

## Community House Welcomes our Newest Members

**C**ommunity House Presbyterian Church Community House Presbyterian Church is happy to announce the most recent members of our Church family. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and make their acquaintance if you have not already done so. Each has an interesting story to tell. Well, you may want to wait a year or so to introduce yourself to Gabriel. He's a bit young at the moment.



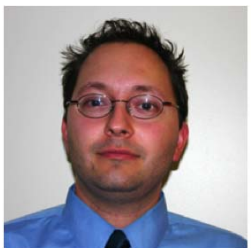
Gabriel Oisín Mahone was born on Thursday, October 2. Oisín is the new brother of Eamonn Mahone and the son of Denise and Paco Mahone. (Oisín is Irish meaning "little deer" and is pronounced "osh + een").



Rob Nichols was born in the suburbs of New York City but moved to Peterborough in Southern New Hampshire when he was eleven. Peterborough couldn't be more different from New York City. It is the New England town depicted in "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder. Rob's formative years were spent in this quaint artist colony in the mountains of the Granite State. Rob earned his BA in English in NH then moved to Dallas for his Masters in literature. It was in Dallas that he met Stephen Jordan. Stephen persuaded Rob to move to Pittsburgh to attend CMU. Rob relocated last summer to enrich his relationship and secure a MA in professional writing. In addition to reading fiction and running trails he relaxes with his two dogs and two cats. Ron comes from a "large Catholic" family who "really like each other." We welcome Rob to his new family away from home.



Tom Whitefield was born and raised in Beaver County, Pennsylvania. He moved to Washington, PA and recently to McKees Rocks, where he now lives. Tom's interest in saving gas prompted him to buy a motorcycle. In the year since, he's found that the vehicle not only gets him there with less fuel, but riding it also provides a great way to clear his head of the daily frustrations of life. And since tinkering with mechanical things gives him joy, the bike fulfills a benefit there as well. Tom also enjoys computers, politics and science fiction. Tom is looking forward to the surprises that go along with uncovering the secrets of his faith here at Community House.



Michael Merryman was born in Clarion, PA and now lives in McKees Rocks. He works at Highmark in customer service. Michael earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in Business Administration and Music from Washington and Jefferson College. He also holds a Master of Arts in Music Composition. His love of music is evidenced in his writing and directing pieces, primarily in the Baroque style. Michael is intensely interested in the study of family history, in particular, the genealogy of the Merryman and Whitefield families, which can be traced back over 1,000 years to the British Isles. Michael is the research director of the family's genealogy library.

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## News from the Community House Session

### New Members – the Promise of Community

**H**ave you been joining the Community House family for Sunday worship and feeling finally at home? Have you watched the faces of the children of our faith family and found joy in their joy? Are you ready to make a commitment to put your energies in spreading the Good News that God's love is for all peoples? Perhaps the time has come to consider joining the Community House family. New Member Dinners will be held on Wednesdays November 5 and 12, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please see Rev. Wayne to register. We look forward to having you!

### 2009 Congregational Meeting

**C**ommunity House Presbyterian Church will hold its 178<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, November 9. All church members are invited to attend this important gathering. Rev. Wayne and Session members will discuss how well the goals of the past year were met. Topics include membership, stewardship, Christian nurture, communications, community involvement, facilities, personnel and finance and special events. Please come prepared to be engaged in the discussion. Jan Leo has prepared a presentation that will highlight the reasons we remember for cherishing our church family in 2008. A joyful time indeed!

### Tending to Our Flock

**C**ommunity House takes great pride in the spiritual lives of our children. That is clear from the list that follows. The following adults spent a summer Sunday during worship to work with the children at Camp Praise. A special thank you to all who did.

Michael Beigay	Peter Donovan
Russell Blackburn	Cheryl Lowitzer
Robin Bower	Jen Saffron
Ines Brady	Sarah Springer
Diane DePalma	Doug Sterling
Claudia Detwiler	Lynne Weber
John Detwiler	Ray Wiethorn
Bobbi Donovan	

### Stewardship - Time, Talent and Treasure

**T**he Community House Presbyterian Church 2009 Stewardship campaign is nearly completed. Thanks to all who have submitted their pledge cards. If you have not yet turned yours in, please do so by mailing it to:

Michelle Jones, c/o Community House Presbyterian Church, 120 Parkhurst Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

Next week is our Congregational Meeting and it is important to know what financial resources we can count on for the next calendar year.

As in 2007 and 2008, the Session has set a goal for giving for 2009 of \$115,000. This sum represents just a fraction of our operating expenses.

Our 2008 budget year is also coming to a close. We are unlikely to reach our goal of \$115,000 since as of October 19, we are on pace to have an annual community donation of \$97,762.

Anyone with outstanding donations that should be credited to 2008 is urged to fulfill those pledges if possible. Starting 2009 on a strong financial footing will be a great advantage.

### CHPC Parishes – Space for Grace

**C**ommunity House Session has established the Parish system. Each Session member has a group of church members for whom s/he is responsible. In order to help the members of the Parishes get to know each other, each Parish will have the opportunity to host Space for Grace one month per year. Gina Spangenberg's Parish will celebrate the third Wednesday in November (the 19th). Members of Gina's Parish include: Amy Constantine, Lynne Weber, Doug Sterling, Michael Beigay, Rob Nichols, Emily Hayes-Rowan and Kim Kunkel.

December's, on December 17, will be hosted by Eric Holtz's Parish consisting of: Jeanine Blackburn, Lynne Sowinski, Ron Church, Rae Hodge and Lillian Akin.

### What's coming up at Community House?

**Sunday, November 9 - 178th Congregational Meeting  
Begins after worship at approximately 12:15 p.m.**