

September 2017

Sixth Sense

From the Pastor

As I sit down to write, the images of hate and tiki torches are still fresh in mind. The horrific scenes of floodwaters in Houston, and North Korean cruise missiles skirting Japan, are all too foreboding. The world looks apocalyptic, and we at Sixth seem more and more a minority, espousing our values of tolerance, inclusion, racial reconciliation, economic equality.

Whenever things get as bad as they are now, it is easy for us to start questioning God's provision; we are tempted to read the signs of the times as God's absence. But the gospel writers reassure us that the ominous signs of our day are not signs of God's absence, but signs of God's sure and certain presence. Nothing is going on that is unknown to God; God foresees possibilities and encourages us not to be worried. Because to become worried or cynical or apathetic is to become part of the problem, which is not what God has in mind for God's faithful communities.

What God has in mind for us is nothing but full participation in God's slow work of bending the arc of the universe toward justice, mercy, and compassion. The rules do not change in frightening times; they just get clearer. The proper response to human and natural disaster is to keep loving God with all our heart, mind, and soul and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Our calling is always to assist God in the deliverance of the world in every way we can; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

What I am describing above is nothing less than the active work of hope. Hope is the bedrock trust that at the end of the story—the end of the church's story, the end of our nation's story, the end of the world's story, the end of your and my story—the end of it all is being written by a God who loves us, a God who already has and ultimately shall win the victory over hatred, chaos, and death. Life and love shall have the last word. That is a hope that is built on nothing less than Jesus Christ.

It is the hope that we at Sixth have cleaved to for 167 years. So as the Fall begins, let us continue to be whom we have always been, engaged in our work that endures, placing our hope and confidence in the One who makes all things well.

Peace!

Vincent



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September Worship and Preaching

September 3 – Romans 12:9-21, "Feeding the Enemy"

September 10 – Matthew 18:15-20, "Trusting Reconciliation"

September 17 – Matthew 18:21-35, "Trusting Forgiveness"

September 24 – Philippians 1:21-30, "Aging With Grace"

What the Pastor's Reading

- *The Sellout*, Paul Beatty
- *A Little Life*, Hanya Yanagihara
- *Doing Good...Says Who? Stories from Volunteers, Nonprofits, Donors, and Those They Want to Help*, Connie Newton and Fran Early

It Will Soon Be CROP Walk Sunday!

On Sunday, October 8, Sixth Church will join with other communities in the East End to participate in the CROP Hunger Walk, which is sponsored by Church World Service (cwsglobal.org). Church World Service has a steady, on-going presence around the world, relating every day to those in need, providing services to refugees and developing projects to help people become food secure.

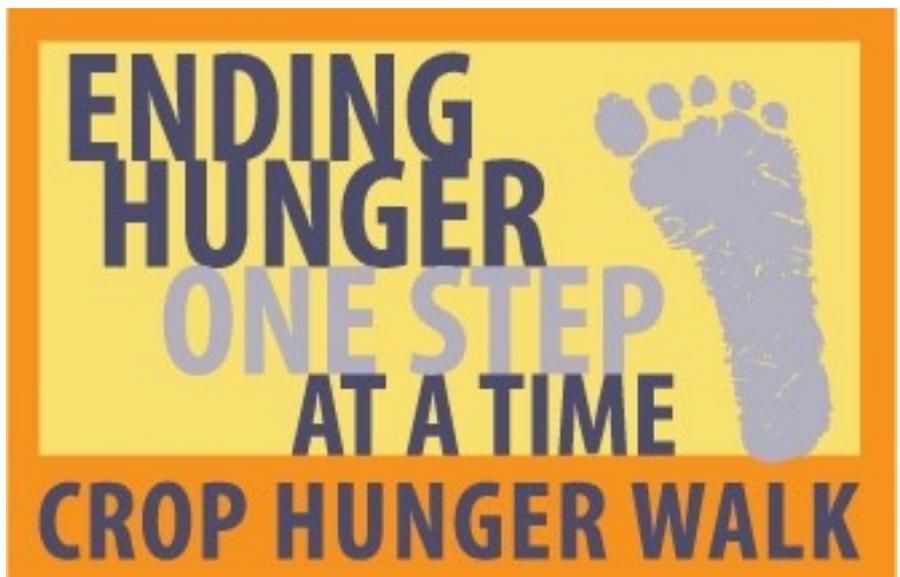
This year the walk called "Pittsburgh East" will celebrate its 40th year of walking to END HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME. 25% of what we raise is returned as grants to East End Cooperative Ministries and Wilkinsburg Community Ministry. 75% goes to the hunger and development programs of Church World Service. Check the poster in the chapel to see some of the innovative ways CWS helps to make communities more stable and food secure.

None of us could do this alone; it is truly an effort which embraces the small contributions of many people. Each year about 20 people from Sixth Church participate. Will you join us this year?

CROP Hunger Walk October 8

You can sponsor our team with a donation on line! Go to www.crophungerwalk.org/pittsburghpa.

The walk will include options for those people unable to walk the full SIX miles. THIS YEAR WE HAVE A ONE-MILE WALK MAPPED OUT AS AN ALTERNATIVE. In other words, you can choose your own personal challenge. There will be lots more information forthcoming, and in the meantime, if you have questions, please ask Sue Koehler or Pam Twiss.



Upcoming Guest Musicians, Chatham Baroque

Chatham Baroque will perform in worship on September 3.

Chatham Baroque includes Sixth Church member Patricia Halverson on viola da gamba, Scott Pauley on theorbo and Andrew Fouts on baroque violin.

For more information, visit chathambaroque.org

Sixth Church and God's Creation

On July 24, the film 'Fenceline' was shown at Sixth. It documented the story of how a small neighborhood in Norco, Louisiana, achieved its goal of convincing Shell, the giant petroleum company, to relocate all the residents away from the toxic environment created by the company over the course of decades of the operations of its refinery in the town.

Not all the residents of Norco, named for the first refinery on the site, New Orleans Refining Company, wanted to leave. White residents, many of them employees of the plant, appreciated the high salaries and proximity of their homes to their jobs. But for the African-American residents of the small neighborhood of Diamond, named for the plantation originally situated on that tract, those decades of pollution from both the refinery and the neighboring chemical plant had created an unbearable level of illness and death from cancer and respiratory disease.

Debilitating asthma affected the children of the community especially badly. After years of organizing the community and pleading with the company, all the residents of Norco were ultimately relocated by Shell.

You can read more about Norco at this website: <https://www.mesothelioma.com/asbestos-exposure/jobsites/oil-refineries/norco-refining-company-louisiana.htm>

The story of **the residents of Diamond is important** to us because Shell is beginning to build a new plant very close **to us here in Pittsburgh**. Work on the Shell's ethane cracker plant has already begun on the south bank of the Ohio River in Beaver County. Not surprisingly, alarm bells have begun to go off. Here is what NoPetroPA (nopetropa.wordpress.com) has to say about it:

- This 'ethane cracker' could be the largest in North America.
- This facility will increase demand for fracked natural gas and then turn it into plastic.
- It will trigger the construction of an ethane pipeline system that crosses the Ohio river.
- It will emit as much CO2 as half a coal plant.
- It will emit 44% more VOC's (volatile organic compounds) than Clairton Coke Works.
- VOC's such as benzene are known carcinogens.
- Allegheny County is already in the top 2% for cancer risk from air pollution.

Furthermore, a total of six or seven of these cracker plants are planned for our region.

Fortunately, our area is rich with groups of people concerned about the environment and ready to work to defend it. Please look over Heather Lyle's list of such groups in the rural areas surrounding us. We all can be grateful for the work of these and others who want to keep Western PA a good place to live and raise our children.

—Nora Johnson



Earth Care: Where To Get Involved for Water Safety

PA is home to six major watersheds, and we are located in the Ohio River Watershed. A watershed can be defined as land that drains into a nearby stream, river, or lake. For instance, Schenley Park drains into Four Mile Run. Humans impact watersheds through run-off from roofs and yards; agricultural run-off; logging; mining/fracking; urban sprawl; and chemical dumps, etc. A number of regional environmental organizations have evolved to tackle these problems, most being staffed with volunteers. Listed are a few examples:

Turtle Creek Watershed Association. Meets in Murrysville, and its storm water/abandoned mines pollution mitigation plans cover watershed areas in Westmoreland and Allegheny counties.

Center for Coalfield Justice. Based in Washington, Washington County, but serves southwestern PA.

Focuses on health and environmental issues related to fossil fuel extraction (mining, fracking, waste products).

Mountain Watershed Association. Meets in Melcroft. Serves Fayette County and the Indian Creek/Youghiogheny River Watershed area. Preserves water quality and remediates acid mine drainage.

Humans impact watersheds through run-off from roofs and yards; agricultural run-off; logging; mining/fracking; urban sprawl; and chemical dumps, etc.

Loyalhanna Watershed Association. Based in Ligonier, Westmoreland County. Deals with stream bank erosion, mine drainage, urban development, and other impacts on water quality.

Butler County is home to the **Todd Nature Reserve** in Buffalo Township, gifted by one resident as a nature sanctuary.

Independence Conservatory, Beaver County, cleans up the Raccoon Creek watershed, removing debris from illegal dumping, and conserving wetlands.

Indiana County is home to eight watershed watchdogs, one being **Blacklick Creek Watershed Association,** based in Homer City. The non-profit identifies environmental problems, while managing and conserving the watershed.

Stony Creek-Conemaugh River Improvement Project. Based in Johnstown, serving Cambria, Somerset, and other counties in the watershed. Monitors/restores water quality, among other projects.

Beaver County Marcellus Awareness Committee. The organization seeks to inform the citizens of Western Pennsylvania, specifically those in Beaver County, about Marcellus Shale gas drilling, and to protect our natural environment by promoting and supporting sustainable energy alternatives to carbon-based energy sources.

–Heather Lyle

Kids In Church: A Parent's Perspective

I've been thinking a lot about what to say about children being disruptive at church. I've been thinking about what to say to the grownups who have kids who follow the rules and what to say to the grownups who have kids who like to do everything creatively – including how they interpret the rules. I'm not sure what to say to the grandparents who maintain that their kids were better behaved than our kids now, or that the parenting style that I am choosing for my kid is wrong or not working.

Mostly, I've been trying to figure out what to say to myself – on the days where being with my child at church is messy and disorganized and loud and complicated and emotionally draining and embarrassing.

I spent a week at one point trying to figure out how my mom handled two kids during a service before I remembered that we didn't attend services as a family when we were young kids. We went to Sunday School and then came home. We only attended the service if we were singing in the children's choir that day – and then we were surrounded by all sorts of folks who expected the noise and helped wrangle the wiggles and the congregation was too busy being proud of having a children's choir to be fretting about how loud we all were.

I think that our angelic version of kids in church is ridiculous. I think that the illustrations of Jesus with the children are completely wrong. Jesus' disciples weren't trying to keep the clean, neat, quiet, and calm kids from Jesus. I bet the kids looked messy and loud and smelly and someone had a fidget spinner and someone was yelling how they were hungry and someone was trying to explain to Jesus about Pokemon just as Jesus was trying to tell a parable and someone was climbing a tree. Jesus didn't see a bunch of problem kids. He saw families in our messy, human form that makes living in community so hard.

Raising kids is hard. Raising kids in a community of faith is hard. Trying to figure out how to create spiritual practices that keep the parts of your faith that made you who you are while skipping the parts of church that made you hate Sundays when you were a kid is really hard. I'd like to feel that Sixth is a place where we can all acknowledge how hard this is and support one another. Even if another family's decisions are different than what you'd do. Even if it's messy.

So, thank you for joining us in the complicated parts of raising children in the church. Thank you for smiling when the babies cry and offering to take a baby so a tired parent can have a break. Thank you for kneeling down and talking to the toddler that's running out a doorway and redirecting them back to their grownup. Thank you for the folks who have watched my preschooler, so that I can finish a task that I'm doing for the church. Thank you to the folks, who I know in the future will ask my 5-year-old about how school is going or talk to my 12-year-old about what books he's reading or what movies he likes. Thank you for finding ways to engage with my kid and all the kids and teens in church in positive ways. This is what keeps families in church.

–Megan Fogt

Kids In Church: A Church Staff Perspective

Here at Sixth Church we have been talking a lot over the past few years about children in worship. How can we not?! We are blessed here to have what many congregations these days are yearning for – families with young children. And with these children come energy, squirminess, laughter, lots of questions, temper tantrums, sticky fingers, spilled juice, and all the other things that accompany a building full of vivacious kids.

As in most other congregations, there have been many spirited conversations about this topic. The purpose of this article is to let you know that we hear you! We hear your thoughts, concerns, ideas and suggestions. I,

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along with church staff, the Christian Education Committee, and our Sunday school teachers have been listening. We have been listening to parents share their experiences of bringing young children to worship. We have been listening to what the kids have to say about their worship experience. We have been listening to faithful congregation members and worshippers who are expressing how our children in church affect their worship experience. Lots of these conversations and comments are about behavior. Trust me, from my experience and what I hear from other churches, what is and what is not acceptable behavior in the sanctuary is always a thorny issue that generates a wide variety of opinions.

When we at Sixth gather as a community to worship, we strive to include everyone. We are many kinds of people who all share a need and desire to be in church. Our church's mission statement makes it clear that everyone is welcome to gather here and be reminded that they are loved and accepted as one of God's children. We come together to pray, sing and hear God's words for us. But, of course, we all have very different needs and preferences for how we do that.

What follows are just a few of the changes and adjustments we have implemented to help everyone have a better worship experience. We will continue this work of teaching children to worship with open ears and open minds throughout the year.

- During our Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday services, you might have noticed that we did not have a Time for Children. These are two services during which we do not have Extended Session where children leave worship. The rationale for this change comes from the idea that we want to show that our worship service – the whole worship service – is inclusive for everyone. It was also a logistical decision. If the children are settled in their seats and participating in worship, then why disrupt the flow of the service by moving them around. I have been finding that paying attention to how we transition our children from one place to another and from one environment to another makes a difference in their behavior and anxiety levels.
- Another logistical change is that we have swapped the weekly order of worship slightly. The Time for Children now happens before the Passing of the Peace. The children are now asked to come forward to sit the front pews for their message. Here again, transitioning the kids was the thinking behind this. The children are heading upstairs while the congregation is also moving. The noise they create while exiting the sanctuary and heading upstairs is now less of a focus.
- We are printing more large-print bulletins. These bulletins are great for new and young readers because the size makes it easier to handle, and the type size makes it easier to follow along. Please encourage your kids and the young readers seated around you to grab one when they come into worship and follow along.
- Last year we began teaching the children the Three S's for lighting the peace candles during worship. The kids love this interactive part of worship, but we needed to introduce some learning tips to help. We will continue to reinforce these tips with our kids. The three S's stand for special, settle and share. Here is what we are teaching:
 - Special – Lighting candles is a way we talk to God.
 - Settle – When we light candles, we have to settle our bodies to help settle our minds. Having a quiet body helps to remind us to be safe around fire. It also reminds us the sometimes God is quiet in our hearts, so we have to listen carefully.
 - Share – Lighting candles is a shared experience. Many people in our church talk to God by lighting candles. That means we need to share the candles. It also means that we are sharing an experience with them, which makes it really neat and really special.
- We have begun holding a yearly worship and sacrament class for kids. The Saturday before World-Wide Communion Sunday is a great time for us to invite the children to the church for a special time to learn about Communion, Baptism and what happens in church. We also use this time to train children interested in service as water pourers and acolytes. The gathering is fun and interactive, and the children also help

bake the Communion bread to be used for the next day's service. This year's class will be held at 10 am Sept. 30 for children of all ages.

Worshiping together as a community takes effort, constant communication and flexibility on everyone's part to make sure everyone is safe, comfortable and able to participate in worship fully. The best thing we can do is pay attention to each other and listen to everyone's needs, wants and ideas. It's a big task! We want to make sure our children are not only learning how to behave in church but how to worship and find the presence of God here in our sanctuary. We want to support our parents who, on some days, are struggling just to make sure their kids are making it to church with pants on. I want to encourage us all to work together and listen to each other as we continue to honor the baptismal vows we make for each child. As a congregation we promise to "guide and nurture each child by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of the church."

—Jenny Newman, Director of Christian Education

Choir Rehearsals Begin on Thursday, September 7!

Have you been thinking about singing with our wonderful choir here at Sixth Church? Are you wondering how they learn the music and sound so beautiful singing it? The answer is: they practice! All live art (except improv!) involves rehearsing. This is especially true when a group of people (an ensemble) sing or play music for others to hear. The choir at Sixth Church rehearses every **Thursday, in the chapel from 7:30-9:00pm**. And then on **Sunday morning** we rehearse again from **9:25-9:50am**.

When people tell me they would like to sing in the choir, I always ask if they have sung in a choir before, what voice part they sing and if they read music. Why do I ask this? Because if you have sung in a choir, you know that rehearsals are important. If you know your voice part, you are familiar with singing harmony. And if you read music, even a little bit, you can understand how we talk about music in rehearsals, and how choir members follow the notes to help them learn the music.

Although we work hard to learn the notes and sing beautifully, we in the choir never forget that our purpose is to communicate God's love and power to humanity of yesterday, today and tomorrow.



Our goal is to worship God, and to enhance your worship experience.

Photo by Linda May

So, join us to sing and rehearse. It is worth the effort and the time. Contact me, Gail Luley, at gmluley@pittsburghcamerata.org

CPR/AED Training Coming To Sixth

Sixth Presbyterian will once again conduct CPR/AED training from the American Heart Association this fall at the church. You will learn how to perform CPR on an adult or a child and how to operate an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) like the one we have installed at the church just outside the Chapel.

The training session will be held Saturday, October 14th, 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. The cost is \$20 and will be collected at the beginning of the session. After completing the training, participants will receive a two-year certification.

Those of you who participated in the training provided in 2015 should consider doing so again as your certification will expire in October, 2017. This training is open to everyone, members and non-members. Please pass the word to your friends and family!

To register, you can complete the form in the bulletin and drop it in the collection plate or you can contact Larry Van Dyke at 412-721-9348 or LVANDYKE@EXCITE.COM.

Please register by Sunday, October 8th.

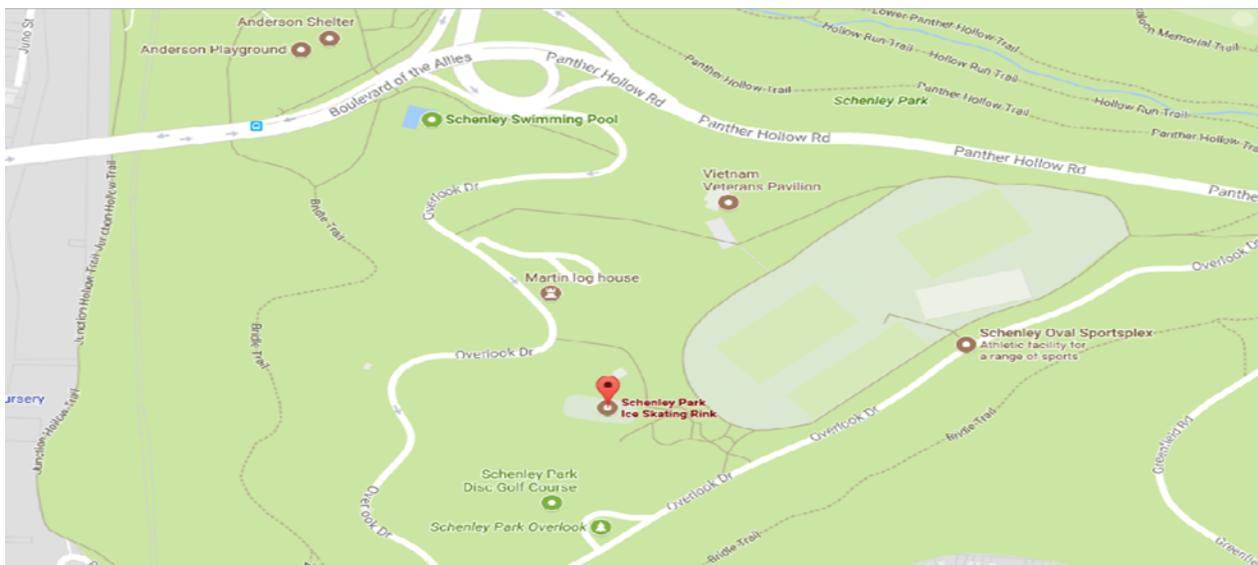


Picnic with the Police 2017

Where: Schenley Park Ice Rink Meeting Room

When: Sunday, September 3rd from 4-8pm

- Food and drinks
- Bike engraving
- Information table
- Safety Tips
- Chess games
- Cornhole games
- Community Resource Officers
- Neighborhood Resource Officers
- McGruff the Crime Dog
- Face painting
- Kid-friendly prizes
- Free Parking

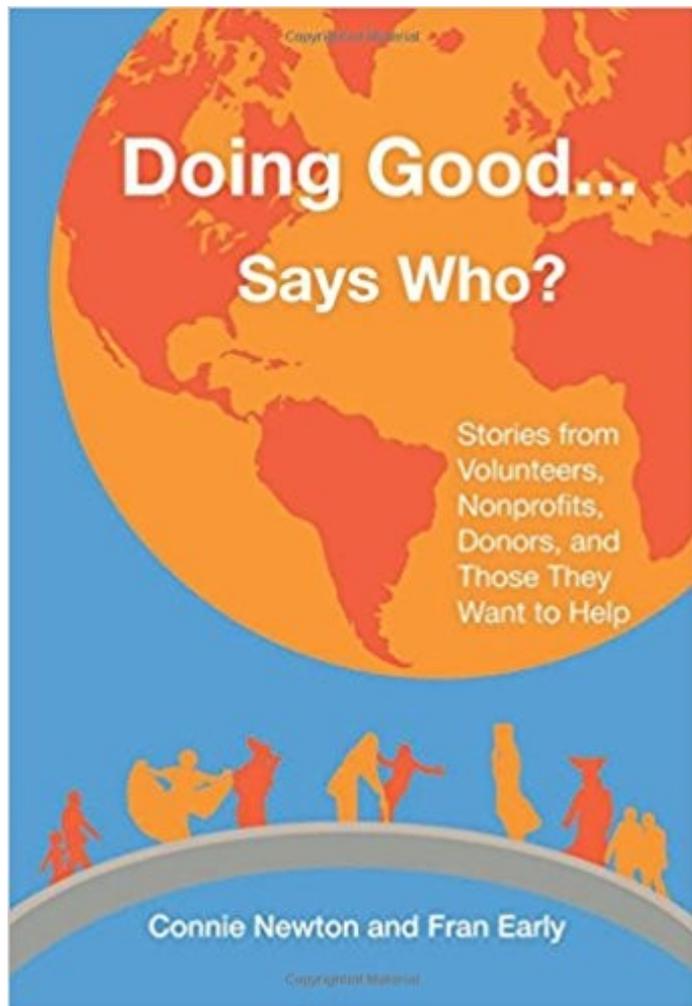


Hunter Farrell to Address the Challenge of Helping Others

In September, Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell will lead two discussions at Sixth on the challenges of “doing good” for the very poor. On Tuesday evening, Sept. 12 at 7 PM, “Beyond the Charitable-Industrial Complex,” will explore some of the common errors of charitable assistance and the principles for transforming good intentions into positive outcomes. On Tuesday evening Sept. 26 at 7 PM “A Book Review and Discussion of Doing Good ... Says Who? (Newton & Early)” will delve more deeply into the same topic. Both programs are part of the continuing series of social justice programs sponsored by the Christian Education Committee and the Church and Community Committee.

Hunter Farrell, our facilitator for both programs, brings a wealth of experience and insight to this discussion of charitable assistance. He is a veteran of 30 years of international mission work on behalf of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). For 21 years he served as a mission worker, first in the Republic of Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of the Congo), and then in Peru. His work in Peru received international attention for highlighting the plight of 8000 Peruvian children suffering from lead poisoning due to the emissions of a U.S.-owned metal smelter.

From 2007 until 2016 Dr. Farrell was Director of World Mission for PC (USA).



Speaking of his work, Tony De La Rosa, the Presbyterian Mission Agency’s interim executive director, has described Hunter Farrell as “an energetic and eloquent teaching elder, whose compassion for all of Christ’s faithful knows no bounds,” and has praised him for leaving “a lasting legacy in the Presbyterian Mission Agency and its World Mission ministry area.” Since last October Dr. Farrell has served as Director of the World Mission Initiative for the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, a program “dedicated to developing mission vision, nurturing missionary vocations, and cultivating missional congregations by helping Christians understand how God is at work in the world and how they can share in that work.”

Discussion in both programs will be guided by the book *Doing Good... Says Who? Stories from Volunteers, Nonprofits, Donors, and Those They Want to Help* by Connie Newton and Fran Early. It will be especially helpful for anyone planning to attend the Sept. 26 book discussion to read this book in advance. It can be ordered online from the independent, unionized bookstore, [Powell’s Books](#) in Oregon.

– Tom Twiss

Stewardship 2017: For Such a Time As This

Sunday, November 5 at 9:30 am

Kick-off and breakfast

The Nominating Committee is soliciting names from the congregation of potential candidates for church leadership. Please email chair Kate Davoli (kdavoli@gmail.com) with your suggestions!

Youth Happenings

Confirmation Class – Sunday, September 17: 12:30 to 1:30 pm: we'll meet upstairs in Jenny Newman's office following worship. Lunch will be provided

Wednesday, September 27: 6:30 pm: we'll be meeting and attending the first part of the monthly Session meeting to present Faith Statements. Please meet in Jenny's office.

Sunday, October 1: Confirmation Class becomes church members during worship! We will be sitting together and attending 11 am worship service.

Sunday School Begins! Sunday school class for junior and senior high will be held each week (10-10:45 am) upstairs in Jenny Newman's new office (formerly Gail's music office). Join Amy Whipple and special guest stars for discussion on the week's scripture passages, current events, and other assorted topics. There will be donuts and drinks!

Youth Fellowship at Crazy Mocha: Youth are invited for coffee and conversation at Crazy Mocha on Murray Ave. from 6 to 7:30 pm on Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21, and 28.

Questions? Contact Jenny Newman at (412) 720-6392 or Jenny@Sixthchurch.org

Sacraments Class for Kids

We will be hosting a special time for kids ages preschool and up to learn about communion and baptism and help bake bread for World Wide Communion Sunday. We will also be training those interested in being acolytes and water pourers at this session.

Saturday, September 30, 2017
10 am to 12 pm

Please RSVP to Jenny Newman at Jenny@Sixthchurch.org



Sunday School 2017-2018!

We will begin Sunday School with our Rally Day Breakfast Celebration on September 10th at 9:30 am. Please join us! This year we will be celebrating Rally Day, Pastor Vincent's 30th Anniversary of his ordination, and welcome new members joining us from the former Greenfield Presbyterian Church. Breakfast will be served in the Chapel and downstairs in the Ridinger Room.

After breakfast, we invite families to visit Sunday School classrooms to meet our teachers, and learn about our Sunday routine.

- Preschool - Kindergarten** taught by Malena Howe and Megan Fogt will meet upstairs in the large Sunday school room.
- 1st - 3rd grade** taught by Linda May and Cyndi Dickson will meet in the Sunday school room located across from the Pastor's Office.
- 3rd - 6th grade** taught by Chris Pistorius and Verna Robinson will meet downstairs in The Ridinger Room.
- 7th - 12th grade** taught by Amy Whipple and Jenny Newman will meet upstairs in Jenny Newman's Office across from the Nursery.



Regular Sunday School classes will begin on September 17th at 10 am

We have a large class of 3rd graders! We will divide them if needed at the discretion of the teachers. Parents are asked to escort their children to their rooms at the start of the Sunday School hour. If you will not be attending worship, please pick your child up from their Sunday School room. Sunday School students will be escorted to the sanctuary in time for 11 am worship.

Children are encouraged to sit with their families and are always welcome in worship. Following the Time for Children, kids preschool through 2nd grade are invited upstairs for Extended Session for fun and engaging projects. Third through 5th graders who are not yet ready to stay in the worship service are invited upstairs to work on special project and activities.



Our Nursery and Extended Session staff this year are Meredith Harrison, Sonia Panic, Emma Zentarsky, Bela Berg, and Hanna Pistorious. Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers each week beginning at 10 am.

Please visit the church website at www.Sixthchurch.org to register for Sunday School and review our general health and safety policy.

September 2017 – Events and Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Ethan Miller Sadie DeLucia	2 Elise Bertolet 7:00 pm, NA
3 10:00 am, Worship 8:00 pm, NA	4 Frank Guyette Elizabeth Sindhi 7:00 pm, Knit Night (off-site) 7:00 pm, NA	5	6 11:00 am, Bible Study	7 6:00 pm, Youth Group (Crazy Mocha) 7:30 pm, Choir	8 Judy Schryer Annie Cole	9 10:00 am, Course in Miracles (outside group) 7:00 pm, NA
10 Sara Berg 9:30 am, Rally Day / Celebration of Vincent's Ordination 11:00 am, Worship 1:00 pm, Fiberarts Guild 8:00 pm, NA	11 7:00 pm, NA	12 7:00 pm, Beyond the Charitable-Industrial Complex	13 7:00 pm, 14th Ward Democrats	14 6:00 pm, Youth Group (Crazy Mocha) 7:30 pm, Choir	15 2:30 pm, Fiberarts Guild	16 Michael Bennett Martha Funderburgh 7:00 pm, NA
17 10:00 am, New member orientation 10:00 am, Sunday School 11:00 am, Worship 2:00 pm, Pittsburgh Watercolor Society 8:00 pm, NA	18 Bridget Duffy 7:00 pm, Knit Night (off-site) 7:00 pm, NA	19 7:15 pm, Deacons	20 Megan Sindhi 11:00 am, Bible Study	21 Ashley Bower Corey Bower 10:00 am, Presbytery Meeting 6:00 pm, Youth Group (Crazy Mocha) 7:30 pm, Choir	22 Millie Barnes Women's Weekend	23 Women's Weekend 10:00 am, Course in Miracles (outside group) 7:00 pm, NA

September 2017 – Events and Birthdays, continued

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Karen Gaul	Sara DeLucia	7:00 pm, Doing Good... Says Who?	Daniel Cummings	Mary Lib Myers		Susan Rothenberg
Women's Weekend	Peg Watt-Morse		11:00 am, Bible Study	6:00 pm, Youth Group (Crazy Mocha)		Larry Van Dyke
10:00 am, Sunday School	7:00 pm, NA		7:30 pm, Session	7:30 pm, Choir		10:00 am, Kids' Sacrament class
11:00 am, Worship						7:00 pm, NA
8:00 pm, NA						




Neighbors

Vacation Bible School



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We are an open and affirming community of faith in Jesus Christ. At home in an urban neighborhood of many faiths, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. In worship, study, and fellowship, we celebrate our Presbyterian roots and find joy in our diversity. We strive for the grace to love one another as we seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit, working for justice and serving as stewards of God's wondrous creation.



The Deadline for the October newsletter is September 15th. Please email articles and announcements to Amy in the church office (office@sixthchurch.org). You can also put printed copies on her desk. Thank you!

Food for Thought...

“At no other time (than autumn) does the earth let itself be inhaled in one smell, the ripe earth; in a smell that is in no way inferior to the smell of the sea, bitter where it borders on taste, and more honeysweet where you feel it touching the first sounds. Containing depth within itself, darkness, something of the grave almost.” — Rainer Maria Rilke

“Let X equal the quantity of all quantities of X. Let X equal cold. It is cold in December. The months of cold equal November through February. There are four months of cold and four of heat, leaving four months of indeterminate temperature. In February it snows. In March the lake is a lake of ice. In September the students come back and the bookstores are full. Let X equal the month of full bookstores. The number of books approaches infinity as the number of months of cold approaches four. I will never be as cold as I will in the future. The future of cold is infinite. The future of heat is the future of cold. The bookstores are infinite and so are never full except in September.” — David Auburn