

Church Events and Announcements

March 24, 2013 • Palm Sunday

TODAY AT ELPC

Welcome Visitors!

We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate this season with us at ELPC. We invite you to stop by the *Welcome Table* in the Highland Lobby or the Narthex for a small welcoming gift and perhaps some other information about ELPC's programs and ministries. Come find out how many people make up the current active membership of ELPC. Our friendly *Welcome Table* volunteers have the answer!

Visitors, members and friends are all encouraged to stop by the *Welcome Table* to get a nametag so we might greet one another by name.

Palms Distributed at Worship Services

ELPC is proud to purchase palms from the *Eco-Palms Program* of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, ensuring that over 800,000 palm fronds are harvested sustainably.

Lenten Devotionals

In conjunction with the preaching theme *Lenten Life Lessons* series, the Christian Education Committee has created Lenten devotional materials to serve as roadmaps for our journey together. The materials will be passed out at the doors of each service today and on Easter.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Received

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through *One Great Hour of Sharing*. Our gifts have supported ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development. Thank you for your generous support when this offering is received today!

No Extended Session Program Today and Next Week

There will be no Extended Session program today or on Easter Sunday (March 31). Children are encouraged to participate in worship today by processing into worship and helping to collect the *Have a Heart for Hunger* donations. If interested in joining the procession, meet in the Chapel at 10:45 am today.

Have a Heart for Hunger

Participate in ELPC's efforts to support EECM's *Have a Heart for Hunger* campaign by making a financial contribution (*donations through March 31 receive a matching donation*). Donated grocery bags filled with non-perishable food items will be dedicated during today's 11 am Sanctuary worship service.

Deacon-On-Duty Person

Today's DOD is **Pepo Mazingi**.

YAM Funday

Calling all young adults to *Sunday Funday* today at 2 pm in the Game Room! Let's gather for an afternoon of fun and games, snacks and friends. Group's choice – we may have a rematch on Pictionary, we may bowl, who knows? See you there!



Open Gym – March 26

The gym and bowling alley at ELPC will be open for parents and adults to bring children and youth for a time of intergenerational recreation on Tuesday, March 26 from 2-4 pm. Staff and volunteers will be on hand, but adults are expected to stay at the church and chaperone the children they bring.

Mission Walk on Good Friday – March 29

Tour some of the missions serving the homeless in East Liberty on Good Friday, March 29. We will leave McDonalds (120 Penn Circle West) at 9 am and conclude with lunch at the Orr Center before returning to the church for worship. Tour is hosted by Presbyterian Women. Reservations are required by Noon on Wednesday, March 27 (to plan for lunch). RSVP: Mary Alice Lightle (412.682.1504; MALightle@hotmail.com).

Forum on Ending Gun Violence – April 2

The Peace Committee is co-sponsoring a forum on ending gun violence on Tuesday, April 2 from 7-9 pm at ELPC. This event will feature local, state and federal leaders, community members and experts on gun violence. You are invited to be a part of the solution!

Grief Support Group – Begins April 4

Grieving is a process. The emotional challenges that can accompany personal loss can be experienced suddenly, or they may arise subtly over time. Beginning in April, ELPC members Ted Cmarada and Susan Spangler, experienced psychotherapists and grief counselors, will be leading a *Grief Group* for those who are grieving or struggling with loss and change. The group will meet at ELPC for six weeks on Thursdays from 6:30-8 pm, beginning April 4.

Local Mission and Fellowship Opportunity – April 6

The Neighbors Mission Committee invites you to participate in a day of service and fellowship with our partners *Open Hand Ministries* and *Garfield Community Farm* on Saturday, April 6. We will finalize a house rehab in East Liberty, and do planting and maintenance projects at the farm. You choose where you would like to serve! For more info, please contact Emily Rosenthal (412.963.0139) or Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy (412.441.3800 x30).



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

Sally Barcelona,

Tim and Linda Benedict's friend Susan, Valerie Dixon, Charlene Haislip (daughter of Pat Moran), Sherry Shaner, Earline Thomas and her family, Pat Valoon and the *New Jersey Six* mission trip participants.

Our condolences to Mark DeWitt on his father's passing.

Our condolences to Tekiesha Daniel on her mother's passing.

Our condolences to Mike Maiolo on his friend's passing.

Our condolences to Jean Thomas on her daughter-in-law's passing.

Our condolences to Sonya-Marie Morley on her mother's passing.

A special note ...

Thank you! The phrase is simple and the words are few, but behind them lies a world of appreciation. Thank you to everyone for being there in my time of need following the fire. Love you all, — *Carmen Watkins and Marlon Harvey*

Lectio Divina Workshop – April 7

The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to a *Lectio Divina* workshop. The workshops aim to deepen the relationship of participants with the Divine. Leah Marmo and Ben Rainey will facilitate these workshops on Sundays, Apr 7 and 21, May 5 and 19 at 6 pm. Please call Rev. Callahan for info (412.441.3800 x41).

Committee Meeting This Week

Spiritual Life Tuesday, 6:30 pm (Session Rm)



Each week there will be service opportunities for you to consider. If interested, contact Wil (wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14). Wil wears the red stole at worship.

Lawn Mower (Seasonal)

Do you like the smell of fresh cut grass? Have a servant heart and a desire to make ELPC even more beautiful?

- ♦ Ministry: Lawn mowers will serve on a spring-through-fall team who will cut the grass at ELPC.
- ♦ Commitment: Several times within a year, based on weather, team schedules and your availability.
- ♦ Skills needed: Ability to push a hand mower and to use a power mower. Ability to work with others to create a schedule. Ability to push a hand mower.

This is an important service needed so our church will be properly maintained and remain a beautiful part of our community.

To serve as a mower or get on the *WeSERVE* list, contact Wil Forrest (wil@coh.net; 412.260.2554).

Other opportunities to serve available on iSERVE webpage: www.cathedralofhope.org/about/iSERVE.html

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Dr. Ed Moore Performs – Today!

Dr. Ed Moore will be playing on *Bach's Birthday Concert* today at 4 pm at Church of the Redeemer (5700 Forbes Ave, Squirrel Hill). The concert is free and a birthday cake for Bach will be served following the concert!

Light the Way to Justice: Worship Jam Prayer Vigil – Mar 25

As our U.S. Supreme Court prepares to deliberate on the civil rights of all people to choose their own spouse, all are invited to an interfaith expression of solidarity and a time of prayer on Monday, March 25 at 7 pm at First United Methodist Church (5401 Centre Ave, 15232). Marriage equality is an important issue for many in our congregation and our community. For info about *Light the Way to Justice*, visit www.lighttojustice.org. For info on local rallies, visit www.thetaskforce.org (*National Gay and Lesbian Task Force*).

Alia Musica Concerts – April 4 and 6

Master flutist and composer Robert Dick returns for two performances with local contemporary ensemble Alia Musica Pittsburgh. He will perform a solo concert on April 4, and then joins Alia Musica for their spring concert on April 6. Both programs will begin at 7:30 pm at the Bricolage Theater (937 Liberty Ave, downtown).

Tickets: \$15 adults, \$10 students/seniors; \$20 two-event pass. You can purchase discounted advance tickets at www.alia-musica.org.

Survey Volunteers Needed – April 6

The Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation is looking for volunteers on April 6 from 1-4 pm to help conduct a windshield survey of residential building conditions in the neighborhood. Volunteers will meet at the former St. Lawrence O'Toole Activity Center's Meeting Room (5323 Penn Ave), and will be trained on how to conduct the survey before going out into the neighborhood in pairs. The gathered info will be used to develop strategies for implementing *Garfield 2030*, the neighborhood's housing and land use master plan. Please contact Carolyn Ristau (carolyn@bloomfield-garfield.org; 412.441.6950 x17).

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program – Through May 1

The *Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program* includes gentle, joint-safe exercises from the Arthritis Foundation. This 10-week program can help relieve stiffness and decrease arthritis pain. This program runs through May 1 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-4 pm in ELPC's Sewing Room. Please call 412.383.1303 for more info.

Adult Church School Classes

There are no Church School Classes on Easter Sunday, March 31.