



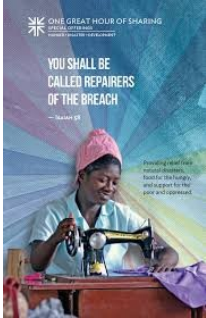
THE HOPEFUL HAPPENINGS

12106 Frankstown Road, Penn Hills 15235

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SERMON NOTES FROM FEBRUARY 9



"...you shall be like a watered garden,

like a spring of water whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;

you shall raise up the founda-

tions of many generations;

you shall be called the repairer of the breach,

the restorer of streets to live in. Isaiah 58:12

Rev. Trip preached on the story of the lame man whose friends let him down through a hole in the house roof so that he could be healed by Jesus. His friends, who carried him and cut the hole, closed the separation between the man and the source of healing. How can we close the gap between people and God and between people? Three points: "1. Don't underestimate how important we can be in the process. We are co-workers with the Lord. 2. Don't just put in a request in prayer: we can be part of the solution. 3. Be aware of our limitations, and find a solution." You can be a repairer of the breach. Mind the gaps of all kinds!"



Ed. note: The theme "repairers of the breach" coincidentally is the theme of the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering this year!

Happy Anniversary

Bob & Vonda Racchini 2/15

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sunday Worship, Feb. 16 @10:30

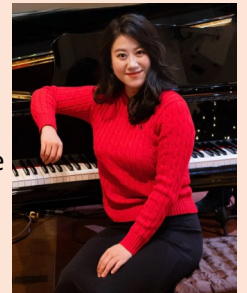
Sermon: Guest Preacher

Bao Yan's last Sunday with us

Sunday Worship, Feb. 23 @10:30

BIBLE STUDIES: Wednesdays 2/19 @2:00 in Conference Room, Sunday mornings at 9:30. Monday Night 2/17—call Hamner 412-901-9716

This Sunday will be the last Sunday that Bao Yan is with us as temporary director of music. Come and say "thank you." She will be accepting a job back home in China.



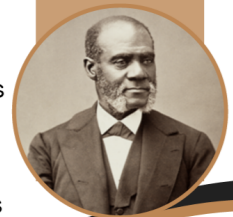
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*...and let us run with perseverance
the race that is set before us.
Hebrews 12:1*





Thanks to Mia Pietropaolo for church bulletin boards!

Loving People Who Are Not On

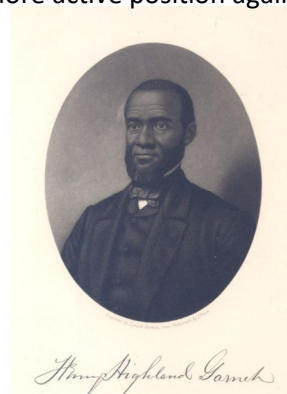
Our Valentines Lists

"If you love somebody, you never give that person up. Isn't it interesting how Jesus always insisted upon this, and how completely we have missed it in our doctrine? Nothing that I can do can kill God in me. Nothing. *Nothing*. Since I can't destroy it, perhaps if I listen, if I can become still enough, I will hear it whisper to me the precise word I need to take away so much of my unhappiness and my misery and my pessimism about the nature of life and my own life. ...At last God is in me, and if I find God in me, when I come to church, I'll find God in the church. The burden of proof at last is on the vitality of my own awareness. Howard Thurman, quoted in Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations (on line), February 12, 2025

HENRY HIGHLAND GARNET

Garnet was an abolitionist preacher, educator, activist and Presbyterian minister. He served as pastor in Troy, New York, and at the First Colored Presbyterian Church in New York City. In 1861 Garnet secured a U.S. passport from Secretary of State William H. Seward that declared Garnet a "citizen of the United States." This precedent advanced claims for equal citizenship during the Civil War and Reconstruction. In 1868 Garnet was appointed president of Avery College in Pittsburgh.

Garnet's activism impacted the Presbyterian Church to take a more active position against slavery.



Janet Carlisle working on a project at Hearts and Hands this week.

Next week they are going to be working on the Linus Project. This project provides blankets for hospitals and treatment centers in the five county area. Project Linus gives out 1000 blankets a month.