



The Community House Church family mourns the untimely death of Stephen Jordan. Stephen was deeply invested in the cause of the GLBT community. For those who are interested in making a memorial contribution on

Stephen's behalf, it is suggested that they be made to More Light Presbyterians for Marriage Equality.

To do so, send your donation directly to the address below with a note that it is in memory of Stephen Jordan.

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## June 29 -- More Light Sunday

Community House Presbyterian Church will celebrate More Light Sunday on June 29. More Light Sunday, traditionally the first Sunday of June, offers an opportunity for likeminded persons across the country to stand united in support of the movement for GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgender) equality within the PCUSA, and to support More Light Presbyterians (MLP.)

This year, congregations who celebrate More Light Sunday will receive "It's About Time" postcards. Interested GLBT supporters are invited complete the cards by writing down exactly why It's About Time for the PCUSA to accept GLBT people. These postcards will be presented to commissioners at the General Assembly in San Jose.

## Community House shares our good news at PrideFest 2008

Pittsburgh Pride Week 2008 will conclude with PrideFest on Sunday, June 22 from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. in downtown Pittsburgh and Community House will be there to show our solidarity with the GLBT community. The Community House Presbyterian Church members who staff our booth throughout the day will witness to festival attendees about the CHPC mission and the welcoming community we promote here on Parkhurst Street.

This year's PrideFest will grace Liberty Avenue between Seventh Street and Tenth Street with a children's area, a young adult area, a Queer Café, a beer garden, vendor and food booths and two stages that will host a total of 10 hours of entertainment. National entertainers will include the Clicks, Latin pop star Reina, and Queer Comedian Eddie Sarfaty. Special guests Mary Lou Wallner and Jacob Reitan, GLBT activists who appeared in the film "For the Bible Tells Me So", will share their stories at PrideFest.

If you are interested in volunteering at the CHPC booth for any amount of time between noon and 6:00 p.m., please contact Michael Beigay at [gm2b@earthlink.net](mailto:gm2b@earthlink.net). Says Michael, "Let's reach out to the community about God's Love and Grace by sharing what we are doing in the church and the stories we are living out each and every day."

Michael is also in need of a tent or a canopy for use that day. Please contact him to offer your help.

Do you have 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](mailto:jensaffron@comcast.net) or Bobbi Donovan at [bobbilee@comcast.net](mailto: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.



**Click to Reach Around World and Make a Difference**

**T**hose in attendance at Sunday worship on May 25 had the opportunity to hear about the amazing work of Reverend Dana Gold. Infinite Family. Founded in 2006, works to improve the daily life, chance for survival and future potential of children and young adults left orphaned by the HIV/AIDS epi-

dem in South Africa by matching them through cyberspace with a caring adult, a “net family,” in the United States. Infinite Family runs trainings periodically in the Pittsburgh area for adults interested in expanding their circle of love to meet this critical need. For more information link to: [www.infinitefamily.org/](http://www.infinitefamily.org/)

**On the Hearts and Minds of Our Members**

**J**une 26th is United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. All of June has been designated Torture Awareness Month by human rights and religious groups. Torture is one of the few remaining topics still considered unfit for polite conversation - including in many churches. Please feel free to share the information that will be available next to the bulletins AND please join us on June 26th for a silent procession in the Gateway Triangle in recognition of the thousands of people who have been tortured.

Our coalition, Pittsburgh Against Torture, is providing opportunities for religious groups to find their voice. We will address misperceptions about the nature and origin of U.S. torture and about the people are who are tortured. More importantly, it is about taking the power of our faith and challenging the powers of the world that do this “to the least of these”.

Claudia Detwiler

**News from the Session of the Community House Presbyterian Church**

**Great news! And a related request**

As of April 30, the total treasure contributed to date by CHPC members has exceeded the total for this time last year. Thanks to all whose generosity and stewardship is to be credited for reaching that benchmark.

To keep that trend moving forward, *please accept this friendly reminder* to those of you who will be vacationing away from home during the summer months. Please know that it would be most appreciated if your contribution of treasure continued throughout your absence from worship.

Scheduled donations can be sent to Julie Gellman, c/o Community House Presbyterian Church, 120 Parkhurst Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

**CHPC Member Shines**

As part of the Pot Luck Readers Series, Rick St John will read selections of his poetry on Friday, June 20 at 8:00 p.m., at the Most Wanted Fine Art Gallery located at 5015 Penn Avenue in Garfield.

Rick will be joined by Pennsylvania Poet Laureate, Sam Hazo who will read selections from his collection *The Song of the Horse: Selected Poems 1958-2008*. Admission is \$5 or a dish to share. Rick will have his books available for purchase.

**What’s coming up at Community House?**

**More Light Sunday - June 29** - Please plan to attend and bring anyone you feel needs to hear the message of inclusion for all God’s people.

**Space for Grace Corner**

DATE	PRESIDER	CHOIR

*Hosted monthly by CHPC Youth.  
Contact James Buczynski for details*