



Reaching Out

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Rally Day, Sept 10 – A Time of New Beginnings

In this issue of the *Reaching Out*, you will find information on some of the many exciting classes and events we have planned for you beginning this fall—something for all ages—children, youth and adults.

Beginning with Sunday, Sept 10, Rally Day, we will return to our regular Sunday worship schedule and Church School classes offered by our Christian Education and Youth and Young Adult ministries.

At 9:30 am, prior to the start of Church School, juice, milk, tea, coffee, fruit, muffins, bagels and mini-donuts will be served. Breakfast plates can be taken to the classrooms, or you can just mingle and greet one another. New folks are especially

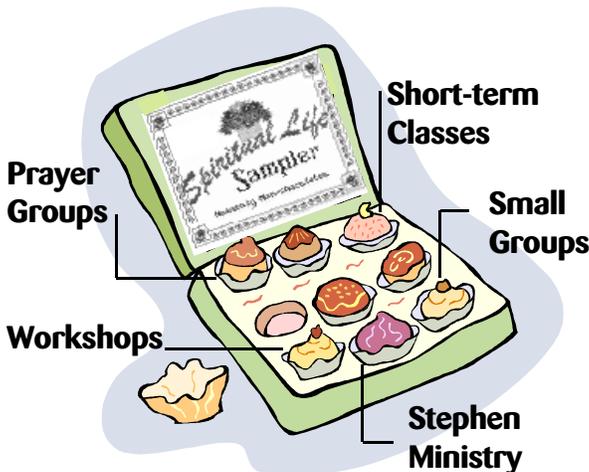
welcome to come and discover all of ELPC's opportunities for spiritual growth.

Also on Rally Day, join us at the 11 am Sanctuary worship service for the inimitable musical styling of the Pittsburgh star Joe Negri and friends on a return visit to ELPC, as well as a dedication of the Church School and Extended Session teachers and leaders. Following the service, everyone is invited to our annual Rally Day Picnic at the Rhododendron Pavilion in Highland Park. For more details and directions to the picnic, visit our website at www.cathedralofhope.org.



Spiritual Life Sampler – Sunday, Sept 17

All are invited to join us in the Social Hall on Sunday, Sept 17 following 11 am worship, for our annual Spiritual Life Sampler and Fellowship Time. Find out more about an assortment of new and continuing small groups, workshops and classes to be offered in 2006-07, sponsored by ELPC's Spiritual Life Ministry. Representatives will be available to give you all the details and to sign you up for those activities in which you are interested.



My Own Spiritual Workshop
Prayer: The Heart's True Home
Centering Prayer
Ignatian Exercises
Advent Workshop
Men's Woodworking Group
Stephen Ministry
Happy Wanderers
... and, more.

We hope this year's Spiritual Life Sampler will provide food for thought as well as an opportunity for fellowship. See you there!



Sunday Morning Services

**Holy Communion is celebrated.*

SUMMER SCHEDULE

- 8 am Good Samaritan Worship**
* Sept 3 The Rev. James Davidson, Minister, First Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth.
- 10 am Summer Worship, Courtyard**
* Sept 3 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.

REGULAR SCHEDULE

- 8 am Good Samaritan Worship**
Sept 10 Rally Day, Agnes Green, ELPC Friend.
Sept 17 The Rev. John Bender, Pittsburgh Mennonite Church.
Sept 24 TBA.
- 9 am Morning Glory Worship**
Sept 10 Rally Day, the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.
Sept 17 Heather Tunney.
Sept 24 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.
- 11 am Sanctuary Worship**
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Koinonia Service of Praise

2nd Sunday of each month.

- Sept 10 ELPC youth & young adults.... 7 pm

Holy Ground Service of Wholeness and Healing

- 3rd Sunday, bimonthly, March–November.*
Sept 17 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush..... 6 pm

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

- Mondays 10 am to 3 pm
Wednesdays 10 am to 9 pm

Taizé Prayer

- Wednesdays 7 pm
The Rev. Christiane Dutton.



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Reaching Out Newsletter

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**Pastoral Message**

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, Pastor

Extending the Gift of an "Invitation"

"How do you invite someone to church?" That question was put to me recently. The first step is to ask ourselves, "Why do we treat invitations to church differently from any other invitation?" Do we feel self-conscious that asking people to church is implying that they are lacking in their spiritual lives or that their "eternal life insurance policy" is in danger of lapsing?

Most invitations we extend to others are simple expressions of hospitality: "Come, have dinner with us." "Come, join me for a movie or a concert." "Come, let's spend time together." Most invitations are extended in order to include others in things we consider to be priorities in our lives, whether for fun activities, learning opportunities, or worthwhile efforts that benefit others. Almost all invitations are done because we care for someone else and want what is best for them.

Now, is there any part of those three examples given above that is *not* in keeping with inviting someone to church? Hopefully not. We say the phrase, "Join me at worship this Sunday" as a way to be hospitable, inclusive, and caring. We say, "Come with me to hear Joe Negri's jazz trio on Rally Day" as a way to let others experience the richness of worship that is possible when we celebrate God's love through the amazing palette of artistic gifts God has given us. We say, "Let's go to the Spiritual Sampler and find a class we can attend together" as a way to re-prioritize our busy personal lives around activities that bring added depth into our friendships with God and one another.

There comes a time when we all grow weary of superficial relationships and of "orange alerts" affecting every facet of our modern lives. We each have spiritual hungers and inner needs that can only be addressed by the language of faith. So we gather in a place where we can pray and sing and study together, a place where we open ourselves to the surprising voice of God and the winsome movements of the Holy Spirit, a place we miss if we stray too far from it.

If coming to church helps you find direction and peace and hope in your own life, to whom else might you extend this same gift? May this month be a month of invitations at ELPC. I can assure you that when God is involved, life-changing events always follow from the simple words, "Come with me."

Randy Bush

**Special 9/11 Prayer Service**

ELPC will offer a special prayer service on **Monday, Sept 11 at 12:15 pm** in the Courtyard (in case of rain, the service will be moved inside).

On this fifth anniversary of that tragic day, coupled with the ongoing violence in the Middle East, the war in Iraq, and ever-present threat of terrorist acts worldwide, gathering for a time of prayer and scripture readings is an appropriate faithful response.

Please come during your lunch break for a time to remember and seek God's continued intercession for peace on earth.



Handbell Program

10 am Summer Worship, Sunday, Sept 3

On Sunday, Sept 3 at the 10 am Summer Worship service, we will have a special treat by two of our former ELPC members—Roberta and Robert Erickson—as they share their very special musical gifts with us—handbell ringing. The Ericksons will be doing the prelude, offertory and postlude music on that Sunday.

It is truly a sight to behold to see Roberta playing bells which are distributed on the table in front of her ringing one bell in each hand. Then as the music progresses, we will see her playing what is called "four-in-hand" that is two bells in

each hand and then "six-in-hand" with three bells in each hand. In addition to holding bells in their hands, the Ericksons also employ "bell trees" which are stands similar to upright coat racks on which bells are hung in order that they might be struck with mallets.

After you have watched what seems like the impossible, you suddenly become aware of the talent and the skill, as well as the God-given gift to present beautiful music suitable to the enhancing of worship.



"A Spiritual EKG"

Three-Part Sermon Series

The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush will be presenting a three-part sermon series—"A Spiritual EKG"—in the 11 am worship services on Sept 10, 17 and 24.

Sept 10. . . A Spiritual EKG: **Education**

Sept 17. . . A Spiritual EKG: **Kairos**

Sept 24. . . A Spiritual EKG: **Giving**



Koinonia Fellowship and Potluck Supper on Rally Day

All are welcome to our Koinonia Fellowship and potluck supper in the Second Floor Parlor on Rally Day, **Sunday, Sept 10 at 6 pm**. A main course will be provided, but please bring a side dish or dessert to share. RSVP by Wednesday, Sept 6 to Heather Tunney at 412-441-3800 x14.

For those of you who wish to, plan to stay for the 7 pm Koinonia Service of Praise in the third floor Music Room. Koinonia Fellowship is normally held the second Sunday of each month at 5:30 pm.



ELPC Volunteer Fair

On **Sunday, Sept 24** immediately following the 11 am worship service, ELPC will host two simultaneous events in the Social Hall: a used Book Sale and More Fund-raiser for the Organ Restoration Project (see page 6 for details) and a **Volunteer Fair**.

The Volunteer Fair is an opportunity for you to meet with current ELPC committee representatives to learn more about their committees (the backbone of Presbyterian governance), as well as the many volunteer opportunities that exists for you to get involved in the life at the church. Committee representatives will include those from: Membership & Growth, Justice & Global Concerns (and subcommittees), Christian Education, Taizé, Spiritual Life, Worship, Music & the Arts, and Heritage.

Plan to join us in the Social Hall on the 24th for fellowship, tea & cookies, information and volunteer opportunities, and to browse through all the books and video and audio tapes—you never know what treasures you might find!

Theological Education Sunday – Sept 17

Just up the street from our church is the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (PTS), one of eleven Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) seminaries we support through our donations to the Theological Education Fund. ELPC routinely has several church members who are students at PTS and pursuing ordination in our denomination.

As a way to show our support for the dedication of all students who are following God's call to Christian ministry, we have invited them to join us in worship on Sunday, Sept 17 for "Theological Education Sunday."

Please keep these seminarians in your prayers as they seek to be faithful in their service to Jesus Christ.



2007 Stewardship Campaign

Stewardship Season Approaching

In a few weeks, we will be unveiling the 2007 Stewardship campaign for our church. Our theme is "Celebrating God's Work Here."

As we move into a new chapter in our church's history, it is important to recommit ourselves through our pledges of resources and service to the wonderful, larger ministry of ELPC. You will receive information in the coming month about opportunities to learn more about this Stewardship campaign and our church's plans for the coming year. We have much to celebrate!





Christian Education

The Rev. Cynthia Jackson, Interim Director

Christian Education is the life-long process of learning and living in relationship to God, our neighbors, and ourselves. Through the study of scripture and the practice of prayer, we begin to understand our life experiences as they relate to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In living our faith, we encounter ways to offer hope to a broken and hurting world. In the process, we are transformed to a new community.

Church School classes for all ages are offered on **Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:45 am**. All classes are in wheelchair accessible locations. There are also wheelchair accessible restrooms. For more information, contact Interim Director of Christian Education the Rev. Cynthia Jackson at 412-441-3800x20 or cynthiaj@coh.net.

Children

Young Children's Ministry: Infants to 2 year olds. . . . First Floor – Nursery Suite

Coordinator: Frances Irvin. Parents of young children volunteer to lead this important ministry to toddlers. The foundation of faith begins in infancy and is based on basic trust. By responding to the physical needs of a child, we are responding to the whole child and nurturing basic mental, psychological and spiritual needs. Young children learn through play about God's creation and their place in it. This fall the Rev. Cynthia Jackson will lead a workshop for all persons who might like to volunteer and who want to learn more about Children's Spiritual Growth. Workshop Sign-up (date to be announced) in the nursery.

- Sept 10. . . We Go To Church
- Sept 17. . . My Church Loves Me
- Sept 24. . . Church is a Happy Place

Pre-school: Ages 3, 4, and 5 Second Floor – Room 240

Teachers: Jan Pressman, Vanessa Johnson, Mary Ruth Johnson. Using "GODPRINTS" the children learn how God touches their lives every day. As faith takes shape, faithfulness is felt. Family Fundamentals Take Home Sheets.

- Sept 10. . . Glad! Not Mad!
- Sept 17. . . A Forgiveness Surprise
- Sept 24. . . Huddle and Hug

Kindergarten and Grade 1 Third Floor – Room 336

Teachers: Judy Menk, Roberta London, Valire Copeland. Curriculum: *Godly Play*.

Grades 2 and 3 Third Floor – Room 338

Teachers: Carol Hoehn and Nancy Magee. Curriculum: *Godly Play*.

Grades 4 and 5 Third Floor – Room 335

Teachers: Kay Shissler and Linda Benedict. Curriculum: *Seasons of the Spirit* weekly Bible stories that follow the revised common lectionary. Discipleship and justice are major themes.

Young Children's Ministry – Volunteer to Help with Nursery Cleaning

The Young Children's Ministry is inviting volunteers to help clean toys and prepare our young children's area for the coming school year. We will meet in the nursery Saturday, Sept 23 from 9 am until 12 noon. Bagels and coffee will be provided. We invite anyone who is interested to join us in this project! If you would like to help, please contact Sarah Stacy at 412-828-4276 or sarahannestacy@msn.com.

Youth Classes

For Church School classes offered for youth in grades 6 through 12, see page 9 for details.

Adults Classes

Parenting Circle

First Floor, Harambe Room

This new class will provide the opportunity for anyone involved in parenting—singles, couples, adoptive parents, grandparents, guardians, mentors, etc.—to discuss those burning questions that arise when caring for children, such as: How do I incorporate Sunday's lessons into my family life during the week? How do I encourage my child to pray? What do I do when my children are inappropriate in public places? How do I discipline with love? How do I deal with violence? By sharing experiences, resources, prayer and scripture, we will learn and grow together, exploring how faith impacts family life. Topics to be determined on Sept 10.

Journey with Scripture Class

(formerly Lectionary Bible Study)

Second Floor Library

"The Lord is my Shepherd; I lack nothing..." There are countless ways to reflect upon scripture and listen to God speaking to us. Each week class members read selected Bible readings (based on the revised common lectionary) and then reflect upon them. Printed copies are available weekly for study and meditation.

- Sept 10 Mark 7:24–37
Psalm 125
James 2:1–10, 14–17
- Sept 17 Mark 8:27-38
Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19
James 3:1-12
- Sept 24 Mark 8:30-37
Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13 –4:3, 7-8

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Christian Education, Adult Classes continued from page 4.

Contemporaries Class — Second Floor Parlor

Facilitators: Joe Kennedy and Mary Alice Lightle.

The Contemporaries class, an intergenerational community of caring adults, is united in their focus upon Bible reading and meditation. By teaching and applying the principles found in scripture, one discovers wisdom and the path of discipleship. Individuals at all stages of faith are welcome to come and be part of the adventure!

Sept 10 We Hunger for Relationship! Led by Joe Kennedy.

Sept 17 My Journey to Health Ministry. Led by Jean Kennedy.

Sept 24 Friendship: A Powerful Teaching to Enhance the Kingdom. Led by Joe Kennedy.

Seekers Class — Second Floor, Room 234

Facilitators: Nancy Klancher and Damon Bethea.

The Seeker's Class, a wonderful mix of questioning and faithful friends, is beginning its fall series by exploring how different faiths respond to the Divine. The Rev. Dr. John Burgess, James Henry Snowden Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, will share his experience living for a sabbatical year in Russia. He has much to tell us about his "Protestant journey into Russian Orthodoxy" and what the West can learn from the East. The Rev. Dr. John Burgess will lead the discussion for four Sundays—Sept 17, 24, Oct 1 and 8.



Spiritual Life Ministry

Dr. Lois M. Lang, Associate in Ministry for Spiritual Life

Spiritual Life Sampler (See page 1 for details.)

My Own Spiritual Workshop

Choose something significant in your life—something you might like to change, take care of, or complete—and overtly commit at least three weeks to see what God can help you do about it. That's what we do in *My Own Spiritual Workshop*, each seriously focusing on our own projects and sharing our insights with each other. As one previous workshop leader says, "I see spiritual as plain working on what's important to me, as God would have it."

We action-pray our projects forward. The good thing is, no one gives advice. Everything is confidential. There is no cost for the workshops, but you have to commit to the three 3-hour sessions. There is also work to do between sessions, and you'll probably choose to keep at it thereafter.

Register now. Limited to a dozen. Held at the Siemasko's home in Squirrel Hill. For more information, call Patsy or Dan at 412-421-1885 or email at siemasko@peoplepc.com.

"Centering Prayer" — Come to an OPEN HOUSE and Learn More About It

Centering Prayer is a form of quiet and contemplative prayer, deeply rooted in Christian tradition. Those who practice it often find it to be deeply transformative. And, Centering prayer is available to everyone. Our prayer group includes: Presbyterians, Methodists, Catholics and others. To learn more about this style of prayer, we invite you, as well as your friends,

to an Open House in the Second Floor Library on **Tuesday, Sept 19**, and again on **Tuesday, Sept 26**, from **7 to 8:30 pm**. New participants are always welcome at Centering Prayer, but on these two Tuesdays, the focus will be to introduce this prayer to those who would like to know more about it. Questions? Call Dr. Lois Lang, 412-441-3800 x41.



News from the Deacons

◆ We would like to provide transportation for those members who cannot access public transportation to church. If you know of someone needing transportation OR you would like to volunteer to drive someone to church on Sunday, please call Jon Nelson 412-363-8099.

◆ This year, the Deacons will not be collecting items for the Men's Shelter exclusively at Christmas, but will collect needed items throughout the year.

The shelter's population changes over the course of the year and we would like to accommodate those changes. Please consider picking up small items throughout the year, from the list below, and placing them in the Deacons' box located in the Narthex. Items needed for Men's Shelter include:

flip flops (various sizes)
deodorant
disposable razors
toothbrushes
toothpaste
sweat socks
combs / picks

◆ The Deacons are continuing to develop the visitation program and flower ministry. Our cupboards are full and we do NOT need any more flower vases at this time.

◆ We are providing previously donated greeting cards to the men in the shelter to send to loved ones. At this time, we do NOT need any more cards or stationary.



Books & More Fundraiser for the Organ Restoration

On **Sunday, Sept 24** after the 11 am worship service, the Friends of the Organ (FOTO) will sponsor a used Book Sale and More Fundraiser (with tea & cookies) in the Social Hall, to help with the restoration project for our Aeolian-Skinner Pipe Organ.

For our event to be a success, we are asking members of the congregation to search their shelves for those extra books,

CDs, DVDs and VHS tapes and drop them off at the church office anytime that's convenient. We are also asking members to donate cookies, and to drop them off in the church office on the 24th, anytime before the 11 am service. Be sure to put your name with your donated cookies.



ELPC Organ Restoration Update from Indianapolis

The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Szeremany

I spent four days during the last week in July at the factory of Goulding & Wood Organ Company to get a first-hand look at the work being done to completely refurbish the ELPC sanctuary organ.

Back in January when all the enumerable parts and pieces of the organ were disassembled here at the church in preparation for transport to Indianapolis, someone aptly asked "Will they every be able to put it all back together again?" The answer is "YES!" And, it is coming together in many different rooms in the Goulding & Wood factory.

I saw old pipes and new pipes being blended together in the Voicing Room. I saw the new pedal flute being crafted out of beautiful spruce wood framing that was not going to be reused. I spent time in the Electronics and Electrical Room as we confirmed the multitude of switching systems being designed. In the CAD and Console Design Room, we spent hours placing every stop knob, coupler, piston, toe stud, mechanical assist and still more controls.

With the magnificent new organ for Ball State University (Indiana) now out of the factory and being installed in Ball State's brand new performance auditorium, all of Goulding & Wood's time is now being devoted to the hundreds of hours of work ahead of them on the ELPC organ.

Some local Indianapolis musicians who have been aware of the design and re-thinking of this magnificent Aeolian-Skinner organ remarked to me, if G. Donald Harrison, the builder of the ELPC organ were still alive, he would this time around be the first in line to claim this as one of his "signature" instruments!

For a look at photos of some of the work going on at Goulding & Wood factory, visit our website at www.cathedralofhope.org. There you will be able to watch it coming together bit by bit and piece by piece.



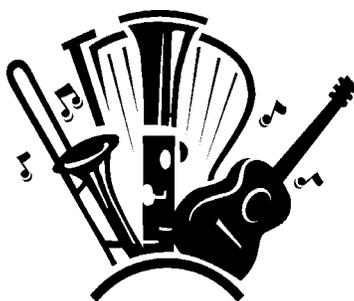
Worship Music & The Arts

The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Szeremany, Director

ELPC Instrumental Ensemble Needs String, Woodwind and Brass Players

The ELPC Instrumental Ensemble—already losing members as we send them off to college or across the country to new homes and jobs—is looking for string, woodwind and brass players. If you think this may be you, call Dr. Szeremany at 412-441-3800 x24.

In addition, we are looking to reach out to the East End community to attract other string, brass, woodwind and percussion players. Help spread the word that there are openings beginning mid-September for others to join in the East End Instrumental Ensemble!



New – ELPC & Friends Guitar Ensemble

The success of the ELPC Instrumental Ensemble (13 members) has brought forward several requests to consider forming an ELPC & Friends Guitar Ensemble! Yes! Request received, considered and agreed upon! So the next step is up to you. If interested in this new endeavor, give Dr. Szeremany a call and be the first to sign up. Also, please tell others who may be interested. We'll work out the details later. 412-441-3800 x24.

Bell Ringing is Great Therapy!

Bell ringing provides therapeutic exercises for the upper body—torso, arms, shoulders, neck—and brain! And, we all could use some upper body therapy. The ELPC Handbell Choir is looking for 4 to 6 persons ages 15 and up who like music, who enjoy working for 50 minutes with a dozen other people making bell music. Handbell Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 6 pm. Why not give us a try and give your upper body some therapy. Call Dr. Szeremany at 412-441-3800 x24.

How About Your Voice for the Chancel Choir?

How often folks tell me, "You don't want *my* voice in your choir." Your voice may possibly make a wonderful addition to our Chancel Choir. We may like your voice, so let *us* make that decision! Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7 pm. Call and talk with Dr. Szeremany at 412-441-3800 x24.

Benefit Concert for the ELPC Organ Restoration Fund

On **Sunday, Sept 24 at 3 pm** in the third floor Music Room, ELPC Chancel Choir soprano Robyn Peterson will present a benefit musical concert for the organ restoration fund. Come listen to the Robyn's lovely soprano voice in a musical program that's sure to delight you!



Concert for Peace Tour Comes to ELPC

On **Monday, Sept 18 at 7 pm**, HiJazz, a group of Syrian, Armenian, Latin and North American musicians, will perform here at ELPC as part of their 8-city "Concert for Peace Tour."

In their concerts at churches and community centers, HiJazz builds cultural understanding and peace through their high-energy music which combines traditional melodies and rhythms of the Middle East with the modern beat of Latin American music. They have also developed a loyal

following for their unique blend of Middle Eastern and Latin music in their hometown of Chicago, where their concerts have included the Chicago Cultural Center, Lincoln Park Cultural Center and Layalina. This September they will also be performing at the Chicago Jazz Festival.

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door; free to children and youth under age 18.



Justice & Global Concerns

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

Poverty Taskforce

An Educational / Interactive Workshop

just neighbors



Join us as we examine the roots of poverty and our response to the needs of our neighbors. The kickoff date for our 9-session (once a month) educational and interactive workshop—*Just Neighbors*—is **Saturday, Oct 14 at 5:30 pm**, when we will gather for fellowship, faith exploration, and a pot luck supper followed by our workshop. Members of ELPC will lead the workshops (much like our successful Peacemaking Workshop in the recent past). More information will be available on our website at www.cathedralofhope.org and bulletin announcements closer to the kickoff date. For information on volunteer opportunities to lead a session or to help with the program, please call Nancy Speed at 412-826-9243. Come join us! As you know, we're all *Just Neighbors!*

Women and Children's Taskforce

◆ Light a Candle for Children: 40-day Prayer Vigil – Sept 10 through Oct 22

Beginning on Sept 10, members of ELPC are invited to participate in a daily lighting of a candle, while silently reflecting on the gifts and the needs of children and offering a brief prayer on behalf of them. "Light A Candle for Children" brochures with information on how you can participate in this prayer vigil will be distributed on Sunday, Sept 10. Also during this 40-day prayer vigil, the Lighting of the Children's Candle and a unison prayer on behalf of children will be included in the 11 am Sunday Worship and the Wednesday evening Taizé Worship services. For more information, contact Judy Menk, Women and Children's Taskforce facilitator at 412-798-8569 or JAMenk@aol.com. Sponsored by the National Council of Christian Churches' Committee on Justice for Children and Their Families and The Children's Defense Fund.

◆ Women and Children's Taskforce Meeting – Sunday, Sept 17

If you would like to join with other church members in working on behalf of women and children locally, nationally and globally, please join us in Room 234 at **12:30 pm** on Sunday, Sept 17. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, call Judy Menk at 412-798-8569.

◆ SAVE WALK: Strides Against Violence – Saturday, Oct 14

You are invited to join others in a walk to help raise funds to shelter and support victims of violence. Our walk will begin at 9 am from Flagstaff Hill in Schenley Park on Saturday, Oct 14. Proceeds benefit organizations including: The Center for Victims of Violence and Crime, Pittsburgh Action Against Rape, and Women's Center and Shelter of Pittsburgh. **Registration.** Following the 9 am Morning Glory and 11 am Sanctuary Worship services on Sept 24, Oct 1 and 8, or after Taizé services on Sept 27, Oct 4 and 11, you may register to walk or sponsor others to walk. Look for the table with the yellow Save Walk flyers. For details, email Christiane Dutton at christianed@coh.net.



Field Learning Project: Pathmaking Footsteps Conference

All are invited to join us on the University of Pittsburgh campus in Oakland (William Pitt Union, Assembly Room) on **Saturday, Sept 9 from 10 am to 2:30 pm**, to celebrate the one-year anniversary of our footsteps of field trips with children, teenagers and parents from recently immigrant families from Africa and Asia, as well as to recognize all our volunteers from the various communities. Also during the conference we plan to:

- ◆ strengthen the partnership with our neighbor communities and other organizations on such issues as making positive impact on children, youth, and families in transition and rebuilding their lives and communities today and tomorrow;
- ◆ explore further and cultivate our potential resources to share together during the coming year.

Let us know if you plan to attend by contacting Junghwa Oh, fieldlearning@hotmail.com or Judy Menk at JAMenk@aol.com or 412-798-8569.





Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Heather Tunney, Director, Youth & Young Adult Ministries
412-441-3800 x14

For information on, or to participate in, any of the following Youth and Young Adult activities, contact Heather Tunney at 412-441-3800 x14.

Youth and Young Adult Musicians Needed for the Koinonia Service

We are looking for skilled musicians to help out with our worship leadership during our monthly Koinonia service on the Second Sunday of each month at 7 pm. We are seeking both those who would like to serve as regular members of our worship team, and those who would be able to play on an occasional or as-needed basis. Practice will be approximately three times a month. This is a volunteer ministry sponsored by the Youth and Young Adult Ministries Committee. If you have a musical gift, please prayerfully consider participating.

YOUTH (grades 6–12)

Sunday Church School Resumes on Rally Day, Sept 10 9:45 to 10:45 am

We will continue to use the "Seasons of the Spirit" curriculum which follows the revised common lectionary readings for each week. **Note:** There will be a Rally Day Breakfast at 9:30 am before Church School begins. See details on page 1.

Junior-high youth (grades 6, 7, 8) Room 341
Teachers: Heather Tunney and Maurice Gordon

Senior-high youth (grades 9, 10, 11, 12) Room 343
Teachers: Nicole Molinaro, Steve Massey and Chuck Nichols

Rally Day Picnic in Highland Park

ELPC youth are invited to the Rally Day picnic after the 11 am worship service on Sunday, Sept 10. There will be food, games and fellowship. Youth who **need a ride** to Highland Park can go in the church van. We are also looking for **youth to help with the games** for the younger children. If you are interested in helping out on Rally Day, call Heather.

ELPC Sunday Youth Group

Sundays, 12:30 to 3 pm, starting Sept 17. Youth Group is open to all youth in grades 6-12. We will meet for lunch, Bible Study and fellowship in Room 51 (on the ground floor across from the Game Room).

Youth Basketball for Young Men Grades 9–12

Saturdays, 5 to 8 pm, starting Sept 23. Youth Basketball for young men in grades 9–12 will be held on Saturdays in the ELPC Gym. To participate, contact Heather.

Worship Assistant Training: Acolytes, Crucifers, Liturgists, Ushers

Sundays, Sept 17 and 24 from 9:45-10:45 am. Youth are invited to attend two training sessions, offered during the Church School hour, to learn about serving as an acolyte, crucifer, liturgist, and usher during our 11 am Sunday service. Even if you have served in these roles before, please join us, as there may be some changes to learn about. For more information call Heather.

Harvest Day at Camp Crestfield – Sunday, Oct 1

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to attend Camp Crestfield's Harvest Day on Sunday, Oct 1. We will meet for a quick lunch after worship and then caravan up to Camp Crestfield for a day

of games, activities, and worship. We will leave ELPC by 1:15 pm and return by 7:30 pm. Bring a small amount of money for snacks and dinner. RSVP and a permission slip required. Contact Heather by Sunday, Sept 24 so that she can ensure that there is enough transportation for everyone.

YOUNG ADULTS (in their 20s and 30s)

Sunday Church School Resumes

See Christian Education for adult Church School which resumes on Rally Day.

Rally Day Picnic Young Adults' Table

Come and meet other young adults in their 20s and 30s at the Rally Day picnic. We will find a table together at ELPC's all-church picnic for a time of fun and fellowship.

Young Adult Book Group – Fall Book Study

There will be a fall book study for young adults beginning **Monday, Sept 25 from 7 to 9 pm** in the Pastor's Conference Room. Book title TBA. Watch for more information, including the book we'll be using and study dates, in future bulletin announcements and on our website at www.catheralofhope.org.



Confirmation Class

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, Sept 24
12:30 to 1:30 pm

Confirmation Class will be offered this year to youth in grades 9 and 10 (or any youth who are older and have not yet been Confirmed). There will be an informational meeting for youth and their parents on Sunday, Sept 24 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm in the Second Floor Parlor. Confirmation will be held on Pentecost Sunday, May 27, 2007.

Middle East Crisis: How should people of faith respond? Panel Discussion this September at ELPC

This September, ELPC is planning to hold a panel discussion on the topic "How should people of faith respond to the crisis in the Middle East?" Rabbi Jamie Gibson of Temple Sinai and Mr. Farooq Hussaini from the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh are among the invited panelists. Questions from the audience will be encouraged during this 90-

minute presentation. Date and time will be announced in future bulletins and on our website: www.cathedralofhope.org. Let us continue to work, debate, and pray for peace.



Hope Academy of Music and the Arts

Linda Addlespurger
Director

On-Site Registration for Hope Academy's Fall Classes

Saturday, Sept 9
1 to 4 pm

Hope Academy of Music & the Arts here at East Liberty Presbyterian Church offers affordable after-school and Saturday classes in performing arts, dance and music for children and youth ages 4 through grade 12, as well as private instrumental and voice instruction. The strength and uniqueness of our programming is derived from our partnerships with some of the city's finest arts organizations including City Theatre, Pittsburgh Public Theater, PGH Live Music, Pittsburgh Ballet Theater, and Xpressions Contemporary Dance Company. These partnerships allow us to offer students opportunities to perform in professional theaters and study with master teaching artists.

Hope Academy's Fall 2006 Program runs from Sept 23 to Jan 20 (2007). Course enrollments are limited as class sizes are small to ensure a low student-to-staff ratio. To register, contact Norma at 412-441-3800 x11 or come to Hope Academy's on-site registration, Saturday, Sept 9 from 1 to 4 pm. For more about HA's fall offerings, go to www.HopeAcademy.info.

Performing Arts — *Musical Theater Workshop, Shakespeare Workshop, Young Creators' Workshop, Creative Dramatics.*

Dance — *Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet, Tango, Hope-Xpress Dance Performance Ensemble.*

Music — *Songs & Stories, "Voices of Hope" Vocal Ensemble, African Drumming.*

Private Instruction — *Piano, Organ, Classical Guitar, all Strings, Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion, Voice.*



Taizé Prayer

The Rev. Christiane Dutton, Minister of Taizé Prayer

Light a Candle for Children: 40 Day Advocacy Vigil

Beginning on Wednesday, Sept 13, we will light a candle during our Taizé Prayer service as we participate in a 40-day advocacy and prayer vigil for children. More information will be available at the Sept 13 Taizé service.

After-Taizé Classes

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

Sept 6 No class.

Sept 13 **Julian of Norwich: anchoress and spiritual Director.** An introduction to the life and work of Julian of Norwich, who lived as an anchoress at St. Julian's Church in Norwich, England, over 600 years ago. She wrote *Showings (or Revelations) of Love*, the first book written by a woman in English. We will also discuss how the practice of spiritual direction may be used to further spiritual growth. ***Class facilitator:** Rebecca Cole-Turner.

Sept 20 **An Introduction to Group Spiritual Direction.** Using some of the wise words of Julian of Norwich, we will spend our time together in a gentle group spiritual direction process. **Note:** You do not have to come to the Sept 13 class in order to attend this one. ***Class facilitator:** Rebecca Cole-Turner.

* **Rebecca Cole-Turner**, ELPC member and an ordained Elder in PCUSA; Certificate in Spiritual Formation from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary; PhD in Counselor Education.

Sept 27 **Celebrations.** Join us in the Narthex after our Taizé service for celebration cake. If you celebrate a birthday, a milestone or an anniversary in August, please write your name on a piece of paper and put it in the offering plate during the month.

Bread & Soup Meal and Fellowship

All are invited to join us in the McKelvy Room for a bread and soup meal and fellowship (\$2.50 donation)—**Sept 27** from **5:45 to 6:45 pm**. Our Bread & Soup Meal is offered the last Wednesday of each month. Following our meal together, for those of you who wish to, plan to stay for our weekly 7 pm Taizé Prayer service in the Chapel.





Presbyterian Women

Heather Lawrence, Moderator

PW's Annual Meeting – ALL Women Welcome to Attend

The Presbyterian Women has **no official members**—all women are welcome to attend our meetings, our Horizons Bible Study sessions and any of our sponsored events or retreats.

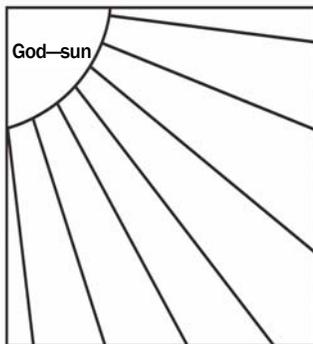
The ELPC Presbyterian Women will hold their **Annual Meeting on Saturday, Sept 9** in Room 234 from **9 am to 1 pm**. The theme of our meeting is "Focus on the Fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22-23), and will include: worship, election of officers, annual reports, an interactive workshop, and a shared lunch. Those attending are asked to bring a salad, sandwiches or a dessert to share. For more information or if you have any questions about PW, please contact Diana Bloss at 412-441-9237 or Nadine Banks at 412-829-7766.

2006-07 Horizons Bible Study

Each year, the Presbyterian Church (USA) publishes a 9-lesson Bible study for use in Presbyterian Women's groups around the world. All women at ELPC are invited to participate in the Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study starting in September and ending in May/June.

This year's study (2006-07) is "In the Beginning: Perspectives on Genesis" by Celia Brewer Sinclair. Dr. Sinclair is a lecturer in religious studies at the University of North Carolina and also writes curricula for the United Methodist Church.

Each session provides meaningful insights into scripture and warm fellowship with other women from our congregation. You can choose to attend whichever bible-study time fits your schedule best. No reservations are necessary for either!



Lesson #1

"Perspectives on Creation"

*Genesis 1:1-2, 4a and
Genesis 2:4b-25*

First Tuesday MORNING

10 am to 12:30 pm

Sept to May, starts Sept 5

10 am business meeting and fellowship
10:30 am . . . prayer time and sharing of joys & concerns
11 am Bible Study
12 noon a shared potluck lunch

Or

Fourth Tuesday EVENING

5:45 to 7:30 pm

Sept to June (no meeting in Dec) starts Sept 26

5:45 pm fellowship and a soup-and-bread meal
6:30 pm Bible Study

Please consider putting us on your calendar as we joyfully anticipate your presence! Lesson #1 is "Perspectives on Creation" (Genesis 1:1-2, 4a and Genesis 2:4b-25). Lesson books will be distributed at each of the first morning and evening sessions.

For more information, check in upcoming Sunday bulletin announcements and future *Reaching Out* issues, stop by our bulletin board on the first floor, or call Heather Lawrence (Presbyterian Women Moderator) at 412-486-0826, Mary Alice Lightle at 412-682-1504 or Kay Shissler (for the evening study) at 412-681-2047.

Inquirers' Class

Learn what it means to become a member or friend of ELPC by attending our next Inquirers' Class on **Saturday, Sept 30, 9 am to 3 pm**.

Led by the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush and members of the Membership & Growth Committee, this is a chance to hear from members and staff about what it means to be a person of faith, and the ministry and vision of our church. Lunch is provided and there is time for sharing stories and getting to know one another. To attend, call Gloria Knopp at 412-441-3800 x22. Child-care is available by reservation only.



ELPC's lunchtime Cathedral Café, located on the first floor inside the church building, is one of East Liberty's best lunch venues. The Café is open to the public, serving delicious lunches year-round, Tuesday through Friday from 11:45 am to 1:15 pm (except for two weeks in August, and at holiday times when the church building is closed).

The cost for a complete meal is only \$8 and includes: soup, salad bar, choice of hot entrée and side dish(es), and beverage. A delicious hot entrée is featured daily. Dessert is extra. Items are also available à la carte or for take-out. *Chef Jay Ritter and the Dining Services Staff.*

Weather permitting, on
Fridays, Sept 15, 22 and 29,
the Café will be held
outside on the church lawn
on Penn Avenue

Note: The Café's daily menu is sent out (via email only) each morning to those who request to be on the Café's email list. To be added to our list, email Deborah Marx at the church, deborahm@coh.net.





ELPC People Thanks, Good News and Prayers

Thanks

The Women & Children Taskforce would like to thank all who donated backpacks and other school supplies during July. Thanks to your generosity, a carload of backpacks filled with school supplies was delivered to the Presbytery offices on Aug 1. These school supplies will help 1,500 school-aged youth served by the mission units of Pittsburgh Presbytery.

Good News

The Women and Children's Taskforce is pleased to announce that the Field Learning Project of the Justice and Global Committee, has been nominated for the 2006 Andrew E. Murray Peacemaking Award by the Peacemaking Ministry of Pittsburgh Presbytery. This project was carried out through a partnership with ELPC, the Islamic Community Center of Pittsburgh, University of Pittsburgh and other organizations. It was designed to provide field trips to recently arrived Somali and Burmese children.

Congratulations to Junghwa Oh for her vision in creating this program and all the volunteers who helped during the field trips.



Junghwa Oh

Prayers

Our prayers and sympathies are with . . .

Barbara Krimmel and her family on the death of her Aunt, Elizabeth Loos, on July 15, 2006.

ELPC staff member Norma Meyer and her family on the death of her mother *Norma Jean* on July 27, 2006. Norma is the administrative assistant to Worship, Music & The Arts, The Hope Academy and Taizé Prayer. Norma and her family want to thank all the members, friends and staff of ELPC for their prayers, cards and support.

Myrna Hackney and family on the death of her husband and long-time ELPC member of 69 years, *William P. Hackney* who died on July 31, 2006.



Do We Have Your Current Information on File?

Fall is often a time for many of us to have new beginnings. Let us know if you have changes in any of the following information:

- ◆ new address
- ◆ home phone number
- ◆ email address
- ◆ name change
- ◆ changes in other information

We have a system, and it works, but we need your cooperation to help us keep your church information on file at ELPC current. If any of your above information has changed, please contact **Deborah**

Marx directly—412-441-3800 x17, or **deborahm@coh.net**, or submit your change(s) on paper (please type or print clearly) and put it in her mail folder in the church's front office. Thank you.



CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED
Labor Day
Monday, Sept 4



Calendar Highlights

September 2006

- 3..... Communion; Handbell Program at the 10 am Summer Worship service
- 9..... PW Annual Meeting, 9 am to 1 pm
- 9..... Hope Academy On-site Registration for fall classes, 1 to 4 pm
- 10..... Rally Day—regular worship schedule resumes: 8 am, 9 am, and 11 am with guest musicians Joe Negri and friends
- 10..... Rally Day Breakfast, 9:30 am and Church School classes resume, 9:45 am
- 10..... Rally Day Picnic at Highland Park, after the 11 am worship service
- 10..... Koinonia Fellowship and Potluck Supper, 6 pm
- 10..... Koinonia Service of Praise, 7 pm
- 17..... Theological Education Sunday with PTS students at 11 am worship
- 17..... Spiritual Life Sampler, following 11 am worship
- 17..... Holy Ground Service, 6 pm
- 18..... Concert for Peace Tour at ELPC, 7 pm
- 19..... Centering Prayer Open House, 7 pm
- 24..... Confirmation Class Informational Meeting, 12:30 pm
- 24..... Book Sale and More Fundraiser, following 11 am worship
- 24..... ELPC Volunteer Fair, following 11 am worship
- 24..... Benefit Concert for ELPC's Organ Restoration Fund, 3 pm
- 25..... Young Adult Fall Book Study, 7 pm
- 26..... Centering Prayer Open House, 7 pm
- 30..... Inquirers' Class, 9 am to 3 pm



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