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A Window on Worship

EECM Hosts Second Annual Houses of Worship Architectural Tour

East End Cooperative Ministry invites you to explore the beauty within our community's local churches on Sunday, October 30, 2005, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

Enjoy the splendor of several of our area's finest architectural treasures, including:

- Eastminster Presbyterian Church
- Congregation Beth Shalom
- Tree of Life Congregation
- East Liberty Presbyterian Church
- Sacred Heart Parish

Each church contains many unique architectural features and both East Liberty Presbyterian Church and Sacred Heart Parish have received historical designations by the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation.

Tour and registration begin

at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, where you can enjoy a light lunch before starting your visits.

Molly's Trolleys will provide continuous shuttle service between the worship sites. You can tour the congregations at your own pace and in any order that you choose.

Each site will have docents on hand to point out architectural highlights, discuss the history of the congregation and answer questions.

Tickets include lunch and are available in advance for \$20 per person. Tickets will be sold on the day of the tour for \$25 per person or



The facade window at Sacred Heart Parish in Shadyside will be among the architectural features of the tour.

\$20 per person for groups of 10 or more.

Proceeds from the tour will help EECM provide services for at-risk children and youth, vulnerable adults, the homeless, frail, and elderly in the East End .

For more information, call (412) 361-5549 ext. 415 or send an e-mail inquiry to specialevents@eecm.org.

Free Flu Shots available for Seniors

The West Penn Hospital Community Partnership is organizing its fourth annual flu shot clinic to make influenza vaccine more widely available to seniors on fixed incomes.

With donations from Family Services of Western Pennsylvania and other local community groups, West Penn Hospital is planning to

administer 200 vaccinations at Vintage senior center in East Liberty on November 15 and 16.

This effort is more important than ever as the cost of flu shots has increased dramatically in recent years. Many local seniors, who are particularly vulnerable to contracting the flu, simply can't afford to be vaccinated.

Due to the limited supply of vaccines, shots will be distributed via a lottery system. All seniors age 65 and older are eligible to register. Please call 412-361-5003 to enter the lottery.

Seniors who are able are asked to make a \$5 donation for the shot—less than one half of the cost of the vaccine.

Upcoming Events

Free Seminar for Patients and Caregivers Coping with Cancer

Cancer patients and their primary caregivers are invited to a free morning of seminars and discussion on Saturday, **October 29, 2005** at the Four Points by Sheraton Pittsburgh North hotel in Cranberry.

"Strength 4 Your Journey", provides practical tips and inspiration to help people coping with cancer live life to the fullest.

Marcia Wallace, breast cancer survivor and actress who appeared on *The Bob Newhart Show* and *The Simpsons*, will provide the keynote address.

Strength 4 Your Journey will also feature talks by:

- Sean Swarner, the first cancer survivor to scale Mt. Everest

- Joan and Kirsten Sommer, a mother and daughter who faced cancer as a family, and

- Paul J. Friday, Ph.D., clinical psychologist and author

Free on-site parking will be available. To register, please call 412-770-1816.

Fall Pumpkin Festival

Children age 12 and under have a chance to pick and decorate their own pumpkins and participate in a variety of crafts and musical activities at Bloomfield Garfield Corporation's annual Fall Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, **October 29, 2005** from noon to 5 p.m.

The festival will be held at the Bloomfield Garfield Corporation Activity Center at 113 N. Pacific Avenue.

Pumpkins are limited and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please call 412-441-9833 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to make a reservation.

Great American Smokeout

West Penn Hospital encourages participation in the Great American Smokeout on Thursday, **November 17, 2005**.

The community is invited to enjoy light refreshments, health screenings and information on smoking cessation from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the West Penn Hospital Wintergarden and Auditorium. Participants who meet specific criteria may be eligible to receive a free chest X-Ray in West Penn's Department of Radiology. The program will also feature the following talks:

"The Best Way to Quit" at 11:30 a.m.

"Smoking and Your Health" at 11:45 a.m., and

"Hypnosis and Smoking Cessation" at noon

Partnership Fair Kicks Off 2005 United Way Campaign

West Penn Hospital employees were invited to learn how directing their United Way contributions to a Community Partnership organization can provide critical services to local residents at a special fair on Friday, October 14.

Employees who visited the fair received raffle tickets for visiting booths staffed by representatives from community partnership member agencies, including Bloomfield-

Garfield Corporation, Career & Workforce Development Center—East, Eastside Neighborhood Employment Center, East End Cooperative Ministry, Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, Lawrenceville Corporation and Ursuline Services, Inc.

All employees who opt to donate to a Community Partnership organization during the 2005 United Way Campaign will be entered into a second raffle to receive \$300 cash.



Christy Wenger, Director of Planning and Community Services at West Penn, presented raffle prizes to several lucky Hospital employees who visited the Community Partnership United Way Fair.

Lend a Hand... Volunteer!

Are you willing to help an elderly neighbor in need? Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers (IVC) is looking for caring individuals willing to provide occasional help to their elderly neighbors.

IVC volunteers provide help with grocery shopping, transportation to doctor and other appointments, friendly visiting, and other non-

medical tasks. IVC is a faith-based non-profit organization with volunteers throughout the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. Training and ongoing support are provided. For more information, please contact Marian Gentile at 412-687-6712 or by email at ivc.mtg@verizon.net. Or visit IVC's website at www.ivcswpa.org.

Youth Employment

Do you need a job? Do you need training to get a better job?

If so, Bloomfield Garfield Corporation is hiring! If you are age 21 or younger and have a high school diploma or equivalent (GED) call the Bloomfield-Garfield Youth Employment Program at 412-441-9833 to find out about available job opportunities.

