



Rosedale Connect

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From The Pastor's Desk: What Makes a Neighborhood?

Another summer is in "the books." I hope it was a great one for each of you.

I have some unscientific observations about Rosedale in the summer - we have a lot of walkers, we have a lot of walkers with dogs! We have a lot of kids, a very busy swimming pool and country club. We have more runners than I would have ever imagined. We have an outdoor church service and a few people that walked up participated with All Saints in our "worship on the lawn".

We have a lot of very well kept homes, and manicured lawns. We have a lot of very large trees, the kind that make a summer breeze perfect. We are a quiet, peaceful neighborhood. The sound of lawn mowers is about as noisy as we get, except perhaps for singing coming from our churches and kids in the pool. We seem to be a safe place - I regularly see people walking and running well after the sun has set.

There are many neighborhood groups that welcome you or your help such as the animal shelter, the food bank at Rosedale United Methodist, the volunteer fire department, the Women's Club and our churches.

Maybe the most important discovery I've made, one that is not true of all neighborhoods, is that we have a lot of very friendly people. Nearly everyone I see when I'm "out and about" says "hi!" with a smile; some stop and talk. When I think of summer in Rosedale, the first thought that comes to me is that this is a very friendly, comfortable place. Maybe that is the greatest compliment any neighborhood could receive.

We have "discovered" one thing that our neighborhood lacks (at least to our knowledge), compared to many neighborhoods - a Community Bible Study. My family has lived in many neighborhoods in many cities over the years, and almost without exception we were quickly introduced to a neighborhood bible study. To our knowledge, there is no such opportunity in Rosedale. We think it's time to change that.

All Saints will soon be offering a bible study to Rosedale. You will see an article about this opportunity inside this edition of the RC. We think it is one more way to make Rosedale a real neighborhood. We hope you will come and be part of our neighborhood.

Many Blessings!

David

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Join us Sundays
at 9 a.m.

We are the perfect
church for those
who aren't!

You're not too bad
to come in.

You're not too good
to stay out. 😊

Community Bible Study To Begin In September

It's no secret - fewer and fewer people are going to churches on Sundays (see Pew Research and other major surveys for the evidence; also the Pastor's Blog at aspgh.org). There are many reasons for this, but one of the main reasons given for this decline is that many people feel that "church" is not relevant to their lives. Another reason often given is that a church service is not "relational" in nature nor truly participatory. The results are in - fewer and fewer people are interested in the church of generations past.

Relevant and relational - in fact, many churches have not been concerned with these ideas, and have been content to offer the "same 'ol". It is unacceptable but nevertheless true - many churches either do not know "how to" or are "unconcerned with" being relevant to the needs and questions of today's culture.

But this does not mean we are necessarily rejecting God. Survey after survey also reveals that the vast majority of us believe in

God, prayer, and life after death. This makes clear that it is not "God" that is being rejected, but the Church. It's time for the Church to offer something more to the people it is meant to serve.

Beginning on Thursday, September 26th, All Saints Church will introduce our new community bible study. Some of you have likely participated in bible studies in the past. We believe that whatever your experience with or knowledge about bible studies may be, you will be surprised with this offering from ASC - in all likelihood you have never participated in a group such as this.

The primary goals of this group will be to explore the Scriptures in order to come to know our God, discover why our God and faith is relevant to us today, and to share this journey with others in the group.

You can be sure that this will not be a tired, old, bible study. You will not sit through lectures, nor speed through the Scriptures in order to satisfy a schedule. You will find a group where all are wel-

come, regardless of your knowledge of the Christian faith or the bible, or of your beliefs. You will be part of a group that is making a true journey, and like any great journey we will surely take twists and turns totally unexpected. We'll "go" wherever our questions and discoveries take us.

We will explore the bible through unexpected methods. Movie clips, YouTube videos, articles and surveys will all be utilized in addition to the most up-to-date bible research and software.

Our bible study will meet each Thursday beginning on the 26th. We will meet at 6:30 PM in Boyd Hall located in the lower level of the Rosedale United Methodist Church building. We will end at approximately 8:00 PM. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided for the first meeting. If you can't make the first meeting, please know that everyone is always welcome - new comers can come into the group at anytime.

More Rosedale Recollections....

Did you know that once upon a time.....

Sandy Creek area was a coal mining community with a large population of miners who worked for the New York & Cleveland Gas Company. (The coal mines gave the name to Coal Hollow Road; a lime kiln gave its name to Lime Hollow Road.)

Many Penn Hills farmers had

their own coal mines. Stories from relatives of old-timers recall being able to reach the Rodi Road area from Sandy Creek by walking through the mines. Others remember walking through the mines from the family farm in what is now Eastmont to Jefferson School to escape bad weather.

Rosedale was once known as "Orangetown", receiving its name from the immigrants from North-

ern Ireland, many of whom worked in the mines

Jake Cohen's store, originally at the corner of Sandy Creek & Verona Roads, later moved to a building which housed Hippo's Pub. His store was on the first floor. Jake, his wife & 8 children lived on the second floor; the third floor housed a dance floor and prize-fighting ring.

The Gospel of John To Be The First Offering Of New Bible Study

On September 26th, beginning at 6:30 PM, the new Thursday Bible Study offered by ASC will hold its first meeting. The study will begin with the Gospel of John. John is centered on “Christology”, providing us with our greatest source to understand the true nature of Jesus Christ.

This is an “open” and “open-ended” study. To be “open” means everyone is welcome regardless of background with the bible, the Church, or the Christian faith. You may join the group at any time, but will of course experience the fullness of John by beginning at the beginning. To be open-ended means that the group will not be follow-

ing a strict schedule; the group will explore at its own pace.

Make plans to be part of the Thursday Bible Study and to experience Jesus in a new way.

Support Our Troops!!

In the next issue of Rosedale Connect we will be featuring an article on a way to support our service men and women who will be celebrating the holidays away from home, families and friends. We will be collecting items for care packages which will be sent through the Military Connections organization to various military installations.

If you would like to begin collecting supplies now, among the needed items are energy bars, non-

perishable snack items, soups and Chef Boyardee with pop-top lids, shampoo, toothpaste/toothbrush, batteries, phone cards, new or used DVDs and CDs, white socks. A more detailed list as well as information about the Military Connections “Adopt a Package” program is available on their website: militaryconnections.org.

Follow David’s blog at www.aspgh.org.

Click on the Pastor’s Desk link!

TIBLKF #1

In honor of the Pittsburgh Pirates magical season - Did you know that the Pittsburgh baseball team was originally called the “Alleghenys”? In 1891 the Alleghenys signed Lou Brierbauer to a contract. There was a problem however - the Philadelphia Athletics claimed that Brierbauer belonged to them. In response to “stealing” their player, the Athletics called the team from Pittsburgh “pirates”. The name stuck and in 1912 the Pittsburgh Baseball Club officially changed its name to the “Pirates”. Thank you Philadelphia!

What if you woke up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday?

TIBLKF #2

We are all aware that the Pirates have finally ended 20 years of losing this year, but did you know that the Philadelphia Phillies hold their own record of unmatched futility? Between 1918 and 1948 the Phillies had only one winning season. In 1932 the Phillies finished two games above .500 (78-76). Only those two games prevented the Phillies from thirty consecutive years of losing!

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Pet Blessing 2013

October 5th @ 11:00 a.m.

All Saints Church will once again hold a blessing of the animals 11:00AM Saturday, October 5th in the parking lot at Rosedale United Methodist Church, 5501 Third Street. As we gather to celebrate these gifts from God that enrich our lives, we welcome all creatures great and small----- two legs, four legs or no legs; furry, feathered or slimy! This traditional blessing is usually held early in October in honor of Francis of Assisi, the saint remembered for his love of animals and nature. There will be treats for all----pets and their caretakers! This is not only a wonderful chance to bless our pets but also an opportunity get to know other pet owners in the neighborhood. So put a paw print on the calendar to save the date!

We do request that pets be on leashes or caged. Can't bring your pet? Bring us a photo!

Animal Rescue League and Wildlife Center

Once again we are requesting support for the Animal Rescue League and Wildlife Center on Verona Road as part of our pet blessing activities. Among the needed items are clean blankets and towels, canned fruit, original Dawn Liquid Dish soap, jarred baby food, large trash bags, paper towels, bleach and Science Diet dog, puppy, cat and kitten food.

Also new this year is a project from the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) in partnership with the Animal Rescue League, Petco and the City of Pittsburgh. For every clean, empty aluminum pet food can collected, 5 cents will be donated to the Animal Rescue League and Wildlife Center. Cans may be brought to the pet blessing or dropped off at the Verona Road center. Additional information on this project as well as other drop off locations is available at the Cans for Pets link on the PRC website: www.prc.org.