

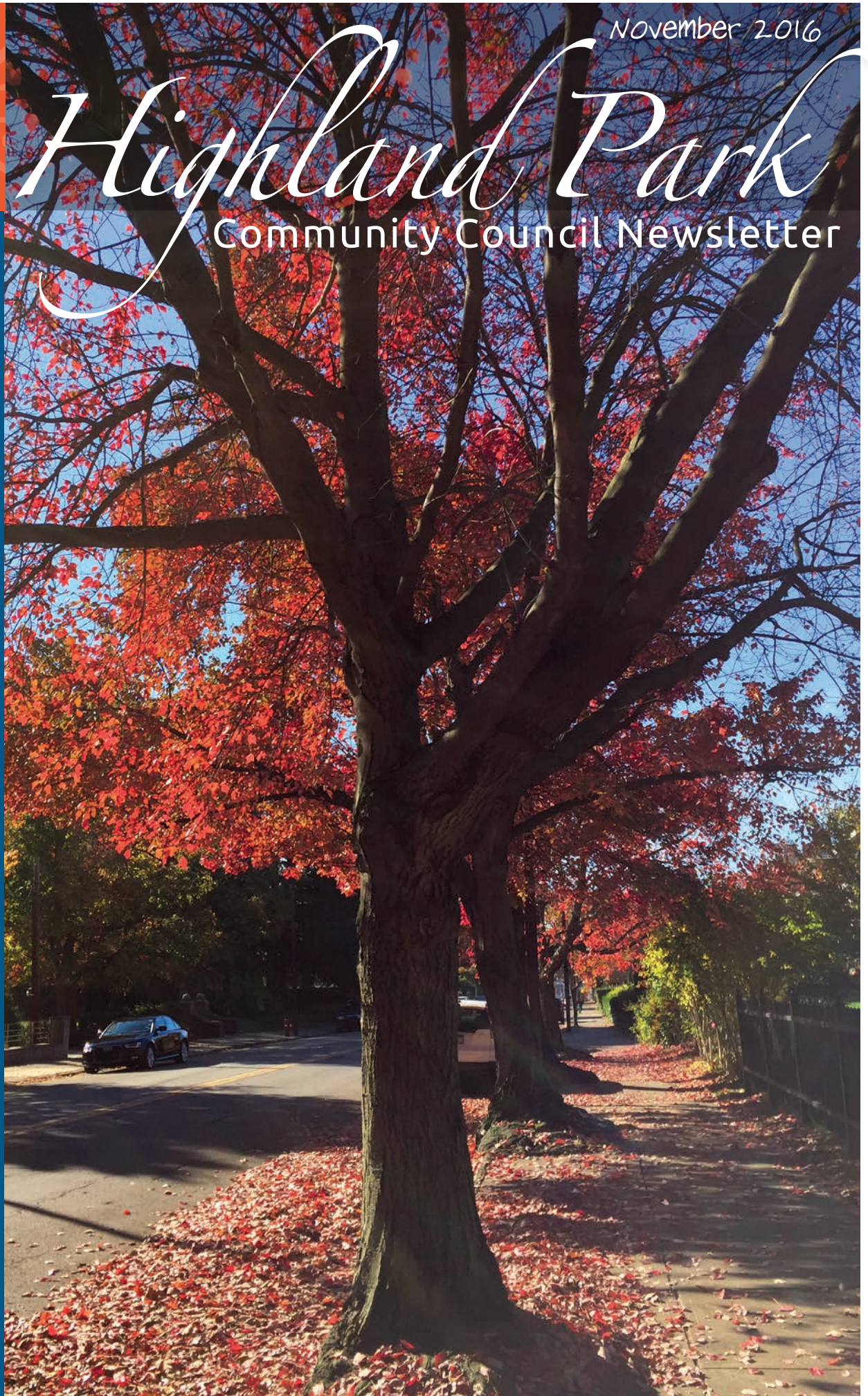
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# Highland Park

## Community Council Newsletter

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# A Letter from the President

## *Hello Neighbors!*

On behalf of the HPCC Board, I'd like to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a joyous start to the holiday season. In this season of reflection and giving thanks, I'd like to once again thank the members of the HPCC for choosing me to serve as President of our organization, as well as thank the HPCC Board members and volunteers, both past and present, for their efforts to make Highland Park the welcoming, vibrant, and inclusive home that we all share.

As you gather with family and friends this holiday season to celebrate the year that's ending and the one to come, I hope that even as the sky grows darker and the temperature drops, your days will be filled with warmth, community, and companionship.

The holiday season is also customarily a time to consider giving back. One great way to lend a hand as the weather turns colder is by helping a neighbor maintain their sidewalk when it snows. Uncleared snow and ice can be hazardous for members of our community who are elderly or disabled, as well as other pedestrians, postal workers, and first responders. The City of Pittsburgh's Snow Angels program matches volunteer snow shovelers with elderly neighbors or those with disabilities who are in need of help with snow removal. More information about volunteering or to sign up to receive help maintaining your sidewalk this winter is available [here](#).

Another way that you can give back to the community this time of year is renewing your HPCC membership or becoming a member if you aren't one already. Your tax-deductible contribution enables us to organize events, host community conversations, and

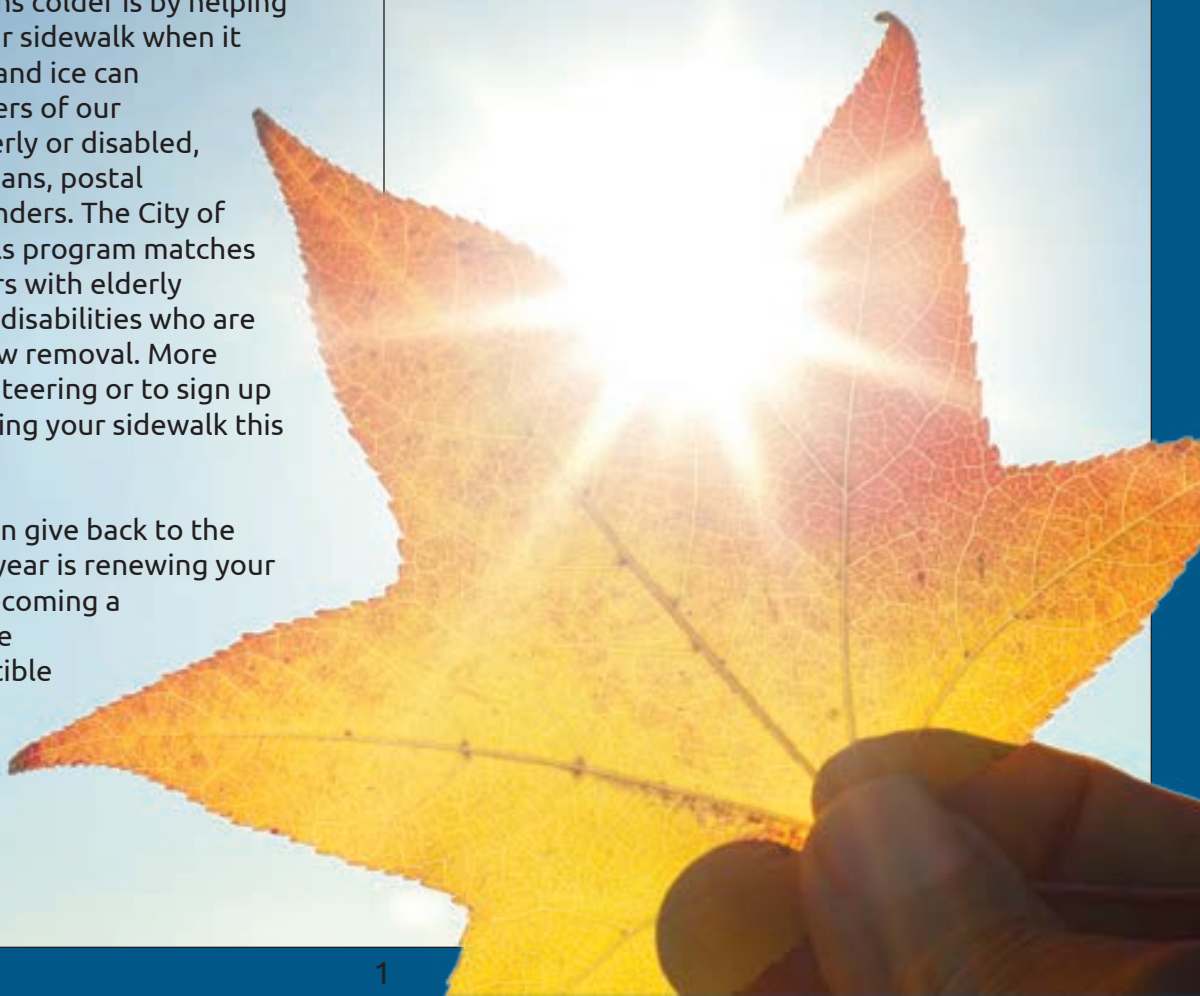
advocate for neighborhood issues. If you're interested in joining or renewing, or in making an additional donation to the HPCC, you can do so at [hpccpgh.org](http://hpccpgh.org).

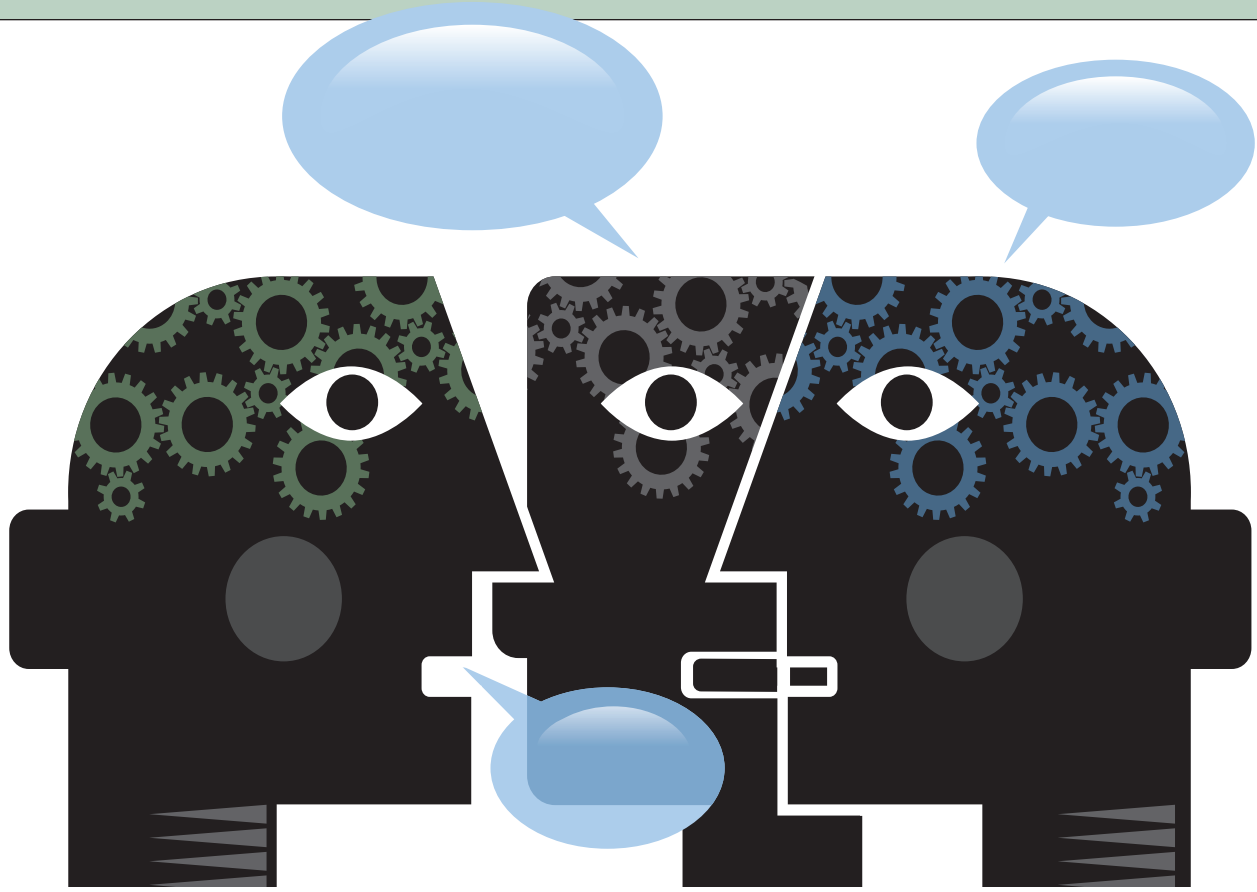
If you're interested in becoming even more involved, you can consider joining one of our committees (more information on this in early 2017) or even joining our Board (there is currently one vacancy). This is your neighborhood and your organization, and we welcome your voice.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or would like to get involved in any of our activities, please email me at [jacob.pawlak@gmail.com](mailto:jacob.pawlak@gmail.com) or call me at 412-478-7769. The HPCC does not meet in December due to the holidays, so our next Community Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19th.

*Once again, Happy Thanksgiving, and Happy Holidays!*

**Jake Pawlak**  
*HPCC President*





## HPCC October Meeting Minutes

The meeting commenced at 7:05 pm with president Jake Pawlak presiding.

Zone 5 Sergeant Lewis spoke about how it has been quiet in the neighborhood.

Monica Watt said The Dept. of Public Works is going to work on the rain water that is running down Bunker Hill.

Bob Staresinic reported that the Bryant Street Festival Committee and the Highland Park Yard Sale Committee are going to meet about splitting the Highland Park Yard sale and Bryant Street Festival to separate days. This would increase the amount of time for sales at the yard sale as the festival that begins at 12 noon and draws people away.

Mrs. Laura Dadley, principal of Sunnyside Elementary (Pre-K through 8), spoke about educational and other programs that are available at Sunnyside Elementary School.

### Sunnyside awards:

- Star School Status for two consecutive years.
- Title 1 state distinguished school for two consecutive years.
- Awarded \$50,000 state grade for STEM education

### Additional programs available:

- Music-singing, plays, instruments
- Every student has an iPad
- Sports-volleyball, cross country, flag football, soccer, basketball
- Intramurals
- Clubs-yearbook, ballet, swimming, power-up, ballroom dancing
- Field trips
- Career exploration
- Community Outreach
- Dances

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Reminder that there is no December HPCC meeting. The next meeting will be January 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's.

# Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Beyond the expanse of the wrought iron fencing along N. Highland Avenue, a Highland Park neighbor occupies the President's Office of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Rev. Dr. David Esterline moved to the area last year to begin serving as the sixth President of the seminary, which dates its origin back to 1794.



Two recent faculty hires have also purchased homes in Highland Park.

*"I was surprised by the friendliness of the neighborhood—the pleasant reality of consistent*

*acknowledgment by people walking and driving around the community."*

Esterline knew when he began his term that he wanted to live close to the seminary community so that he could be open for people to come and go. He and his wife Jane purchased a home on Jackson St. and spent five months renovating it before moving in. They have since fallen in love with the neighborhood.

Esterline and his wife walk most mornings in the neighborhood and have found "genuine neighborliness" among both random passers-by and their neighbors on Jackson St.

The Pittsburgh Theological Seminary occupies 13 acres at the confluence of Highland Park, East Liberty, and Larimer. At Esterline's inauguration last year, he invited community members to attend the festivities and enjoy a free lunch from local food trucks. This was an intentional departure from typical inaugural events, and it underscores Esterline and the seminary's desire to engage the local community.

*"It just feels like home",*

observes Esterline, who has lived in England, West Africa, the South Pacific, California and Chicago. He finds Pittsburgh to be extremely interesting.



Esterline encourages Highland Park neighbors to respond to invitations from the seminary with a “yes” and to feel welcome on the campus and at events. The next invitation is for a Christmas Open House on Friday, December 2nd from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM. The event includes refreshments, Christmas crafts, cookie decorating, story reading for children, caroling, and much more.

Neighbors who haven't ventured inside the fence may be surprised by what they find when they do. Starting with the campus itself, where an array of stately late 1950's buildings have been erected on the former estate of Charles Lockhart, which was donated to the seminary.



The chapel is an inspiring gathering space where services occur on weekdays (11:30 a.m. led by students and faculty of varying faiths that are open to the public. The student body hails from all over the world and United States and is comprised of Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians, Orthodox, and more than 20 Other traditions.

The fascinating Kelso Museum of Near Eastern Archaeology contains a collection of ancient Near Eastern and Palestinian pottery and artifacts brought together by travelers and archeologists.

The Barbour Library is the largest theological library in the tristate region and is preparing for a two-year comprehensive renovation.

The Pittsburgh Theological Seminary offers lectures, continuing education classes, advanced degrees, and youth programs and collaborates with the University of Pittsburgh, CMU, and Duquesne for its varied masters and doctoral degrees. Visit [www.pts.edu](http://www.pts.edu) for detailed information about the institution and schedules of events and programs. Neighbors should note that enrollment in the school is not necessary to attend many of the programs on campus.

Highland Park is fortunate to count this welcoming, accomplished, and historic institution as its neighbor. Residents who step beyond the gates will find both the school and its President to be gracious and interesting.



An Invitation to Highland Park Neighbors

# Christmas Open House

PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Friday, December 2, 2016 from 3:30-6:30 PM

RSVP by November 28 to [ctappy@pts.edu](mailto:ctappy@pts.edu) or 412-362-5610

Cider, sandwiches, sweets and activities for children and adults.

## Help Keep Leaves and Debris Out of Storm Drains

The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) reminds its customers to properly dispose of leaves and other yard debris this fall. The Authority is taking to social media to encourage residents to #LeafItOut to prevent flooding and protect the environment.

When leaves wash into the street, they begin to accumulate in storm drains, which causes flooding and backups. The breakdown of leaves in sewer systems can also contribute to excess algae growth in our rivers, which depletes oxygen levels in the water and damages the ecosystem. Reducing the amount of leaves in the street can also help to avoid hazardous driving conditions during wet weather events.

The PWSA recommends the following tips for keeping leaves out of Pittsburgh's storm drains and waterways:

- Rake leaves and place them in the appropriate recycling bags, which are available at most home-improvement stores.
- Do not rake or blow leaves into the street.
- Consider using your leaves as mulch – mowing over leaves will create finely chopped debris in your yard.
- Never dump leaves or other yard debris into ditches, streams, or other waterways.

Neighborhood leaf collection schedules and drop-off locations for the City of Pittsburgh can be found [here](#).

If you see a clogged or broken storm drain in your neighborhood, please report it to PWSA's Emergency Dispatch 24 hours a day at 412-255-2423 or via Twitter at [@pgh2o](#).

PWSA maintains approximately 25,000 storm drains throughout the City of Pittsburgh and cleans over 4,800 per year.

## PWSA Community Meeting Planned for District 7 – Information on Lead in Drinking Water

The PWSA held their first community meeting at an HPCC monthly meeting this fall. That meeting and the ones since have proven so effective they are planning larger public meetings in each district. The one that includes Highland Park is planned for January.

### When:

Wednesday, January 4, 2017  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00p.m.

### Where:

Teamsters Local 249  
4701 Butler Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15201

PWSA leadership will give a presentation on lead in drinking water and how residents can limit exposure to lead, followed by a question and answer session.

If you have any questions, please contact Will Pickering, Interim Communications Manager, at 412.255.2099 or [wpickering@pgh2o.com](mailto:wpickering@pgh2o.com)



# Highland Park Pottery tour



**Saturday, December 10 and  
Sunday, December 11, 2016  
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**



# Visit the homes and studios

... of five Highland Park potters and the Union Project Ceramics Co-op at the sixth annual Highland Park Pottery Tour.

Meet the artists, enjoy refreshments, and buy local artwork for the holidays.

The Highland Park Pottery Tour is an intimate experience that welcomes guests right into the artists homes. Art lovers and artists mingle in studios and living rooms, discuss ceramics techniques together, and share snacks at kitchen counters. You'll experience Highland Park in a whole new way, as you walk from cozy stop to cozy stop.

The Highland Park Pottery Tour features the work of:

- Joseph Delphia with guest artists Scott Cornish and Brett Kern
- Stephanie Flom with guest artists Bryce Hemmington and Kyle Houser
- Jeff Guerrero with guest artists Dacey Haughwont and John Miyazawa
- Keith Hershberger with guest artists Adam Conway, Nancy Smeltzer, and Amanda Wolf
- Jenna Vanden Brink with guest artists Seth Payne and Reiko Yamamoto
- Union Project with Ceramics Co-op members (This location is wheelchair accessible)

Elise Birnbaum  
Jeff Brunner  
Robert Carl  
Ben Dames  
Carina Kooiman

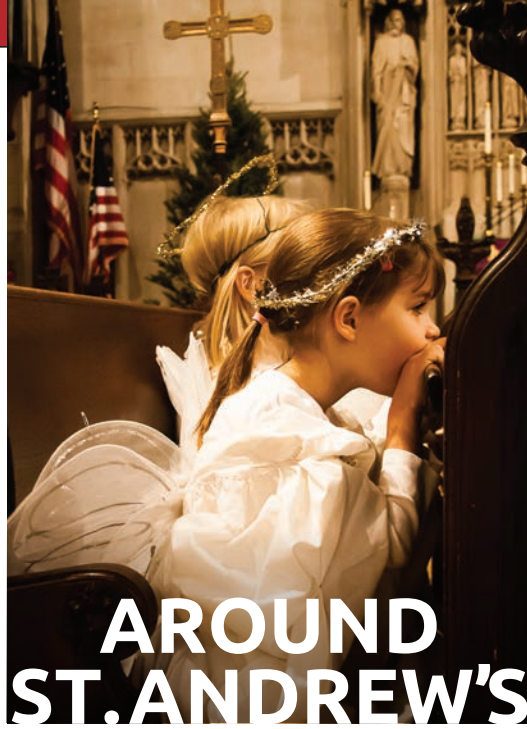
Alyssa Ruberto  
Talon Smith  
Gloria Tsang  
Mark Vander Heide

For full details and a map, visit the [Highland Park Pottery Tour website](#).



November and December, as we sail from Fall to Winter and from Old Year to New, and in the Church, toward Advent and Christmas-and through it all we would wish all our neighbors a season of blessing and renewal, healing and mercy, hope and joy.

The four weeks of Advent are always rich around the St. Andrew's parish scatter. All are invited to what will be a lovely service of Choral Evensong in Advent, on Thursday evening, December 1st, at 8 p.m. The evening will honor the November 30th Feast of our Patron, St. Andrew, Apostle and Martyr, and the service will be followed by a very fun recital featuring the Bloomfield Liedertafel Singing Society, under the direction of our good friend and Highland Park resident Ed Helgerman. A festive seasonal reception will conclude the evening.



## AROUND ST. ANDREW'S

*By Bruce Robison, Rector*

In the midst of the busyness of the season we are looking forward this year to a "Quiet Morning in Advent," from 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon on Saturday, December 10th, as we reflect in scripture and the greater traditions of faith on the deeper meaningful themes of Advent and Christmas, with Susy Robison as our Quiet Morning guide. All are welcome, but please give the Church Office a call (412-661-1245) to let us know you're planning to attend.

The Third Sunday of Advent, December 18th, will be a wonderful day as well. At 11

a.m. our service will be given over to the great tradition, "A Children's Pageant of Christmas." If your kids would like to participate this year, please send our Church School Director, Brandon Cooper, a quick e-mail at [churchschool@standrewspgh.org](mailto:churchschool@standrewspgh.org) as soon as you can. At 4:30 p.m. on the afternoon of the 18th the day continues



## **AROUND ST. ANDREW'S** *Continued*

with what has become truly one of the highlights of the season, as St. Andrew's Parish Choir, Schola Cantorum, and Choristers join forces with readers from the parish and the wider neighborhood for the Festival of Lessons and Carols, followed by High Tea in our newly renovated Brooks Hall. All welcome - and if past experience is a guide, be sure to get here early for a good seat!

Looking ahead, we will have two services on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, with the 4:30 p.m. Family Service of Holy Communion to include the Blessing of the Creche, familiar carols, and the Rector's Children's Sermon. The traditional Midnight Service begins by candlelight at 10:30 p.m. with Service of Music for harp, organ, and choir, featuring guest-artist Sierra Pastel, and with a choral service of the Holy Communion following at about 11 p.m. A Christmas Morning service of Holy Communion will take place at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 25, with organ, carols, and hymns followed by a Christmas Morning Coffee Hour.

St. Andrew's, in the 5800 block of Hampton Street, has been in ministry in the heart of this neighborhood of Highland Park for over a century. If you have a pastoral concern we can help with - a baby to be baptized, a marriage to celebrate, a sick or shut-in family member or neighbor who would appreciate a visit and a blessing, a family to comfort at the time of the death of a loved one - or if you simply would like to borrow a table, please feel free, whatever your religious background or heritage may be, to give our Church Office a call at 412 661-1245 or to check us out our redesigned website, [standrewspgh.org](http://standrewspgh.org). We're always glad to hear from you, and to help if we can.

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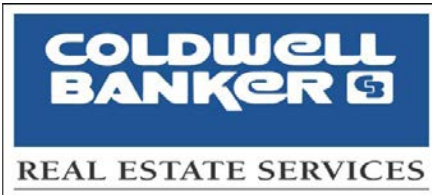
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