FROGS	24 8:00 AA	25
26 12:15 Memorial Day Observance	27 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 Scouts	28 10:00 Tuesday's Group 3:45 FROGS 7:00 AA	29 7:00 Bible Study	30 3:45 FROGS	31 8:00 AA	

PITTSBURGH PIRATES



PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY NIGHT At PNC Park



VS.



Come support the choir as they perform the **NATIONAL ANTHEM** during the Pirates pregame ceremony! If your church is interested in participating, please contact Cathy Nelson at **412.697.9210** or cnelson@pghpresbytery.org

Friday, June 14th @ 7:05 PM

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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