

# Church Events and Announcements

November 4, 2012 • 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

## TODAY AT ELPC

### Thanksgiving Bags Distributed – Today and Next Week

We will distribute Thanksgiving Bags today and next Sunday, and ask that you return them filled with non-perishable food donations for EECM's Food Pantry on Nov 18, when we will bring these bags forward as a special offering during the 11 am worship service.

### Deacon-On-Duty Person

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

### The Seeds of Justice Award Goes To ...

... ELPC! ELPC was the proud recipient this week of the *Seeds of Justice Award* from Just Harvest for our ongoing advocacy work to eradicate poverty in our community. Congratulations to our Mission Board Poverty Committee and all who work so hard to eliminate hunger.

### First Sunday Event: Beads of Faith

Join the Spiritual Life Committee for a special, intergenerational, *First Sunday Sabbath* following today's 11 am worship in Room 234. A light lunch will be followed by a brief program on the interfaith use of beads in prayer, led by the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan. Sue Schneider will describe how to make Anglican Prayer Beads, and there will be an opportunity to create your own prayer beads.

### Confirmation Class Begins

This year's Confirmation Class will begin with an informational lunch for youth and their parents following today's 11 am worship service in the 2nd floor Parlor. We will discuss the Confirmation process, schedule, and the meaning of Confirmation in the life of our church. This will be an opportunity to ask questions, get acquainted, and look ahead to a wonderful journey together. Confirmation will be held on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2013.



### Shop to Support Deacons' Thanksgiving Baskets – Nov 8

The Deacons invite you to get a head-start on your holiday shopping by joining us for a fundraising night at Ten Thousand Villages (5824 Forbes Ave) on Thursday, Nov 8 from 6-8 pm. Up to 15% of the profits during this time will assist the ELPC Deacons in helping our neighbors this Thanksgiving. Ten Thousand Villages is a non-profit outlet that sells fair trade, artisan-made goods that you will not see in other stores. For more info, call Eric McCarty (412.727.6699), Barbara DeWitt (412.363.0890) or the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy (412.441.3800 x30).

### Taizé Worship and After-Taizé Class – Nov 7

All are invited to join a special All Saints/All Souls Taizé procession on Wednesday, Nov 7, beginning at 7 pm in the Chapel. This event will be followed by *Creative Reflection*, an after-Taizé class offering in the 2nd floor Parlor led by Pen Lytle. Experience creating together the Spirit flowing more freely than in solo work. This is an opportunity to continue the reflective pace of Taizé, expressing on paper — writing, sketching (in black or white or colors: whatever wants to be expressed) — a gift. There will be an opportunity to share, but no one must. Simply speaking and being heard is often part of our process.

### Autumnal Recital – Nov 10

Due to weather complications, the *Autumnal* vocal recital, with Chancel Choir sopranos Bonnie Bogovich, Gwendolyn Schmidt, and associate Elizabeth Rishel, has been moved to Saturday, Nov 10 from 5-6 pm in the Chapel. Join us for an afternoon of solos, duets, and trios accompanied by assistant music director Gabe D'Abruzzo. This concert is free, but donations for the church are encouraged.

### Worship Leader Training – Nov 10

Have you been thinking about participating in worship by being a liturgist, beadle, usher or greeter, but were not quite sure what was involved? If so, please see today's bulletin insert for details on becoming involved!

### Fall Justice Series – Nov 10

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 Nov 10, covering the topic *Forgiveness, Reconciliation & Restorative Justice*. Future events include Dec 8—*Faith in Times of Crisis*. Please contact Carol Chonoska for more info (carolchonoska@gmail.com).

### Young Adult Ministry Events – Nov 11

YAM's *Sunday Book Discussion* is rescheduled for Sunday, Nov 11 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 have explored Anne Lamott's much loved spiritual memoir entitled *Traveling Mercies*. Cafe Justo will be served!

Young adults will also be *Singing at the Coronado* on Sunday, Nov 11 from 2-5 pm. Enjoy an afternoon of song and drink with friends as Jett Christensen hosts us at home. Jett will lead us as we enjoy singing and eating together.



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

Damon Bethea's grandmother Dorothy,  
Curtis Blake and family,

Michele Bossers' son Nathan and friend Rosemary,  
Darrell Bupp's mother, Gloria Clark's daughter Judith,  
Martha DeMarzi's cousin Herb, Wil Forrest's friend Eloise,  
Sharon Geibel's mother, Cathie Hajdu,

Liz Hopkins' mother Margery and sister-in-law Alanna,  
Florence Johnson, Gail Mallory's friend Judy,  
Paul Martin's father William,

Nancy Miller Smith, Emily Mohn's uncle Tom,  
Matti Moore, Jan Pressman's friend Serge, Emily  
Rosenthal's friend Pat,

Yousamu Sisewe (a Presbyterian from a church near  
Bradford, PA who is far from his church family),  
Sherry Shaner and Clark and Nancy Smith's friend Tom.

*Our condolences to the family of Roland Mick on his passing.  
(The service will be held tomorrow at 10:30 am in the Chapel.)*

**"Dispatches to God's Household" Bible Study – Nov 13**

Join PW on Tuesday, Nov 13 at 10 am in the 2nd floor Parlor as we continue the General Epistles study *Dispatches to God's Household*. Sandy Brake will lead our lesson *A Spiritual House and Household Matters* based on 1 Peter 2:1-10; 3 John 1-8. A potluck lunch will follow. Please bring a salad or snack to share and your own place setting. Beverages will be provided. *We are meeting on the second Tuesday in Nov due to the election.*

**Thanksgiving Feast – Nov 18**

Following 11 am worship on Sunday, Nov 18, our annual *Thanksgiving Feast* will be held. Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy and corn will be provided this year, but the congregation is encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share (label your dish with your name; serving utensils are not needed). Sign up between Nov 4-11 on the sign up lists outside the East Transept entrance.

**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@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14). Wil wears the red stole at worship.*

**Thanksgiving Feast Helper**

ELPC's annual luncheon celebration of Thanksgiving this year will be after the 11 am service on Nov 18. This event cannot happen without significant participation from the congregation. Consider setting up, bringing a side dish, bringing a dessert and/or cleaning up. Sign up on the wall outside the East Transept doors by Nov 11.

*Other opportunities to serve available on iSERVE webpage:  
[www.cathedralofhope.org/about/iSERVE.html](http://www.cathedralofhope.org/about/iSERVE.html)*

IN OUR

**COMMUNITY**



**Books for Allegheny County Jail**

*Effective immediately!* Due to a policy change at the Allegheny County Jail, **only soft cover or paperback books** will be collected for distribution at the ACJ Chaplaincy office. Please discontinue bringing in magazines immediately. The generous donations of magazines and books has been greatly appreciated. Please contact Barb DeWitt (b.r.dewitt@hotmail.com) or the Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy (patricefs@coh.net) with any questions.

**Financial Support for Those Affected by Hurricane Sandy**

An effective way to get financial support to those affected by Hurricane Sandy is through a donation to the *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance* program. Visit their website at [www.pda@pcusa.org](http://www.pda@pcusa.org) or give \$10 by texting PDA to 20222.

**Full Inclusion Sunday – Nov 18**

On Sunday, Nov 18, we will receive the *Thank Offering* of Presbyterian Women. The Chancel Choir will be joined by the Renaissance City Choirs, and adding a joyous note will be a brass quartet and timpani. Join us!

**Committee Meetings This Week**

Property ..... *Monday, 7:00 pm (Session Rm)*  
Mission Board..... *Thursday, 5:00 pm (Rm 244)*

**Adult Church School Classes**

*Nov 11 \* 9:45 to 10:45 am*

*Room locations are listed on the CE bulletin board.*

**Contemporaries** – “Christ into the 21st Century—Where We Were; Where We Are; and What Lies Ahead” led by Dr. Bill Myers

**Journey with Scripture** – Ruth 3:1–5, 4:13–17; Psalms 127; Hebrews 9:24–28; Mark 12:38–44 led by Jan Irvin

**Parenting Circle** – Each week begins with an essay, blog, podcast or video to jumpstart the conversation. Facilitated by Pam Walaski

**Seekers** – “Spirituality and Ethics” led by Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

**Soul Food** – A discussion of forgiveness with Rev. Walter Everett, a retired minister whose life was radically altered when his son was murdered. Facilitated by Vivienne Selia

**Spanish Bible Study / Clase de Escuela Dominical en Español**  
Nos reunimos cada semana para descubrir lo que la Biblia nos dice. Todos están bienvenidos, y la clase está en español. Facilitated by Joaquín Anabe Lopez