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## March Ushers in the Splendor of Spring



Fun times at the St. Patrick's Day parade!

~photo courtesy Ray Feather Photography

*How did it get so late so soon?  
It's night before it's afternoon.  
December is here before it's June.  
My goodness how the time has flown.  
How did it get so late so soon?*

~Dr. Seuss

I've always been intrigued with why some things seem to fly by and others creep at a snail's pace. Well, there's actually a theory behind it called "proportional theory." This idea suggests that the perception of time is in proportion to the length of our lifespan. So, the longer you live, the shorter a moment may seem in comparison. I've really simplified the explanation for the purposes of my point...I blinked and suddenly spring was around the corner! I'm not complaining!

There's so much to do in our area during this season. With March being the month to kick off spring, one fun way to celebrate is by attending the annual St. Patty's parade!

This year the parade is on Sat., March 11 at 10 a.m. and is perfect for the entire family! Following the parade are many activities celebrating the holiday including fun events held in Market Square, and downtown. Entertainment includes street performers, live music, and many different dining opportunities at the various restaurants.

There are Irish pubs all around the Pittsburgh area. Some of these

places are Riley's Pour House in Carnegie, Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle in the Strip, and Monterey Pub on the North Side. They are all offering something special to celebrate the holiday but call each one for specific details.

In addition to the green of St. Patrick's Day, there's green from nature peeking out all around us this month. For an extra dose of color, visit the Spring Flower Show: Five Senses of Splendor starting March 18 at Phipps Conservatory. Enjoy the colors of thousands of spring blooms, smell the fragrant flowers, hear beautiful sounds of chimes in



Spring Flower Show

~photo courtesy of Phipps Conservatory

the Sunken Garden, feel plant textures in the interactive grand fountain, and enjoy a delicious treat at Café Phipps. Info at [phipps.conservatory.org](http://phipps.conservatory.org).

Now is the perfect time to start planning your garden and home projects. The 41st Annual Pittsburgh Home & Garden Show will be held Mar. 3-12 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. This event features over 1,500 exhibitors and will be partnered with the Farm to Table

Expo again this year. Enjoy health and wellness speakers, cooking demonstrations, gardening/farming education, and kids activities. Farm to Table will showcase local food vendors, dieticians, chefs and the local food producers with plenty of food sampling. More info at [pghhome.com](http://pghhome.com) or [farmtotablepa.com](http://farmtotablepa.com).

It's National Meatball Day on Mar. 9 and they will be celebrating at Emporio on Penn Avenue all day long! The event will feature food and drink specials, raffles, give aways, and more. Info on facebook.

When we think of food, we need to always be aware that it's a blessing not a guarantee, although it should be. Help fight hunger by attending the *Empty Bowls* community meal on Mar. 26, 1-8 p.m. at Rodef Shalom Congregation in Oakland. Support the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food



Hand made bowls - Empty Bowls

~photo courtesy of Pittsburgh Food Bank

Bank and Just Harvest by enjoying a simple meal of soup and bread from local chefs in a hand crafted bowl. You can dine in or take out. Seating is 1-3 p.m., 3:30-5:30 p.m. and 6 - 8 p.m. Purchase tickets and get info at [pittsburghfoodbank.org](http://pittsburghfoodbank.org).

A truly delicious treat from nature, maple syrup, is being celebrated this month. The Audubon Society of Western PA is celebrating Maple Madness with four events: March 11 at Buffalo Creek Nature Park, March 18 at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, and March 25 at Succop Nature Park.

Take a tour through the history of maple sugaring! Learn how people have used maple through the ages. Event features a maple sugar demonstration trail and discover the science of maple syrup—and how to collect and make your own. This

event will take place completely outdoors; Please dress for the weather. Cost is \$6 for members; \$12 for non-members. The event takes place starting at 10 am; groups leave each 1/2 hour; please register via the calendar for your time slot!

There will be adults only Maple Drink Tasting Happy Hours at the Buffalo location 7-9 p.m. Info at [aswp.org](http://aswp.org)

The Somerset County Maple Weekend on Mar. 11-12, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. will feature tasting, tree tapping, sugar making, horse drawn carriage rides, pancakes and sausage, and a lot of maple products to buy. Go to [somersetcountymaple.org](http://somersetcountymaple.org) and then choose which places to visit.

Attend a full day Maple Sugaring Workshop at Raccoon Creek State Park on Mar.11 at 10 a.m. Learn how to collect maple sap, the boiling process and the processing of syrup into candies and sugar. Conclude the day with a pancake dinner. Purchase tickets online. On Mar. 12 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m., learn the Basics of Maple Sugaring. View evaporators, taps and finished syrups and candies. This event is free.



Tapping a maple tree.

~photo courtesy of ASWP

Mark your calendars for the 55th Annual Ukrainian Easter Egg Sale will be at SS Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church on April 2, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and will feature over 1,200 Pysanky (Easter eggs) and over 300 specialty eggs plus food, basket raffles, door prizes and church tours. Info at [orthodoxcarnegie.org](http://orthodoxcarnegie.org).

Keep your eyes open for those first blooms. All things seem better in the wake of spring. There's a theory for that, too. It has to do with the sleep hormone melatonin, and the mood enhancer serotonin. We can skip the scientific details and just enjoy the season! Happy Spring!



# MUSINGS...DO WHAT YOU SAY YOU'LL DO



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*The only possession we own that is worth anything is our word. Unfortunately, many people worry more about their car getting scratched than keeping their word.*

~Douglas D. Chasick

## TRUST:

Trust is the basis for every successful relationship. This is true when the relationship is between

- Boss and employee
- Service provider and customer
- Husband and wife
- Parent and child
- Friend and friend

The absolutely best way to build trust is to do what you say you'll do. Or tell why not. Every time.

I worked with the CEO of a Canadian branch of a major U.S. company. People at all levels of the company held him in high esteem. Our assessment showed him to be highly analytical, not a natural people person.

"How do you account for your stellar reputation?" I asked him.

"I keep my word," he answered simply.

The problem is that often we don't pay attention to what we promise. We say,

"I'll keep you updated every week," and we don't.

"I'll take care of it," and we don't.

"I'll call you next week," or "You'll have it by Tuesday," and it doesn't happen.

We don't even realize that we have broken our word, and degraded trust.

Chasick also says, "Oh, and by the way, your car is gonna get scratched no matter what you do – that's life!"

## COACHING QUESTIONS/TIPS:

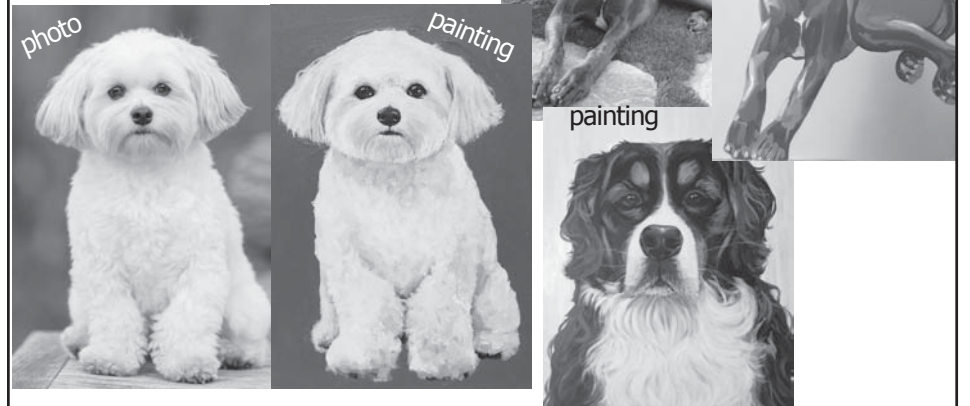
These tips apply equally to communication with your boss, your 5-year-old, your partner and your best friend

1. Listen to yourself talk and make sure you can do what you promise.
2. Do it.
3. If you can't keep your word, acknowledge it. Apologize if you need to. Take responsibility.
4. Don't overpromise and underdeliver. It's better to underpromise and overdeliver.
5. How do you keep track of what you promise? (This is important)

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# Fun Ways to Celebrate the Arrival of Spring



Planting a tree is a great way to help the environment and to celebrate spring.

Spring is a season of rebirth in more ways than one. Spring is when certain animals emerge from hibernation, while many species lay eggs or give birth this time of year. Flowers and trees also bloom in spring, providing spectacular foliage and awe-inspiring color.

People also may feel like they have a new lease on life as they shake away the doldrums of winter and embrace longer hours of sunlight and

warmer temperatures. The arrival of spring is worthy of celebration, and these activities and ideas can be enjoyable ways to spend the first day of spring.

Spend time outdoors. One is never too old for a picnic in a park or a bike ride along the trails. Spending time outdoors is beneficial because it exposes people to sunlight, which is a precursor to the development of vitamin D. Vitamin D affects muscles, joints and tissues. It also can affect mood.

Plant a tree. Honor the first day of spring, and Earth Day shortly thereafter, by planting trees. Trees provide habitats for wildlife, create shade, reduce air pollution by filtering the air, and produce oxygen. A sapling is a manageable tree to plant and something children can do as well.

Enjoy trying some spring crafts. Grab an inexpensive canvas and paint a landscape that is in full bloom. Use quick-set plaster to create stepping stones embedded with mosaic glass pieces for color that can be added to the backyard.

Create an excuse for a get-together and host a spring potluck. Put fresh spring vegetables and fruits on display. Options include artichokes, apricots, asparagus, carrots, dandelion greens,

and radishes. Put together a pasta primavera, which essentially is a spring pasta dish laden with fresh vegetables.

Decorate inside your home with flowers. Bring fresh flowers indoors and put them on display in vases or table centerpieces. Cut stems on a 45-degree angle underwater to help flowers last longer. In addition, choose floral themed curtains and throw pillows to add some spring decor.

Create a water feature. The sound and sights of cascading water can be both relaxing and picturesque. A water feature can be something as simple as a small fountain or more elaborate like a koi pond.

Spring is a time of year when people can enjoy seasonal activities that make the most of the warmer weather and blooming landscape.

## Community News and Events

You are invited to join the **Green Tree Garden Club** on Thurs., Mar. 16 for a presentation entitled, "Co-existence with Critters: A Gardener's Guide" by Katie Campbell and Sandi Comunale from the Humane Animal Rescue of Pittsburgh (HARP). This will take place in the Carlisle Social Hall, Green Tree Fire Hall. Guests are welcome to attend the meeting at 12:15pm at no cost. Reservations are required for lunch which takes place at 11:00am. Interested in Membership? Contact Roni Conard, 717-747-6565 or Kevin Maurer at 412-922-8816 Info: [www.greentreeboro.com](http://www.greentreeboro.com)

**The Green Tree Woman's Civic Club** is hosting their "Bring on Spring" Luncheon at the Green Tree Double Tree Hotel on Sat., Mar. 26.

Doors open at 12:00pm - Lunch will be served at 1:00pm. Fashions by: White House Black Market, Basket raffle, bake sale, share the wealth, cash bar. To purchase tickets (\$35), contact JoAnn Whitaker. \*\*Proceeds from the luncheon benefit the GTWCC Annual College Scholarship\*\*

If you are feeling creative, there are two **watercolor classes** starting in March. Visit [Greentreeboro.com](http://Greentreeboro.com), then click Departments, then recreation. The classes and details will be found there.

**The Association of University People (AUP)** is inviting singles, age 50 and older, who are 4-year college graduates, to join them for fun and meet new people. They have monthly dinners, meet at various social spots, gatherings, concerts, picnics, and wine tastings. Interested individuals are welcome to attend any of their activities. March has a Coffee and Conversation on the 8th at 10:30 a.m. (Mediterra Cafe-Mt. Lebanon), a Happy Hour on the 10th at 4:30 p.m. (Bonefish Grill - USC), a Brunch on the 22nd at 11:30 a.m. (First Watch - USC) and a dinner on the 30th at 5:30 p.m. (Atrias-Mt. Lebanon). If interested call 412-862-7861 or email [nl.hokaj@gmail.com](mailto:nl.hokaj@gmail.com).

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[prestovfd.org](http://prestovfd.org)

### St. Philip Parish (Ascension Church)

Conner Hall  
114 Berry St., Ingram  
Fridays during Lent, 4-7 p.m.  
Dine in or Take-out only  
[www.saintphilipchurch.org](http://www.saintphilipchurch.org)

### St. Raphael the Archangel Parish (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church)

330 3rd Ave., Carnegie  
412-857-5318  
Fridays in Lent, 4-7 p.m.  
(not Good Friday)  
Dine in & take-out only; phone orders 3-6:30 p.m.  
[straphaelcgs.org](http://straphaelcgs.org)  
**St. Raphael the Archangel Parish**

### (SS Simon & Jude Church)

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Fridays during Lent, except Good Fri., 4:30-7 p.m.  
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Order online avail at  
[www.ssjsfishfry.com](http://www.ssjsfishfry.com)

### Resurrection Parish (two locations)

St. John Capistran Church  
1610 McMillan Road, Upper St. Clair  
**St. Thomas More Church**  
126 Fort Couch Road, Bethel Park  
Fridays in Lent, except Good Friday, 4:30-7 p.m.  
Dine in and curbside take out.  
[www.resurrectionpgh.org](http://www.resurrectionpgh.org)



# The Fishin' Hole



Sam Hall

The annual trout stocking has started for the year 2023. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission will be stocking 4.2 million trout this year. The commission started the process in the last week of February and it will continue throughout the year on approved trout waters. They expect nearly 80% (over 3.3 million) of those fish to be in the water before the statewide opening day of trout season on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. This year's fish include 2.3 million Rainbow Trout, over 700,000 Brown Trout, over 160,000 Brook Trout, and 14,000 Golden Palomino Trout. Yes, the countdown is most certainly on. Much of the stocking is still to

be done here in the month of March; so as always, I recommend you go out and help do the work. The dates and times for each county are available on the Fish Commission web page at [fishandboat.com](http://fishandboat.com). Simply enter your county and find your fishery. The stocking sites and times will then pop up for you.

Last month we talked about the psychology of fishing and being a better angler by believing the fish are there. Nothing gives you a stronger belief than actually putting the fish there yourself. Hopefully, your relationship to "knowing" you put the fish in your fishery will be better than my relationship to "knowing" I put my car keys on top of the microwave. It's much too often that I "know" I did that, but they are in my pocket. Trout Season begins April 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m. There will be a "Mentored Youth Trout Day" on March 25, 2023. The following excerpt is from the Commission's website:

"Youth anglers need a Mentored Youth Permit OR a Voluntary Youth Fishing License from the Commission and to be accompanied by an licensed adult angler to participate. With their License OR

Permit, they can take a total of two trout (combined species) with a minimum length of 7 inches. Adult anglers are prohibited from possessing trout.

Anglers 16 years of age or older are adult anglers and need a valid Pennsylvania Fishing License and a current Trout/Salmon Permit. To participate on MYTD, anglers over 16 must be accompanied by an eligible holder of a Mentored Youth Fishing Permit OR a Voluntary Youth Fishing License from the Commission."

The price of your fishing license will be \$25.47 for the annual adult resident this year with an additional fee of \$12.47 for the trout stamp which you must have to fish in approved trout waters. The Lake Erie permit is an additional \$9.97 for the year. You can save a little money by purchasing a combination Trout and Lake Erie Permit for \$18.47 for the year.

All of those and many more options are available online with the added bonus of saving the document in your computer in case you would lose your license. Yes, it comes in very handy sometimes; see above with regard to "knowing" I put my keys on that darn microwave.

The incredible, warm late winter weather this year has allowed many folks to get out locally on our rivers and fish for much of this past February. Reports are that Walleye are biting night crawlers on the Allegheny near the locks. Also the Musky bite has been good all winter on the Youghiogheny.

It's time to get ready for Opening Day! Get your gear together, be safe, have fun, keep those lines tight and if you see my car keys anywhere shoot me an email please at [samdhall@comcast.net](mailto:samdhall@comcast.net).



A beautiful Walleye.  
~photo courtesy of Sam Hall



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[carnegielibrary.org](http://carnegielibrary.org), 412-622-3114

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[craftonpubliclibrary.com](http://craftonpubliclibrary.com), 412-922-6877

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[carnegielibrary.org](http://carnegielibrary.org), 412-331-1135





# Fun and Games for Kids

(Answers on back page)



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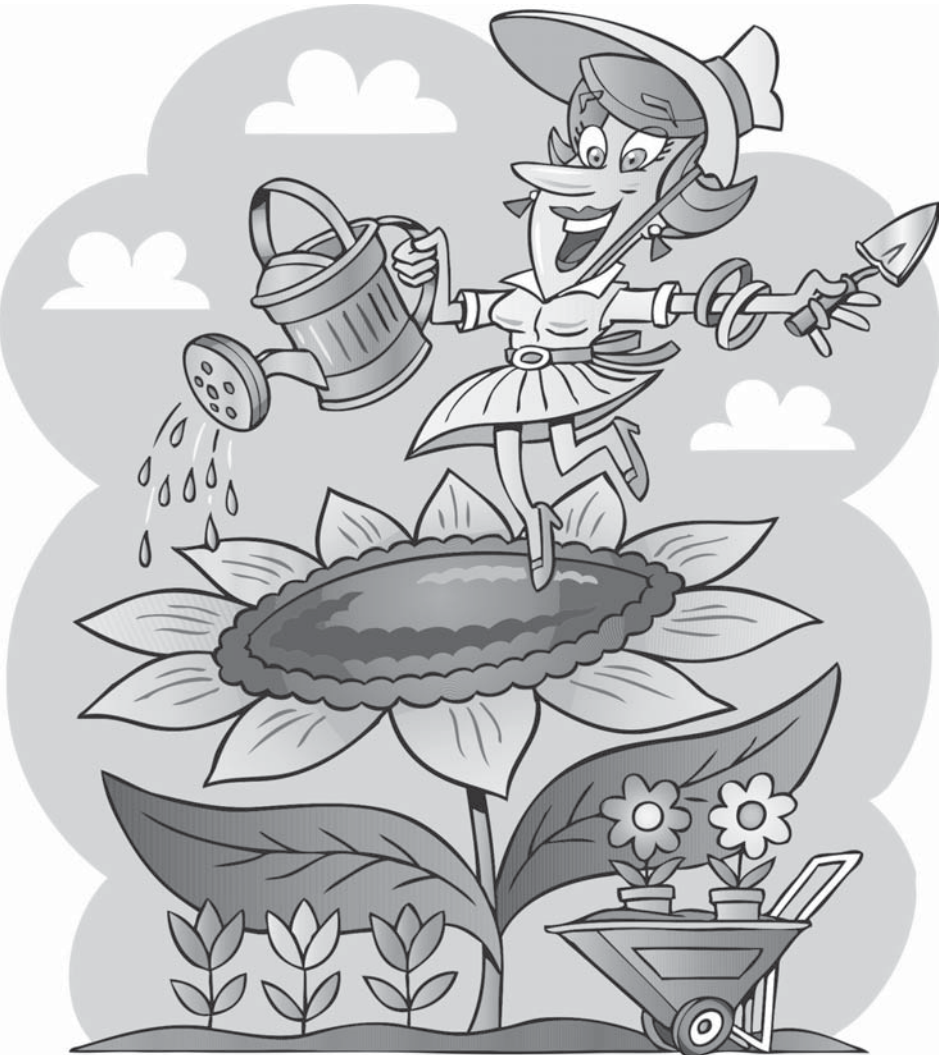
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## Basketball Free Throw Contest Winners

Winners: Girls:  
Age 9: Lexi Kiger  
Age 14: Natalie Torlorella

Winners: Boys  
Age 9 Zachary Bober  
Age 10 Carson Dick  
Age 11 Jack Miller  
Age 12 Troy Baranowski  
Age 13 Christian Bush  
Age 14 James Hanna



## We need your shoes by March 11!

As a member of the Chartiers Valley National Honor Society, Samantha Kozel has chosen to do her required ten hours of community service with funds2org. She is doing a gently used shoe drive that will benefit people in areas like Haiti and the Dominican Republic. This program offers a bonus of weighing the donated shoes and paying ten cents per pound to an organization of her choice. Samantha's choice is [childrenwithhairloss.org](http://childrenwithhairloss.org).

Also, for every shoe you take to the salon (see below), you will be entered into a drawing for a prize valued at over \$200.

### Cleaning Out Your Closet?

We need your shoes!

Group Name:

Salon laomo Shoe Drive



Drop-Off Location:

1016 Greentree RD Suite 100

Dates:

January 10 - March 11

Contact:

412-428-0121

Help us raise funds just by donating gently worn, used and new shoes! Be sure to ask, friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate too!

Collected shoes not only help support us, but they will be reused and given a second life by those in need through #microenterprise. It's a WIN-WIN!

More fun at [greentreetimesonline.com](http://greentreetimesonline.com)



# Church Directory

## Saint Stephen Lutheran Church

55 Forsythe Road, Pittsburgh 15220  
Off Greentree Road in Scott Twp.  
[ststephenpittsburgh.org](http://ststephenpittsburgh.org)  
412-279-5868  
Pastor Maurice C. Frontz III, STS  
[Facebook.com/ststephenpittsburgh](https://www.facebook.com/ststephenpittsburgh)

## 1<sup>st</sup> United Presbyterian Church of Crafton Heights

50 Stratmore Avenue  
412-921-6153  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
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on Sundays at 11 a.m. and on  
[Facebook.com/Dave.Carver](https://www.facebook.com/Dave.Carver)  
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Pastor: Dave Carver

## All Saints Polish National Catholic Church

500 Fifth Street, Carnegie  
412-276-2462 Fax: 412-276-9677  
[www.allsaintspnccpa.org](http://www.allsaintspnccpa.org)  
[all.saints.pnc.church@verizon.net](mailto:all.saints.pnc.church@verizon.net)  
The Rev. John Dinello  
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Rev. Dr. Karen Claassen

## Bible Baptist Church

412 Old Washington Pike  
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[bbcpittsburgh.com](http://bbcpittsburgh.com)  
Sunday Services:  
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Word of God"

## First Christian Church at Carnegie

Teaching From God's Word  
Anthony and Lydia Streets  
Carnegie, PA 15106  
Minister Robert W. Hale,  
412-279-5030  
[carnegiechristianchurch@gmail.com](mailto:carnegiechristianchurch@gmail.com)

## Church of the Nativity (Episcopal)

33 Alice Street, Crafton  
412-921-4103  
[www.nativitychurch.org](http://www.nativitychurch.org)  
The Rev. Shawn Malarkey

## Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church

2350 Noblestown Rd.  
Noblestown Shopping Center  
Pgh, PA 15205  
412-921-8444  
Sunday Live Stream  
Worship at 9:45 am  
Go to: [mtpisgahgreentree.com](http://mtpisgahgreentree.com)  
Rev. Tom Ribar, Pastor

## St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Steuben St. & Lincoln Ave.  
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Rev. Douglas Kinsey, Pastor  
Rev. Shawn Markarkey, Pastor

## Carnegie Presbyterian Church

219 Ewing Road, Carnegie  
412-279-3223  
Virtual Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.  
Rev. Dr. Colleen F. Molinaro  
[www.carnegiepresby.org](http://www.carnegiepresby.org)  
Go to website for virtual worship.



## Saint Philip Parish

St. Philip Church, 50 W. Crafton Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15205  
Ascension Church, 114 Berry St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15205  
412-922-6300  
Rev. James R. Torquato, Pastor  
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## Mount Washington Baptist Church

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[mtwashingtonbaptistchurch.org](http://mtwashingtonbaptistchurch.org)  
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640 Dow Ave., Carnegie, 15106  
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412-563-4484  
Daniel Pastorius, Pastor

## Crafton United Presbyterian Church

80 Bradford Avenue  
412-921-2293 Fax: 412-921-0348  
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.  
[www.CraftonUP.com](http://www.CraftonUP.com)  
Office: 9-1 p.m., T, Th, Fri

## Hawthorne Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Crafton, PA 15205  
412-921-2504  
Handicapped Accessible  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Paul Nigra  
[www.hawthornechurch.org](http://www.hawthornechurch.org)

## United Presbyterian Church in Ingram

30 West Prospect Avenue  
412-921-2323  
Website: [ingramupchurch.org](http://ingramupchurch.org)  
Rev. Wayne D. Meyer

## The Parish of St. Raphael the Archangel

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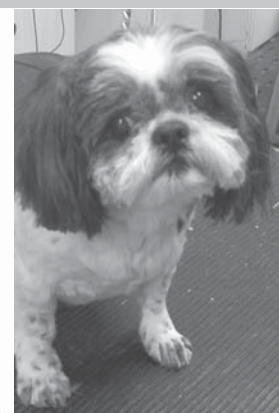
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