
Stewardship Letters Arrive in Mailboxes

By now members of Community House should have received their first 2008 Stewardship update letter. A special thanks to Jen Saffron and Michelle Jones for taking on and accomplishing the task of bringing Community House members up to date on their 2008 giving level. The good news is that our combined effort to meet our community's financial goal is succeeding. Pastor Wayne Peck reports that giving is ahead of this time last year.

The caution is that as we approach the summer months we need to be aware of the tendency to let vacations interrupt the routine of giving. Please know that your mindfulness about this concern is appreciated. If you wish to send your contribution by mail, please do so to by sending it to Julie Gellman, c/o Community House Presbyterian Church, 120 Parkhurst Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

And again, thank you to everyone who has shared their hard-earned treasure to keep Community House a vital part of the Presbyterian community and the Northside neighborhood.

News from the Session of the Community House Presbyterian Church

Rev. Wayne Peck and Jan Leo have been working diligently for months on the More Light movie. We thank them and congratulate them on their efforts. Their work is coming to a crescendo as they prepare the piece to be screened at the upcoming General Assembly in California, which begins on June 18.

As mentioned in April's Unity News, Rev. Wayne has been in communication with Dana Gold of Infinite Family Project in order to bring the program to Community House. Arrangements have been made to have Rev. Gold speak at the worship service on May 25th. Please plan to be present to hear about this remarkable opportunity.

Plans are afoot to have any young people who are interested in enjoying the experience of Camp Crestfield this summer to attend as a group in July. Details will be unveiled by Gina Spangenberg in the upcoming weeks.

Look Mom, a Special Collection!

We will have a special collection on May 11, Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Christian Church. This collection will reimburse our Treasure stewardship coffers for the amount Community House owed to the Presbyterian denomination as its annual apportionment assessment. If you are concerned about what *your portion* of the apportionment might be, you might start with the figure suggested by the denomination of \$21.25 per communicant member. If you can be more generous to offset those who will find that amount to be out of reach, may you be richly blest. Any amount will be welcomed since the shortfall will continue to be a debt against our Treasure account. If paying by check, please mark "for Presbytery" on the memo line. If paying with cash, please use an envelope and label it accordingly. Thank you to everyone for your anticipated generosity.

Have you got an idea or article you'd like to see published in our newsletter? Please give your idea or completed article to Jen Saffron at jensaffron@comcast.net or Bobbi Donovan at bobbilee@comcast.net. Please get your ideas to either of the above women by the 15th of the month or articles by the 25th of the month for publication in the following month's Unity News. Please put "For Newsletter" in the subject line. Thanks.

Got a Church family?

Have you been consistently inspired by the messages you receive, both verbal and non-verbal, during your time at Community House? Has your spiritual nature been nurtured because of your interaction with members of the Community House family?

Maybe it's time to become a member of Community House and add your story to the story we are creating here.

The next round of New Member Conversations will be held on **two** consecutive Wednesdays, May 7 and May 14, starting at 6 p.m. at Community House. The first

two sessions are conducted during catered meals. The new format continues with additional sessions, individualized with Rev. Wayne Peck and/or Rick St. John to discuss your personal spiritual journey and how Community House might support and nurture your spiritual growth toward discerning your calling and fulfilling your life projects. All those who are considering Community House membership are invited to participate!

Please RSVP by replying to James Buczynski at james.buczynski@highmark.com or Jen Saffron at jensaffron@comcast.net, so that we can reserve a place for you at the table.

Getting Involved and Making Action Happen

In the footsteps of Christians before us, we have been challenged by Pastor Wayne to find a challenge to the Gospel we love and take action to remediate it. If you are new to the idea of being uncomfortable in being true to your faith, now is the time to pair up with a Community House member who has already crossed that path and come out stronger on the other side. The following list is just the beginning. If you have a passion to lead, please sign up.

As for the newcomers, if you would like to invest energy in any of the following areas, you will have help getting started.

TOPIC	STEWARDS
Single Payer Health Care	Claudia Detwiler
Northside United (Justice issues and gambling)	Susan Nilsen
Goods for Guns	Derwin Rushing
Pittsburgh Public School engagement	Wayne and Molly Peck, Jan Leo, Lynne Weber, Jen Saffron
Racism and Social Justice	Darlene Durrwachter-Rushing
GLBT	Stephen Jordan, Del Rodrigues, Michael Begay, James Buczynski, Wayne Peck, Jan Leo
Shelter Ministry	Jen Saffron
Poetry and the Arts	Rick St. John, Jay Carson
Central Northside Citizens Council and neighborhood issues	Lynne Weber, Doug Sterling, Janet Holtz, Wayne Peck
Wireless Neighborhoods and After-School	Wayne Peck
Health and Wellness	Betsy O'Neill
Parents and Families	Joyce Baskins, Sarah Springer, Wayne Peck (Infinite Family)

What's coming up at Community House?

Welcoming Dinners - two Wednesdays in May : May 7 and 14, 6:00 p.m.

Space for Grace Corner

DATE	PRESIDER	CHOIR
May 14	Janet Edwards	yes
21	John D	yes
28	Fritz	no
June 4	Gay Task Force	yes
11	James B.	yes