
NEWS FROM

Celebration!

A People Serving the Church

Fall 2017

2017 Annual Conference: *Kingdom vs. Empire*



Speaker Joel Repic, Pastor,
Crestmont Alliance Church,
Hopewell



Ruth Wieting (from Sweden) and James von Minden
lead The Lord's Prayer during closing worship



Dedication of May McKeown's Memorial Stone
during a break in the Conference



Bishop Christopher Epting preaching at our Saturday evening Eucharist during his bi-annual visit as Bishop Visitor



Joe, Samantha, Bill, Bishop Epting, Steven, Mimi



Before the Community's Saturday Eucharist, Bishop Dorsey McConnell (Pittsburgh) talks with representatives of Crestmont Alliance Church



Members of Aliquippa Impact in a time of worship during their regular staff meeting at Celebration

Visitors from near and far



Bill and Steven have lunch at Uncommon Grounds Café with Jodi and Howard Page-Clark (UK)



Anya, Zac, and Jen Hawkes (UK)



Kathleen Thomerson (Texas), Bill, Samantha, Maggie Durran (UK), Mimi



Martyn Hawkes (UK) joins the crew as they cheer the Pirates at PNC Park, Pittsburgh



Edward and Sherrell Prebble (New Zealand) plus locals Michelle, Samantha, and Dominic Guzie



Anita Plummer (Oklahoma) chatting with Mimi

In June, James, Bill and Mimi drove overnight to St. Louis to join Graham and Jen Farra and family to watch the historic total eclipse of the sun. The view was perfect from our ring-side seats at a soccer park in the midst of Missouri corn fields.



To totality and beyond! - James



Steven enjoying his annual visit to Scotland



Labor Day picnic in the backyard

After prayerful consideration and with the encouragement of our Bishop Visitor, the Community has decided to take a break from hosting an Annual Conference. We covet your prayers during this process as we discern what alternatives we might be able to offer in the future.

Also, we solicit your prayers for our continuing dialogue with Crestmont Alliance Church concerning the future use of the Celebration properties here in Aliquippa. Although there is no specific timetable, we believe the responsible direction is to begin planning now for a time when Community members can no longer steward the ministries and property God has entrusted to us.