



Newsletter of  
The Cathedral of Hope

# Reaching Out

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East Liberty Presbyterian Church, 116 South Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

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## ELPC Celebrates Youth Sunday, June 10

Join us on Sunday, June 10 for a special 11 am worship service designed and led by our senior-high youth in service to God and our ELPC community. Graduating seniors will share their faith stories and will be commissioned by the church as they move on after graduation and take

their next steps in life. Junior and senior-high youth participating in Mission Trips over the summer will also be commissioned to service during this liturgy.

Finally on this special day, we will honor our ELPC Church School teachers, thanking them for



## Prophetic Voices Today Speakers Series

### *Uprooting Poverty*

Join us for the inaugural session of our Prophetic Voices Today speakers series on Saturday June 2 and Sunday, June 3 at ELPC. The theme for our first session—*Uprooting Poverty*—was developed in conjunction with the Poverty Taskforce.

On Saturday evening, June 2 from 6:30 to 9 pm, our featured speakers will be Karen Olson, founder and President of Family Promise who will give a national perspective on the challenge that poverty poses for people of faith; and Dr. Ralph Bangs, Associate Director of the Center on Race and Social Problems at the University of Pittsburgh and Esther L. Bush, President and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, who will share their perspectives on the root causes of poverty in Pittsburgh and how

those barriers are being, or need to be, uprooted.

On Sunday morning, June 3 at 11 am worship, the Rev. Dr. Dale P. Andrews, Martin Luther King, Jr. Professor of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology at Boston University will be our guest preacher. Rev. Andrews will explore the Biblical and spiritual dimensions of efforts to uproot poverty. Then early Sunday afternoon from 12:45 to 1:45 pm, ending our inaugural session, will be a forum on “Framing Our Response: Where Do We Go from Here?”

ELPC’s Prophetic Voices Today speaker series is grounded in the belief that, in every age, special voices have been raised to confront people of faith with messages that

## Sunday Morning Services

*\*Celebration of the Lord’s Supper.*

- 8 am Good Samaritan Worship
- \* June 3 The Rev. Bruce Brunkhorst, Honorably Retired Lutheran Minister.
- June 10 The Rev. James Davidson, First Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth.
- 9 am Morning Glory Worship
- \* June 3 The Rev. Christiane Dutton.
- June 10 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.
- 11 am Sanctuary Worship
- \* June 3 The Rev. Dr. Dale P. Andrews.
- June 10 Youth Sunday. Service led by ELPC senior-high youth.

Summer Schedule, begins June 17

- 8 am Good Samaritan Worship
- June 17 Larry Weed, Natrona Heights Presbyterian Church.
- June 24 The Rev. Clifford Anthony, New Bethel Missionary Baptist.
- 10 am Summer Worship
- June 17 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.
- June 24 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.

## Koinonia Service of Praise

*2nd Sunday each month*

Sunday, June 10..... 7 pm  
Heather Tunney.

## Holy Ground Service

*3rd Sunday, March–November*

Sunday, June 17..... 6 pm  
The Rev. Howard Cherry.

## Labyrinth Prayer Walk

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

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**Pastoral Message**

*The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, Pastor*

**The “Seasons” in the Life of ELPC**

I routinely hear community people comment to me about how ELPC is such a busy, active place. With the doors always open, the program and worship opportunities many and varied, and the numerous groups gathering within our walls, our “busyness” is a well-documented fact. With all the “comings” and “goings,” at times I feel like one of those white-gloved traffic cops managing the busy

intersection of Penn & Highland.

Some of the “busyness” involves changes in personnel. This month Barbara Davis concludes an almost three decade long period of service as our church bookkeeper, with Administrative Assistant Deborah Marx moving into that bookkeeping role. Next month the Rev. Cynthia Jackson will be completing her interim ministry as our Director of Christian Education, and our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee is into the heart of their work to call a pastor for Christian Education and Youth/Young Adult Ministries. The year will likely see other retirements and new hires, “comings” and “goings” in lots of places.

A mark of a healthy church is its ability to adapt to the changing needs both inside and outside its walls. The biblical language for this is to speak about the “seasons” in our common life—a time to sow and a time to reap, a time to say “goodbye” and a time to welcome new faces, a time to remember and a time to look ahead. The easiest response is to find comfort in unchanging routines, but the faithful response is to ask, “How is God asking me to live and act in this particular moment?” The beauty of this wisdom is that it guides us to stand on the assurance that “with God, all things are possible” and the promise that “[God’s] grace is sufficient for you.” It is a wisdom that serves us well both as a congregation and as individuals navigating the challenges of the busy seasons of our lives.

Soon the traffic will slow down a bit here at the

uuu *Randy Bush*

**Summer Worship Schedule Begins June 17**

Beginning on Sunday, June 17 (and ending on Sept 2), we shift to our Summer Worship schedule, offering two Sunday morning services at 8 am and 10 am. The Good Samaritan service at 8 am will follow its pattern of prayer and guest preachers, meeting on the lower level. The 10 am worship service, which combines the liturgies of our 9 am Morning Glory and 11 am Sanctuary services, will be held in the Sanctuary for the last two Sundays

in June, before moving outside to the Courtyard during the months of July and August (weather permitting). Seating will be provided in the central Courtyard area, the lower balcony along side the Chapel wall, as well as in the upper Courtyard balcony outside the third floor Music Room. The service will be amplified up to that area, connecting the balcony and Courtyard congregants together in a shared worship experience.

## Update on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

On March 25, 2007, our congregation elected an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) with the task of seeking to call an Associate Pastor for Christian Education, Youth and Young Adults. This is a new position, combining many of the tasks being done by our Interim Christian Education Director and our Director of Youth & Young Adult ministries.

Elected to the APNC were: Michael Benedict, Valire Copeland, Frances Irvin, Kathleen Kyle, and

Steve Massey, with Elder Kathleen Kyle serving as moderator of the group. Guided by a job description approved by Session, they have been meeting together and with representatives of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry since mid-April.

At the May Session meeting, a draft of a Church Information Form describing our Associate Pastor position was approved. It has been posted on the Presbyterian Church (USA) website and the committee

## Highlights from the May Session Meeting

Session approved the following motions at their May 2007 meeting:

- u To receive the following confirmands for membership of ELPC on Sunday, May 27 during the 11 am worship service: Michael Benedict, Chris Dickson, Caity Engelhardt, Lauren Huggins, Ben Lawrence, Charlie Meyers.
- u Session directed the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) to follow the Presbytery's Equal Employment Opportunity requirements for calling an Associate Pastor.
- u Session approved the draft of the Church Information Form (CIF) dated May 10, 2007 prepared by the APNC, and approves submitting this CIF to the Pittsburgh

## Courtyard (Garth) Repairs Scheduled for June

If it hasn't happen already, you will soon notice that you cannot enter the Courtyard (Garth), especially from the Chapel. That wall and walkway are being repaired. This is a Property Committee project to ensure that the Courtyard will be a clean and safe environment, ready for summer outdoor worship and lots of other summer outdoor activities. The contractors tell us the work will be completed in 3 to 4 weeks— just in time for our outdoor worship, which begins Sunday, July 1.

We apologize for the inconven-

## Pastor Bush's Taizé Trip

Rev. Randy Bush is leading a small group from ELPC to Taizé, France from June 30 to July 11. For pastoral emergencies, the church office will be in contact with Visitation Pastor Miriam Chamberlain or other staff members as appropriate.

## Church School Teacher Appreciation

Church School will meet for their final class of the school year on Sunday, June 10, which is Youth Sunday. During the 11 am Sanctuary worship service, Educational Ministries will recognize the Church School teachers, coordinators and Extended Session volunteers. Becoming disciples of Jesus is a life-long journey. Please join us on Sunday, June 10 as we honor the Church School teachers and volunteers.

### Young Children's Ministry

*Infants-2 year-olds* ..... Sarah Stacy and Frances Irvin (coordinators), Elaine Bellin, Howard Degenholtz, Andrea DeVries, Joanna Haas, Debbie Brake Hoffman, Todd Hoffman, Jessica King, Chad Martin, Lynn Mezyk, Mark Mezyk, Erik Ness, Kim Ness, Carolyn Russ, Chad Stacy, Molly Stephany, Rob Stephany, Erin Teague, Rodney Teague

*Baby Lap Sit*..... Laura Ristau

### Church School Teachers

*3 and 4-year olds*.....Mary Ruth Johnson, Vanessa Johnson, Jan Pressman

*K and 1st grade*..... Valire Copeland, Roberta London, Judy Menk

*2nd and 3rd grades*..... Carol Hoehn, Nancy Magee

*4th and 5th grades*..... Linda Benedict, Kay Shissler

*Middle School*..... Maurice Gordon, Heather Tunney

*Senior High*..... Steve Massey, Nicole Molinaro, Chuck Nichols

### Adult Class Leaders

Contemporaries..... Joe Kennedy, Mary Alice Lightle

Seekers.....Damon Bethea, Nancy Klancher

Journey with Scripture...Jan Irvin

Parenting Circle.....Frances Irvin

### Extended Session Volunteers

*3 and 4-year olds* Michelle McClung, Kate Neely, Rose Ward, Heather Lawrence,

Felecia Ragsdale, Enrico Novelli

*K through 5th grade* Rev. Cynthia Jackson, Beth Bush, Sandy Edge-

**“Young at Heart Luncheon”  
Recognizing Senior Members  
of Our Congregation**

Save the date Sunday, June 24 on your calendar and plan to attend the annual “Young at Heart Luncheon” in recognition of the senior members of our church. The luncheon will be held following the 10 am Summer Worship service (at approximately 11:30 am) in the Social Hall.

All senior members born before 1942 and one guest each will be admitted free of charge as our guests at the luncheon. Others may join us for a cost of \$6 per person. We ask that you make reservations if you plan to attend by calling Gloria Knopp at 412-441-3800 x22 by June 19.

***Swingin’ with the 40s***

is our theme this year and will once again feature the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush on the piano, playing music from the 1940s. We will also have a sing-a-long for everyone to participate in and some special surprises that are reminiscent of the 1940s.

**New — ELPC Knitting and Crocheting Group**

A knitting and crocheting group is being formed at ELPC to share fellowship and ideas, and to share the results of our skills with the community and the world. All ages and skill levels are welcome. New knitters and those wishing to learn are encouraged to join. Projects may include chemo caps, afghans for Afghans, baby blankets for the Children's Home, items for the military and scarves for the homeless.

We plan to meet once a month for 1 1/2 hours (day or evening group) starting in June. Day and time are still being determined. If interested, let us know which day and time you would prefer. Contact



**Board of Deacons**

*Staff Representative:*  
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

**Deacons Sunday Morning “Pastoral Point Persons” Schedule**

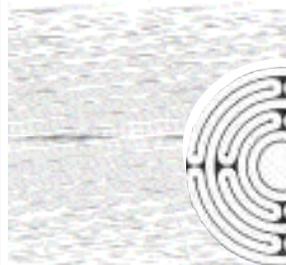
A Deacon Pastoral Point Person (DPPP) is available on Sunday mornings to help the office volunteers, security, ushers and staff in managing unexpected situations that arise between 9 am and the end of the 11 am service during our regular worship schedule, and from 10 am to the end of the 10 am worship service during our summer worship schedule (June 17 through Sept 2, 2007). The DPPP will also work to ensure a smooth and minimally disrupted worship time on Sunday morning by listening to, assessing and initially responding to concerns that might distract the pastor or the congregation during worship time.

Based on a rotating schedule, the designated DPPP will be seated near the front of the east transept and wearing a Deacon name badge. Following is the Sunday DPPP schedule through the end of 2007 / beginning of 2008.

June 3, 10, 17.....	Eric McCarty	Oct 7, 14, 21.....	Emma Odim
June 24, July 1, 8.....	Sherry Anderson		Oct 28, Nov 4,
11.....	Theresa Patterson		
July 15, 22, 29.....		Linda Benedict	Nov 18, 25,
Dec 2.....	Pat Krimmel		
Aug 5, 12, 19.....		Diane Jackson	Dec 9, 16,
23.....	Judy Roberts		
Aug 26, Sept 2, 9.....		Charlie Meyers	Dec 30, Jan 6,
13, 2008.....	Barb Krimmel		
Sept 16, 23, 30.....		Todd Hoffman	

**June’s Donated Supplies for the Men’s Shelter**

**“Sharing Our Labyrinths”**



*A FREE Event*  
Everyone is invited.

**Saturday, June 30**

10:30 am to 4 pm

East Liberty  
Presbyterian Church

Walk any of three labyrinths.

- u Outside in our Courtyard with music.
- u In the beauty of our Chancel, cradled beneath magnificent stone and stained-glass windows.
- u In our Social Hall, site of our event’s free workshop—a presentation and visual display of the various ways other churches have created their own labyrinths — i.e., cut into the grass, with brick paving stones, painted on canvas and vinyl.

Mandala Art Display; also create and /or color your own mandala.

Attend a labyrinth orientation.

## Retirement Reception for Barbara Davis

Just over 29 years ago, Barbara Davis was hired as ELPC's Bookkeeper and Administrative Assistant. Over the years, Barbara has seen many changes: church staff and church families that have come and gone, mountains of paperwork and receipts to be processed, and perennial audits involving our financial records. Through it all, she

has performed her tasks with efficiency, grace, and good humor.

On Sunday, June 17, following the 10 am worship service, there will be a retirement reception held in Barbara's honor. Please join us in the Social Hall for this special event



## HEALTH MINISTRY

*The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy, Staff Repre-*

### Heart Health — “Quitting Smoking”

Continuing our series on improving heart health, this month we will focus on smoking. Quitting smoking is the single best change you can make for your health. If you live with a smoker, breathing second-hand smoke is a health risk, too.

When a smoker quits, the body begins to benefit. . .

- u within 20 minutes—blood pressure and pulse rate drop to near normal, and hands and feet warm up;
- u 8 hours after quitting—carbon monoxide level in blood drops to normal, and oxygen level in blood rises to normal;
- u 24 hours—chance of heart attack decreases;
- u 48 hours—ability to taste and smell is enhanced;
- u 2 weeks to 3 months—circulation improves; lung function increases up to 30%;
- u 1 to 9 months—coughing, sinus congestion, fatigue, shortness of breath decrease; cilia regain normal function in the lungs, increasing ability to handle mucus, clean the lungs, and reduce infection;
- u 1 year after quitting—excess risk of coronary heart disease is half that of a smoker’s;
- u 5 years—lung cancer death rate for average smoker (1 pack/day) decreases by almost half; stroke risk is reduced to that of a nonsmoker 5 to 15 years after quitting;
- u 10 years—lung cancer death rate is similar to that of nonsmokers; risk of cancer of the mouth, throat, esophagus, bladder, kidneys and pancreas decreases;
- u 15 years—risk of coronary heart disease is same as a nonsmoker.

Source: *American Cancer Society; Center for Disease Control and Prevention*

Talk with your doctor about how to quit and stay tobacco-free. Internet re-



## Taizé Prayer

*Rev. Christiane Dutton*

### Taizé Prayer Service

A candlelight service every Wednesday at 7 pm in the Chapel.

### After-Taizé Classes

Wednesdays at 8:15 pm.

June 6 Tales from the Madhouse (video). Set inside the walls of a dilapidated Victorian sanatorium, different characters tell their stories to the visiting camera about an encounter with Jesus. These beautifully acted monologues are powerful, challenging, sophisticated and thought-provoking.

June 13, 20 No class.

June 27 Celebrations. Join us after our Taizé service for celebration cake. If you celebrate a birthday, milestone or an anniversary in June, 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 welcome to a bread and soup meal and fellowship (\$2.50 donation)—June 27 from 5:45 to 6:45 pm in the McKelvy Room. Following

## Holy Ground

*A Service of Prayers for Wholeness and Healing*

Sunday, June 17

6 pm, ELPC Sanctuary

Reverend Howard Cherry

Join us in the beauty of our sanctuary for a contemplative service of prayer, singing, scripture reading

*“Oh taste and see that the Lord is good.”*





## Christian Education

*The Rev. Cynthia Jackson, Interim Director*

Note: The last day of regular Church School for children, youth and adults is JUNE 10. Church School will resume on Sept

### Church School

Sunday mornings, 9:45 to 10:45 am

Children, youth, and adults have opportunities every Sunday morning to learn something new as individuals, while being shaped by the loving community in which we gather. Come and discover the transforming love of God made known through Jesus Christ.

#### For Children

- u Young Children's Ministry: Infants–2 years. 1st Floor Nursery. Laura Ristau offers Baby Lap Sit from 10 to 10:30 am. One parent or a designated adult shall be with each child. This is a sensory opportunity for touch, for listening, for movement, and for watching the delight as the children experience God's love in community.
- u Pre-school: Ages 3, 4, and 5 years. Room 240. Using "Godprints," the children are learning what it means to be like Jesus.
- u Kindergarten and Grade 1. Room 336. Using "Children and Worship" in an open classroom, the children experience the awe, wonder and holy in the Biblical stories.
- u Grades 2 and 3. Room 338. Using "Children and Worship" in an open classroom, the children use interactive materials to engage in the Bible story and discover how God comes to us in Jesus.
- u Grades 4 and 5. Room 335. The "Seasons of the Spirit" curriculum in May will help the children learn about the risen Lord and the Holy Work of the faithful believers.

#### For Youth

For Church School classes offered for youth in grades 6 through 12, see page 8 for details.

#### For Adults

##### Contemporaries Class

The Contemporaries examine theological issues in modern life, nurture spiritual disciplines, and encourage one another in ministry and mission. Come, grow with our intergenerational community of disciples. Individuals at all stages of faith are welcome! Second Floor Parlor.

June 3 "Centering Prayer and Other Discoveries Through My Involvement with Prison Ministries." Led by Chuck Carson. Prison ministry is an area that Jesus reminded us to address. Chuck felt called to expand his volunteer commitment of service to include the incarcerated community. An entirely new dimension of growth commenced for Chuck as the level of communication among the prisoners deepened. Let us honor that admonition as we examine the incarceration proc-

ess and learn to respect both those who are teaching and learning.

June 10 "Time for a New Level of Reconciliation." Led by Joe Kennedy. In order to move toward reconciliation, we must learn to stop being obsessed with individuality. Oswald Chambers provides some guidelines regarding individuality and its consequences. Individuality must be yielded to God so that our spiritual life may be brought forth into fellowship with God and with others. As we learn to make this transformation, we are ready to forgive and ultimately, to reconcile. Let us explore together the powerful strategy for promoting the unity and glory of our Lord as we learn the 'Common Threads of the Reconciliation Spirit.'

##### Journey with Scripture Class

This class studies and reflects upon the Bible while reading scriptures appointed for the Revised Common Lectionary. Printed copies of the weekly scripture lessons are available for study and meditation. Prior familiarity with the Bible is not necessary. Second Floor Library.

In the Season after Pentecost, sometimes called "Ordinary Time," we learn to listen for God's presence in everyday circumstances. God is active in our midst and we are called to help create justice and peace in the world.

June 3 "The World's Becoming." As we enter this season after Pentecost, we encounter again the God who creates and delights in us, loves us, frees us, and calls us into discipleship. On Trinity Sunday, the texts invite us

to explore images of God. We rejoice in God's world and work with God to care for creation. *Psalm 8; Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15.*

June 10 "Daring Compassion." The readings this week reveal God's power to heal and transform. Both Elijah and Jesus show daring compassion as they minister to those condemned by many to be on the fringes of society. As we encounter such faithful witness to God's love, we continue to learn what it means to hear and follow God. *I Kings 17:8-16, Psalm 146, Galatians 1:11-24, Luke 7:36-8:3.*

#### Parenting Circle

Recently, the Parenting Circle has been discussing "How do I include my child in worship?" Ideas are shared and support is offered to one another. The final class for this season will be June 10 with a time of fellowship and planning for the fall. All involved with children are welcome to attend. Group members facilitate the discussion. The Parenting Circle gathers in the Harambe Room on the first floor.

#### Summer Adult Church School

June 17 to July 29 (7-week series)

9:15 to 9:50 am, Second Floor Parlor

*Longing to Pray: How the Psalms Teach Us to Talk with God*, by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Led by Joe Kennedy and Mary Alice Lightle. We haven't read long in the psalms before we realize that the authors, like us, were altogether human, their lives marked by breathtaking highs and lows. But with all of that, they were saints who left us with the greatest collection of prayers in the possession of our human race.

What was their secret? It was the quality of their friendship with God. And, of course, the language of that friendship is prayer. The psalmists don't give us any formula for effective praying. They don't offer a set of rules. But if we read their prayers carefully, we will learn something of their secret, the secret of the Ultimate Friendship.

- June 17 Secrets of Friendship: Candor
- June 24 Secrets of Friendship: Time
- July 1 Secrets of Friendship: Place, Posture and Punctuality
- July 8 Secrets of Friendship: Specificity
- July 15 Secrets of Friendship: Repentance
- July 22 Secrets of Friendship: Anger
- July 29 Secrets of Friendship: Helplessness

This is an open invitation to every adult in the congregation to participate and become spiritually refreshed!

#### Summer Extended Session for Ages 3–2nd Grade

Summer Extended Session will be offered after the Moments with the Children during Sunday's 10 am summer worship service beginning June 17. Children ages three years through 2nd grade will gather in Room 240 for a story, a snack, and creative activities. Volunteers are also needed to assist the parent leaders in taking the children to the restroom, helping with the snack, or simply listening to a child. Please consider sharing 45 minutes of your time once this summer and give yourself a special gift of love. These ELPC

children are curious, interesting, and they have lots of different feelings. Come and get to know these dear ones! If interested in volunteering, please contact Rev. Cynthia Jackson at 412-441-3800 x20 or [cynthiaj@coh.net](mailto:cynthiaj@coh.net).

#### CE Family Fellowship

On Sunday, June 17 following the 10

#### 2007 Vacation Bible School

### The Great Bible Reef



The week of June 25–29 from 9:30 am to 12 noon each day, ELPC will be transformed into an underwater Bible Reef! Children ages 4 through 5th grade will be invited to "Dive Deep Into God's Word." Each day we will take a different theme and plunge into wave after wave of faith-filled fun!



- Day 1 God's People Care
- Day 2 God's People Help
- Day 3 God's People Trust
- Day 4 God's People Believe
- Day 5 God's People Listen

With a different Bible story every day, a new memory verse, and a special sea critter to take home, the children will have many opportunities to discover the wonder of God's Kingdom. Knowing that children learn in different ways, we will offer crafts, games, toy making, rhythms, drama, and science activities.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is free for all children!

Friends and neighbors are also welcome. Blue reg-





## Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Heather Tunney, Director  
412-441-3800 x14

### YOUTH (grades 6—12)

Sunday Church School, 9:45 to 10:45 am

“Seasons of the Spirit” curriculum. Note: June 10 is the last day for Church School before summer recess. Classes will resume on Rally Day, Sept 9.

Sunday Youth Group — Cook-Out Celebration

Join us for our last Sunday Youth Group of the school year on June 3 from 5 to 7 pm when we will have a special cook-out celebration in the Courtyard, with time to play games, shoot hoops, and visit with friends. Note: Although Sunday Youth Group is over for the summer, there will be plenty of other youth activities going on. Watch for more information in the *Reaching Out* and Youth Calendar.

Youth Basketball

Saturdays from 5 to 8 pm in the ELPC Gym. Note: The last Saturday for youth basketball will be June 9. Basketball will resume mid-September.

Youth Sunday, June 10

On June 10, ELPC senior-high youth will be leading us in worship at the 11 am service. The youth will write the liturgy, serve as worship leaders, and the graduating seniors will share their faith stories. Please join us for this special day of worship together.

### Summer Mission Trips and Conferences for Youth and College Students

Senior High Mission Trip to Nashville

Youth in grades 9–12 will be participating in a Mission Trip to Nashville, Tennessee from June 17–23 where we will minister to those in the city who are homeless, fighting HIV/AIDS, under-nourished and impoverished. The mission trip is being coordinated through the Center for Student Missions. Currently there are no more spots available for the trip.

Reminder: Those participating must attend two required pre-trip training sessions on Sundays, June 3 and June 10 following 11 am worship until 2 pm. We will meet in Room 51 first for a light lunch. Please call Heather Tunney if you have any questions.

Junior High Mission Trip to Camp Crestfield

ELPC youth in grades 6-9 will participate in Camp Crestfield's Mission Possible from July 9-13 (note date change). We will enjoy camp fun in the evenings, but will be hard at work during the day in service to those in need in the community around us. Youth will get a taste of mission work by volunteering with EECM and Habitat for Humanity through the week. Cost is \$100/person (ELPC will pay the rest). RSVP required to Heather by Sunday, June 3. Note: A required pre-trip training session will be held for participants on Sunday, July 1 following the 10 am summer worship service.

Trinity Youth Conference (TYC): "One Thing. . . Make It Stick"

TYC will be held at Camp Living Waters in Shellsburg, PA from July 29–August 4. This is a week-long event for high-school youth (who are at least

15 years of age and have completed 9th grade by July 29, 2007) and for college-age young adults. At TYC, young people learn about God and themselves through workshops, small groups, worship and games. Workshop topics range from the arts to theology to relationships. TYC is not only a time for deepening your spirituality—it is a time to relax, be yourself, and have fun with friends, both old and new. Cost is \$280, but don't let money deter you! There are scholarships available for first-time TYC campers, both through the Synod and also through ELPC. Any high school or college-age student interested in TYC should contact Heather Tunney.

### YOUNG ADULTS

(in their 20s and 30s)

20/30s Study Group

Our group will meet on Tuesday, June 12 from 7 to 9 pm to finish our study of the book *Process Theology* by Bob Mesle and to discuss our next study series together!

Service Project with East Liberty Family Health Care Center

The East Liberty Family Health Care Center is hosting their annual fundraiser on Friday, June 8, and is looking for young adult volunteers to help with the event. This year is special because it also marks the ministry's 25th year of valuable ser-

### EECM Food-of-the-Month Program

The East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM) Food Pantry, located in East Liberty Presbyterian Church, distributes food during the week to those persons and households living in poverty. Two baskets are available for food dropped off—one inside the Highland Avenue entrance and the second at the top

## Remedial Case Ruling by the Synod Permanent Judicial Committee

On May 16, the Synod Permanent Judicial Committee issued a ruling in support of a remedial case brought by the Sessions of ELPC, Sixth Presbyterian Church, and others. The Synod concurred with our church by stressing that Pittsburgh Presbytery does not have the right to establish exclusionary "essentials" that would bar people from honestly seeking ordination as

ministers in our denomination. Presbytery was found to have wrongfully set aside recent General Assembly Authoritative Interpretations and wrongfully attempted to subvert the process of discernment for those considering ordination. These flawed actions were corrected by the Synod deci-

Field. The march is to show gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) persons that they can find a spiritual home in Pittsburgh. We will also be a witness to spectators, letting them know that many faith-filled persons do not use their religious belief to denounce the GLBT community. Note: Please wear your ELPC t-shirt and join us in the march. There will be a free shuttle from the Riverfront parking to the beginning of the march route.

Following the march, from 1 to 4 pm, ELPC's Full Inclusion Task Force and the Membership & Growth Committee will have a booth set up at the River Front Park. There will also be food (including vegetarian) and entertainment during the afternoon. At 7:05 pm, there will be Pride Night with the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game.

For more information about Pride Fest including ticket information for the Pirate's baseball game, visit the GLCC's website: [www.glccpgh.org](http://www.glccpgh.org) or the Mission bulletin board at the Highland entrance of the church. Please come and invite your friends **and family**. For more information, contact Carol Untch at 724-272-9722.

u Poverty Taskforce  
"Just Neighbors" Series



## Presbyterian Women

Heather Lawrence,  
Moderator

Horizons Bible Study  
The final class for this year's Horizons Bible Study will be held Tuesday evening, June 26 from 5:45 to 7:30 pm. Lesson #9: *Perspectives on Providence—Joseph* (Genesis 37; 39–45; 50). 5:45 pm for fellowship/soup-and-bread meal; 6:30 pm, Bi-



## Justice & Global Concerns

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

u Full Inclusion Taskforce

Full Inclusion Taskforce Meeting  
Sunday, June 10 at 12:15 pm in Room 224.

Full Inclusion Taskforce — BOOK REVIEW  
The following book was reviewed by Chuck Nichols and is available in the ELPC library.

*Is the Homosexual My Neighbor?*

by Letha Scanzoni and Virginia Mollenkott

A "must read" for any Christian. Authors Letha Scanzoni and Virginia Mollenkott have written a positive, faith-based response to some of the most divisive questions of our day. A compassionate examination of the debates about gay men and women in the military, as candidates for ordination in our churches, and as fellow human beings. This is a revised edition with updates on, among other things, AIDS, and genetic research. I strongly recommend this book for those adults who struggle to find a biblical response to factions using the Bible as an excuse to further marginalize the gay community.

ELPC Participates in Pittsburgh Pride Fest 2007

ELPC has made a commitment to the inclusion of diversity among our members, and welcomes God's call to service in the church. This year, many local churches, including ELPC, and faith groups are participating in Pittsburgh Pride Fest 2007—*United for Equality*—through events sponsored by the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Pittsburgh (GLCC).

On Saturday, June 16 at noon, there will be an awareness march in demonstration of inclusivity, starting at Ross & Fifth, through downtown Pittsburgh, over the Clemente Bridge, and ending at River Front Park by Heinz

Field. The march is to show gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) persons that they can find a spiritual home in Pittsburgh. We will also be a witness to spectators, letting them know that many faith-filled persons do not use their religious belief to denounce the GLBT community. Note: Please wear your ELPC t-shirt and join us in the march. There will be a free shuttle from the Riverfront parking to the beginning of the march route.



### Camp Crestfield's Summer Camps 2007

Crestfield Camp and Conference Center located in Slippery Rock, PA, is a ministry of the Pittsburgh Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church (USA), committed to providing a Christ-centered community for recreation, reflection, rejuvenation and rejoicing! Information regarding their summer programs is available at ELPC on the Christian Education table on the second floor, and scholarships are available.

New at Crestfield this summer is an intergenerational camp called "Little Ones and Loved Ones" which is designed for children ages 3-7 years and the adults who love and care for them. This camp is offered three different weeks. For de-

### ELPC Paper Recycling — for Everyone!



ELPC's Abitibi Paper Retriever—a bright green and yellow bin located near the staff parking area on Baum Blvd—can take

newspapers, magazines, catalogs, copy paper, colored paper, and mail (no need to remove staples; envelopes with cellophane windows also okay). Note: DO NOT place: cardboard, plastic, phone books, or any paper used for food as this will contaminate the whole bin.

With Recycling, Everyone Wins!

- u It's a "win" for the environment because recycling paper saves energy and water.
- u It's a "win" for ELPC because we can raise funds while also helping the environment.
- u It's a "win" for communities because residents save tax dollars by converting resources, and

### ELPC East End Blitz Partnership



ELPC is excited to be partnering with nine local congregations, several community organizations and Hosanna Industries to rehab eight vacant, abandoned or blighted houses for first-time, low-income homeowners in the East Liberty area. Two of these houses are for families associated with ELPC.

#### Hands-on Volunteer Opportunity

This hands-on mission opportunity requires no special skills—just a willing heart! You can work one day or as many days as you wish! A typical work day will last from 8 am to 4 pm. Evening work hours will also be available! Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- u Construction/Rehab for June 11 & 12 and July 23 & 24
- u Hospitality from June 11-15 and July 23-27
- u Homeowner Support to be ongoing

Look for the ELPC East End Blitz Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet on the Mission Ministries bulletin board on the first floor. Or for more information, contact

### Help Us Identify ELPC Members Who Are Graduating

With the graduation season upon us, we want to take time to celebrate this important milestone reached by several members of our ELPC church family. 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 2007. 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. Be sure to include: Name of person graduating, and name of school graduating from and location. You may also include honors received and future plans (i.e. employment, continuing on with schooling and area of interest/academic major, etc.). Deadline for information is July 13.

### Pittsburgh Pirates Presbytery Night at PNC Park



Friday, June 29 is Presbytery Night at PNC Park when the Pittsburgh Pirates play baseball against the Washington Nationals. Game time is 7:05 pm. Presbyterian Church choir members will perform the national anthem prior to the game, and at the conclusion of the game will be a spectacular Zambelli fireworks display.

Tickets are \$20 for Outfield Box (\$5 is donated) and \$9 for the L/R Field Grandstand (\$2 donated). The donated portion of each ticket will go to support the Presbytery's Mission. Ticket order forms are available at the ELPC information desk at the Highland entrance. All ticket orders must be received by June 15, 2007. Or for tickets, call the Pittsburgh Pirates Group Sales



**ELPC People**  
 Good News, Thanks and Prayers

**Good News**

Congratulations to ELPC Director of Youth & Young Adults Ministry *Heather Tunney* on her graduation from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on May 24, 2007. Heather was active in our church for a few years before being hired in late 2002 to her current full-time position. She provides leadership in many areas of our church, including the junior high and senior high ministries, college and young adults programs, and coordinating our Koinonia service.

Also graduating from PTS on that day was *Lydia Ham*, friend of ELPC and mother of Lunden and Charles Ham, active youth at ELPC.

Both Heather and Lydia received their Master of Divinity degrees and will be pursuing careers in areas of Christian ministry. Congratulations to Heather and Lydia!

Congratulation to John and the Rev. Becky Maiman on the Baptism of their daughter *Evelyn Mary Maiman* on May 6, 2007.

**Welcome**

ELPC extends a warm welcome to the following new members and friends who were received by the Session on Sunday, May 13, 2007:

*Reaffirmation of Faith*—Doris Cook, Maria Ann Engelhardt, Sarah Hartman, Paul Miller, Sarah Pohuly, Patti Spinner.

*Certificate of Transfer*—Elmer Harkema, Jonathan Ritz.

*Friend of ELPC*—Tim Engelhardt, Deborah Hughes, Devo Ihonde, Rachel Mackey, Chris Piccolo, Audrey Rasmusson.

**Prayers**

Our prayers and sympathies are with the family and friends of *Marie Louise Yovanich* who died on May 15, 2007. Marie was a member of ELPC for 48 years.

Our prayers and sympathies are with Dr. Edward Brethauer and family on the death of Dr. Brethauer's wife *Alberna Brethauer* who died on April 26,



**Sunday, June 10**

All are welcome!

**KOINONIA FELLOWSHIP**  
 6 pm, Second Floor Parlor

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 to Heather Tunney, 412-441-3800 x14.

**KOINONIA SERVICE OF PRAISE** 7 pm, Third Floor Music Room  
 A contemporary worship service to praise and worship God, the center of our community of faith. This service is for every-



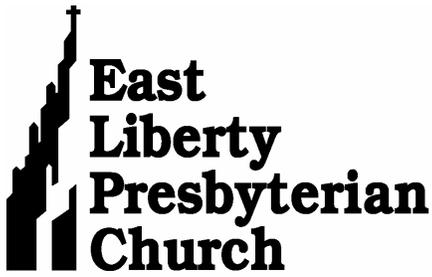
**Calendar Highlights**

**June**

- 2, 3 .....Prophetic Voices speaker series
- 3 .....Communion
- 8 .....Happy Wanderers day outing
- 10 .....Last day for Christian Education classes
- 10 .....Youth Sunday
- 10 .....Christian Education Teacher Appreciation at 11 am worship
- 10 .....Koinonia Fellowship, 6 pm
- 10 .....Koinonia Service of Praise, 7 pm
- 11-15 ....ELPC East End Blitz house rehab
- 16 .....ELPC participates in Pride Fest 2007
- 16 .....J&GC "Just Neighbors" Workshop
- 17 .....Summer Worship begins with services at 8 am and 10 am
- 17 .....CE Family Fellowship
- 17 .....Barbara Davis retirement reception



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8 am Good Samaritan Service  
10 am Summer Worship Service  
In the sanctuary through the end of June. Moves outside to the beauty

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