

## TODAY AT ELPC

### Regular Worship Schedule Resumes – Rally Day

Today we resume our regular worship schedule (8 am Good Samaritan; 8:45 am Journey; 11 am Sanctuary). Our Christian Education classes also resume. Please see the CE bulletin board for class locations. Welcome back!

### Deacon-On-Duty Person

The Deacon-on-Duty (DOD) will be seated in the East Transept wearing a Deacon stole. Today's DOD is **Diana Bloss**.



### Neighbors Committee's Development Seminar – Sept 10

Join ELPC's Neighbors Committee on Monday, Sept 10 from 6-8 pm in Room 234 when they present a community development seminar *How to Grow a Small Business Ecosystem in Your Community* that is pertinent to the current changes occurring in East Liberty.

Speaker Della Rucker of Wise Economy Workshop, nationally known economic development consultants, will discuss the unique qualities and needs of small businesses, present successful strategies that include building relationships among businesses, methods for fostering interdependence, tactics for supporting individual business capacity and improving business operations.

This seminar is free. For more info, please contact Rebecca Maclean (hera314@gmail.com).

### Sabbath Book Group – Sept 11

On Tuesdays throughout September (through Sept 25), join the Spiritual Life Committee in the Pastor's Conference Room from 6-7 pm for a reading of *Sabbath* by Wayne Muller, prior to his joining us for the weekend of Oct 13-14.

### ELPC's Church Picnic – Sept 16

The CE Committee invites everyone to our annual Church Picnic on Sunday, Sept 16 after the 11 am worship service. Food will be served in the Social Hall, with additional seating in the Courtyard. The CE Ministry Team will provide fried



chicken, hot dogs, desserts, and beverages. Everyone is asked to bring a cold side or salad to share, which can be dropped off at the Guard's Desk prior to worship.

### YAM Book Discussion Series – Begins Sept 16

The YAM (Young Adult Ministry) Sunday book discussion series begins next Sunday, Sept 16 from 9:45-10:45 am in Room 244. Join other young adults as Libby and Tucker Ferda lead the discussion for this new book discussion series. This fall we will explore Anne Lamott's much loved spiritual memoir entitled *Traveling Mercies*. See Wil for your copy of the book and get reading. Just finished worshipping at Journey — then stay! Plan to worship at the 11 am service — then come early. And, of course, Cafe Justo will be served!

### Seminary Sunday – Sept 16

Students and faculty from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary have been invited to join us for worship and fellowship on Sunday, Sept 16. To all of our Seminary visitors, the Membership and Outreach Committee will provide a small welcoming gift. Following the 11 am service, all are invited to the church picnic. All folks are asked to wear a nametag (bring one or fill one out when you arrive at church).

### Hope Academy of Music and the Arts— Begins Sept 17

Hope Academy's fall term begins on Monday, Sept 17! You can download a course brochure and registration form at [www.HopeAcademyArts.com](http://www.HopeAcademyArts.com) or pick one up from the information tables throughout ELPC.

Meet our

## Malawi Delegates!

Thirty missionaries from the Synod of Blantyre will visit Pittsburgh, joining us at ELPC from Sept 16-23. We invite you to join us in welcoming them at any of these special events in honor of their visit:

- ◆ *Sunday, Sept 16* — Our guests will lead us in our 11 am Sanctuary service.
- ◆ *Tuesday, Sept 18* — PW is hosting a potluck lunch with our Malawi missionaries. We will begin with bible study at 11:30 am in the 2nd floor Parlor, followed by lunch at Noon. Please bring a dish representative of Pittsburgh or Malawi to share. All members and friends of the church are welcome. For more info, see Mary Alice Lightle.
- ◆ *Sunday, Sept 23* — Our guests will tell us about life in Malawi and concerns of the CCAP during a combined CE class.

### Celebrate Peace Day 2012 – Sept 21

The *International Day of Peace* Planning Committee invites you to the annual celebration which will take place at ELPC this year.

A Prayer Vigil will begin at 12:01 am on Friday, Sept 21, and continue through midnight in the ELPC Chapel and Sanctuary. The Labyrinth will be available. At 7 pm, there will be an international flag ceremony and blessing of the peace pole, followed by an Intrafaith Peace Service. The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf will give a homily on the international theme for Peace Day 2012.

For more info, call George D'Angelo (412.849.3600) or Peta Harrigan Cole (412.363.1876). Endorsed by ELPC's Peace and Spiritual Life Committees.

### PW's Fall Retreat for Women – Sept 29

The Rev. Christiane Dutton will lead us in a celebration of the ministry of women in the Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Sept 29. Bring your stories and mementos to share as we remember and give thanks for the women of the church.

Registration begins at 8:30 am; yoga at 7:45 am for early risers. The retreat will conclude by 1:30 pm. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. The registration fee is \$8 if received by Noon on Wednesday, Sept 26, or \$10 at the door. Pick up a brochure on the bulletin board outside the 1st floor Library.

### Rabbi Aaron Bisno Leads Worship – Sept 30

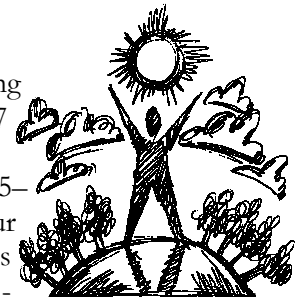
Join us as we welcome Rabbi Aaron Bisno, of Rodef Shalom in Pittsburgh, to ELPC on Sunday, Sept 30. Rabbi Bisno is the ninth rabbi to lead the Temple since its founding in 1856, and is actively championing the need for courageous conversations within, between, and among all of Pittsburgh's Jewish congregations and stakeholders.

Rabbi Bisno will lead the Seekers class at 9:45 am on Sept 30, and then be our guest preacher during a special 11 am Sanctuary worship service.



### Health Ministry's Exercise Classes

- ◆ *Tai Chi* — Tuesdays, beginning Sept 11 from 10–11 am and 6–7 pm. The cost is \$3 per session.
- ◆ *Yoga* — Thursdays from 7:15–8:45 pm. Relax and renew your body, mind and spirit. Classes are led by Yamuna, a Kripalu-certified instructor. A donation to the instructors is appreciated.
- ◆ *JourneyDance* — Friday, Sept 14 from 7–8 pm. Use movement to celebrate your inner strengths. Classes are led by Yamuna. A donation from the heart is appreciated.



For more info, please contact Kate Carlson (katec@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x16).

### Fall Justice Series – Oct 13

The Justice Committee is hosting a monthly series on the death penalty with presentations, Bible studies and opportunity for discussion. A potluck dinner at 5 pm precedes the 6 pm program. Childcare is provided by reservation only.

The next event will be held on Oct 13, covering the topic *Legal & Biblical Justice*. Future events will be held on Nov 10—*Forgiveness, Reconciliation & Restorative Justice*, Dec 8—*Faith in Times of Crisis*. Please contact Carol Chonoska for more info (carolchonoska@gmail.com).

### Adult Church School Classes

**Sept 16 \* 9:45 to 10:45 am**

*Rooms and details are listed on CE Bulletin Board*

**Contemporaries** — “Sometimes God Speaks to us Through Others” led by Joe Kennedy

**Journey with Scripture** — Proverbs 1:20–33; Psalm 19; James 3:1–12; Mark 8:27–38 led by Jan Irvin

**Parenting Circle** — Each week begins with an essay, blog, podcast or video to jumpstart the conversation. Ideas and suggestions for weekly topics are welcome. Facilitated by Maria Engelhardt and Pam Walaski

**Seekers** — “Conservation and Protection of Natural Resources” led by Dale Fox, executive director of Headwaters Resource Conservation and Development Council

**Soul Food** — Discussion of a reading on prayer and service by Hadewijch of Antwerp from *Spiritual Classics* led by Rev. Joe Hajdu

**Spanish Bible Study / Clase de Escuela Dominical en Español**  
Nos reunimos cada semana para descubrir lo que la Biblia nos dice. Por favor únete a esta jornada con nosotros. Todos están bienvenidos, y la clase está en español. Room 217; facilitated by Joaquin Anabe Lopez



### Inquirers' Classes

**Sundays**

**Oct 21 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am**

**Oct 28 ♦ 12:30 to 2:30 pm**

**Lunch will be provided Oct 28**

Join us for an opportunity to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please call Gloria Knopp for more info or to register (412.441.3800 x22).

**iSERVE**  
**LOVE IN ACTION**

Each week there will be service opportunities for you to consider in the bulletin and on the iSERVE bulletin board and website. If interested, contact Wil Forrest ([wil@cob.net](mailto:wil@cob.net); 412.441.3800 x14). Wil wears the red stole at worship.

**Voter Registration Assistant**

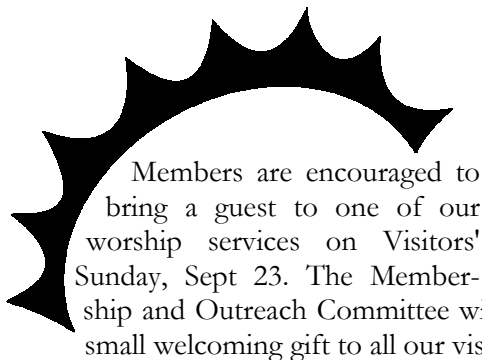
Would you like to help folks exercise their right to vote?

- ◆ *Ministry:* The Voter Registration Assistant works with EECM's Council of Congregations project meant to assist EECM clients with voter registration and the new voter ID requirements. The idea is to staff a table at the Food Pantry in ELPC with a volunteer who, while clients are waiting for their food, could offer to help them register to vote and suggest ways to get the ID that the state now requires voters to present.
- ◆ *Commitment:* Spend about 90 minutes one day in this activity during the week of Sept 10-14 or 17-21 on Monday-Friday starting at 10 am or 1:30 pm.
- ◆ *Skills needed:* Able to talk with others and assist them to fill out a form. Answer questions using the information provided to you.

With changes to voting laws it is even more important to ensure equal access to all potential voters – this role plays an important, nonpartisan part in this process. Contact Jonathan Sewall ([sewall@cs.cmu.edu](mailto:sewall@cs.cmu.edu)) as soon as possible to help. If you're interested but can't help during these weeks, please contact Jonathan anyway, for we may extend the period into October.

Opportunities to serve available on iSERVE at:

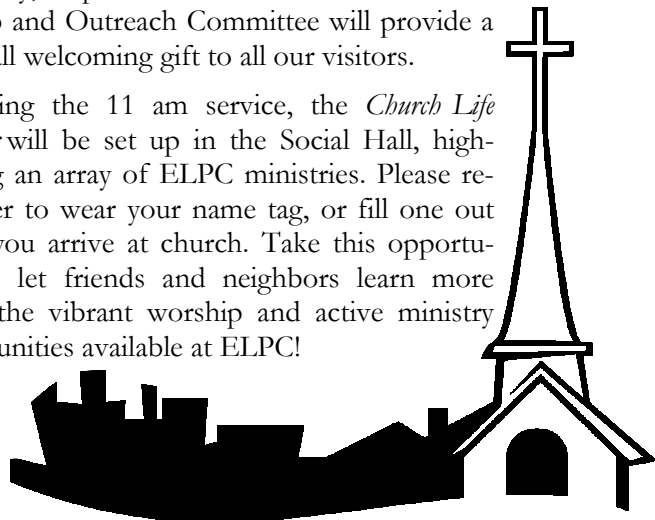
[www.cathedralofhope.org/about/iSERVE.html](http://www.cathedralofhope.org/about/iSERVE.html)



Members are encouraged to bring a guest to one of our worship services on Visitors' Sunday, Sept 23. The Membership and Outreach Committee will provide a small welcoming gift to all our visitors.

**Visitors' Sunday!**  
**Sept 23**

Following the 11 am service, the *Church Life Sampler* will be set up in the Social Hall, highlighting an array of ELPC ministries. Please remember to wear your name tag, or fill one out when you arrive at church. Take this opportunity to let friends and neighbors learn more about the vibrant worship and active ministry opportunities available at ELPC!



As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

- Curtis Blake and family,
- Gloria Clark's daughter Judith,
- Carla Depperman and LaRoux Hopper's friend Andrea, Wil Forrest's friend Eloise,
- David Gilliland's friend Trey,
- Liz Hopkins' sister-in-law Alanna, Paul Martin's father, Alicia Melnick and family, Emily Mohn's uncle Tom, Marti Moore, Matti Moore,
- Jan Pressman's sister Phyllis and daughter Caryn,
- Gloria Ritchey, Emily Rosenthal's friend Pat, Yousamu Sisewe (a Presbyterian from a church near Bradford, PA who is far from his church family), Sherry Shaner, Chris, Christopher and Elizabeth Wheeler and Tony White.

There are **Prayer Boxes**, with cards for prayer requests, available on the tables in the Narthex and East Transept.

**Connections Gatherings Begin**

Want to have fun and get to know fellow church members? A new season of Connections Gatherings starts this fall!

These small groups (7–10 people) meet for conversation and potluck dinners, usually in each others' homes. It's a great way to meet and get to know other members in a relaxed environment.

To join or for more information, look for the sign-up table during fellowship, or contact Gil Hickman (412.243.8837; [gil101@comcast.net](mailto:gil101@comcast.net)).

**Mission Opportunities – Oct 6 and Nov 3**

This fall, the Neighbors Mission Committee invites you to join us as we serve our local community with Open Hand Ministries and Garfield Community Farm.

We will rehab a house in East Liberty for a first-time homeowner—a single mom with three children—and harvest produce that is made available to neighborhood residents. No special skills are needed and all ages are welcome to serve.

For more details, call Emily Rosenthal (412.963.0139) or the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy (412.441.3800 x30).

**Committee Meetings This Week**

- CE Teachers.....Today, 12:30 pm (Rm 244)
- Justice.....Today, 12:30 pm (Rm 224)
- Personnel.....Tuesday, 6:00 pm (Pastor's Conf Rm)
- Deacons.....Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 234)
- Worship, Music, Arts.....Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 244)
- Mission Board.....Thursday, 5:00 pm (Rm 244)



### Club One Sixteen – Begins Sept 19

Each Wednesday, beginning Sept 19 from 3:30 to 7 pm, youth in grades 1–12 are welcome to attend an evening of fellowship, study, and worship.

Our fall theme will be *Testimonies*. As we read the faith stories of Biblical figures, we will see how God was at work in their lives. Then, we will take a look at how God is at work among us, hearing the testimonies of special guests and stopping to see how God is shaping our lives. Our schedule will be as follows:

- 3:30–4:15 pm.....Open Gym and Homework Help
- 4:15–4:30 pm.....Gathering Celebration
- 4:30–5:30 pm.....Ballroom Dance (*Hope Academy class for grades 4–6*), Club Life and bowling/board games
- 5:30–6 pm.....Dinner
- 6–7 pm.....Bible Study

Please contact Rev. Heather Schoenewolf for more info (412.441.3800 x21).

### Sabbath Retreat – Oct 13

ELPC will host a special retreat on restoring the sacred rhythm of rest, featuring presenter Wayne Muller, on Saturday, Oct 13 from 9 am to 4 pm. A Harvard Divinity School graduate, Muller is an ordained minister and best-selling author, gifted with an infectious spirit and deep, poetic heart.

“Sabbath is a time when we remember who we are,” says Muller. It is a “sanctuary” amid lives of “mindless accumulation...and endless multiplication of desires.” More than simply a day of the week, Sabbath can be a “revolutionary tool for cultivating those precious human qualities that grow only in time.” Qualities of compassion, loving kindness, gratitude, and delight.

How can we find time in our hectic lives to pause and experience what is beautiful, sacred, and true? On retreat, Muller helps us cherish the simple gifts we have right now, often missed while we are busy making plans. Weaving humility and passion, wisdom and humor, he gently guides us towards the quiet center where our true nature lies.

For more details, check out the retreat brochure available from the Spiritual Life Committee. The retreat costs \$50, and the registration deadline is Tuesday, Oct 9.

Muller also will lead a combined Christian Education class on Sunday, Oct 14.



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## COMMUNITY



### September's Donations to EECM

*Food Pantry* — Rice-a-Roni

*Men's Shelter* — Toothpaste, shampoo, flip flops/shower shoes

Please leave your donations in the baskets located throughout the church hallways.

### Volunteers Needed for Blind & Vision Rehab Services

*Blind and Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh* is in need of volunteers with receptionist and secretarial skills and volunteers who can help on Tuesday afternoons with arts and crafts and field trips. Also, volunteers are welcome to help drive clients to appointments, serve as escorts for group activities, and help staff who are blind or vision impaired. Training is provided. For more info, contact Nancy Schepis, volunteer coordinator (412.368.4400; nschepis@pghvis.org).

### Grief Support Group

Shadyside Presbyterian Church will host a *Grief Support Group* beginning Tuesday, Sept 25 from 7 to 8:30 pm for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings.

Associate Pastor Lynn Portz will co-lead with Elder Linda Fisher, an experienced grief support facilitator. If unable to attend all sessions, you may attend as many as possible.

One week will focus upon *Surviving the Holidays*. If interested, please call the office of Shadyside Presbyterian Church to register (412.682.4300). This program is free. See the Health Ministry bulletin board for more info.

### Northside Common Ministries Congregational Assembly

Join Northside Common Ministries (NCM) on Thursday, Sept 13 as they celebrate 30 years of service to the community. The event will be held at Allegheny Christian Alliance Church (250 East Ohio St, 15212). A meal will be provided at 6 pm (free will offering accepted). The assembly and potluck dessert buffet will begin at 7 pm. Please RSVP to Crystal (412.323.1163; crystal.outlaw@ncmin.org).

### ELPC's Weekday Worship Schedule

#### Labyrinth Prayer Walk

The labyrinth, a 35-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward, is an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation.

Mondays, 9 am to 1:30 pm

Wednesdays, 9 am to 9 pm

#### Taizé Sung Prayer

Chants and periods of meditative silence modeled after the Taizé community in France. Wednesdays, 7 pm