



THE HOPEFUL HAPPENINGS

Penn Hills Community Presbyterian Church
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Five Reasons to Join us this Sunday, September 28!

1. Rev. Trip is preaching on "Keeping The Light On."
2. You can read the Bible passages for the day **before** you come to worship: Matthew 5:13-16 and Isaiah 58:6-19.
3. Our choir will be singing "I Surrender All" for the offering.
4. We'll conclude worship singing "Give Me Oil In My Lamp" —keep me burning, burning, burning!
5. You are part of God's family and ours and you bear witness to others in the pews and those who can see that our church is faithful to Jesus Christ!



Our church's weekday Bible study began this past Tuesday with Rev. Trip teaching about Lazarus. The Bible studies are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 2:00 in the conference room, that wonderfully comfortable room next to the narthex!

You are also welcome to come to our evening Bible Study, every other Monday. Please call Hilary Moyes (our leader) for more information. 412-915-3107. We hope you can make one!



A Few Sermon Notes from September 14

This was the third and concluding sermon in Rev. Trip's series on Pittsburgh "Liminal Glue." We were reminded (or informed that Pittsburgh has 90 distinct neighborhoods. Pittsburgh means the pierogi race at home baseball games, Rick Sebek showing us "Randyland," and 446 bridges. There are the vital social bridges that connect communities with diverse religion, economic standing, spirituality. But also importantly, Pittsburghers chat: when you ask 'how are you doing?' you get a sincere and full response. (like also at our church.) The early Christian communities were put to work to work out love and justice with all their neighbors. "The Christian community was (is) a liminal community—in, but not of this world. "Clothe yourselves with kindness" Paul wrote to the Colossians (3:12). So "get out there and celebrate God's goodness!"



Michele Irwin - September 23

Macy Anchors—September 25

Doug & Cecelia Bowser—September 27

David and Janet Carlisle—October 1

Linda McGinnis—October 2

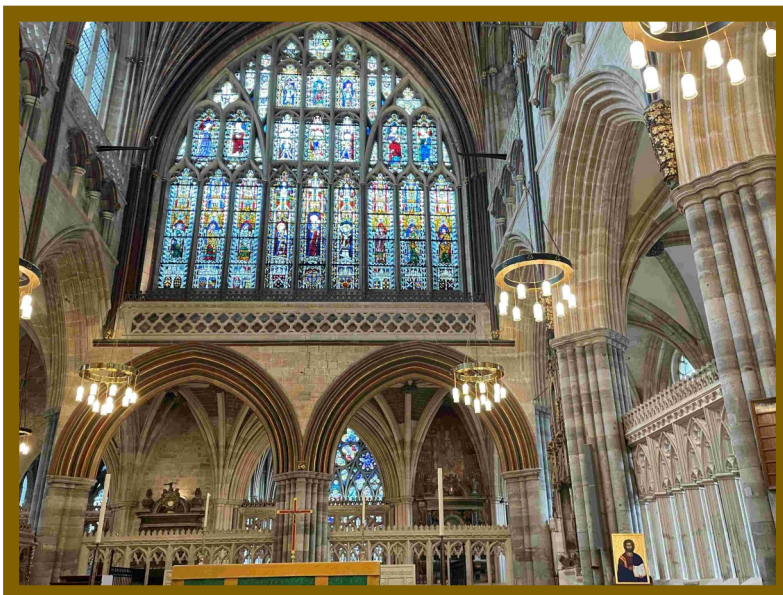
Chuck & Virginia Larence—October 5

Ashleah & Mark Jacobs—October 6



CHOICE CHOPPED CHERRY FIREWOOD FOR SALE

Thanks to the hard, hard work of one of our members, there is firewood for sale in the back left of our church parking lot. You can find an envelope in a waterproof bag so that you can make a contribution. Take the wood you would like, and place your fair contribution in the church mail slot. Thank you!



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Do you dream of places around our country or around the earth that you would like to visit? Maybe you have a friend in Brazil or follow someone on Facebook who is in Vietnam.

On World Communion Sunday, October 5th this year, you can pray for people in many countries and imagine them at the same Table of the Lord as we participate in. They will be hearing the same words we do, "When our Lord Jesus was at table he took bread and gave thanks..."

When we are praying we can pray for Christians struggling in nations at war: Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Sudan, and others. How fitting that on this Sunday we have the opportunity to give to the Presbyterian offering for Peace and Global Witness, working for peace and reconciliation in our local communities and all around our country and even to the ends of the earth.

Please give prayerfully and generously. Thank you!

Loving God,
may we see your face in those
we meet in our neighborhoods
and around the world.

Show us how we might be bringers
of peace to all of your people.

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