



# Rosedale Connect

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## Community Spotlight: Military Connections

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Little did Summer Tissue know that a phone call from her brother, a Marine newly deployed to Iraq, would be the beginning of a mission that would result in her founding Military Connections to ensure support of troops stationed overseas. Since its founding, Military Connections has shipped millions of care packages to deployed men and women and currently is sending about 600 boxes a month to troops in Afghanistan...and they aren't done yet!

The need for support and basic supplies continues and each care package is deeply appreciated as evidenced by the notes received from the package recipients. Currently needed items include everything from shampoo and socks to puzzle books and sun block. Especially requested are non-perishable food items and snacks. Leftover Christmas and seasonal cards are needed as well. In addition to collecting supplies there are other opportunities for civic groups, churches and individuals to support this organization and our troops. Groups or individuals may "Adopt a Package" for a donation of \$10 per package. A note of support addressed to "Dear Service Member" may be included and the donation and note can be mailed to Military Connections at 312 Auburn St. Pittsburgh, Pa 15235. Collected items may be delivered to this address as well.

For golfers who would like to support this organization and have a good time as well, Military Connections is holding their 4<sup>th</sup> annual golf outing Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Barefoot Golf Course.

Anyone interested in investigating volunteer opportunities may contact them by email at [militaryconnections@hotmail.com](mailto:militaryconnections@hotmail.com)

For more information on Military Connections, including a detailed list of needed items, you are invited to visit their web site at <http://www.militaryconnections.org>.

### TIBLKF #1

It's a Terribly Important But Little Known Fact that the Penn Hills Public Library is about a lot more than just books (although books are great!). Did you know that you can take classes on subjects as diverse as knitting to chess? Plus they offer exercise groups, a summer concert series on the lawn and much more. Plan to take advantage of this great community asset. Find all that is happening at [www.pennhillslibrary.org](http://www.pennhillslibrary.org).

MILITARY CONNECTIONS WAS STARTED AS WAY TO ENSURE THAT OUR TROOPS HAVE THE SUPPLIES AND SUPPORT THEY NEED WHILE DEPLOYED. EVERY BOX THAT GOES OVER TO THE TROOPS IS APPRECIATED. EVERY PENNY COUNTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



## From the Pastor's Desk - Summer in Rosedale

by Pastor David Rucker

With frost warnings as late as the last week of May, summer is certainly taking its time to arrive this year. Still, summer is sure to arrive any day now and will probably be here by the time you receive this edition of the Rosedale Connect.

With the arrival of summer Rosedale truly blooms, it becomes the best of what a neighborhood has to offer. We can see summer in our fine and well-kept lawns, the many huge trees and our flower gardens. More significantly, we can see summer in our people.

Rosedale is a great walking neighborhood and our people take

advantage - there will be a near constant stream of walkers up and down our streets. We'll be reminded of how many young families make Rosedale home by the number of kids taking to the streets. And of course, people of all ages, but especially the kids, will be filling the pool and grounds of Rosedale Beach Club.

This summer we plan to be out on the church lawn more than ever. Already All Saints has hosted Rosedale Day at PNC Park, which was preceded by a cookout on the lawn. We'll be hosting more picnics this summer, and both All Saints and Rosedale United Methodist plan on moving some church services outside. One

of the reasons we'll be outdoors is to enjoy the summer. But we'll also be adding to the life of the neighborhood. The sight of people gathering on the lawn, the sound of music and preaching, and the color of worship will make our neighborhood even more of a "home" to all of us.

If you're walking by and see us out enjoying the summer, stop by and share in the picnic or worship service - join us in celebrating summer in Rosedale.

Many Blessings~

*David*

## Book Review: *Last Light* by Terri Blackstock

Need a good summer read? *Last Light*, a novel by Terri Blackstock is an easy read that you won't want to put down. In *Last Light*, all power of every kind suddenly goes dead - no motors, batteries, computers, or communication systems of any kind work. How would we survive if that happened? Its an intriguing and thought provoking look at human

nature and the realities of facing life without any kind of power for a prolonged and unknown period of time. A murder mystery is included. The author, Terri Blackstock is an award winning author with great success in secular publishing when she had a "spiritual awakening" and decided to write only books that would point her readers to Christ. Her books are

about flawed Christians (that's us!) in crisis and God's provision for them in the midst of their mistakes and wrong choices. I was disappointed when *Last Light* ended but recently found it is the first of a series!. The other books in the series are *Night Light*, *True Light*, and *Dawn's Light*.

## More Rosedale Recollections....

Did you know that.....

At one time there was another swimming pool in addition to the Rosedale pool? Schwer's pool was located in what is now the wooded area near Green Oaks Country Club. According to one long-time resident it was eventually torn down because it "leaked more water than it held!"

In the 1930's local teenagers played mush ball against teams from surrounding areas. Their playing field was on Third Street at the current site of Rosedale United Methodist Church.

During the winter some enterprising youths scaled the fence to ice skate on the Rosedale pool... until they were caught.

## TIBLKF #2

There are over 62,000 miles (yes, MILES) of blood vessels in a human body (I have seen some estimates of nearly 100,000 miles in an adult body). 62,000 miles would circle the earth 2 ½ times. Think about this - you are a walking miracle.

## We're taking church outside the walls....and onto the lawn

All Saints will be moving outdoors this summer for community worship services. On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, July 21<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup> we will hold our services on the church lawn.

As with all of our services, we will be very casual and everyone is welcome to drop in. If you happen to be walking that morning, walk on over to the church and join in on our worship; you can even bring

your dog if you happen to be walking your pet.

We'll be starting our services at 9:00 am, except for August 25<sup>th</sup> which begins at 12:30 p.m. and is followed by a picnic which is open to everyone.

Each service will conclude with Holy Communion. Everyone baptized into the Christian faith is

welcome to participate in our communion.

If you've been feeling a desire to give church another try, or if you want to receive communion, this is the perfect opportunity to give All Saints a try.

We hope to see you over the summer!

## Rosedale Day at PNC Park

Well, the Pirates lost, in extra innings, but the first annual Rosedale Day at PNC was a great success. Fifty of us gathered for a special day on the lawn of the church and at PNC Park.

The day opened at 4:00 as we began our cookout. There was much food and fellowship, and even a game of "pepper" (for those of you not familiar, pepper is played with baseball, bat and gloves and involves three or more players).

We boarded the bus to PNC at 5:45 and were dropped off at the front entrance at 6:30 - no parking hassles or costs.

We were not counting on extra innings, so we got more than we paid for. It did make for an interesting ending to the game and return to the bus - we had to be back at the bus by 11:00. Pastor David left the game a bit early to find several people that had managed to "disappear" as the game approached its end, and then to find the bus.

Everyone was rounded up and we made our way to the bus on time and in great spirits despite the loss. Maybe the highlight was the bus trip home - with a lot of conversation and joking. We arrived back at the church parking lot at midnight.

The day was a great success with great fun, food and fellowship. A pretty good deal for \$20.00!

Look for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rosedale Day at PNC to be bigger and better in 2014!

## Bowl Free All Summer Long!!!

Registered kids 16 & under receive 2 free games of bowling per day all summer long at participating bowling centers. Shoe passes are available for \$10 for the season.

Family passes are also available for \$24.95 & include 2 games per person per day. The Family Pass covers up to 4 adult family members. All 4 members can bowl at the same time!)

For more information and to register, please visit [www.kidsbowlfree.com](http://www.kidsbowlfree.com) or call (866) 798-4502.

## New Additions to our Website

David's blog, the Pastor's Desk and Carolyn's Q&A Forum have both been down for a number of months. But both the Pastor's Desk and the Forum are up and running again with plans for both to be updated regularly.

A new addition is scheduled to be published very soon: selected sermons will soon be online. As we explore our capabilities with audio files, look for additional new offerings to go online over the next several months.

The website can be found at [allsaintspittsburgh.org](http://allsaintspittsburgh.org) or simply [aspgh.org](http://aspgh.org). We'll see you online!

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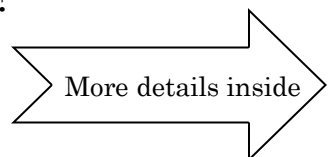
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*All Saints invites you to join us for  
**Church Outside the Walls***

- ◇ It's OUTSIDE, come CASUAL.
- ◇ It's for the whole FAMILY, bring the KIDS (& the dogs!)
- ◇ It's PRACTICAL, learn what the Bible says about life.
- ◇ It's DIFFERENT, a worship service without walls!



Sunday, June 23rd @ 9 a.m.

Sunday, July 21st @ 9 a.m.

Sunday, August 25th @ 12:30 p.m. with a picnic to follow.