

Reaching Out

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Summer Worship Beneath the Canopy of God's Sky



Starting Sunday, July 2 through Sept 3, we move our 10 am Summer Sanctuary Worship outside to the beauty of our Courtyard (weather permitting). Seating is provided in the central Courtyard area, as well as on the lower balcony along side the Chapel wall. Underneath the Courtyard trees, the congregation and choir can gather for worship, prayer

and praise beneath the canopy of God's sky.

In an effort to make sure that everyone is able to enjoy this outdoor worship service, we will be offering overflow seating in another wonderful space—the upper Courtyard balcony outside the third floor Music Room. Tables and chairs will be set up there for people who might arrive late or who would like a little more room for themselves and their family. The service will be amplified up to that area, connecting the balcony and Courtyard congregants together in a shared worship experience.

Just as people move from their traditional pews to new seating patterns

Additional Sunday Morning Worship Opportunity This Summer

Flexibility is an important word during the summer months. Vacations, family outings, and special events cause everyone's schedule to change during warmer weather. This is also true of our church's schedule.

To accommodate different needs during the summer, in addition to our 8 am Good Samaritan and 10 Summer Worship, another worship service will be offered on Sundays, July 23 and Aug 20—Chapel Worship—9 to

9:45 am. This extra service is for those needing to get away a little earlier (but not too early) on those

Summer Church School

This summer we are offering two Church School classes—one for adults, "Jesus as Your Life Coach" (see page 4); and one for young adults in their 20s and 30s, "Divinity and Diversity" (see page

Summer Schedule

Sunday Morning Services

**Holy Communion is celebrated.*

- 8 am Good Samaritan Worship
* July 2 The Rev. Tami Hooker, Chaplaincy Program Director.
July 9 The Rev. James Synder, Minister, Mulberry Presbyterian Church.
July 16 TBA
July 23 . Paul DeWalt, Manager of Homeless & Hunger, EECM.
July 30 Larry Weed, Elder, lay minister, Pgh Presbytery, Natrona Heights PC.
9 am Chapel Worship
July 23 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.
10 am Summer Worship, Courtyard
* July 2 The Rev. Christiane Dutton.
July 9 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.
July 16 The Rev. Battle, Director of Justice Ministries & Mission for Pittsburgh Presbytery.
July 23 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.
July 30 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.

Koinonia Contemporary

Service of Praise

2nd Sunday of each month.

July 9 7 pm

Holy Ground Service of

Wholeness and Healing

3rd Sunday, bimonthly, March–November.

July 16 6 pm

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

Mondays 10 am to 3 pm

Wednesdays 10 am to 9 pm

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Reaching Out Newsletter



Pastoral Message

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, Pastor

Choosing Our Heroes

The month of July is shaped by our Independence Day celebrations. While Fourth of July mostly involves picnics and fireworks, at some point on that holiday there is a salute to the flag and our national anthem. It is a time for remembering heroes and for giving thanks.

In my devotion time, I recently read a sermon by Peter Gomes, chaplain at Harvard University, about the ambiguity of heroes. It made me pause and reflect on who are today's heroes. I thought of dedicated public officials and people who serve our country as soldiers, peacekeepers and volunteer workers. I thought of underpaid aides who provide nursing care for homebound elderly and assisted living residents. I thought of teachers, who find time for each child and buy supplies out of their own pockets. I pictured how my son most Sundays intentionally leaves our pew to sit beside his Sunday School teacher.

In one paragraph, Gomes made this comment: "The choosing of heroes... is a very important thing, for by that choice the character of a people may often be determined. To deprive people of heroes, or of the opportunity to choose them, is the ultimate form of conquest." Gomes' words should be a guide for both national and personal policy. In our country's engagements overseas, are we depriving people of the opportunity to choose their own heroes? Do our actions prompt them to pick anti-heroes, who become role models for violence, extremism and corruption? Our prayerful and financial support of missionaries, health workers, and peace-promoting organizations is a key component in shaping the characters of others through the living presence of true heroes in their midst.

In our own lives, who are our heroes and how do

uuu

Randy Bush

A Report from the PC (USA) 217th General Assembly

The 217th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) met in Birmingham, Alabama from June 15–22. Elected as Moderator for a two-year term was the Rev. Joan Gray from Atlanta Presbytery. The committees met for the first few days and then the plenary heard their reports. Among the notable items:

- u the General Assembly approved the report and recommendations of the Theological Taskforce on Peace, Unity, and Purity of the

Church;

- u the committee's approval of changes in the language regarding selective divestment in Israel;
- u the General Assembly rejected overtures that would remove the ordination standards of "fidelity and chastity" that are currently in the Book of Order.

In other news, an elder from Denver, Stanley Anderson, donated \$150 million to help presbyteries

ELPC Church Tour: History, Art, Architecture & Symbolism

All are invited to take a tour of our beautiful and historic church on Sunday, July 23 following 10 am worship and Fellowship Time. We will meet at the Security Desk at 11:30 am. Our tour will be led by Marti Moore and will last approximately one hour or more depending on the group.

Highlights will include: architecture, art, stained glass and sym-

bolism of the church, as well as an interweaving of the histories of the city of Pittsburgh and East Liberty Presbyterian Church, with a brief trip back in time to visit the land as it was 500 years ago and then 250 years ago. A tour of the exterior of the church, with an emphasis on the beauty and symbolism of all its doors, will also be included. Be

New Wilmington Missionary Conference

An intergenerational group from East Liberty Presbyterian Church will be spending an evening at the New Wilmington Missionary Conference at Westminster College on Sunday, July 23. The Rev. Dr. Tony Campolo will be the evening's keynote speaker.

We will meet at ELPC at 3 pm and caravan up to Westminster College, arriving at by 5 pm. Shortly after arriving, we will have dinner at the college dining hall (\$5-\$10),

followed by Vespers at 6:45 pm and the meeting at 7:45 pm. We will return back at ELPC no later than 10:30 pm.

If you would like to be part of the ELPC group in attendance, please call Heather Tunney to RSVP by Sunday, July 16 (412/441-3800 x14). Also, let her know if you will be willing to drive and take riders to the event, or if you need transportation. Note:



A Friends of the Organ Fundraiser

On Sunday, July 16 following the 10 am Summer Worship service, the ELPC Friends of the Organ (FOTO) invite all to attend an "Ice Cream Social" outside in the Children's Play Area (Baum Blvd. door exit). Members of the congregation are also being asked to help support this event by bringing (and donating) their favorite cakes.

Tickets are \$6 for adults; \$3 for children 12 and under, with a \$15 family maximum—includes partaking of the donated cakes, all the ice cream you can eat served either on a cone or in a cup, and toppings (syrops, nuts and maraschino cherries). Tickets may be purchased in advance during Fellowship Time following the 10 am Summer Worship Service on Sundays, July 2 and 9. Benefits the ELPC Pipe Organ Restoration Project.

FOTO is also planning a Corn

ELPC Ministries, Programs and Volunteer Opportunities

In addition to our various worship services and ways to experience God's presence, and spiritual growth and nurturing for all ages through our many ministries, programs and activities, here at ELPC we also offer you opportunities to serve on any of over 20 committees and sub-committees. Committees are the backbone of Presbyterian governance. To find out more about how you can become involved, call



**SUNDAY EVENING
JULY 9**

Koinonia—an ancient Greek word meaning "community."

Koinonia Fellowship and the Koinonia Contemporary Service of Praise are offered the second Sunday of each month. Sponsored by ELPC's Youth

KOINONIA FELLOWSHIP 5:30 pm, Second Floor Parlor

All are invited to join us for fellowship and a pot-luck supper. A main course will be provided, but please bring a side dish or dessert to share. RSVP by Wednesday, July 5 to Heather Tunney at 412/441-3800 x14. Following our meal together, for those of you who wish to, plan to stay for the Koinonia worship service.

KOINONIA SERVICE OF PRAISE 7 pm, Third Floor Music Room

A contemporary worship service to praise and worship God, the center of



Hope Academy of Music & the Arts

Linda Addlespurger, Director

Experience Urban Culture through Dance and Music

On Saturday, July 1 at the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater (Penn Ave across from ELPC), the Hope-Xpress dance company will perform "Urban Development" with Xpressions Contemporary Dance Company (XCDC) featuring the choreography of Rennie Harris Puremovement—2 pm Family Matinee and 7:30 pm General Public. The performance begins in Africa, travels through slavery and the civil rights movement and lands in present day USA on a voyage exploring the dance culture and music of Africans in America and their influence on Western culture. Tickets will be available at the door:



Christian Education

The Rev. Cynthia I. Jackson
Interim Director of Christian Education

Note: Regular Church School for adults, youth and children will resume on Rally Day, Sept 10.

Summer Adult Church School — "Jesus as Your Life Coach"

Sundays through July 30, 9:15 to 9:50 am, Second Floor Parlor. (Childcare available for infants through 4th grade.) Class presenters: Joe Kennedy and Mary Alice Lightle. This adult class uses the book *Jesus, Life Coach* by Laurie Beth Jones. We all want to be led by someone who will save us time, give us new ideas, connect with us on a personal level, and stay with us on the journey through all its twists and turns. As Jones says, "There's only one man for the job and his name is Jesus!"

Jones has developed an approach that will transform the way you live day by day and help you gain control over 4 important life factors: focus, balance, productivity and fulfillment. Attend any or all Sundays.

July 2 Know That Your Ladder Is Secure. July 23 Not to Receive Borrowed Armor!

July 9 Have Some Bad Hair Days! July 30 Have New Life Stories!

July 16 Archetype vs. Stereotype!

SEEKERS Class Steering Committee: Call for Volunteers

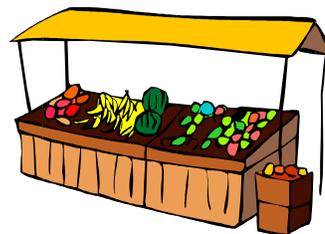
The SEEKERS Class Steering Committee invites any interested ELPC member to volunteer to help in the planning and stewardship of this Christian Education adult Church School class. Currently, there are two slots open on this committee.

The SEEKERS wish to grow in understanding, insight, faith and practice through intellectual and spiritual inquiry. They embrace the complexities of faith in an open, supportive, and accepting atmosphere. Christian questions, doubts, convictions, and affirmations are considered through the lens of ancient and contemporary writers, current social and political events,

Camp Crestfield's Summer Programs

The Pittsburgh Presbytery's Crestfield Camp and Conference Center, located on 220 rolling acres in Slippery Rock, provides an outdoor setting with facilities, opportunities and space for everyone—children, youth and families—to come away to a Christ-centered community for reflection, recreation, rejuvenation and rejoicing. A variety of camps are offered throughout the summer, and scholarships are available to help with expenses.

For more information, call Crestfield at 724/794-4022 or www.crestfield.net or contact ELPC's Interim Director of Christian Education Rev. Cynthia Jackson at 412/441-3800. Crestfield brochures are also available at the



Homegrown Saturdays Farmers and Artists Market

The Union Project, located on North Negley Avenue (corner of Stanton), is the home of new kind of market—Saturdays through Aug 25 from 10 am to 2 pm—where you can shop for fresh organic vegetables and flowers, or purchase something unique from one of the arts or craft vendors. An arts-related FREE activity for children is also provided by a local artist.

In addition to their partnership with *Mildred's Daughters* urban farm, this year Union Project has opened the market to backyard gardeners. Any local gardener may now rent a table to sell their homegrown vegetables and flowers.



Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Heather Tunney, Director, Youth & Young Adult Minis-

YOUTH (grades 6 through 12)

Grow Pittsburgh Service Project and Sandcastle Day

ELPC youth in grades 6 through 12 are invited to join us on Tuesday, July 18 for an eventful day of service and fun. RSVP and permission slips are required for both events. Contact Heather Tunney, 412/441-3800 x14.

- u *Grow Pittsburgh Service Project* Our day will begin as we put our gifts to service at Grow Pittsburgh's urban farm, *Mildred's Daughters* located on 5 acres in the Stanton Heights area—about a mile from ELPC. We will help with farm projects including: harvesting vegetables, weeding, and gathering eggs from the chicken coops! We'll gather at ELPC at 9:15 am and leave by 9:30 am. Please wear close-toed shoes and clothing that can get dirty. We'll return to ELPC by 12:30 pm and share a light lunch together at the church. Note: RSVP required by Monday, July 10.
- u *Sandcastle*. Our day will continue after lunch when we head to Sandcastle for fun in the sun. Youth who participate in the Grow Pittsburgh Service Project or who have participated in two other service projects throughout the year (including serving as crucifer, acolyte or liturgist in worship or as Extended Session helper) are welcome to join us at Sandcastle. We'll leave ELPC by 1 pm and will return by 6 pm. Youth must pay \$10 toward admission and bring money for snacks. ELPC will cover the remaining admission charges. Note: RSVP required by Sunday, July 2 so that tickets can be purchased in advance. If you have a Sandcastle summer pass, please let Heather know ahead of time so you can use your summer pass and avoid any additional admission costs.



CHICAGO

liturgists or acolytes/crucifers), you are invited to participate in our Mission Trip to Chicago from August 13-19. If you haven't completed your service projects, contact Heather to make arrangements. Our trip is being organized by the Center for Student Mission. We will serve the Chicago community in a range of ways—assist with Vacation Bible School, help at a local food pantry and serve meals at a homeless shelter.

New Wilmington Missionary Conference
ELPC youth in grades 6 through 12 are invited to attend. See page 3 for details.

Senior-High Chicago Mission Trip

Youth who have completed grades 9 through 12 by this summer, are active in ELPC Youth Group, Church School or special events *and* have completed 2 or more service projects by July 23 (including serving in worship as ushers,

Each youth is responsible for \$125, plus spending money for our day off, but don't let cost be a de-



terrent—limited scholarship funds are available. To inquire about scholarships and to RSVP,

contact Heather Tunney by July 2, 412/441-3800.

Two Required Training Sessions: Sundays, July 9 and 16 from 11 am to 12:30 pm. If you are unable to make these times, please call Heather to reschedule.

CROSSROADS

(young adults ages 18–23)

Crossroads Cook Out

If you are a recent high school grad, college student, or young adult in your late teens or early 20s, please join us for fun and fellowship at a Crossroads Cook Out on Monday, July 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the beauty of the ELPC Courtyard.

This will be a great time to catch up with ELPC friends who are home from school for the summer and to welcome new young adults to our ELPC community. We will provide the main foods for our cookout—hamburgers, hot-dogs, veggie-burgers and salads—please feel free to bring a dessert to share. RSVP to Heather by Friday, July 7 so that we can make sure to have enough food for everyone.

YOUNG ADULTS

(in their 20s and 30s)

Summer Church School

Sundays through July 30, 9 to 9:45 am, Pastor's Conference Room. (Childcare available.)

Holy Ground Service of Wholeness and Healing

All are invited on Sunday evening, July 16 at 6 pm to the serenity and beauty of our Sanctuary for a contemplative service of prayer, sing-

ing, scripture reading and a time of blessing. Our Holy Ground service leader on the 16th will be the Rev. Tami Hooker. Please plan to join us.



Justice & Global Concerns

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Director of Mission Ministries

Poverty Taskforce Supports Initiatives That Study Poverty

How do you fight poverty? How do you fight hunger? Why do we even need to consider this? According to a Hunger Study by *Second Harvest* (a U.S. hunger-relief organization that distributes food to millions of hungry Americans through a network of food banks and food-rescue organizations):

- one in 4 people in a soup kitchen line is a child
- approximately 60% are male, 40% female
- about 95% are U.S. citizens.

The Poverty Taskforce of Justice & Global Concerns and Community Mission is developing ways to educate the congregation and support initiatives that study poverty. With your help, we can make this a worthwhile development. If interested in joining us on this important project, please contact Richard Headley or the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy at 412/441-3800. For more information about *Second Harvest*, go to www.secondharvest.org.

Women and Children's Taskforce Summary of Activities

The Women and Children's Taskforce was begun 3 years ago by a group of ELPC members and friends who shared a deep concern for the well-being of women and children, especially those whose daily lives are impacted by poverty, violence, and lack of equal access to the world's resources. Since the Fall of 2003, we have sought to address the needs of women and children through education, advocacy and hands-on projects benefiting women and children. In the Spring of 2005, we sponsored the "Season of the Child" in order to lift up the needs of and celebrate the presence of God's children in our church, community and world. Between Sept '05 and May '06, we have:

- u Provided three opportunities to participate in letter writing campaigns on issues of domestic violence, hunger and federal budget cuts.
- u Provided a worship service focused on the issue of domestic violence.
- u Sponsored a Legal Forum on Women and Children's Issues.
- u Partnered with the Islamic Community Center in Oakland to offer 5 field trips to cultural venues for recently arrived Somalian, Bantu and Burmese immigrant families. Eighteen volunteers from ELPC have participated.

Do You Know An ELPC Member Who Is Graduating?

In our August issue of the *Reaching Out*, we plan to list the names of ELPC members who have graduated from high school, college or other institutions of higher learning (i.e. trade school, business school, graduate school) in 2006. To be included on this list, call Kelly Stanfill at the church at 412/441-3800 x19 or drop off your information in the church front office.

Information to include:

Graduate's name and name of school graduating from. You may also include honors received and future plans (i.e. employment, continuing on with schooling and area



Presbyterian Women

Heather Lawrence
Moderator

PW 2006 Churchwide Gathering

The Presbyterian Women's triennial conference in Louisville, Kentucky will be held July 7-11, 2006. The gathering is open to all women and men. The theme is *Creation! Celebration! God's Word—Light for the Journey*.

The conference agenda includes: guest speakers, workshops, mission projects, exhibits, conversation and creativity, and the election and installation of PW leaders for the 2006-2009 triennium. This will also be a time to celebrate several important anniversaries: 100th anniversary of women as deacons; 75th anniversary of women as elders; 50th anniversary of women as ministers of Word and Sacrament; 50th anniversary of the Fellowship of the Least Coin.



ELPC People

Good News, Thanks & Prayers

Good News

ELPC extends a warm welcome to the following new members who were received by the Session on Sunday, June 4—*Transfer of Letter*: Rebecca Cole Turner, David W. Eynon Jr., Alexandra E. Edgecombe, Richard A. Edgecombe and Charles M. Knoles. *Reaffirmation of Faith*: Deana Ann Boggs, Deborah Susan Brower, Alexander Ebbert, Delice Luberta Erwin-Bradford and James Monroe Parker.

Thank You

Presbyterian Women of ELPC would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to our recent "Thank Offering" which goes to mission projects and health ministries nationally and around the world. \$1,581.75 was collected. A list of the 2005 recipients will be posted on our bulletin board. Your gifts were greatly appreciated. *Thank You!*

Prayers

Our prayers and sympathies are with family and friends *John E. Peterson III*



Taizé Prayer

The Rev. Christiane Dutton, Minister of Taizé Prayer

Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesdays, 7 pm, Chapel. A candlelight service with silent meditation, music and prayer.

After-Taizé Classes

Wednesdays at 8:15 pm, following the Taizé Prayer at 7 pm. McKelvy Room.

July 5 & 12 Learn to Sing Taizé Chants in Harmony. Learn to sing Taizé in harmony. At Taizé, there is choir practice every afternoon for all who want to sing the chants and responses in their own voices: soprano, alto, tenor, bass. On these two Wednesdays in July, we will have Taizé Choir practice led by Elizabeth Downey.

July 19 Monthly Taizé Bible Study. The community of Taizé sends one scripture text a month which we are invited to study and live with. We are invited to come together in small groups for bible study and a sharing of our experiences with that text. July's text: Matthew 16:24-26. Study will be led by Jim Gaylord.

July 26 Birthdays and Other Celebrations. After the 7 pm Taizé service, we will have a celebration cake in the Narthex for all. If you celebrate a birthday, a milestone or an anniversary in July, please write your name on a piece of paper and put it in the offering plate during the month.

Bread & Soup Meal

All are invited to join us in the McKelvy Room on July 26 from 5:45 to 6:45

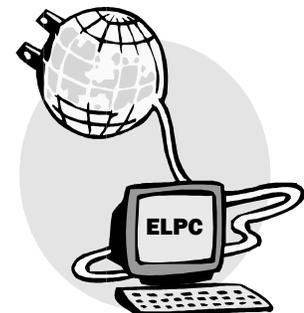


Calendar Highlights

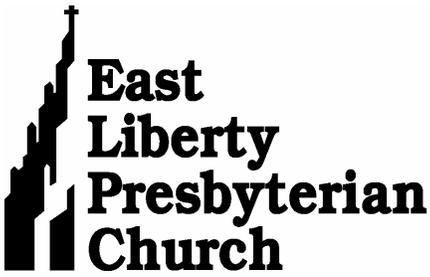
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- 1 Hope-Express dance performance
2 pm and 7:30 pm, Kelly-Strayhorn
- 2 Communion, 10 am Summer Worship
moves to the Courtyard
- 4 BUILDING CLOSED, 4th of July
- 7-11 .PW Churchwide Gathering
- 9 Koinonia Fellowship and Potluck
Supper, 5:30 pm
- 9 Koinonia Service of Praise, 7 pm
- 10 Crossroad Young Adults Cookout,
5:30 pm
- 16 Taskforce on Women & Children,
11:30 am
- 16 FOTO Ice Cream Social, 11:15 am
- 16 Holy Ground Service, 6 pm
- 18 Youth Service Project "Grow Pittsburgh"
and Sandcastle Outing
- 23 9 am Summer Chapel Service
- 23 ELPC Church Tour, 11:30 am

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With additional seating in
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JULY 23
9 AM IN THE CHAPEL

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