

Rosedale Connect

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Community Spotlight: Animal Rescue League Shelter & Wildlife Center

Pittsburghers have relied on the Animal Rescue League Shelter & Wildlife Center for decades. The Animal Rescue League was formed in 1909. The Shelter's open door policy has been a resource for distressed pet owners throughout the Pittsburgh area, it means that no animal is refused shelter. Additionally, the Shelter's Adoptions Department has helped thousands of pets find loving forever homes. The Wildlife Center started caring for local wildlife in 1997. It is a safe haven for sick, injured, or orphaned local wildlife.

Many people are familiar with the Animal Rescue League's Shelter in East Liberty; however, some local residents are just finding out about the Wildlife Center. The Animal Rescue League's Wildlife Center is located at 6000 Verona Road in Rosedale. As a wildlife hospital it treats sick, injured, or orphaned native Pennsylvania wildlife and rehabilitates them for release. In 2011 the Wildlife Center's release rate was approximately 64%. That same year, the national average release rate was 33%.

The staff at the Wildlife Center frequently gets requests from concerned citizens to pick up and rescue wildlife in distress. As a non-profit funded by private grants and donations, the Wildlife Center does not have the resources to pick up animals. Instead, the staff relies on the public to carefully and responsibly collect and transport injured or orphaned animals to the Wildlife Center. In fact, the Wildlife Center gets dozens of phone calls every day from people asking if and how they should intervene on behalf of local wildlife. If you have any questions about whether or not a wild animal is in need please call 412-345-7300, x 500.

There are only three full time staff members and over fifty volunteers at the Wildlife Center. For information on volunteering please see our website,



http://animalrescue.org/volunteer.

The Animal Rescue
League Shelter & Wildlife
Center also offers education programs that include a live animal and
can take place at schools,
libraries, or businesses.
In addition, Wildlife Center tours are available.
For more information on
education programs and
tours please see our website, http://
animalrescue.org/
education-programs.

The Wildlife Center has already treated over 2,000 animals since January 1st, 2012. The community has played a vital role in the rehabilitation and release of all of these animals. Together we can help even more wildlife!

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You're Invited!

It's taken almost a year since our move, but our promise of being a "new church, for Rosedale" is being fulfilled and unveiled with this issue of the Rosedale Connect. Inside this issue you will find issues of topical interest to our neighborhood including the story of the Wildlife Center. But much of this issue will focus on ASC and our doors opening up to the community.

Of particular importance is the calendar for the next several months. Opportunities to gather as neighbors range from the first of our regular movie nights, dubbed "Reel

Insight", to a pet blessing. Invitations to participate in Music Mondays, and Living Waters (our Midweek ministry, now to be held on Thursday evenings) as well as our renewed Sunday worship are all included. As we turn the page to the fall season, we also turn the page to a new beginning at ASC, our Second Chapter.

Consider this issue of the RC as our desire to open our doors to you in these and many other ways over the year and years ahead. We hope you will feel free to walk through these

By Pastor David Rucker

doors, always without obligation (some of our future offerings may require a nominal charge for books or such).

Finally, we continue to be surprised by the way we have already been privileged to serve our community. We have been privileged to provide significant pastoral care to some of your neighbors of Rosedale. Please remember - we are here to serve you to the extent we are able; please do not hesitate to call on me or Carolyn, our deacon.

Reel Insight

Movies and popcorn, more food than we've ever been able to eat, great fellowship, and a movie that is....well, sometimes a bit controversial with conversation afterwards to "figure it all out" - that's a typical evening of Reel Insight.

Movies are a great medium to explore the world, beyond us and our own little world in which we live.

Most movies are pretty nondescript, but it is a rare movie that speaks something about our world. At Reel Insight we take movies, some great, some obscure, and sit back and enjoy the show on our 62" screen while munching on Bea's Almost World Famous Popcorn, pizza, cheese fondue, desserts, and who knows what else!

Typically, David will introduce the movie with hints on what we should be looking for within the movie. Afterwards we discuss what the movie had to say about our culture, about us. It's amazing the insight we gain - through the lens of the movie we learn much about ourselves and how we are being influenced by the world.

Our next Reel Insight is scheduled for 6:00 pm on Friday Oct 12th (movie begins at 6:30 pm; doors open earlier to allow time for food & fellowship).

We'll be watching "The Matrix". Many of you have no doubt seen The Matrix, and no doubt a good number of you were left thinking "what the heck was that about!" while others of you came up with your various

interpretations.

The Matrix is one of those movies that draws a lot emotion. It may be correct to say it is one of the most discussed films ever made for what it is saying to us. Watched with a careful eye, it says more than most of us can possibly imagine.

Plan to drop in on Friday Oct 12th. If nothing else, you'll eat well! We feel sure you will also have a great time and see



the world differently than you did before the evening began.

Music Mondays

Do you like to sing, to have fun and make new friends? Do you play the guitar or percussion or any other instrument and would like to join with others to play? Do you like to worship God through contemporary music (or interested in checking it out if unfamiliar)? We've got something just for you. Regardless of talent, you are welcome to join with us on Mondays at 7:00 as we learn, play and sing contemporary Christian music.

What we can promise: you won't be intimidated and you will have fun. In addition you may well find yourself worshiping our God.

MM is lead by our music director, Todd. He brings a joy and talent that is infectious. (When we say he's talented, that is an understatement; you won't need much proof beyond what we do on MM, but maybe we can talk him into some improv Jazz or classical music - Todd is REALLY good!).

The neat thing is he wants to share his love of music with Rosedale initially through MM. But other options are possible in the future if there is interest. For example - maybe jam sessions for interested musicians? Come and check out our MM, you will have a lot of fun. You may just be blessed. Every Monday at 7:00 (check aspgh.org for occasional cancellations).

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All Saints Calendar

Sunday Worship at 9:00AM (except for 9/30)

Sunday Sept. 30th: Combined Rosedale United Methodist/All Saints worship 10:00AM—Luncheon to follow

Thursdays beginning in Oct: Living Waters Discussion Group/Bible Study 6:30 PM

Saturday, Oct. 6th: Pet Blessing 11:00AM

Friday, Oct. 12th: Movie night—"*The Matrix*" Doors open at 6:00PM; movie to begin at 6:30 PM

Looking ahead~

Are you a veteran, currently on active duty or have a family member serving in the military? Watch for information on a special Veterans Day Service that will be held Sunday Nov. 11th.

Thursday, Nov. 22nd: Thanksgiving Service 9:00 AM

Saturday, Dec. 8th: Cookie Sale 9:00 AM-12PM

The Rosedale Women's Club Invites You to Check Them Out

The Rosedale Women's Club (RWC) is a group of women from not only Rosedale, but from all over Penn Hills and the surrounding communities. The Club was organized in 1925, which makes us "87 years young" as we begin our 2012-2013 year. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month from September through May at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall at the Rosedale United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Third Street and Homestead Road, in Rosedale.

Our monthly meetings always feature an interesting or entertaining program. Some of this year's pro-

grams include: Safety Awareness & Personal Protection (Penn Hills Police Department), Organ Donation Discussion, Steel City Greyhounds, Marcellus Shale Drilling & Natural Gas, Organic Gardening (Penn Hills Lawn & Garden), and holiday entertainment in December and March.

Our object is to build friendships, share ideas, and enjoy interesting/entertaining programs. We do all this while we develop ways to be of service to our communities. We are a philanthropic group whose goal is to support many organizations through our Annual Spring Charity Luncheon/Fashion Show. We are

proud to say that last year we were able to make donations to over 30 organizations. Some of these organizations include the William Anderson Library, Military Connection, Penn Hills fire companies, Animal Protectors, WWII Vets, Camp Shining Arrow and many, many more.

Why not come and see what we're all about? Why not bring a friend? I'm sure that you will make a friend or become a friend!

Call Jeannie at (412) 795-6867 if you have any questions about membership or would like to attend one of our programs.

Book Review: The Boy Who Came Back From Heaven

The Boy Who Came Back From Heaven by Kevin and Alex Malarkey is a true story about the authors. Kevin Malarkey is the father of, at the time, 6 year old Alex. In 2004, they were in a horrific car accident which leaves Alex paralyzed from the neck down, and by all medical accounts, he should not have lived. After miraculous healing that allows Alex to live, he awakens from the coma with an incredible story of being taken to heaven.

This is an amazing and encouraging story that is well documented with parts written by the doctors, paramedics, pastors, and friends. The reader will see heaven and earth from Alex's perspective (still paralyzed) as one of having been with Jesus and angels in heaven. How it changes him and his family, and how God used hundreds of people in their lives is truly amazing. You will have new insights into spiritual warfare, the

power of prayer, and supporting others in their needs.



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Pet Blessing 2012 October 6th @ 11:00 a.m.

Welcome all creatures great and small! Two legs, four legs, or no legs; furry, feathered or slimy... our pets are gifts from God that enrich our lives.

To celebrate these creatures, All Saints & Rosedale Methodist Church will hold a blessing of the animals 11:00 AM, Saturday, October 6th, in the parking lot of the Rosedale United Methodist Church, located at 5501 Third Street. This traditional blessing is usually held early in October in honour of Francis of Assisi, the saint remembered for his love of animals and nature. There will be treats for all pets. This is wonderful chance to celebrate and bless

the creatures that enrich our lives and get to know other pet owners in the neighborhood.

For your pet's safety, we do request that your pets be on a leash or in a carrier.

Can't bring your pet? Bring us a photo.

Donations of the following items for the Rosedale location of the Animal Rescue League and Wildlife Center will be appreciated:

canned carrots, peaches, pears, peas, or mixed fruit; applesauce; paper towels; toilet paper; wet or dry cat food; cat litter; laundry detergent; bleach; *original* Dawn liquid dish soap; hand soap; hand sanitizer; rubber or latex gloves; and garbage bags (30 & 55 gallon).

All attending will be entered to win a gift card from Pet Smart.

Hope to see you there!