

Pittsburgh Updates

- ❖ Our summer began with the annual Memorial Day church picnic. We gathered at a park in Monroeville. We had a delicious spread of hamburgers and hotdogs and many sides to go with them. We played baseball and also everyone, even the adults, enjoyed the toys at the park!
- ❖ As you know, we experienced the organization of our church in June. Since then, we have picked a name for our church. We are now the Pittsburgh Protestant Reformed Church.
- ❖ We also have called our own minister, who graciously accepted our call, and who was installed into office by Rev. Koole in August.
- ❖ Several of the young adults in our congregation have gathered at the park to play tennis this summer. Many have discovered that they need much more practice! We hope to continue getting together and working on this.
- ❖ We continue to have our fellowship dinners the second Sunday afternoon of every month. No one walks away hungry!
- ❖ Our NOC committee continues to work very hard on many projects. One of them includes our new website. Check it out! www.prcpittsburgh.org
- ❖ Our fall lecture is being planned for November 11 with the theme: The Church in the Last Days: Continuing in Things Learned. Our Speaker is Rev. Bruinsma.



❖ Family Feature: Keith and Peggy Bauman

Keith and Peggy Bauman were born and raised in the beautiful city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Raising four children in the area, they searched for a church to call their home. They, along with other members of their family, started researching the Protestant Reformed faith in 1995. In 1998 their prayers were answered and the denomination sent down a missionary.

Everyone in the Pittsburgh fellowship was ecstatic and extremely moved in June of this year when we became an organized church. But, we cannot even imagine the joy that filled the Baumans' hearts since they were here from the very beginning.

Keith is the General Manager at the University of Pittsburgh. He is constantly making sure that the students are properly fed so that they can focus on their studies. These students can enjoy every type of food imaginable, whether you are a meat-lover, gluten free, vegetarian, vegan, or even

kosher. Keith is a very humble man, and will not tell you himself, that he is responsible for the renovation of dining services at the college and imagines new ways to keep the students happy every single day.

Peggy is a homemaker and caretaker of the church property. She is responsible for the beautiful flowers that can be found around the parsonage and the church. With two dogs at home (a boxer named Maximus Spartacus Demetrius Artilius and a Jack Russell named Spartacus), baking, cooking, quilting, cleaning, and taking care of her grandchildren, her days are full of making sure that everyone around her is happy and loved. If you have the opportunity to have her haluski, a Pittsburgh staple, you will count yourself fortunate- it is amazing! The first time that she made dinner for Keith she made chicken and dumplings and he thought to himself, "I am going to marry that girl."

At the end of July this year, Peggy fell while cleaning and broke the metacarpal bone in her hand. She had surgery in August, followed by weeks of painful physical therapy, but she kept on moving forward focusing on the fact that God is good and He has a reason for everything. Her cast is off, and she is almost back to complete health.

The Baumans are enjoying being grandparents and looking forward to seeing the church grow from within and without.

Local Events for September - December

- ❖ Carnegie Science Center
 - Munchkin Mondays (Mondays in September and October) From 10am - 2pm you and your young ones get all of the attention. Activities are free with admission to the science center and include: story time, make-and-takes, and planetarium and live demo shows just for preschoolers.
 - "Neuroscience of Baseball" (October 3rd) Timothy Verstynen, a professor at Carnegie Mellon University, will explain how our brain reacts to making fast decisions such as what to do with a 100-mph baseball is flying toward your head and all you have is a wooden bat.
- ❖ Fort Ligonier Days - October 14th, 15th, and 16th
 - A popular three-day annual festival held throughout the town of Ligonier, commemorates the Battle of Fort Ligonier, a key engagement of the French and Indian War, fought on October 12, 1758. Activities include free outdoor entertainment, food booths, and 150 craft booths throughout the venue.
- ❖ Gateway Clipper Fleet
 - Enjoy the sights of Pittsburgh while sailing on the majestic Gateway Clipper. The "Fall Foliage" cruise is still running during the month of October. (October 8th, 13th, 14th, 15th, and 21st)
- ❖ Kennywood (November 25th - December 17th) Friday and Saturday nights from 5pm - 9pm, Kennywood is holding their annual "Holidays Lights" program where more than 1.5 million lights twinkle through the park. Don't forget to see Pennsylvania's tallest Christmas tree (90 feet tall).

Things to see in Pittsburgh

- ❖ Children's Museum of Pittsburgh: This recently renovated museum provides ample space for children of all ages to create and explore. Exhibits include: the Studio, Attic, Backyard, Garage, Workshop, Nursery, Theater, and MAKESHOP.
- ❖ Duquesne Incline: Even in the winter months, the view at the top of the inclines cannot be beat. Drive up to the top of the hill, or go up in the cable cars to get an amazing view of the city. The inclines are open 365 days a year for your viewing pleasure. We suggest going both in the daytime and in the evening.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers, but also in your visits. We cherish the communion of saints!