



## Statements of Faith

On Pentecost Sunday, May 19, seven high school youth who participated in ELPC's Confirmation Class joined our congregation as adult members through Baptism and/or Profession of Faith during our 11 am worship. These youth participated in a year-long process of

learning, service, worship and fellowship as they sought to deepen their relationship with God and discern God's call for them.

Each youth wrote a personal *Statement of Faith*, sharing their unique understanding of God, and how God has been at work in their lives. Throughout this issue of *Reaching Out*, you will find excerpts from their *Statements of Faith*. We rejoice that God has called these amazing, gifted young people to our congregation: **Jaszmier Branch, Jason Ferrante, Keith Irvin, Taylor Lewand, Rony Perez, Jordan Pollard, and Mark Steidl.**

## Youth Sunday

On **Sun., June 2**, we will celebrate Youth Sunday during our Worship Service at 11 am. Our Senior High youth will write the liturgy and lead our service. The graduating seniors will share their faith stories with us, and we will pray for them as they begin the next step in their life's journey. Please join us for this special time of worship together!

## ELPC Welcomes the Rev. R. Drew Smith

ELPC is pleased to welcome the Rev. R. Drew Smith as the guest preacher for our Sanctuary Worship service on **Sun., June 23**.



Dr. Smith is the new professor of urban ministry at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. As a social scientist and clergyman, he has been the scholar-in-residence at the Leadership Center at Morehouse College and the co-convenor of the Transatlantic Roundtable on Religion and Race. He has taught at numerous universities, including Indiana, Emory, Case Western, and New York Theological Seminary, and has served as a Fulbright Professor at the University of Pretoria in South Africa.

## Sunday Morning Services

\* *Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

### Good Samaritan Worship • 8 am

*Liturgist: Peter Murray*

- June 2\* Rev. Don Dawson, *Director, World Mission Initiative*
- June 9 Rev. Michael H. Smith, *M.A.R., C.P.C., Destiny International Ministries*
- June 16 Mr. Ammon Ripple, *Community Relations Director, EECM*
- June 23 *To be announced*
- June 30 *To be announced*

### Journey Worship • 8:45 am

June 2\* Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### Sanctuary Worship • 11 am

June 2\* Youth Sunday

### Sanctuary Worship • 10 am

- June 9 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
- June 16 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
- June 23 Rev. R. Drew Smith
- June 30 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

### Labyrinth Prayer Walk

*Mondays • 7 am–1 pm*  
*Wednesdays • 9 am–9 pm*

### Taizé Prayer Service

*Wednesdays • 7 pm*  
Rev. Christiane Dutton

*"Through faith, I believe that God is the Creator of everything, the father, the Holy Spirit and the Glory. I believe in God and in His son, our savior Jesus, who came to earth to become one of us, taught us God's word and then gave His life for all the humanity (us) on the cross." – Rony Perez*

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### Reaching Out Newsletter

*Reaching Out* is a monthly publication of East Liberty Presbyterian Church and is free to members and friends. Deadlines are the first Thursday of the preceding month.

## Pastoral Message

*The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, Pastor*



When I was in seminary, a Korean classmate named Paul Huh and I had the opportunity to travel to Seoul and visit several large Presbyterian churches there. Soon after we arrived, I had dinner at Paul's home. We sat cross-legged on the floor at the low table that was laden with lots of ceramic bowls brimming over with Korean specialties, surrounded by a dozen of Paul's relatives. The combination of being jet-lagged and relatively inexperienced with chopsticks meant that many of my efforts to retrieve food from the bowls ended unsuccessfully—dropped dumplings, slopped noodles, shrimp and vegetables bouncing everywhere. In an effort to help me, those near me kept sliding the bowls closer to where I was sitting, until before long, most of the entrees were all clustered around my end of the table!

As I remember that scene from 25 years ago, I am struck by a fundamental distinction between communal Asian meals and our more individualistic American-style dining. In this country we go to restaurants as a group and typically receive individual entrees. You may glance at what your neighbor is having, but it is frowned upon to reach across and spear something off their plate without asking. Even though everyone is eating together, the food that is consumed is, in effect, eaten alone.

Imagine if an Asian understanding of communal meals could be extended into our common life. Don't we believe that all people have an equal right to clean air—to safe water—to enjoy public parks and green spaces? That's not hard to accept. We each freely breathe in air or drink water or walk among trees in our city, and we do not begrudge those same rights for others. In fact, we would be concerned if others were arbitrarily being refused air, water, or access to public parks.

But can other things be added to this communal model? Don't we hope that every child receives a good education? Don't we wish for every person to have access to doctors and medicine that will keep them healthy? Don't we desire for everyone to feel safe and that they can contribute their work for the betterment of all? It's sad that as soon as topics like education, health care, and employment are raised, we begin to qualify our answers or point out the reasons why people don't receive these things equally. We make excuses and often shrug our shoulders as if that is simply the way things are.

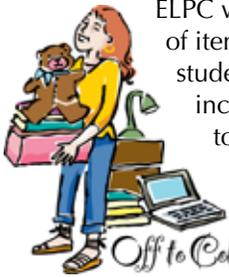
Remember that Jesus' very first sermon opened with words from the prophet Isaiah, in which Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor." We are the poor in many ways. We are the ones Jesus was talking to and talking about. And ultimately, much of what he proclaimed can be captured in the image of a table around which all are welcome, fed, and equally valued as children of God. So picture an Asian banquet or perhaps a communion table in church. Picture what things you would set on that table for all to enjoy. And pray that what you picture may truly come about. In that moment, the realm of God is truly present in your midst. And that is good news!

*Randy Bush*

"Seeing God as the healer and the forgiver is the most powerful image of God." – Jason Ferrante

## Off to College Kit

Each year, East End Cooperative Ministry organizes a supply drive to benefit graduates of their Children and Youth programs who are going to college. This fall, EECM anticipates sending more than 12 students to the halls of higher academia.



ELPC will provide a basket of items for one of the students, which will include dorm sheets, towels, laundry soap, school supplies, etc.

The Neighbors Committee will collect specific items and donations. There will be a table set up before and after worship on **Sun., June 16** and **23**. Please stop by and select an item from the list of supplies, or make a small donation and we will do the shopping for you.

Thanks in advance for any support that you are able to give!

## Save the Date: Family Retreat

Oct. 25–27

Plan on joining us for a Church Family Retreat for persons of all ages at Crestfield Camp and Conference Center in Slippery Rock, Pa. Keep a look out for more info.



## Still Haven't Registered for VCS?

It's not too late to register for VCS, *Breathe It In: God Gives Life!* We welcome campers age 3½ (who turned 3 by Jan. 1, 2013) through grade 5. Registration forms are located on the CE Bulletin Boards (white forms) or at [www.CathedralOfHope.org](http://www.CathedralOfHope.org). The registration deadline is **Sat., June 15**.



### Volunteers Still Needed!

Do you enjoy sharing God's love through song and story? Are you gifted in team building through recreation? Do you like to share God's hospitality by setting out snacks or visiting with children during our lunchtime together?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, prayerfully consider serving as a volunteer for our VCS program. Youth in grades 6–12, and adults of all ages, are invited to serve for as little as three hours or as much as the whole week in a variety of roles. We need: teachers, shepherds (helpers who assist and travel with each class to make sure the kids travel smoothly through their day), recreation leaders, snack crew, craft assistants, special event leaders, and more!

Please complete a volunteer registration form (the yellow form located on the CE Bulletin Boards or on our ELPC web page) and return it to Pastor Heather or Gloria Knopp. Any volunteer age 18 or older must have current Act 33/34 clearances and Pa. Criminal Background check. ELPC will process and pay for your clearances, but the completed forms must be turned in to Gloria Knopp. (The forms are stapled to the back of the registration forms).

### Volunteer Training Sessions

Held in Room 244

#### Adults

Adult volunteers must attend one of two training sessions: **Sun., June 16**, at 9 am, or **Sun., June 23**, at 11:15 am. If you're unable to make either of these sessions, contact Pastor Heather.

#### Youth

Youth volunteers must attend training following worship on **Sun., June 23**.

### Unable to Volunteer? Make a Donation!

If you are unable to volunteer, but would like to support VCS by making a donation, stop by the Bulletin Board by the main stairs and take a tag on **Sun., June 2** and **9**.

## Farmers' Market

The Garfield Community Farm is conducting a farmers' market every Wednesday, June through Sept., from 3–7 pm, at Valley View Church (601 N. Aiken Ave.). Stop by for fresh produce grown in the farm fields!

The farm also is offering weekday work opportunities each Thursday, from 5 pm–dusk. The evening concludes with a liturgical evening prayer time at the spiral garden.

For more information, contact John Creasy at **412.979.7764** or [garfieldcommunityfarm@gmail.com](mailto:garfieldcommunityfarm@gmail.com).



A new Bioshelter Greenhouse is being built at Garfield Community Farm!

"I am not ashamed of the Gospel, and I seek to keep the example and teaching of Jesus as the core of all I do." – Jordan Pollard

## Teacher Appreciation

Throughout the school year, many gifted, loving men and women have shepherded persons of all ages along their faith journey as Church School teachers. With dedication, preparation, and prayer, our talented teachers have faithfully offered their time and talent in service to God and others.

As our Church School year comes to a close, we give thanks for all those who have served in this vital ministry of our church. On **Sun., June 2**, our last day of Church School for the summer, we will celebrate the ministry of our Church School teachers as part of our Worship Service at 11 am.

We thank God for: **Sherry Anderson, Linda Benedict, Damon Bethea, Valire Copeland, Sara Hackett, Joe Hajdu, Carol Hoehn, Jan Irvin, Bill Johnson, Mary Ruth Johnson, Vanessa Johnson,**



**Joe Kennedy, Mary Alice Lightle, Roberta**

**London, Joyce Martinelli, Nicole Molinaro-Karaczun, Judy Menk, Nancy Patton, Jan Pressman, Gwen Puza, Kay Shissler, Pam Walaski, Candess Ward, Eddie Willson, Jen Willson, and Candice Zawoiski.**

"God created everything and set up all of the laws of nature that the fundamental particles of physics follow, which in turn allowed humans to evolve from other species after the first life was formed." – Keith Irvin

# Christian Education

*The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries*

**Note:** Classes begin at 9:45 am. **Sun., June 2**, is our last day for classes until fall.

## Contemporaries Class *Second Floor Parlor*

*Facilitators: Joe Kennedy and Mary Alice Lightle*

### **June 2: Value Preparation as a Way to Honor God** *Led by Joe Kennedy*

If you do what you can do, then God will do what you cannot do. Crafting the proper desires to be adequately prepared by God is a learned endeavor. Our thoughts, our words, and our deeds are brought into compliance as we undergo a transformation centered around the instruction of Jesus Christ. Preparation is an area that we tend to take for granted. We must learn to bring more care and nurture into this process. May your preparation become more productively intentional.

## Journey with Scripture *Second Floor Library; Facilitator: Jan Irvin*

*"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" –*

Galatians 1:3. This greeting from Paul's letter can be read as both a kind farewell to the past nine months of reading and reflecting on scripture together in our small group, and also as an encouraging send-off for the upcoming summer. In Christ may we all experience such abiding love.

**June 2:** 1 Kings 18:20–21, 30–39; Psalm 96; Galatians 1:1–12; Luke 7:1–10

## Parenting Circle *Harambe Room; Facilitator: Pam Walaski*

### **June 2: Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

## Seekers *Room 234; Facilitator: Gwen Puza*

### **June 2: The History of Bells** *Led by Jim Cover*

Church bells have always been a part of our culture. Hear how bells are made, how they differ from one another, and the role they have played in our culture.

## Soul Food *Pastor's Conference Room; Facilitator: Joe Hajdu*

### **June 2: General Discussion and Review**

We will review Richard Rohr's book, *Things Hidden—Scripture as Spirituality*.

## Youth Classes

### **Junior High** (grades 6–8) *Room 341*

Curriculum: "Feasting on the Word"

### **Senior High** (grades 9–12) *Room 343*

Curriculum: "We Believe"

## Children's Classes

### **Young Children's Ministry/Infants–age 2** *Nursery*

Curriculum: "Wee Children at Church"

### **Pre-school/Ages 3–5** *Room 240*

Curriculum: "Gospel Light"

### **Kindergarten and Grade 1** *Room 336*

Curriculum: "Godly Play"

### **Grades 2–3** *Room 338*

Curriculum: "Godly Play"

### **Grades 4–5** *Room 335*

Curriculum: "Seasons of the Spirit"

# Youth Ministry

Sara Hackett, Coordinator for Christian Education and Youth Ministry

**Contact Us:** For more information on activities for youth and tweens (grades 4–6) or to be added to our mailing list, please call Gloria Knopp at **412.441.3800 x22**.



## Trinity Youth Conference

TYC is a week-long event for high school youth and college-age young adults that focuses on spiritual and leadership development, discipleship, and evangelism through daily worship, small group activities, and various workshops. This year's theme is *You Are Not Alone*. The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, Sara Hackett, and Paige Shoemaker (ELPC member) are involved as adult leaders and would love to talk with youth and parents about the conference.

TYC will be from **Sun., July 28–Aug. 3**, at Living Waters Camp and Conference Center in Shellsburg, Pa. For details, visit [www.trinityyouthconference.org](http://www.trinityyouthconference.org).



## Summer Camps at Crestfield

Crestfield in Slippery Rock, Pa., has a great summer planned for children, youth, and adults, based on the curriculum, *All Things New*. Campers will explore how God makes all things new with creation and community, and leave with a better sense of our divine creator's presence in their lives and the lives of their families, churches, and communities.

Crestfield provides a sacred place to experience an intentional Christian community that challenges you to grow spiritually, physically, emotionally, and socially. Camps included Saddle Up Horse Camp, Pioneer Camping, Canoeing, Music Art and Drama Camp, in addition to their traditional summer camp program. For more information, visit [www.crestfield.net](http://www.crestfield.net).

## Registration/Scholarships

Forms for these summer opportunities are available through Gloria Knopp at **412.441.3800 x22**. Scholarships are awarded as they are requested, so please make your request soon.



Tweens from ELPC recently enjoyed a retreat at Crestfield.

# Young Adult Ministry

Wil Forrest, Coordinator

## Fri., June 7: First Friday at the Garfield Community Farm from 7 pm until dark

We will spend an evening learning about and serving on a reclaimed urban gardening lot with local ministry partner Garfield Community Farm (Cornwall and Wicklow St.). Meet in the ELPC lobby to travel together at 6:30 pm, or meet at the farm at 7 pm. Dress to work in the dirt. Learn more at [www.garfieldfarm.com](http://www.garfieldfarm.com).

## Sun., June 16: Show Your Pride following 10 am Worship

Meet at Highland Circle and we will head down together in the van to march as a church in the annual Pittsburgh LGBTQ Pride March, and show our support for our LGBTQ sisters and brothers. Afterward, we can enjoy the booths and entertainment at PrideFest. Learn more at [www.pittsburghpride.org](http://www.pittsburghpride.org).

## Mon. June 24–28: Vacation Church School daily from 8 am–3 pm

In our summer-long quest to reach out to different age groups, all young adults are encouraged to volunteer during VCS. To volunteer, contact Pastor Heather ASAP.

All YAM hands on deck as we plan and host the kids' afternoon prayer activity from 1–3 pm, on **Thurs., June 27**. Come to the planning meeting at 9 am, on Sun., June 23, in the Pastor's Conference Room, and make sure to attend the required Child Safety Policy training on **Sun., June 16** or **23**, in Room 244.



## What's Happening in July

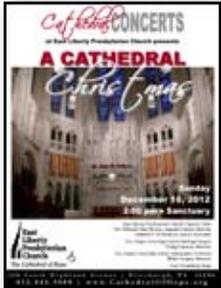
**Fri. July 5: First Friday at Station Street Hot Dog**  
<http://stationstreetpgh.com>.

**Sun., July 14: YAYA Kayak**  
[www.kayakpittsburgh.org](http://www.kayakpittsburgh.org)

**Sat., July 20: An Afternoon at Phipps**  
<http://phipps.conservatory.org>.

## A Cathedral Christmas Available on DVD!

DVDs of the Dec. 16, 2012, presentation of *A Cathedral Christmas* are now available for \$20 each.



Please contact Norma Meyer at [norma@coh.net](mailto:norma@coh.net) or Dr. Ed Moore at [EdM@coh.net](mailto:EdM@coh.net) if you would like to purchase a copy.

## CASA Wants You!

Looking for rewarding volunteer work that uses your professional and interpersonal skills? CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteers speak to the needs of abused and neglected children placed in foster care by Allegheny County Children's Court. Assigned to specific families, they review court records, speak with teachers and social workers, visit foster homes, and

prepare reports used in court hearings. Their reports help judges make informed decisions that are in the child's best interests.



Some 5,000 abused or neglected children have active cases in the Allegheny County Juvenile Court system; 2,200 are living in foster care.

CASA is always looking for volunteers. Learn more about CASA and meet with program staff at one of the open houses it hosts every third Wednesday of the month at their downtown office at 564 Forbes Ave. For more details, call CASA at **412.594.3606** or visit [www.pgh-casa.org](http://www.pgh-casa.org).

"Jesus is God in the flesh: He is Alpha and Omega." – Jazmier Branch

## Classes After Taizé Prayer

*The Rev. Christiane Dutton, Minister of Taizé Prayer*

**Note:** Classes begin at 8:15 pm.

**Wed., June 5: Organ Recital** led by Jennifer Gorske

**Wed., June 12: Music on the Labyrinth** led by Charles Anderson

**Wed., June 19: Writing Workshop** led by Laurie Arnold-McMillan

Walking with the Ecstatic: A writing workshop to explore our experiences with, and yearning for, the ecstatic.

**Wed., June 26: Celebrations!**

If you celebrate a birthday, anniversary or milestone in June, please write it down and put it in the collection basket so we can celebrate with you!

## Spiritual Life

*The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan, Director of Spiritual Life Ministries*

**Sun., June 2: First Sunday Event**

Music, Poetry, Mandalas. Each can be tools for prayer; but what happens when these elements are combined?



Sister Donna Marie Beck will guide us in exploring our spiritual depths and enhance our prayer life using the arts. No musical, artistic or poetic abilities are required! A light lunch will be served. This is our last First Sunday Event until fall!

Sister Donna is a trained spiritual director, professor emeritus of music therapy at Duquesne and professor at the Music Psychotherapy Center.

**Check Out the ELPC Prayer Room**

Have you visited the new ELPC Prayer Room yet? Located in the former Trustees Room, just outside the Sanctuary on the East Transept side, the Prayer Room offers an opportunity for quiet prayer and meditation in the midst of ELPC's busy ministries.

So, whether you stop in for a moment to collect yourself and offer quick prayer or whether you come to sit in extended meditation with God, the Prayer Room is available for you. If the building is open, so is the Prayer Room—a ready witness to what is our essential nature as Christians: a People of Prayer. Come, check it out!



"The Bible reassures me that while God is my great Lord and Savior, He is also my close friend that I can feel comfortable with." – Taylor Lewand

## Hope Academy of Music and the Arts

Linda Addlespurger, Director



**Sat., June 1: Full Bloom** at 7 pm  
HAT Co (Hope Academy's Teen Theater Company) band is performing for the VIP portion of this Benefit Bash for the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater. For more information and ticket prices, please visit [kelly-strayhorn.org/events/fullbloom2013](http://kelly-strayhorn.org/events/fullbloom2013).

**Fri./Sat., June 7/8: Wiley and the Hairy Man**  
**Two FREE Showcase Performances**

*Wiley and the Hairy Man* is a play for young audiences based on a folktale rooted in African folklore. Set in the swamp lands of Louisiana, it is about a young boy named Wiley who sets out for the woods prepared to confront the Hairy Man. The ensemble cast—22 Hope Academy teens—acts, sings, dances and plays instruments (guitar, upright bass, violin, cajon drums and washboard), incorporating traditional bayou blues (Balfa Brothers), contemporary pop/blues fusion (The Civil Wars) with original songs and an environmental soundscape.

**Thurs., June 13: HAT Co Band Rocks it Out** from 5–7 pm

Join us for HAT Co band's final performance of the year. They will perform on the Katz Stage at the Three Rivers Arts Festival.

**Fri., June 7**  
Preview Performance  
7 pm, at ELPC

**Sat., June 8**  
Three Rivers Arts Festival  
4:30 pm, at the Family Stage

## I've been Thinking about Serving, but...

by Wil Forrest, iSERVE Coordinator



- ...I do not have time.
- ...I am not sure what I can do.
- ...I do not want to be stuck serving for years in one role.
- ...Don't we already have enough folks doing that?

Talk with Wil Forrest about your *but*. Serving at ELPC may surprise you. Visit [www.CathedralOfHope.org/about/iSERVE.html](http://www.CathedralOfHope.org/about/iSERVE.html) to learn more!

**Save the Date: Fourth Annual Summer Celebration of Service**

Thurs., Aug. 22, from 5–8 pm

## Calling All Graduates

We rejoice that many from our faith family are graduating from high school, college, and other programs. We wish to celebrate these accomplishments.

Please email your name, degree, and area of study (if applicable) to Gloria at [GloriaK@coh.net](mailto:GloriaK@coh.net) by **Mon., July 1**.

## ELPC People

If you have news to share, call Gloria Knopp at 412.441.3800 x22.

### Good News

- **Soyapi** and **Miriam Mumba** are the proud parents of twin boys, **Ungweru** and **Ulunji Mumba**, born on April 9.
- **Rebecca Maclean** and **Daniel Thompson** are the proud parents of a baby girl, **Brighid Isabel Thompson**, born on May 5.
- Congratulations to **Pepo Mazingi** and his daughter, **Nadine**, who became U.S. citizens in April.
- **Zoe Zielinski**, a Hope Academy student, won the second annual Youth Blues Challenge after impressing the judges with a 20-minute set of original blues songs. She won a cash prize and will represent Western Pa. at the 2014 International Youth Showcase in Memphis, Tenn. You can catch Zoe performing with the HAT Co band at the Three Rivers Arts Festival on Thurs., June 13, from 5–7 pm.



### Prayers

We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of those who recently passed away:

- Holly Thuma's father, Theodore Thuma, who passed away in April.
- Tom and Jamee Todd's niece, Rachel Share, who passed away in April.



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### Circle of Faith

Representatives from the ELPC Justice Committee joined together with sister churches and other organizations to plan an interfaith event for the Greater Pittsburgh Area to demonstrate a public witness to welcome and inclusion of

LGBTQIA persons, their families, and their allies.

All persons who believe that God’s love is inclusive and that all are welcomed in the “family circle” are invited to attend an interfaith Circle of Faith event at Highland Park, the afternoon of **Sun., June 9.**

The Justice Committee will provide a light lunch, but you are welcome to bring your own lunch or something to share. Transportation from the church will be provided (contact Wil Forrest at **Wil@coh.net**).

For more information, contact Carol Chonoska, **724.272.9722**, or search for “Circle of Faith Pittsburgh” on Facebook (or scan the QR code).



### Show Your Support at PrideFest

On **Sun., June 16**, ELPC will once again participate in PrideFest. A shuttle to the Pride March site downtown will be provided, following our 10 am Worship Service. This is a wonderful witness opportunity for us. ELPC has an eight-foot banner that we will carry in the March. We need to have a large group of ELPC members to walk behind the banner, showing the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer community that our church truly stands for radical hospitality. ELPC also will have a booth set up to provide information and answer questions about our church.



*Over 75,000 people lined the streets for PrideFest 2012. This year, more people are expected and there will be 150 vendors, street performers, carnival games, live entertainment and other attractions for the whole family.*

Look for March and Booth volunteer sign-up sheets on the Mission Bulletin Board. Contact Carol Chonoska for more PrideFest information at **724.272.9722**, and Wil Forrest at **Wil@coh.net** to sign up to ride the shuttle.

We need *YOU* to represent ELPC at Pridefest!

*“The Church is...a home, a place to praise together, to help others, to pray for each other, to eat and drink together, to laugh, and to deliver Jesus’ message. The Church is not...a place to fight.” – Mark Steidl*