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Memory and Hope: An Interfaith Remembrance of 9-11



Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania and The Religious Leadership Forum of Southwest Pennsylvania (Christian, Jewish and Islamic leaders) will host an interfaith prayer service commemorating the tenth anniversary of 9-11 on **Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 5:00p.m.** at **Rodef Shalom Synagogue, 4905 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA.**

Members of the three Abrahamic religions are encouraged to join with their religious

leaders in **Memory and Hope: An Interfaith Remembrance of 9-11.** Receptions preceding and following the one hour service will begin at 4:30p.m. and 6:00p.m.

With prayers, music, sacred texts and spoken reflections, the prayer service will memorialize those who died on 9-11, 2001. But drawing upon their respective traditions, the service will offer a vision of hope in the midst of continued suffering.

The religious leaders of our region want to demonstrate to their faith communities that we already have strong relationship among Christians, Jews and Muslims; and that greater understanding between the Abrahamic traditions can lead to mutual respect and genuine friendships for the common good of all.

Sunday, September 11, 2011 - 5:00p.m.
Rodef Shalom Synagogue
4905 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Major William H. Bode named Western Pennsylvania Division Commander

Majors William H. and Joan I. Bode have assumed leadership for The Salvation Army's 28-county Western Pennsylvania Division. The Bodes replace Majors Robert and Lynnette Reel as Divisional Commanders who retired in June. For more than forty years, the couple has served side by side throughout northeastern United States. Archbishop Robert Duncan, chair of the Christian Associates Council will welcome Major William Bode to the Council table on September 14.

Immediately prior to their current Western Pennsylvania appointment, the Bodes provided Salvation Army leadership to the state of Massachusetts. Major William H. Bode served as Divisional Commander and Major Joan I. Bode was appointed as Associate Divisional Commander and Director of Women's Organizations.

"We are anxious to hit the ground running in Western Pennsylvania," said Major William H. Bode. "Joan and I are delighted to be here and look forward to offering our ministry and expertise to this community. The generosity of this region is known far and wide throughout The Salvation Army and we are blessed by this appointment."

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REFLECTIONS ALONG THE WAY

Dear Siblings in Our Lord,

“Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sin will be forgiven.” (James 5:13-15)



The ministry of healing has always been a part of the Church's vocation in the world. Our region has been blessed as the Church (and synagogue) extended their healing ministries beyond the church doors and into the community. Passavant was the first protestant hospital in America. Founded in 1849, originally located on the North Side, NIMBYs threatening violence forced the relocation to the Hill District where it continued to serve until the 1960s. Its original charter stated the hospital's mission as *“the relief of the sick and insane, the care of orphans, the education of youth and the exercise of mercy to the unfortunate and destitute.”* Passavant's mission was duplicated by others: Divine Providence, Presbyterian, Mercy, Montefiore, St. Francis, and St. Margaret.

This is not just a battle among corporate giants seeking to monopolize our region; this is about the Church's continued vocation of healing and seeking wholeness for all of our neighbors.

Today, while the names may remain, the Church's ties to any of those institutions are minimal. Medicine has become part of our secular culture. Ministries of mercy, compassion and charity have been replaced by corporate models focused on bottom lines, executive power, and market share; forget about patient care! We struggle to even have administrations provide any resident chaplaincy in many hospitals, much less have our voices heard about *“the unfortunate and destitute.”*

I'm wise enough to know that the church will never return to being the prime driver and leaders behind healthcare; just as our other social ministries are now more dependent upon third party payers than on faith generated donations. But in the battle between UPMC and Highmark, people of faith need to have a voice. From bishops and judicatory executives, to parish clergy and religious, to the faithful in the pew, we need to make our voices heard in the debate. This is not just a battle among corporate giants seeking to monopolize our region; this is about the Church's continued vocation of healing and seeking wholeness for all of our neighbors. Indeed, we need to anoint and pray for the sick, but we must also raise our voices and hold these mighty institutions and their corporate CEOs and managers accountable to their original missions like *“the relief of the sick and insane, the care of orphans, the education of youth and the exercise of mercy to the unfortunate and destitute.”*

May the Spirit give us the courage to be bold in our witness to our vocation of healing and the transformation of our region's health care systems.

Pax, Salaam, Shalom,

Pastor Don Green





The Rt. Rev. Archimandrite John Abdalah elected Bishop

elevation to the episcopacy. Locally, the Rt. Rev. Archimandrite John Abdalah, was elected and will serve as the auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Worcester and New England.

A native of Boston, MA, for Fr. Abdalah the new post will mean going home. He has served in southwestern PA for the past 32 years: for the past 16 years as Dean of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral in Oakland and prior to that as pastor at St. George Church in New Kensington.

Abdalah has represented the Archbishop on the Christian Associates Council throughout his tenure in the region, having served as Council Chair for several years, a member of the Executive Committee, and most recently as vice President for Personnel. He has been active in the Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood and instrumental in producing "Orthodoxy Now" which airs on Christian Associates Television.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Saturday, July 30, at the 50th Convention of the Self-ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America meeting in Chicago IL, His Eminence Metropolitan Philip announced that the Synod of Bishops had elected three archimandrites of the Archdiocese for

The timetable is not definite on when the Rt. Rev. Archimandrite John Abdalah of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral in Oakland and two others elected auxiliary bishop will be elevated because of the unrest in the Middle East.

"It hasn't been determined if the consecrations will take place in this archdiocese or the Middle East (Lebanon)," Father Abdalah, 57, said. *"It will happen soon. I would imagine within the next three months."*

"Fr. John is highly regarded by all of the Orthodox clergy in the region," said the Rev. Donald Green, executive director of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania. *"While the council members rejoice in his elevation to bishop, we mourn the loss of a faithful partner on the journey toward unity, a trusted colleague in the faith and a genuine friend to his peers."*

Council Selects New Leaders

The Council of Bishops and Judicatory Executives has elected new leaders to serve on their Executive Committee. The Council has also made adjustments to the operational structure of Christian Associates.

Elected to serve through December 2012 are:

Chair, Archbishop Robert Duncan, Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh, ACNA
Vice Chair, Bishop David Zubik, RC Diocese of Pittsburgh
Secretary, Rev. Dr. Wayne Yost, General Presbyter, Kiskiminetas Presbytery

Members At Large:

Archimandrite John Abdalah, Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese
Bishop Lawrence Brandt, RC Diocese of Greensburg
Rev. Dr. Eric Brown, Presiding Elder, Allegheny-Scranton District, AME
Bishop Kurt Kusserow, SWPA Synod, ELCA
Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge, Pastor to the Pittsburgh Presbytery

Also named were:

Vice President for Finance, Msgr. Russell Duker, Byzantine Archeparchy of Pittsburgh
Vice President for Personnel, Archimandrite John Abdalah.

Having worked with consultant Debbie Thompson, President of Strategy Solutions, for six months, the Council has decided to eliminate the Board of Delegates as CASP's planning and operations component. A new Administration Committee, chaired by the Executive Director, will assume those roles and be comprised of the chairs of the standing committees, and persons selected for their skills in personnel, finance and administration.

The Executive Committee continues to find ways to address the financial needs of Christian Associates to maintain their commitment to this ecumenical enterprise.

Journey to Greece, Turkey, and the Greek Isles

WITH PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

This trip will focus on archaeological and historical sites of importance especially to Christian faith. Sites in Turkey will include Istanbul, Troy, Izmir (ancient Smyrna), and Ephesus. Mainland sites in Greece will include Corinth, Olympia, Delphi, and Athens. A three-day cruise in the Aegean will feature Patmos, Rhodes, Crete, and Santorini.

May 16-29, 2012

Drs. James and Reeny Davison, Hosts
Nancy Lapp, Archaeologist in Residence

www.pts.edu/trip_tours
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ECUMENICAL EVENTS

East Liberty Presbyterian Church

Hope Academy of Music and the Arts
116 S. Highland Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
412-441-3800 x11
www.cathedralofhope.org

Dance

Dates: starts September 17
Time: varies by program
Tuition: \$35/term
Creative Movement, ages 4 & 5; Pre-Ballet, ages 6-8; Ballet I, ages 9-12 and Boys Dance! ages 9-12 – please register based on the age of the child on September 1.

Theater

Dates: starts September 17
Time: Saturdays, 9:15 am – Noon
Tuition: \$130/term
Musical theater workshop – acting, singing and dance, grades 3-4 and 5-7

Orchestra

Dates: orientation session Sat. Sept. 10
Time: 3:00 – 4:30 pm
Tuition: FREE
East Liberty Community Engagement Orchestra – Everyone plays! Young musicians and their musically-inclined parents are invited to participate in this orchestra.

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Music in Pittsburgh

Organ Artists Series

Calvary Episcopal Church
315 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh
Regular admission \$12 single concert, \$5 for students
www.oas-series.com

Sun. October 30, 4:00 pm

Jeremy Filsell, Artist-in-Residence,
Washington National Cathedral

Sun. November 20, 4:00 pm

Dongho Lee, 2010 American Guild of Organists National Young Artist Winner

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Martina Spiritual Renewal Center

5244 Clarwin Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15229
412-931-9766
www.sistersoftheholyspirit.com

Encounter with Silence Scriptural Retreat (Silent)

Dates: Sun. Sept. 18 thru Sun. Sept. 25
Time: Begins Sun, 9/18 at 8:00 pm and ends Sun. 9/25 with Brunch
Presenter: Fr. Frank G. Erdeljac
Offering: \$225 Registration requested by Sept. 13th
Scripture-based retreat in silence, meditation, and prayer with four daily meditations on Gospel teaching.

Women's Retreat Weekend

"Dancing In the Kingdom of God"

Dates: Fri. Sept. 30 – Sun. Oct. 2
Time: Begins 8:00 pm Fri. & ends Sun. with Brunch
Presenter: Jo Ann Paradise, D.Min.
Offering: \$70.00 Registration requested by Sept. 16th
What is the Kingdom of God? How do we live as Kingdom people?

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Mercy Parish Nurse and Health Ministry

Parish Nurse office 412-232-5815
ParishNurse@mercy.pmhs.org
www.pmhs.org

19th Annual Mercy Parish Nurse and Health Ministry Symposium: "The Joy of Health Ministry"

Date & Time: Sat. Oct. 29, 9:00 am – 1:30 pm
UPMC Mercy Sister M. Ferdinand Clark Auditorium, Building C, Level 2
1400 Locust St., Uptown, 15219
Cost: \$30 for CE credit, \$10 student nurses
Registration deadline: Oct. 14
Fee includes brunch, free parking, symposium materials

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Pittsburgh Compline Choir

Heinz Memorial Chapel
University of Pittsburgh campus
412-682-6886
www.compline.lucpgh.com

Compline: Choral Prayer at the Close of the Day

Dates and Time: Sunday evenings at 8:30 pm

End your weekend or prepare for the week ahead at a 40 minutes contemplative service of music, prayer and silence.

Guest Organists:

Sept. 11 – Dr. Christine Clewell, Indiana University PA & Zion Lutheran Church, Indiana, PA
Sept. 18 – Peter Luley, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Highland Park
Sept. 25 – Martin Barstow, St. John's Lutheran Church, Perrysville
Oct. 2 – Richard Szeremany
Oct. 9 – Rebecca Yoder, Duquesne University

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Tabor House of Prayer

A ministry of the Sisters of St. Francis
146 Hawthorne Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15209
412-821-1149
www.SOSF.ORG

Introduction to Centering Prayer

Dates: Sat. Sept. 24 thru Sun. Sept. 25
Time: Sat. from 7:00 pm through Sun. at 3:30 pm
Presenter: Sister Jane Schmitt, OSF
Fee: \$40

You will need to bring Fr. Thomas Keating's book, Open Mind – Open Heart.

Healing Emotional Pain

Date: Sat. Sept. 24
Time: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Presenter: Eileen Colianni
Fee: \$35, includes lunch

Strategies for healing emotional pain and create space for inner peace and a deeper relationship with the Lord.

ECUMENICAL EVENTS

A Second Look at Bridges

Date: Sat. Oct. 29

Time: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Presenter: Sister Ann Carville, OSF

Fee: \$35, includes lunch

Draw more deeply on the presence of Jesus Christ in your life and how to know and respond to God.

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Epiphany Academy of Formative Spirituality

820 Crane Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15216

412-341-7494

www.epiphanyassociation.org

Feeding Our Spiritual Hunger

Dates: Sept. 10, Oct. 1, Nov. 5 & Dec. 3

Time: 9:00 am - Noon

Facilitator: Susan Muto, PhD

Fee: \$30 per session

RSVP by Aug. 31

September 10 will be an in-depth study of Bernard of Clairvaux.

Fiction and Formation Reading Program

Dates: Sat. Sept. 24, Oct. 15

Time: 9:00-10:30 am

Facilitator: Rev. Steve Geitgey

Fee: \$10 per session

Register by Sept. 10

Direction-in-Common

Focus on the book Keepsakes for the Journey by Susan Muto

Dates: Tues. Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18

Time: 7:00 – 9:15 pm

Facilitator: Susan Muto, PhD

Fee: \$10 per session

Register by Sept. 15

Meditating with the Masters

Teresa of Avila's Way of Perfection

Dates: Wed. Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 16

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Facilitator: Susan Muto, PhD

Fee: \$20 per session or \$45 for all three

Oasis Spiritual Enrichment Program

"Come to the Waters"

Dates: Sat. Oct. 8 – Meditatio; Oct. 29 –

Oratio; Nov. 19 – Contemplatio; Dec. 17 –

Incarnatio

Time: 9:00 -10:30 am

Facilitator: Susan Muto, PhD

Free will offering

Register by Sept. 29

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Kearns Spirituality Center

9000 Babcock Blvd

Allison Park, PA 15101

412-366-1124

www.pghcdp.org

Labyrinth Events

Dates: Tues. Sept. 13, 20 & Oct. 4, 11

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Fee: \$10 per session, includes light snack

Based upon the book, The Circle of Life: The Heart's Journey Through the Seasons. Ponder creations mysteries; walk the labyrinth reflectively and share with others.

Politics and the Contemplative Life

Date: Thur. Sept. 22 Time: 7:30-9:30 pm

Speaker: Simone Campbell, SSS, J.D.

Fee: \$15

An advocate of change in the political system, Simone will explain how she lives out her spirituality in the midst of the highly charged political environment.

Peace Forum Series

Date: Sun. Oct. 2 Time: 3:00-5:00 pm

Donations accepted.

Current issues related to peace and justice. For information: pnpp@verizon.net or 412-367-0383.

Breaking Through the Stained Glass Ceiling: Women Religious Leaders in their Own Words

Date: Thur. Oct. 13 Time: 7:30-9:30 pm

Speaker: Maureen Fiedler, SL, Ph.D.

Fee: \$15

The radio host of Interfaith Voices, she promotes social justice, peace, anti-racism, gender equality and human rights. Her hope is for a wide-ranging discussion of the role of women in Roman Catholicism and beyond.

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Taizé Services

Christ United Methodist Church

44 Highland Road, Bethel Park

www.christumc.net

First Wed. of each month, 6:30pm, Sept thru May

East Liberty Presbyterian Church

116 S. Highland Ave, Pittsburgh 15206

www.cathedralofhope.org

Every Wed., 7 pm

Hope Lutheran Church of Forest Hills

353 Ridge Ave at Braddock Road

Hope@Lutheran.com

Fri. Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2 at 7 pm

Community United Methodist Church

3487 Route 130, Irwin

724-744-3413

Second Wed., 7 pm

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Franciscan Spirit and Life Center

3605 McRoberts Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15234

412-881-9207

www.osfprov.org

Healing and Wholeness Service

Date: Wed. Sept. 21

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm; FREE

Join us as we explore and experience various forms of prayer in an atmosphere of communal intercession.

Connecting Women's Wisdom

Date: Sun. Oct. 9

Time: 8:30 am – 1:30 pm; FREE

Join the Sisters and other women for Liturgy and brunch, followed by a presentation with time for group sharing and quiet reflection.

Bode . . .

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Major William Bode was commissioned in 1970. Major Joan I. Bode was commissioned in 1969 with appointments in Beverly, Plymouth, Lowell and Haverhill, Massachusetts before they were married in 1971. For the next twenty-five years the couple served as officers in Times Square, Yonkers, and Schenectady, New York; and Toledo, Ohio. Major William H. Bode attended The Salvation Army International College for Officers in London, England in 1992 and taught on the staff of the Soldiers National Seminar for Evangelism for four years. Major Joan I. Bode also taught on the staff of the Soldiers National Seminar for Evangelism. The couple have been active in emergency disaster relief involving hurricanes in Ohio and Puerto Rico; in the mid-west flooding in St. Louis; Ground Zero in 2001; and in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

As Divisional Leaders in Massachusetts the Bodes gave leadership to the opening of the 90,000 square foot Salvation Army Ray & Joan Kroc Community Center in Dorchester; the relocation of the state Salvation Army headquarters; the upgrading of Camp Wonderland; and work that has started on both The Salvation Army property in Cambridge and at 1500 Washington Street in Boston. More importantly, their joy is in seeing peoples' lives changed through the power of Jesus Christ and meeting human needs without discrimination.

Both a church and a social service organization, The Salvation Army began in London, England in 1865. Today, it provides critical services in 124 countries worldwide. The 28-county Western Pennsylvania Division serves thousands of needy families through a wide variety of support services.

"The Unexpected God: How Christian Faith Discovers the Holy Spirit"

The Duquesne University Seventh Annual Holy Spirit Lecture and Colloquium will feature **Fr. Brian E. Daley, S.J.**, the Catherine F. Huisking Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame (Indiana). Fr. Daley is a member



of the North American Orthodox-Catholic Theological Consultation, which issued a statement of historical importance on the Filioque in 2003. He studied at Fordham and Oxford Universities, and Frankfurt, Germany. He entered the Society of Jesus and was later ordained to the priesthood in 1970. He then taught historical theology for eighteen years at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, MA, before moving to Notre Dame in 1996.

Fr. Daley previews his presentation, "Christian theology, since the fourth century, has been perplexed, even anxious, over the challenge of speaking and thinking about the Holy Spirit. St. Gregory of Nazianzus conceded that the Spirit is a "strange God," in contrast to the God of Israel whom we call "Father," and to Jesus, who has made God known; but Gregory reminded us that the Spirit's work of healing and transformation in the Church is the final stage of God's work in the world.

We hope to consider here some of the original questions that have surrounded the conception of God's Holy Spirit in the Christian communities of East and West. How did the origin of the Spirit within the Trinity come to be one of the main issues dividing Orthodox and Catholic Christianity from each other? We will then consider some modern suggestions on how to rethink our theology of the Spirit in a renewed and unified way. How do we then reach Eucharistic communion? In the epiclesis of the liturgy, we implore the Spirit to come upon us, so that we may be one in Christ's Eucharistic Body."

In this lecture, Fr. Daley hopes to provide new encouragement for all of us to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit on our Churches with new vigor, despite our fears, and to warm us anew with his love. For more information, visit www.duq.edu/holy-spirit.

**Friday, September 23, 2011
7 pm**

**Power Center Ballroom
Duquesne University**

CROP Hunger Walks coming this fall

Church World Service invites you and your congregation to join a CROP Hunger Walk in your area this fall. The CROP Hunger Walk is the oldest walk-a-thon in the country and is dedicated to ending hunger one step at a time. Walks are being held this fall in Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, Indiana, Washington and Westmoreland Counties.

For information on how to participate, call Kathy Clark at 412-728-8442 or email Kathy at kclark@churchworldservice.org.

To learn more about the CROP Hunger Walk, visit www.cropwalk.org.

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UPCOMING CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS

at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Women Mystics: Medieval and Modern

Sept. 18-23, 2011

Susan Muto, Executive Director of the Epiphany Association

Building Blocks of Faith

Sept. 24, 2011 / 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Kathy Dawson, Associate Professor of Christian Education, Columbia Theological Seminary

Gathering and Upbuilding: Preparing the Missional Church for its Sending

Sept. 27, 2011 / 11:30 a.m., 4:15 and 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 28, 2011 / 11:30 a.m.

Darrell L. Guder, Professor of Missional and Ecumenical Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary

Living in Christ, the Word of Truth: Spiritual Reflections on Themes from Colossians

Tuesdays, Sept. 27 - Oct. 18, 2011 / 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Andrew Purves, Professor of Reformed Theology, PTS

Alzheimer's Disease: Thinking Broadly About Brain Aging and the Family

with Western Pennsylvania Family Center

Sept. 30 - Oct. 1, 2011

Peter J. Whitehouse, Professor of Neurology, Case Western Reserve University

Robert J. Noone, Marriage and Family Counselor

Restoring the Holy to Worship

Oct. 5-6, 2011

N. Graham Standish, Pastor, Calvin Presbyterian Church

David Bruce Smith, Director of Music, Calvin Presbyterian Church

ONLINE CLASSES

Beyond Bullet Points (Part I)

Oct. 3 - Dec. 2, 2011

Erin S. Cox-Holmes, Executive Presbyterian, Donegal Presbytery

Teaching and Preaching the Letters of Paul

Jenee Woodard, Biblical Studies Teacher for Commissioned Lay Pastor Program, PTS

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The End of the Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening

A Weekend with Diana Butler Bass

October 14-16, 2011

Sixth Presbyterian Church

www.sixthchurch.org



Every recent survey of American religious practice shows that conventional religion is in serious decline; at the same time, people express high levels of enthusiasm for spirituality. Polls show that "none of the above" and "spiritual but not religious" are the fastest growing religion categories in North America. What do these trends really mean? How do they impact our lives? Can we learn from the spiritual longings in our culture?



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Photographs, articles and other submissions about the local church are welcome.

Upcoming Events: Save the Date!

A Look at Ecumenical Relationships

Saturday October 29, 2011

8:30a.m – 4:00p.m.

First English Lutheran Church

615 Grant Street

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

The Rev. Dr. Lowell Almen

Theologian in Residence

Former Secretary of the ELCA

www.flcpittsburgh.org

Veterans Conference

October 13, 2011

9:00a.m – 4:00p.m.

Soldiers and Sailors Hall

(Oakland) Pittsburgh, PA

Keynote speakers:

Dr. Elspeth Ritchie and

Chaplain Doug Etters

PA Council of Churches Centennial

October 25, 2011

1:30p.m - 6:00p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Camp Hill, PA

The Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon

General Secretary, NCC

www.pachurches.org

PA State Pastors' Conference

November 14-16, 2011

Holiday Inn East

Harrisburg, PA

www.pachurches.org