



# Rosedale Connect

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## From The Pastor's Desk

### What Can One Man Do?

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Time has a way of flying by. Not just days, but the years. It's true for all of us - we look up and wonder "where has it all gone?" Maybe the hardest thing of all is looking back and wondering if we left any footprints at all. Often that realization is followed by regret - things we would like to do over again; choices we regret.

Suppose you did have that chance to do it all again - would you really make a difference "this time"? Or would time slip by once again?

None of us are going to get the chance to turn back the clock, but we all get the opportunity to make a decision about today and tomorrow. How ironic when we look back with regret but not forward with purpose.

It's not for me to tell John Dick's story. But I bet if you ask him, he'll share it with you. John's pretty much like most of us, except one day, rather than look back with regret, he decided to look forward with purpose. He got serious with his faith, with Jesus Christ, and with his life. He committed to something that must have seemed way too big. I doubt he imagined what his decision would grow into.

I suspect most of us would have backed down. It's not really possible for any one man to make a difference

in this world, is it? What can one man do?

Plenty.

Meet John Dick. John founded, organized and runs the Food Bank out of Rosedale United Methodist Church. John makes a difference in the lives of hundreds of families, week after week.

We feature the Food Bank in this issue of the RC. It's an important story, for the work they do, and for what it represents - one man had a decision to make. He decided to look forward and make a difference. When a serious

decision is made, it's amazing what one man can do.

"Well John is just different, right? I mean, we don't even have an idea much less the means to go out

and create something significant, like the Food Bank. What can I do? I wonder what's on TV...."

Most of us don't have a call to raise up something from nothing. But that is very different than saying "there's nothing I can do." There are plenty of people like John all around us. I can tell you about Walt here in Rosedale who was always at the church working on something, when he wasn't serving as an EMT. I can tell you about Jack who serves "Force 10" that gives prop-

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Join us Sundays  
at 9 a.m. for  
worship &  
Thursdays  
@ 6:30 p.m.  
for Community  
Bible Study

## What Can One Man Do?

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er funerals to the remains of unclaimed bodies. John is a volunteer fireman at the Rosedale FD. Tom helped found a school for orphan children in Rwanda.

I know missionaries around the world; Arlene is in her 80's and runs the school that Tom helped build and a home for orphans in Rwanda. A Harvard Law graduate (one of my best friends) walked away from the

practice of law and ministers in the intercity. Mike runs a church and a facility for homeless veterans in the Hill District.

If we all looked forward and decided to leave a footprint, think of what could be accomplished. Don't know how to begin? Don't worry, there's plenty of opportunity, even here in Rosedale. I bet John could use your help at the Food Bank. The RVFD could use all kinds of help. If you're a lover of animals, check out the animal shelter. These are oppor-

tunities within walking distance. I promise, whatever your interest is, there are ways to make a difference.

Rather than letting time pass by unnoticed, rather than looking back with regret, do something unexpected - look forward and imagine leaving real footprints.

Blessings!

*David*

## Mark Your Calendar For the Second Annual Rosedale day at PNC!

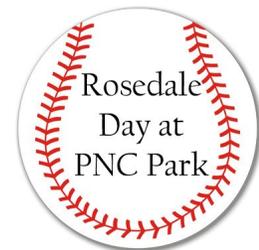
It's almost baseball season! ASC will be hosting Rosedale Day on Thursday, July 3rd. The evening will feature discounted prices on tickets, a free "pizza and peanuts" dinner and complimentary bus ride to PNC and back.

Tickets are limited and are first-come-first-serve. We'll be sending out details soon, but if you know

you want to reserve tickets now, you can call the church office at 412-744-4063. Be sure to leave your name, phone number and number of tickets (please let us know adult and/or youth) you wish to reserve. You can also visit our website at [www.aspgh.org](http://www.aspgh.org) and click on the baseball to reserve your tickets!

Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$12 for

kids 14 and younger (normally \$20). We have great seats in Section 316! We hope you will join us!



## Easter Pie Sale

No time to bake during this Easter Season? All Saints has the answer! We are taking orders for a variety of pies as well as traditional Easter delights including pumpkin rolls, nut logs and Easter bread. All items are from the famous Pie Shoppe in Laughlintown, Pa.

An order form is included in this issue for your convenience. Orders and payment are due March 31<sup>st</sup>. Checks may be made payable to All Saints Church and mailed to All Saints Church, 5501 Third Street, Verona, Pa 15147.

Orders will be available Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and must be picked up at the church between 12:00PM-2:00PM.

Please call the church at 412-744-4063 with any questions. Additional orders forms can be downloaded from our website and you can also view FAQs regarding the pies (e.g. pies are made with flash frozen fresh fruit, never canned!).

## Billy Graham Crusade

August 15, 16, and 17, the Billy Graham Evangelical Association will be at the Consol Energy Center. Franklin Graham will be preaching. Watch for news about the opportunity to join your neighbors in attendance as ASC will be reserving buses for one night to transport us to the Consol and back to Rosedale. This is an important and historic event - mark your calendar and look for more news from ASC soon!

Visit us at [www.aspgh.org](http://www.aspgh.org) for additional information as it becomes available.

## The Community Food Bank

In the late afternoon hours on a Wednesday, you might notice an increase in traffic at the corner of Homestead Road and Third Street as people gather at the Rosedale United Methodist Church where families in need receive food from the Community Food Bank. Behind the scenes, under the direction of John Dick, volunteers have prepared boxes of food, organized the distribution and church volunteers have prepared coffee and refreshments for the participants.

Having its beginning at the Pittsburgh East Church in 1989, the food bank initially served 30-40 families each week. Since moving to the Rosedale site in 2003, that number has increased to 170-240 families being served in the Penn Hills, Oakmont, Plum and Verona communities. This number con-

tinues to grow each year. Special food distributions occur throughout the year, especially during the holidays. This past Christmas, for the first time, the Rosedale Food Bank participated in Feed the Children, a national organization assisting families in need. Boxes of food and other supplies were distributed to the 340 families in this area.

The Rosedale Community Food Bank is affiliated with the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank, the source of much of the food for distribution. Donations are also received from local businesses, bakeries and restaurants. While these donations help to support the food bank, there are still costs associated with its operation and these costs have continued to rise over the years. If you or your group or church is interested in donating, please contact John Dick at 412-302-2509. Monetary donations may also be mailed to John at 448 Geisler Drive, Pitts-

burgh, Pa. 15221. Checks should be made out to the Rosedale Food Bank.

People in need of the food bank services may register at the church during their hours of operation on Wednesdays from 4:30-7:30PM. (Please note they are not open the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of any month.) Some documentation, such as photo ID, is required for participation. For additional information regarding requirements, please contact John Dick at the above number or All Saints Church at 412-744-4063.

In addition to food, nourishment for the soul is also available each Wednesday. A prayer room adjacent to the fellowship hall, staffed by food bank volunteers, is open for those who may desire prayer or simply need someone to talk to.

Perhaps importance of this Food Bank was best expressed by one of the participants when she said "This place is such a blessing!"

## LKBTIF #1

As noted elsewhere in this issue of the RC, the Billy Graham Evangelical Association will be coming to Pittsburgh in August. Pittsburgh is one of 26 cities that Franklin Graham will preach and minister in around the world this year. His father, Billy, retired from ministry in 2005. In honor of Billy's years of service to the Gospel, we share two Terribly Important but Little Known Facts - First, by the time he retired, Billy had preached in person to nearly 215 million people in more than 185 countries. His largest crowd was 1,120,000 in Seoul in 1973. His largest crowd in the U.S. was 250,000 in 1991 at New York City's Central Park.



*Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 12-2 p.m.*

Pie Pick Up

*Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m.*

Palm Sunday Service

*Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.*

Maundy Thursday Service

*Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.*

Good Friday Service

*Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m.*

Easter Service

## LKBTIF #2

Billy Graham is known for being the Pastor to the Presidents, but did you know that he became a leader in the civil rights movement in the 1950s and 60s? Billy was a close friend of Martin Luther King, and even bailed Martin out of jail after being arrested for his activism. Opening up his crusades to all races in the south produced one of Billy's most powerful quotes - "The ground at the foot of the cross is level" referring to all people being equal before God.

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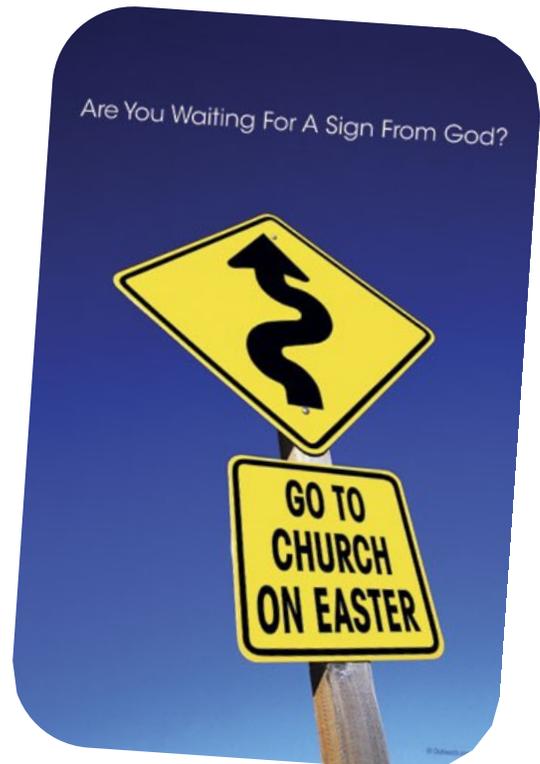
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inside!

### Pie Sale!!

Let us help you with your Easter desserts (they also make a great hostess gift if you are the guest!) and in turn, you will be helping us by supporting our fundraising efforts.

Neighbor helping neighbor!

Details and order form inside this issue. Pies are made at the famous Pie Shoppe in Laughlintown, PA and delivered to the church for pick up.



JOIN US EASTER SUNDAY 9 A.M.