

First Press

First Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Meet Jay and Mary Schwartz

Jay and Mary Schwartz joined First Reformed in 2006. They came to our church via the internet, recommendations from several people, and a warm welcome from several folks when they visited. They both were born in Texas and met while they were attending Texas A&M University. Jay has a B.S. and Masters in Civil Engineering and Mary's degree is in International Studies. They moved to Pittsburgh last year so that Jay could pursue his PhD in Economics at the University

of Pittsburgh. Mary is working at CIGNA Group Insurance Company.

Jay was born in Houston and raised in San Antonio in a Bible-believing home. He appreciated the many benefits of hearing the truth often as he was growing up and being taught in a Christian school. However, it wasn't until he was in college that he first began to grasp the implications of our sinfulness and the grace of God. He was heavily influenced by John Piper and J.I. Packer, among others, and was helped immensely by Reformed University Fellowship (RUF). In his spare time, along with spending time with Mary, he enjoys reading. His favorite authors/books are: Abraham Kuyper, *Cry the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton, C.S. Lewis, Flannery O'Connor, as well as *National Geographic* and *The Economist*. He also is very interested in maps—there is no place in the world that he would refuse to visit. He also likes learning about the unique history of the places where he lives.

Mary was born in Dallas but moved to Moscow, Russia at age 8 with her parents who were missionaries. She enjoyed the experience—but not the long winters. She moved back to Texas when she was 13 and attended a Christian high school in a suburb of Dallas. While attending Texas A & M, she competed on the equestrian team, fulfilling one of her great loves and passions: horses. She also took up an interest in photography and became the team photographer. Mary studied abroad in Russia the summer before she and Jay married.

Jay and Mary met through her older sister, Martha, who was at A&M a year ahead of her. Mary says that Jay didn't "wisen up" to her until her junior year...Jay says that he chased her around the beach at a summer conference and she finally relented when he offered to buy her anything out of the vending machine. They got engaged in Washington, D.C. on New Years Eve, 2004 and were married on August 20, 2005. They went to Iceland on their honeymoon so Mary could ride an Icelandic pony.

They have one non-biological child named Astin (their dog) who they rescued off the streets. Mary takes him to agility classes, a type of dog sport.

We are happy to have Jay and Mary as a part of our church family!

COMING EVENTS

MAY 6

Congregational Meeting to approve Pulpit Search Committee after morning service

6:30 p.m.

Promises Musical

MAY 10

9:30 a.m.

MOPS Brunch

MAY 12

9:30 a.m.

WIC Spring Brunch

MAY 20

5:30 p.m.

Great Commission Prayer Meeting

Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.

Luke 3:4



Missions Focus: Gerry and Ruth Gutierrez (Peru)

Gerry was born in Huanta, Peru of Quechua Indian heritage. While a student at Ayacucho University he had become an officer of a student communist group. He was converted to Christ by contact with missionary team that included Ruthie's parents. After becoming a Christian he was considered an enemy to the communists. They both attended a bible college to prepare for witnessing to his former comrades. After working with students for 5 years they returned to the U.S. for Gerry to attend Covenant Theological Seminary. When he graduated it was unsafe for him to return to Peru. The Shining Path Movement's terrorist activities were destroying the mountain area and they had a price on Gerry's head. They served on a church-planting team in Chile for one term and then due to health problems served in the Washington, DC area. Gerry worked with South American diplomats and helped establish the Prayer Breakfast movement in South America. Their home church in suburban Virginia helped establish a ministry to the children orphaned by the terrorists. This opened the way for the them to return to Peru. They worked with an orphanage and Gerry began mentoring ten of the children. These children have matured and have been instrumental in starting a Spanish-speaking church in Huanta that is 4 years old and has started 5 daughter congregations. Some are in Quechua mountain villages and the latest a Quechua church in Huanta. Last year was their toughest year health wise. They had even been planning their funerals. With prayer and good doctors they are both feeling well. Ruthie is able to take the treatment for her cancer that spread to her bones in Ayacucho. Gerry has his diabetes and other problems under control. They ask us to pray that they may add another congregation each year. Pray also for continued health for further service to the Lord.

May Birthdays

2	Rich Gardner Shelah Renda	16	Joy Bowlin
4	Elijah Masick	17	Bob Knox Scott Magnuson Robin Turner
5	Ralph Master	18	John Faber
6	Amy Frost Nathan McGuire	19	Katie Anderson
7	Rebekkah Hargraves Harry McGuigan Audrey Nemit	21	Philip Patterson
8	Maria Taylor Mark Taylor	22	Catherine Harke
10	Christopher Dietz	23	Eric Kahle
11	Skip Masick Keith Nelson	24	John Nemit
14	Patty Frost Paul West	25	Shawna Crawford Anna Jane Sneddon Matthew Sullivan
15	Debbie Faber Carol McGuigan Paul Musser	26	Mitchell McGuire Micah Oh
		27	Jay Scharfenberg
		31	Briana Boyer



Congratulations to
Dave and Kate Dering
on the birth of
their daughter,
Eleanor Grace
on April 24, 2007.

Financial Summary January 1 - March 31, 2007

Operating Account:

Receipts	\$ 82,930
Disbursements	\$ 104,405
<i>Account Balances -</i>	
Operating Checking	\$ 4,298
Operating Saving	\$ 74,794

Benevolence Account:

Income	\$ 24,289
Disbursements	\$ 23,968



Deacons' Fund: (year to date as of 4/24/07)

Income - through end of 2/07	\$ 2,231
Disbursements	\$ 2,425
<i>Account Balances -</i>	
Deacons' Checking	\$ 10,393
Deacons' Money Mkt.	\$ 10,751

May

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

		1	2	3 9:30 a.m. WIC Bible Study/ Brunch at Debbi Dutton's home	4 3:30 p.m. Faith/Powell	5 10:00 a.m. Promises Rehearsal and Pizza Party
6 10:45 a.m. Lord's Supper Congregational Mtg. after A.M. Service Fairmont Team Mtg. after Congreg. Mtg. 4:45 p.m. Joint Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Promises Musical	7	8 7:00 p.m. McLane Covenant Group 7:30 p.m. Murrysville Covenant Group	9 6:45 p.m. College & Career Bible Study	10 9:30 a.m. MOPS Brunch	11	12 9:30 a.m. WIC Spring Brunch
13 4:45 p.m. Joint Youth Group 	14	15 7:00 p.m. Joint Session/ Diaconate Meeting (dinner at 6:15 p.m.) 7:15 p.m. Master Covenant	16 6:45 p.m. College & Career Bible Study	17 9:30 a.m. WIC Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Girls, First Boys Club	18 8:00 p.m. Youth Group Lock-In	19
20 12:30 p.m. Fairmont Team Mtg. 4:45 p.m. Joint Youth Group 5:30 p.m. Great Commission Prayer Meeting	21	22 7:00 p.m. McLane Covenant Group 7:30 p.m. Murrysville Covenant Group	23 6:45 p.m. College & Career Bible Study	24	25	26
27 4:45 p.m. Joint Youth Group	28  MEMORIAL DAY	29 7:30 p.m. WIC Prayer Meeting	30 6:45 p.m. College & Career Bible Study	31	Each Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship	

Vacation Bible School June 25 - 29

Plan to join us this year for a *High Seas* Vacation Bible School adventure! For children entering Kindergarten this Fall through 6th Grade.

Volunteers are needed: teachers, assistant teachers, recreation, set-up & decorations, nursery, kitchen. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you can help.



Attention ladies of all ages ~
plan to join us for our
Spring Brunch



Saturday, May 12th
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Fellowship with other ladies • enjoy a meal that you don't have to prepare • listen to a panel discussion on the influence of Godly mothers • see photos of the generations before us

Sign up at the Welcome Center