



Reaching Out

newsletter of east liberty presbyterian church July 2009

Courtyard Worship

Sundays in July and August, at 10 am



Join us as we continue our practice of holding the 10 am, Sunday worship service in our church courtyard. This allows us to gather in a wonderful space to enjoy the beauty of God's creation, as we sing and offer praise to the Lord.

The Session is aware that there are concerns about outdoor services and that the courtyard is not fully accessible. To accommodate these needs, the service will be projected

on the screen in the third floor Music Room, which is near the elevator.

Our hope is that you'll bring a friend, come early, and get a good seat! Remembering to be faithful in year-round worship attendance is a mark of a healthy church member!

John Calvin Anniversary



Portrait by Titian (Tiziano Vecellio)

On July 10, 1509, John Calvin—the foremost leader and shaper of Presbyterianism—was born in Noyon, France. Raised a staunch Roman Catholic, he became the voice of the Reformation, both in Switzerland and throughout Europe. His *Institutes of the Christian Religion* laid the intellectual foundation beneath the earlier work of Martin Luther to ensure that this “reforming” of the Christian Church would continue to bear fruit for generations.

Calvin's legacy is especially seen in our Presbyterian emphasis on education. In his day, he established schools for the children and youth of Geneva, and taught scripture and theology, grounding all he did upon God's Word. Calvin didn't see economics

and social justice as extraneous addenda to the gospel, but as being central to the work of the church. For him, theology and ethics are as closely intertwined as faith and life.

As we celebrate the 500th birthday of our denomination's principal architect and founder, may we learn more about this important church leader and, following Calvin's example, forever seek to grow in both the knowledge and love of God.

Sunday Morning Services

* Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Good Samaritan Worship • 8 am

Liturgist: Don Breitbarth

July 5* To Be Determined

July 12 The Rev. Fred Kameru, Chaplain, Children's Hospital

July 19 Carolyn Russ, ELPC member

July 26 The Rev. J. Howard Cherry, honorably retired United Methodist Minister

Courtyard Worship • 10 am

July 5* The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

July 12 The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

July 19 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

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Koinonia Service of Praise

Second Sunday of each month • 7 pm

July 12 Brian Diebold

Holy Ground Service

Third Sunday, March-November • 6 pm

Held in the Garth, Weather Permitting

July 19 The Rev. James Davidson

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

Mondays • 10 am-3 pm

Wednesdays • 10 am-9 pm

Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesdays • 7 pm

The Rev. Christiane Dutton

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Pastoral Message

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, Pastor



Consider these two short biographies:

1: Born in 1830, she was the daughter of a strict Calvinist father. Had a shy disposition and frail health, but was a talented writer, musician and gardener. Apart from one trip to Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia, she did not travel much beyond her home in Amherst, Mass. By her late 20s, she lived in almost complete seclusion, only speaking to most visitors from behind slightly-open doors. Less than a dozen of her poems were published during her lifetime. Died of kidney disease in 1886, at the age of 55.

2: Born in 1874 and died in 1963, at the age of 88. One marriage, six children. Fairly poor when young. Involved in farming and, later, teaching jobs in various schools. Not much traveling until late in his life; he mostly resided in New England. Said Joseph Brodsky: "If biography accounts for poetry, this one should have resulted in none."

What qualifies as a good life? We often put a lot of emphasis on the height, breadth, and length of a person's life. We list off their accomplishments in résumés and obituary notices, telling of the heights they conquered through perseverance and hard work. We describe the far-reaching influences of people through noting the breadth of lives they touched in a wide range of settings. We celebrate the longevity of their lives, especially when the length exceeds 70 or 80 years. Those are all admirable traits and are well worth noting.

However, a fourth dimension is lacking in the above summary. A good life is usually one marked by an exceptional depth. Depth in life may be hard to measure, but, like good art, you know it when you encounter it. It involves a grounded spirit and a trustworthy character. It involves a willingness to commit for the long haul, to see things through to the end. It's similar to a swimming hole in which it's safe to dive in deeply, a beloved spot in which waves and turbulence are rarely present. It's a personal interior, rich in treasures and wisdom from whose storehouse others benefit by receiving advice, counsel, and inspiration.

Depth can be found in people who never travel very far in their lives, who never gain widespread fame or ascend to peaks of popularity in the world's eyes. It's primarily a spiritual quality. It's most commonly found in people at peace with themselves and with others, people active in prayer and quick to say "Thank You," and people committed to leaving the world a bit better for their having walked upon this earth for a brief span of time. To aspire to lead a life of depth is a holy and a precious thing.

By the way, the biographies summarized above are of the American poets Emily Dickinson and Robert Frost. After her death, a trove of over 1,700 poems was found in Dickinson's trunks, securing her place as a preeminent American poet. Frost, the only poet to win four Pulitzer Prizes, harvested from his quiet New England life a rich array of verse that still inspires and touches lives today. Lives of depth, indeed.

"Earth's the right place for love: I don't know where it's likely to go better."
- *Birches*, by Robert Frost)

"Who has not found the heaven below will fail of it above."
- Emily Dickinson

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Pastoral Message

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"God's residence is next to mine, His furniture is love."

- Emily Dickinson

Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 2:4,5) If we're to take all of these poems seriously, then let us seek to lead lives of depth.



Session News

At the recent Session meeting, the elders conducted the following:

- It was noted with joy that in the first half of the year, we have celebrated **9** baptisms, 4 of which were adult baptisms; and the church has welcomed **26** new members and friends!
- An opportunity for congregation members to stay informed about our church's finances was provided following worship on Sun., June 28. It remains a commitment of the Session to maintain awareness of the need to reduce our dependence on ELPC's endowment resources.
- Session will not meet in August.

Sermon Series

Sundays, July 19 and 26

One of the most vexing topics for the church today is that of human sexuality. Too often, a few scripture verses are taken out of context and used as weapons to harm and diminish the church as the Body of Christ. Believing that it is important to speak faithfully on this subject, Pastor Randy will present a two-week Sunday sermon series:

July 19: S-E-X and Being God's Child

July 26: S-E-X and Being God's Family

Re-examining some difficult passages from I Corinthians 6 and Romans 1, this sermon series seeks to present a fuller exposition of the God-given gifts reflected in our human sexuality and loving relationships. Please join us for these important conversations.

Fellowship: A Time to Enrich Our Faith

Gathering after worship to chat, share snacks, or sign-up for church events, is a tradition at ELPC. Fellowship is an opportunity to deepen our relationships with one another and with God, the one who calls us together as the body of Christ. In light of these goals, several changes will be implemented beginning in July.

- All fellowship times will offer beverages, with the first and third Sundays also offering snacks including healthy options.
- Each fellowship time will have two or more hosts who will assist in purchasing and setting out the food and beverages. They also will welcome new members and visitors in attendance.
- Members are invited to underwrite the cost of these fellowship events with a donation of \$40. This sponsorship will be noted in the bulletin. Donations should be clearly labeled for "Fellowship" when sent to the church office.
- Donating food items is another way to help. Call Amanda Nolan, at **412.441.3800 x34**, to sign up for specific Sundays.

More information is available in the church bulletins. We appreciate your support of this effort to encourage deeper experiences of hospitality at ELPC.

Wil Forrest: What the Future Holds



After four years of part-time and then full-time enrollment at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, ELPC Deacon Wil Forrest has graduated with a Masters of Arts degree. A study of the Social Gospel was his senior area of focus as he compared and contrasted the theology and works of Walter Rauschenbusch to those of Martin Luther King, Jr.; Gustavo Gutierrez; and, ultimately, Jesus Christ. During his time at PTS, he participated in mission trips to Haiti, Israel/Palestine and Mexico with the World Mission Initiative.

Last September, Wil began working as the Youth Director at Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church, in Green Tree. In the winter he began a young adult ministry engaging the 20-and 30-somethings in the life of the church. Currently, his work at Wallace Memorial will continue his previous ministries, while also leading the mission efforts for the congregation. Wil plans to continue to seek ways to serve God and God's people through this sort of service at Wallace Memorial, ELPC, Pittsburgh and beyond.

Hope Academy

Linda Addlespurger, Director

Fall Term Begins in September

Hope Academy of Music and the Arts' fall term course brochures, registration forms and Discover the Talent Scholarship applications are available at www.HopeAcademy.info. The deadline for scholarship applications is **Sat., Aug. 15**.

Hope Academy offers a combination of free and tuition-based courses and private lessons for children and youth from age 4-18, here at ELPC. Whether your child likes to sing, dance, act, play an instrument or create art in an open studio, there is something for everyone! This year we're forming a new Community Engagement Orchestra for students and their families, under the direction of Alia Musica's Federico Garcia.

An exciting year is planned! Submit a registration form as soon as possible!



Hope Academy students were honored to perform with Peter Yarrow (from the group Peter, Paul and Mary) at the Young At Heart luncheon, held in June. Musical theater students sang the song "Don't Laugh At Me" with an ensemble of instrumental students and their teachers. Mark Steidl, from his wheelchair, added his own computerized voice and Deshawn Ballard put an East Liberty spin on a verse that he rapped.



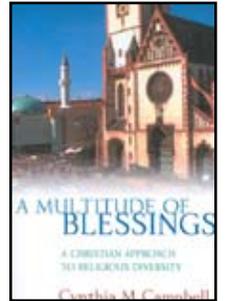
Christian Education in July

Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries

CONTEMPORARIES CLASS *Facilitators: Joe Kennedy and Mary Alice Lightle*

July 5-26: **Multitude of Blessings**, led by Joe Kennedy and Mary Alice Lightle

Join us in the second floor Parlor from 9:15-9:50 am, for a summer session around Dr. Cynthia M. Campbell's book, "A Multitude of Blessings." How do Christians who trust in God and follow Jesus Christ in their daily lives, who believe that religious beliefs really do "matter," and who want to treat people of all religious backgrounds with respect, account for the existence and vitality of the world's religions? A noted Christian scholar put it this way: "How does one account theologically for the fact of humanity's religious diversity? We explain the fact that the Milky Way is there by the doctrine of creation, but how do we explain the fact that the Bhagavad Gita is there?" We'll explore these questions.



July 5: **At the Name of Jesus**

July 12-19: **Everywhere That We Can Be: The Holy Spirit & Religious Diversity**

July 26: **A Wideness in God's Mercy**

PARENTING CIRCLE *Facilitators: Frances Irvin and Anne Jackson*

July 19: **Mini-Retreat**, sponsored by the Parenting Circle

Join us from 7:30 am-9:50 am, for a quiet mini-retreat. Be refreshed and renewed. Our time will include prayer, guided meditations, creative response, and an opportunity to walk the labyrinth. Childcare and children's breakfast will be provided.

Attendance is limited to 20 participants. To RSVP or for questions, call Gloria Knopp, at **412.441.3800 x22**, before Wed., July 15.

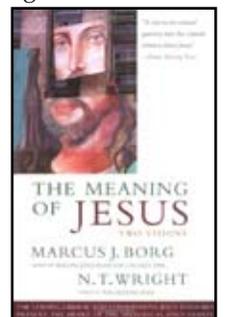
SEEKERS *Facilitators: Seekers Steering Committee*

Summer Reading List

As you relax this summer by the pool or in your backyard and are looking for something to read, why not select one of the books we'll be studying this fall?

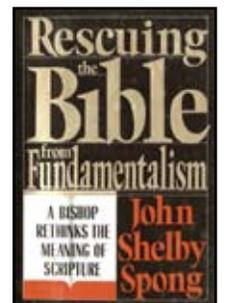
"**The Meaning of Jesus**" by Marcus J. Borg and N. T. Wright

Was Jesus born of a virgin? Did he know he was the Messiah? Was he bodily resurrected from the dead? Did he intentionally die to redeem humankind? In this book, two leading Jesus scholars with widely divergent views go right to the heart of these questions, presenting the opposing visions of Jesus that shape our faith today. Marcus Borg, the most popular revisionist voice on Jesus and a member of the Jesus Seminar; and N. T. Wright, the most prominent standard-bearer for the traditional stance and an outspoken critic of the Jesus Seminar, present their views of who Jesus was, what he taught, and what he did.



"**Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism: A Bishop Rethinks the Meaning of Scripture**" by Dr. John Spong

Dr. John Shelby Spong is a retired bishop of the Episcopal Church Diocese of Newark, N.J. He makes his case against the dangers of a literal interpretation of the Bible. He uses biblical scholarship and his love of scripture to bring his interpretation of the Bible's messages. Dr. Spong says that it is time to assert what the Bible can mean to present and future generations.



Youth and Young Adult Events

Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries

YOUTH MINISTRIES

July 15-19: Local Summer Mission Trip – Break the Illusion

ELPC youth will serve right here at home for our annual Mission Trip! We'll begin our journey on **Wed. July 15**, at 7 pm, and conclude with the 10 am, worship on **Sun., July 19**. We'll be joined by youth from Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church, in Green Tree. Our theme for this summer is **Break the Illusion**. Sometimes we grow so comfortable with our day-to-day routine that we miss out on things like:



- Hidden treasures around us,
- Needs of those we pass by every day, and
- Insights and ideas of someone who is different from us,
- Gifts we have to offer.

Yet God calls us to service, challenging our perspective on things! As Christ challenged the disciples to stretch their definition of "neighbor" (Luke 10:25-37), He so challenges us! As the disciples on the road to Emmaus became aware of Christ in their midst when they extended hospitality to the stranger (Luke 24:31), we too pray that our eyes will be opened to God with us.

By sticking close to home we'll learn more about Pittsburgh, its unique gifts and struggles. Through service, worship and fun, we'll broaden our definition of community, and strive to dispel some of the myths we cling to about our own neighborhoods and neighbors. We'll serve with Open Hand Ministries, rehabbing homes in Pittsburgh's East End, spend time with local Social Service Ministries, and enjoy Kennywood from a different perspective!

ELPC youth interested in attending must:

- Have completed grades 8-12,
- Hope to have fun helping others,
- Have completed at least three service projects with the church (See Pastor Heather if you're unsure.).
- Are active in ELPC's congregational life and/or youth programs,
- Have a desire to serve God and their neighbor, and

Notes: There'll be one (required) training session on **Sun., July 5**, immediately following the 10 am, worship service, until 1:30 pm, in Room 51. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Pastor Heather by **Sun., July 5**. A registration/permission form is required. All youth are expected to participate in the entire trip, and will not be permitted to leave for outside events. Cost for the trip is **\$150/person**; scholarships are available.

August 2-8: Trinity Youth Conference – Always Loved



TYC is a week-long event for high school youth (who've completed grade 9) and college-age young adults, sponsored by the Synod of the Trinity. TYC focuses on spiritual and leadership development, discipleship and evangelism through daily worship, small group activities, and workshops. It's held each year at Camp Living Waters, in Shellsburg Pa. TYC is a place where young people can grow closer to God and take a break from their busy lives to see how God is working in their midst. Pastor Heather will be the Worship Leader for this year's conference. Join youth from throughout the Synod for a time of worship and fun this summer.

Registration forms are available on the Youth Ministry Bulletin Board and on the CE table, or register online at www.trinityyouthconference.org. Contact Pastor Heather for scholarships and transportation details!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Those in their 20's and 30's are invited to join our warm and dynamic group for faith and fellowship! Visit us on MySpace, and find us on Facebook as well!

July 5-26: Summer Sunday School Series: Spiritual Gifts

What counts as a spiritual gift? How do we discern what gifts we have? Join us on Sunday mornings at 9 am, in the second floor Pastor's Conference Room, as we take up these questions and more!

July 25: 80's Murder (aka Witness to the Resurrection) Mystery Dinner, at 6 pm

Members of the 20's and 30's group are invited to an evening of dinner, intrigue, and 80's nostalgia at the home of Brian Diebold. Full costumes and melodramatic acting are encouraged. Characters must be assigned in advance so please RSVP to bdiebold@pts.edu, by **Sun., July 12**. Join us as we figure out whodunit! Carpooling is available.

So You Think You Can't Sing

Thursdays, from 7-8 pm



Says who? Are you someone who says, "Oh, no thanks, I can't sing," when someone asks you to join the Chancel Choir? Then who is making that wonderful sound during worship?

The best way to find out if you can sing is to come to a Thursday evening choir rehearsal. Gather with a group of singers who are at various talent levels. You may find yourself sitting beside another voice that encourages you and your voice!

You're invited to join us on Thursday evenings, at 7 pm, in the third floor Music Room. Spend an hour with the Chancel Choir and discover something about yourself that you never knew!

Calling All Instrumentalists

Summer is a wonderful time to have some musical fun. Do you play an instrument, or would you like to brush up on your skills? Would you like to play in a small ensemble and meet other instrumentalists?



If so, call Dr. Szeremany, at **412.441.3800 x24**, to be added to the Summer Instrumentalist list and receive all the news for our group!

Classes After Taizé Prayer

The Rev. Christiane Dutton, Minister of Taizé Prayer

Note: Classes begin at 8:15 pm.

July 1: Organ Recital, led by *Jennifer Gorske*

Jennifer Gorske, organ student of Rev. Dr. J. Richard Szeremany and member of the Taizé music leadership team, will present a *free* organ recital in the Chapel. Works include Bach, Buxtehude, Vierne, Pergolesi and Rinck. All are welcome to come hear this awesome and versatile instrument!

July 8: Hebrew Chant, led by *David Goldstein*

David is a composer of Hebrew chant and sacred choral works, the leader of the Tikkun Chant Circle, and a graduate of the Kol Zimra Chant Leadership Training Program. No prior knowledge of singing, chanting, or Hebrew is necessary!

July 15: Church Tour, led by *Marti Moore*

Note: Please wear closed-back shoes.

July 22: Sharing Our Gifts

Bring your poems, writings, songs, music, and art to share with others.

July 29: Celebrations!

Do you celebrate a birthday, milestone or anniversary in July? Write it down and put it in the collection plate! We'd like to celebrate with you!

Spiritual Life

Dr. Lois M. Lang, Associate in Ministry for Spiritual Life

Let's Get Ready for Christmas!

We are excited about our 2009 Christmas project, a Chrismon tree! We'll decorate it with ornaments made by members and friends of ELPC.

The symbols used represent a variety of biblical and theological concepts that are well known among most believers. Chrismon ornaments are white and gold, decorated with beads, ribbon, glitter, etc. Common examples include crowns, crosses, doves, stars, and butterflies.

We are organizing those who are interested based on types of ornaments:

- Counted cross-stitch symbols (2 ¼ x 2 ¼ inches)
- Three-dimensional wire and bead designs

Materials will be supplied and classes will be offered. Anyone interested should call **412.441.3800** and speak with Kate Carlson, at **x17**, or Lois Lang, at **x41**.

"Big Tent" Conference

The Presbyterian Church (USA) sponsored a "Big Tent" Conference, from June 11-13, in Atlanta, Ga. This event brought together people from the National Multicultural Conference, National Elders Conference, Peacemaking Conference, Presbyterian Health, Education and Welfare Association, Racial Ethnic Convocation, and many other groups. Attending from ELPC were the Revs. Patrice Fowler-Searcy and Randy Bush and elder Richard Headley.



Health Ministry

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy, Staff Representative

No-Cost Summer Activities



Summer is an opportune time to maintain a healthy, active lifestyle while having a lot of fun.

There are several walking tours; Friday Kids' Play in Market Square; a community bike program for North Shore and South Side trails; museum tours; the Allegheny Observatory; the Jail Museum; free learn-to-swim camps; and much more!

Citiparks has a 60-page magazine describing many of their activities, such as: Cinema in the Park (At Schenley Park, Arsenal Park, Riverview Park [Observatory Hill], and more.); Roving Art Cart (at various parks, playgrounds, and community centers); Storywalk; African Arts in the Park; nearly 50 community festivals; sports programs, camps, and

competitions; summer day camps; senior activities for mind and body; summer food service program (breakfasts, lunches, and snacks for those under age 18); and more! For more information, please visit www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/parks.

Most of these activities are free. Pick up specific information at the Security Desk.

Calling All Graduates

ELPC would like to celebrate the accomplishments of those in our faith family who have completed High School or any Post-Secondary Education. If you or a family member have celebrated a graduation this spring, email the name, degree, and institution attended to Gloria Knopp, at gloriak@coh.net, by **July 1**.

EECM

Summer Food Drive

During summer, families of children who qualify for school breakfast and lunch programs face the cost of providing these meals on limited budgets. The Poverty Committee and the EECM pantry manager ask that we focus our summer offerings on items that can help the pantry provide lunch for children, such as:

- Juice Boxes
- Applesauce
- Graham Crackers
- Fruit Snacks (raisins or other dried fruit)

Please consider bringing any of these items as your Food of the Month donation for July, and August. Donations may be dropped off in the hallway baskets.

Men's Shelter

In ELPC's continuing commitment to the EECM Men's Shelter located in our church, the Deacons are requesting the following donations for July: **deodorant, bar soap, flip flops, and shower shoes**. While the need has remained consistent, donations have declined. We need your help! Please drop donations in the Highland Ave. hallway basket.

Your continued support in the form of donations and of prayer for the Shelter and for the men who stay there is appreciated.



ELPC People

Good News

• Congratulations to **Mikael Epperson** and **Wesley Epperson**, infant sons of Malik Epperson and Daryl Lutz, who were baptized on May 24!

• **Camden Copeland, Sophia Copeland, and Talora Martin** were baptized on May 31. Congratulations!

• Congratulations to **Lora Turner** and **Damon Bethea**, who were married on May 23!

• Also, congratulations to **Stefani Danes** and **Doug Cooper** who were married on May 30!

Thanks

• Presbyterian Women in ELPC would like to express our sincere appreciation to those who contributed to the Nets For Mothers program by purchasing Mothers Day cards. You donated **\$1,040** to the program, a substantial increase over last year! The nets go a long way in keeping malaria under control in Africa. Thank you!

• The Deacons wish to thank all those who helped make the Young at Heart Luncheon a success. Thanks go to **Chef Jay** and his staff for a great meal served by ELPC youth: **China** and **Corey Brooks, Clarisa Reese, Chanteera Blackshear, Nelse Dumas, Jamal Williams, Demetrius Dorsey, and La'Vashia Johnson**. Thanks also go to the **Hope Academy Musicians and Singers**. Thank you to the children of the extended session for making nametags for the seniors. We could not have done it without our church staff: **Norma Meyer, Amanda Nolan, the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy, Tim Benedict, Wayne Gaines, and Anthony Williams**. Also, a special thanks goes to **Peter Yarrow** for donating his time and talent for our entertainment.

Prayers

• Our prayers are with the family and friends of **Dave Burns**, who passed away on May 27. Dave served as a member of ELPC's security.





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"...inviting all to join our diverse, inclusive family of faith, transcending boundaries of race, class, ability, culture, age, gender and sexual identity to become one in Christ."

Summer Music Concert

Sun., July 19, at 2 pm



Exciting, spiritual, and talented Christian music performers, Marsha Stevens and Justin Ryan will bring their music ministry to ELPC!

Marsha is the famed composer of the first contemporary Christian hymn, "For Those Tears I Died." In addition to touring fulltime, she shares the story of her struggles as a lesbian Christian and offers her gifts and talents with artists wishing to minister to the GLBT community. Justin has been recognized for his ability to sing any style of Christian music, and also shares his personal journey of faith and life. They will perform individually and together, and share songs of faith from a range of musical styles.

ELPC's Journey Praise Team also will perform a few of their favorite songs. The concert is *free*. Stay for light refreshments. For information on Marsha and Justin, visit www.balmministries.net and www.justinryanonline.com.

Photos Courtesy Mark Moseley



Presbytery Night with the Pirates

Fri., July 31, at 7:05 pm

Come see the Pirates take on the Washington Nationals. A portion of the ticket sales support the mission of Pittsburgh Presbytery. Tickets must be purchased from the Pirates box office by **Fri., July 24**. Remember to mention Pittsburgh Presbytery Night with the Pirates. See you at the ballpark!



Photo Courtesy Wikipedia

Offices Closed: Church offices will be closed on **Fri., July 3**, and **Sat., July 4**, in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.