

WALLACE NEWSLETTER

"SERVING GOD, LOVING ALL"

August Worship- 10:15 a.m.

August 2nd

Readings - Psalm 51: Litany of Confession
Ephesians 4: 1-16: Unity in the Body
Young Disciples Time - *"A Taste of Bread"*
Lesson - John 6: 24-35: The Bread of Heaven
Message - *"The Bread of Presence"*
Sacrament of Communion
Pastor Dennis Molnar

August 9th

Readings - Ephesians 4: 17-24, 5: 1-2
Young Disciples Time - *"New Clothes"*
Lesson - John 6: 35-40
Message - *"The Will From Above and From Within"*
Pastor Dennis Molnar

August 16th

Reading - Psalm 111: Call to Worship
Young Disciples Time - *"Jesus' Food and Table"*
Lesson - John 6: 51-58
Message - *"Table Mysteries"*
Sacrament of Communion
Pastor Sarah Robbins

August 23rd

Readings - Psalm 84: God's House, Ephesians 6: 10-20
Young Disciples Time - *"Choosing our Clothes"*
Lesson - John 6: 60-71
Message - *"The Chosen Choices"*
Pastor Dennis Molnar

August 30th

Reading - James 1: 12-27
Young Disciples Time - *"Hearing and Doing"*
Lesson - Mark 7: 1-8, 14-18
Message - *"The Heart of the Matter"*
Pastor Dennis Molnar

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

August

August 3-7

Art Camp - 9:00am

Friday 8/7

T.R.A.I.L - First Friday
@ Garth - 7:00pm

Sunday 8/9

Congregational
Meeting 10:45am

Tuesday 8/11

Youth Service
Activity - 4:30pm

Wednesday 8/12

Love Your Neighbor -
4:30pm

Saturday 8/22

The Table Service
Event - 8:30am

Sunday 8/23

The Table Lunch at
MadMex - 3:30pm

Friday 8/28

Final Fridays Movie
Night on the Lawn -
8:00pm

Sunday 8/30

Pantry Sunday

Scripture & the ARTS Camp 2015:

You are invited to the exhibition of the students' work from Scripture and the ARTS: Camp 2015 **Friday, August, 7th from 6:30-8:00PM** in our transept. Expect to be delighted!

T.R.A.I.L/Young Adult Ministry

Three Rivers Adult Interdenominational Links and the Young Adult Ministry are two groups out of East Liberty Presbyterian Church. They welcome all adults post high-school through about age 40. They are students, professionals, married, single, partnered, with or without children and from different races, sexual orientations, abilities, and backgrounds and with varied beliefs. They join together to seek to better understand, to worship and serve the Holy, and to engage in mission activities, have fun and socialize! There are many opportunities in the coming months to take part in with T.R.A.I.L and Young Adult Ministry.

August Event: August 7th. First Friday @ the Garth at 7:00pm.

Come enjoy a relaxing evening with friends, food and fire! Bring a side dish or dessert to share; burgers, dogs and drinks provided. We will grill and eat, then have a campfire complete with s'mores and campfire stories & songs. East Liberty Presbyterian Church's Courtyard (Garth) at 116 South Highland Avenue, 15206

Youth Mission Opportunity:

On Tuesday August 11th—from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. we will gather in the kitchen at Wallace to prepare food for St. Mark's Lutheran Church free community meal. Wear clothes you can get messy and bring your culinary skills! SAVE THE DATE—Sunday September 27th—fun event after worship! More info to come!

Love Your Neighbor Event - August 12th:

Fight Back With Joy: Celebrate More. Regret Less. Stare Down Your Greatest Fears by Margaret Feinberg. "When Margaret learned she had cancer, she knew she would need great strength to overcome it. She believed the weapon she selected for the battle would change everything. And she decided that weapon would be joy."

After reading her inspiring book I decided to invest in the accompanying Bible Study to learn how I might use JOY as a tool to live more fully. I asked five friends to join me. Two of the friends, Michele Ehrhart and Wendy Charlton,

are Wallace members. We worked through the Fight Back with Joy workbook for six weeks. With two other friends, we met learning how to “celebrate more, regret less”, to look at the Bible with eyes that focus on living joyfully, staring down our greatest fears, and even looking at those fears as opportunities for growth and sharing.

A member of our Brookline Joy Group belongs to St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brookline. (Do you remember our congregation made soup for their Free Community Dinner?) The Pastor of St. Mark's asked if our small group would be interested in sharing our new joy in living with the folks who come to the weekly gatherings by making dinner for them. We accepted the challenge to make dinner for approximately 75 people on August 12.

Would you like an opportunity to share the joy of living with others by helping with the dinner? As part of a “Love Your Neighbor” event-- if you are interested please contact Mercy Faust at 412-563-2596 or mfaust51@msn.com --if you want to help from 4:30 to around 6:45 p.m.

If you'd like more information about the book/program call Wendy (412-951-2240) or Michele (412-980-5002).

The Table:

The Table is a fellowship and service group for young adults who are members or friends of members at Wallace church. We meet about once a month—for dinner, activities and service opportunities. For the most up to date information on our gatherings, check out our [Facebook](#) page, or contact Pastor Sarah. Please note: the Facebook page is a closed group. But please ask to be added if you are interested in this group!

August Event: Saturday August 22nd we will be serving at “Off the Floor Pittsburgh” a mission at Pittsburgh Presbytery. Wear clothes that can get dirty—and we enjoy lunch together afterwards! We will gather around 8:30 a.m. at Pittsburgh Presbytery 901 Allegheny Avenue (corner of Allegheny & Western Avenues) Pittsburgh, PA 15233. If you want know more about “Off the Floor” check out their website: <http://offthefloorpgh.org/about-us/>

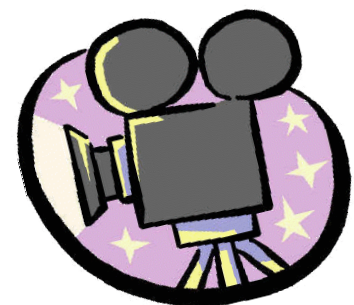
Sunday August 23rd we will meet after worship at Mad Mex for lunch and fall event planning. Bring your calendars!

Final Fridays - Summer Family Movie Nights:

On the last Friday of the summer months, we will gather on the side lawn to enjoy a movie together! Bring your blankets, lawn/camp chairs, and your favorite snacks for yourself. Each Friday we will provide at least one snack and water for everyone. Our July movie night will be on **Friday, August 28th at 8:00 p.m.!** We hope you will join us!

Fall Education Hour:

Sunday September 13th is the start date of the Fall Education Hour. There are classes for all ages and childcare is offered during this time. A brochure of options will be available soon. If you have any questions—feel free to contact Nadine Eichenmiller at nadineike@yahoo.com or Pastor Sarah at srobbins@wallacememorial.org



Wallace Food Pantry:

The Wallace Food Pantry is now working with the Allegheny County Department of Human Services' Homeless Supports and Services division and the Community Human Services' Homeless Assistance Program to provide food for people who are temporarily housed at the Motel 6 on Banksville Road. These are families who are homeless because of fire, domestic violence, and other emergency circumstances. To assist these families, the Pantry needs easy-open foods such as fruit cups, pudding cups, and single-serve microwaveable meals or soups as well as diapers and wipes. Assistance to these homeless families is in addition to the service and support that the pantry is already offering to its registered clients. General needs at the pantry currently include canned tuna and chicken as well as tomato, vegetable, and beef based soups. These and any other donations can be brought to church on the last Sunday of each month or can be left on the table next to the pantry.

Thank you for your support of our ministry to those in need throughout our community!



Green Tree Garden Club:

Dianne Machesney, Master Gardener, will address the Garden Club on Thursday, August 13th, on the topic "Landscaping in Deer Country." The meeting will be held in the Sycamore Room of the Green Tree Municipal Center, 10 West Manilla Ave., Pittsburgh 15220. Lunch, provided by the club, is served at 11, followed by a business meeting at noon and the program at 12:30. Guests are welcome to attend the program only or the entire event. There is no charge, and a reservation is not needed. For more information, call 412-875-6846.

Interim Director of Christian Education Hour Position:

Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church is seeking the right candidate for the position of Interim Director of Christian Education Hour. The position is part time (10 hours per week) and the interim period is through December 31, 2015. The candidate will develop and direct an energetic Christian Education Hour program and various educational activities for all ages, fostering growth in Christian discipleship. The candidate will report directly to the Wallace Senior Pastor and work closely with the Christian Education committee. The position requires effective leadership as well as working well within a team approach. Interested candidates should send their resume to Pastor Dennis Molnar at dmolnar@wallacememorial.org.

An Update from Keith Sandell's trip to Africa:

"Wow! I cannot believe it has already been 2 weeks since I've been in Ethiopia. It has been such an incredible time. I've met so many great people with some powerful testimonies. I had the opportunity to meet many pastors with remarkable stories, talk with the PC (USA)'s director of East Africa, Michael Weller, and visit a seminary and meet some students and faculty. I also attended several very powerful worship services. The poverty here is certainly heart-wrenching, but the Church is doing a lot to help the people in their communities. I also was able to do a bit of sight-seeing as well. I went to a beautiful Orthodox Church and heard about the rich history of Ethiopian Orthodox. Additionally, I went to the Blue Nile Gorge, which is very similar to the Grand Canyon. I went to the Mercado, which is reported to be the largest open-air market in Africa, and I believe it! I spent about two hours there, and I doubt I even visited half of the shops. However, it hasn't been all good times. While here, I discovered something that leaves a bad taste in my mouth and a sinking feeling in my stomach. Africans' imitation of American food! The "cheeseburger" and "pizza" I had while here were pretty rough. However, the Ethiopian food is delicious! I look forward to telling y'all about my travels in person when I return! "

Birthday Fund 2015: Raise the Roof!

The Birthday Fund is an opportunity to give back for the blessing of life, and to help us save for a rainy day! This year, the focus of the Birthday Fund will be "Raising the Roof!" During your birthday month, we ask that you consider giving one dollar for each year of your age in celebration of your years. But it is not limited to those celebrating a birthday during any given month – not at all! Do you see a name of a dear friend on the list below, or someone who has inspired you in your faith journey? Make a gift in honor of his or her birthday.

Gifts can be submitted on Sundays, using the blue envelopes located in the sanctuary pews (please indicate "Birthday Fund" on your check or envelope), or submitted at any time in person or through the mail - simply complete this page with your info below, and return it to the church office.

Happy Birthday to all of those born in August!

1)	Jason Halley	12)	John Lydon	22)	Thomas Rossi
2)	Kristopher		Robert E. Miller		Marilyn Waldman
	Heidkamp	14)	Kenneth Apel		Matthew Wren
	Jennifer Madge	15)	Michael Sams	23)	Robert Sullivan
5)	Joan Humphrey	16)	Richard Ferianc		Dorothy Howells
6)	Chelsea Bryan		Janet McKenney	24)	Lynn Wren
7)	Paige Scholz	17)	Susan Abel	26)	Deborah Hartman
9)	Jillian Figorski	18)	Jayne Kerr		Pat Lundgren
	Trevor Senn	19)	Kassidy Heidkamp		Jim McKenney
11)	Linda Aspinall		Karen Xander	29)	Emily Kottner
	Christine Brusceci	21)	John Gottschall	30)	Matthew
	Cathy Scorzafave		Robin Tarbi		Scorzafave

Yes, I am grateful for the blessing of life, and am happy to be a part of the Birthday Fund!

Name: _____

Gift Amount: _____

This is a:

___ Gift for my birthday month

___ Gift in honor of the birthday of _____

Did we miss your birthday? Please notify the church office and share your information. No ages will be published!

Through your faithful stewardship and generosity, we serve God and love all!

*Happy
Birthday*

PASTORS PAGE - "EMERGING FROM THE COCOON"

Almost one year ago, we entered into a new phase of ministry and mission for the gospel by consolidating the Dormont Presbyterian Church and the Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church. Thus, began a year of transition, or as I have frequently called it, the "Chrysalis Process." Like the caterpillar that enters a cocoon for the purpose of transformation into a butterfly, we entered a year of discernment and adjustment to bring forth a new phase of congregational service and life for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. The initial cocoon phase has required a lot of patience and fortitude as we have tried to balance what we have been with what we are to become. We have anxiously been awaiting the emergence of a new focus for our mission and ministry. The time for the congregation to emerge from the cocoon phase of the process is upon us.

On Sunday, August 9th, we will gather as a congregation for a special half-hour worship service at 10:15 a.m. Following our time of worship, we will hold a Congregational Town Meeting to hear from several committees and teams of Council. We will then conclude the day with a delicious picnic meal in Fellowship Hall. I perceive it to be the day we begin to "break out" of the cocoon we have been encased in during the last year, while we have awaited the signs of new life for the congregation.

The Envisioning Committee has been hard at work during the last year discerning the future mission focus of the congregation. After a multitude of meetings, conversation, prayer, scripture focus, and discernment time, the Envisioning Committee has formulated a new mission statement for the congregation. Informed by our vision statement, "Serving God and Loving All", the Envisioning Committee has formulated a mission statement that will provide direction for our future endeavors in service to the Lord. The committee has also formulated a series of Guiding Principles that will help guide our decision making and shape how we might fulfill the focus of our mission. The Envisioning Committee will present the new mission statement and the guiding principles at the Congregational Town Meeting on Sunday, August 9th. As the fall season emerges, we will begin to live out this mission statement within the life of our community of faith and as we reach unto the surrounding communities of people we seek to serve in the name of the Lord.

In the meantime, we will continue with the chrysalis process to allow for continuing transitions. As you know, there have been several staffing transitions during the year and the Council has been growing into a new form; to allow for a new "way of doing things" in the future. The Envisioning Committee has been developing a focus for future staff support and the Personnel Committee and Council will be working with the Envisioning Committee to formulate a final staffing configuration in the months ahead. There will be several reports to the congregation from the Council. The reports will include an update on interim staffing, the current and future financial picture, along with other elements of our congregational life together as we emerge from the cocoon phase of the chrysalis process. There will be an opportunity for questions, answers, and comments. We hope you will also use the picnic table time to share your thoughts about the items presented to the congregation.

I encourage everyone to be a part of this important day of worship, information gathering, and fellowship! This is a key point in this continuing process of emerging into the "new life" of being a congregation in service to the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. A summary of the meeting information will be available for those who will not be in attendance on Sunday, August 9th, and the September newsletter will include some further information on our emerging future. Please continue to pray for the members of the Envisioning Committee and the Council as the process continues through the months ahead. May the cocoon phase be followed by a joyous emergence of worship, fellowship, and mission offered for the glory of God!

*Peace,
Pastor Dennis W. Molnar*

MISSION MINUTE

Mission Profile: Iraqi Partnership Network

In July of 2013 Pastor Haitham Jazrawi from the Kirkuk Presbyterian Church in northern Iraq preached from our pulpit concerning the situation of Christians in Iraq and the status of his church school building project in Kirkuk. His work in building and promoting the school for all children continues.

The Presbyterian Regional Liaison workers, Scott and Elmarie Parker, are also hard at work developing local leadership in Iraq. They spoke at the seminary this past March. Scott told a story of a Christian community needing a water pump. A local Muslim gas station owner supplied the pump explaining: “I was watching what they did for Muslims and Christians”. Scott also tells us at the Chaldean refugee camp in Erbil, Iraq there is a two-story kindergarten—built by a Muslim.

How is Wallace involved in this Mission?

Our mission funds and prayers of support are needed to support our fellow Christians in Iraq through the Iraqi Partnership Network. Wallace supports the IPN financially and through prayers.

If you would like to support the IPN please visit:

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/E200504/>

What can I do locally?

What can you do to become more involved with our mission work? Volunteer! As we profile the missions we support we hope that one sparks an interest that you would like to become involved with. We also would like to extend an invitation to anyone in the church that has a heart for mission and serving, to consider joining the mission committee. We meet once a month to discuss, organize, and fund local and global mission work. If you have any questions about volunteering with a particular mission or joining the missions committee please contact Chris Franceschina at chris.franceschina@gmail.com.

Please take time to pray, support, and join our mission work!

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