

# HIGHLAND PARK

Community Club  
Newsletter for  
November 2001



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Edited by Ollie Rieley

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## UNION PROJECT HOLDS COMMUNITY DAY

### **TO MARK START OF EAST END CHURCH'S RESTORATION**

*Jessica King*

The Union Project is beginning restoration work at the former Union Baptist Church, which stands at the corner of Negley and Stanton Avenues and the literal intersection of three neighborhoods - East Liberty, Highland Park, and Morningside. This prominent community landmark has recently been purchased by The Union Project, a group of neighborhood residents who plan to restore the building and open it for use by local artists, community builders, and faith groups.

On Saturday, November 10, the Union Project will host a Community Day. Beginning with a flea-market from 8 - 1, the building will be open for tours all day until 4:30. There will be opportunity to talk with Union Project representatives about the project. Baked goods, hot lunch food, and drinks will be available.

Events include an art exhibit and silent auction with all proceeds benefitting the restoration. Local artists exhibiting and selling work include nationally celebrated ceramic artists Cynthia Young, Joshua Green, and Dale Huffman. Photography, watercolor, and other visual art will also be shown and sold. All-day music performances include local artists Coal Train, Heather Kropf, JG Boccella, the Keith Hershberger Trio, and more. At 1:00 p.m., there will be a short informational program to introduce the community to the plans and goals of the Union Project. The Union Project primarily consists of Pittsburgh young adults who have moved to the city in recent years. Most have participated in the one-year voluntary service program, Mennonite Urban Corps, which strives to connect recent college graduates with work placements in community building, peacemaking, and the arts. The program is housed on Stanton Avenue, neighboring the

church building. This project is an outgrowth of this group's collective years of work in Pittsburgh as youth mentors, potters, singers/songwriters, tutors, neighborhood residents, non-profit administrators, photographers, writers, builders, painters, researchers, and pastors. While this group of Mennonites has been the initial impetus of the Union Project, it is becoming more importantly a collaboration with community leaders from churches, neighborhood groups, community development corporations, and local schools.

The Union Project invites all our neighbors to visit us on November 10 and tour the facilities.

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## **The next HPCC Meeting will be November 15**

**Why don't *you* attend?**

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THE NEXT HPCC MEETING IS 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2001, AT ST. ANDREW'S

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## and now the news at Peabody...

Anne Franks

Patrick Austin, a Peabody senior and lifelong resident of Highland Park, is a National Merit Scholar. Pat's SAT scores place him in the top 4% nationwide. Congratulations to Pat on his outstanding achievement.

Peabody faculty donated \$500 to the Salvation Army Relief Fund in memory of the relatives of two Peabody staff members who were lost September 11, in New York and at the Pentagon.

The Peabody Alumni Association is looking for interested alumni to help establish a strong network of supporters. The purpose of the organization is to foster support for students, programs, and events that enhance school life.

Please send contact information to:

peabodyalumni@hotmail.com

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## Around St. Andrew's

*Bruce Robison*

It will be, truly, a "November to Remember" for all at St. Andrew's, with many opportunities for folks in the wider neighborhood and community to participate in some enjoyable and very meaningful events.

A highlight of the month will be on Friday evening, November 9, at 8 p.m., with the fourth Annual St. Andrew's Lecture, featuring this year a presentation by Mr. George L. Miles, Jr., President and C.E.O. of WQED-Pittsburgh on "Connecting with Community." The traditional reception following the lecture will be catered by Enrico's Tazza d'Oro, and the reception hall will feature art work by Highland Park artist Alfonso Sloan of the Gallery Sloanique on Bryant Street.

Also of great interest during November will be the visit on the weekend of November 16-18 of the Rt. Rev. and Mrs. David K. Leighton, in celebration of our annual "St. Andrew's Day" observance. Bishop Leighton was Rector of St. Andrew's from 1956 - 1959 and served in later years as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland. On Friday evening, November 16th, at 8 p.m., in St. Andrew's Parish Hall we will host "An Evening of Remembrance" in conversation with David and Carolyn Leighton, discussing their memories of life at St. Andrew's and in the Highland Park neighborhood during the later 1950's. All are invited to join us for this evening, and a "potluck" dessert reception will follow. Bishop Leighton will also be the Guest Preacher at St. Andrew's 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services on Sunday morning, the 18th, as the sounds of the Syria Highlanders Pipe and Drum Band waft over the rooftops of the neighborhood.

A Choral Service of Holy Communion is scheduled at St. Andrew's on "Thanksgiving Eve," Wednesday, November 21st, at 8 p.m., with the singing of traditional harvest hymns. It is customary at this service to add to our offertory with a contribution of non-perishable food for the East End Food Bank.

We mark our calendars as well for the "First Thursday in December," December 6th, at 8 p.m., with Choral Evensong for Advent, and a very special recital by the Urban Sky Consort--a remarkable ensemble, long-time friends of St. Andrew's, dedicated to early music composed by and/or for women.

St. Andrew's has been a part of this Highland Park neighborhood for nearly a century. If there are any ways in which we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call our Church Office at (412) 661-1245.

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## October HPCC Meeting Minutes

*Paula Flaherty*

Meeting called to order at 7:35

### Guests:

Jessica King, Executive Director of the Mennonite Urban Youth Corps, announced the Union Group Project. Her group has purchased the former Union Baptist Church at Negley and Stanton Avenues. The building is scheduled to house artists, community builders and faith based groups. They will host a Community Day on November 10th.

Brad Walter and Tom Hambor announced the opening of ***Food, Glorious Food*** at 5906 Bryant Street. It will be a cooking school, gadget store and catering facility. They plan to open before November 25.

Officer Scalise was in training. Officer McNamara reported in her place. Statistics were unavailable.

### Committees:

**House Tour:** Dana Thomas reported on the House Tour scheduled October 21. Sales are going well. Volunteers are still needed.

**Children:** Tania Grubbs reported on the upcoming scarecrow festival. She also announced there will be a Halloween organ concert at St. Andrew's at 8:00 P.M. The concert is followed by treats, bell ringing and other activities. The 2001 St. Andrew's lecture is scheduled November 9<sup>th</sup> and will feature George Miles, CEO of WQED.

**Membership:** Kelly Meade reported that memberships are coming along fine.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

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## Treasurer's Report

*Ollie Rieley*

As of October 1

Fiscal Year to Date Expenses	\$2254
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Fiscal Year to Date Income	\$7019
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Current Balances	\$13368
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Any Committee that has not submitted a budget, should do so immediately!

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## ***Food, Glorious Food --*** **Opening on Bryant Street**

*Kate Walter*

Pittsburgh's newest cooking school is coming to Highland Park! Food Glorious Food, owned by chefs Brad Walter and Tom Hambor, will feature a full-scale cooking school with both hands-on and demonstration classes for everyone from the novice to the advanced, a catering operation, and a large shop with a multitude of cooking necessities, cookbooks, and other culinary goods. The two hope to open Food Glorious Food and start cooking by late November.

Both classically trained in Bologna, Italy, Brad and Tom are thrilled to be soon teaching in their own school. Brad has trained with Chef Toni Pais of Pittsburgh's top restaurant, Baum Vivant, and among other talents, Tom is a professional pastry chef and has even spent time at The Ritz Carlton. Both have worked extensively in Cleveland for years, teaching at the Loretta Paganini School of Cooking and lending their talents to numerous award-winning restaurants. Brad is also a psychologist and with that experience, he and Tom conduct corporate trainings using food, for such clients as Ernst & Young and Merck Pharmaceuticals.

Courses at the cooking school will include, but not be limited to the fundamentals of cooking, thematic dinners, holiday cooking, series courses, regional Italian, French, Chinese, American, and on and on. Watch for their grand opening and special appearances by well-known local chefs. Stop by and visit Food Glorious Food at 5906 Bryant Street in Highland Park.

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## **ST. ANDREW'S LECTURE**

The Fourth Annual St. Andrew's Lecture will take place on Friday evening, November 9, at 8 p.m.

Our featured Speaker this year will be Mr. George L. Miles, Jr., President and C.E.O. of WQED-Pittsburgh.

Mr. Miles's lecture, "Connecting with Community: Past, Present, and Future" will explore the relationship between the dynamic and fluid community and communities of our region and the institutions of the media--with of course a special emphasis on the evolving role of public broadcasting.

Mr. Miles, a graduate of Seton Hall University, with an MBA from Farleigh Dickinson University, has served in his present position at WQED since 1994. Previously, he held senior positions at WNET, New York, and with Westinghouse Broadcasting and Cable.

This event promises to be of great interest, and all are invited.

Mr. Miles follows Dr. John Murray (1998), President of Duquesne University, the Hon. Sala Udin (1999), Pittsburgh City Councilman and civic rights leader, and the Very Rev. George L. W. Werner (2000), retired Dean of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, in presenting the St. Andrew Lecture, which is an annual event to bring prominent community leaders to address important issues and values of public life.

A festive reception follows the Lecture, and each year it has become our custom to feature a neighborhood or area visual artist in Brooks Hall. This year's featured artist will be Alfonso Sloan, whose gallery "Sloanique" is located just a block from the church, at the corner of North St. Clair and Bryant. The reception will be catered by Enrico's Tazza d'Oro, our neighborhood coffee house.

St. Andrew's is located at the corner of Hampton Street and North Euclid Avenue. Please call (412) 661-1245 for more information.

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### **St. Andrew's Church**

5801 Hampton Street \* Highland Park

#### **Sunday Morning Services - November**

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

11:00 a.m. Choral Morning Worship

Nursery and Church School at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Morning Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

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## Park View Flats

Ollie Rieley

One of the highlights of a great house tour was the opportunity to visit the Parkview Flats. We've been hearing about and seeing the efforts going into restoring this historic apartment building, but only from the outside. During the house tour, we were invited in to visit the apartments. The apartment units are all spacious two bedroom units. There are large kitchen-dining areas and large living rooms with built-in book cases and with balconies overlooking North St. Clair St. I was impressed with the spacious lobbies with their exquisite mosaic tile floors and the grand stairs leading to the upper floors. It is apparent that a lot of attention was devoted to detail in this renovation and that the restored building is an asset to the community. Six units remain to be rented and I am told that anyone interested may still have some choice to exercise about colors etc. Call (412) 431-1718, Extension 23 for further information.

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## Afternoon Concert Series

Ollie Rieley

The Pittsburgh Theological Seminary afternoon concert series continues with a concert featuring Movses Pogossian, violin, and Pauline Rovkah, piano. Works to be performed include Bartok's Violin Sonata and Franck's Sonata in A Major. Sunday, November 18 at 3:00 P.M. Admission charged. Call (412) 362-5610 Extension 2196 for reservations or more information.

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***NOVEMBER CALENDAR***

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<b><i>NOVEMBER 9</i></b>	<b><i>FOURTH ANNUAL ST. ANDREW'S LECTURE, ST. ANDREW'S, 8:00 P.M.</i></b>
<b><i>NOVEMBER 10</i></b>	<b><i>COMMUNITY DAY, UNION PROJECT, INFORMATIONAL PROGRAM 1:00 P.M., OTHER ACTIVITIES 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.</i></b>
<b><i>NOVEMBER 15</i></b>	<b><i>HPCC MEETING, ST. ANDREW'S, 7:30 P.M.</i></b>
<b><i>NOVEMBER 18</i></b>	<b><i>AFTERNOON CONCERT, PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 3:00 P.M., ADMISSION</i></b>