



Reaching Out

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November 2007

End of Life Issues



**PROPHETIC
VOICES TODAY**
SPEAKERS SERIES

In partnership with Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, UPMC, and Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, a special *Prophetic Voices* program on Science and Faith Issues will be held at PTS on **Sat., Nov. 3**, from 6:45 to 9 pm. The panel discussion will explore the topic of "End of Life Issues: When Have I Done Enough?" A case study will be discussed from scientific, spiritual and ethical perspectives, with time for audience participation. This event is open to the public and free of charge.

A follow-up Adult Education offering will be held on **Sun., Nov. 4**, from 9:45 to 10:45 am at both Fox Chapel and ELPC, continuing the conversation about the theological and ethical issues associated with the end of life. Please join us for this timely, important discussion.

All-Request Organ Concert

Saturday, November 17, at 7 pm

Many requested tunes will be playing just for you on the evening of **Sat., Nov. 17**, at 7 pm in the Sanctuary on the newly renovated Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ. Due to the overwhelming response of requested pieces to be played at October's inaugural concert, the allotted fifteen minutes at that event proved insufficient. In order to accommodate the many requests for organ pieces, piano pieces and even some vocal music, Dr. Szeremany has scheduled this additional concert.

ELPC presents this "All-Request Program" for you and for the public as a "free" concert. Of course, donations to the on-going organ fund are always graciously accepted. You are cordially invited to enjoy more than an hour of music you've heard before and wish that you could hear again. Please come and listen!



Dr. J. Richard Szeremany plays the newly renovated Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ during the dedication worship service on Sunday, September 30. Dr. Szeremany will play requested repertoire at an evening concert on Saturday, November 17.

Sunday Morning Services

** Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

Good Samaritan Worship • 8 am

- November Liturgist: Mr. Chuck Carson*
- Nov. 4* The Rev. David Carver,
*Crafton Heights United
Presbyterian Church*
- Nov. 11 Michael Stanton, formerly
*with Hosanna Industries and
East End Blitz participant*
- Nov. 18 Mrs. Robyn Aguzzi, Exec.
*Director, Wilksburg
Community Ministry*
- Nov. 25 The Rev. J. Howard Cherry,
*Honorably Retired United
Methodist Minister*

Morning Glory Worship • 9 am

- Nov. 4* The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
- Nov. 11 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
- Nov. 18 Thanksgiving in Song with
J. Richard and the MoGlos
- Nov. 25 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Sanctuary Worship • 11 am

- Nov. 4* The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
- Nov. 11 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
- Nov. 18 Heather Tunney
- Nov. 25 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Koinonia Service of Praise

Second Sunday of each month • 7 pm

Time changed to 6 pm—see p. 7

- Nov. 11 Father William J. Kiel

Holy Ground Service of Wholeness and Healing

Third Sunday, March – Nov. • 6 pm

Note date change—see p. 7

- Nov. 11 Father William J. Kiel

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

Mondays • 10 am to 3 pm

Wednesdays • 10 am to 9 pm

Taizé Prayer Service

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



November is the month of remembrances. The major holidays are Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. With the former, we remember the sacrifice of war veterans past and present, giving of themselves in support of our nation and in defense of our fundamental values of freedom and democracy. With the latter, we take time to remember the blessings bestowed upon us by a generous Creator and to offer our grateful prayers to God.

There is something powerful that happens when we remember rightly and honestly. Yes, there are things we try to forget and things we don't want to remember. There are even more things we only remember in part or from our own biased perspectives. But at times we remember rightly, with full clarity and fresh insight. Think of the famous parable of the Prodigal Son, especially where it says, "But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to him.'" (Luke 15:17-18) The memory of home prompted the Prodigal to come to his senses and start the long journey back to his father. He repented; he "came to himself" — call it what you will. It basically means he remembered with full honesty, and in that remembrance, he re-discovered who he was truly meant to be.

Can that happen for you this month? There are two good opportunities in the holidays of November. The vocabulary of war is sadly embedded in our human life and language. We take time on Veterans Day to think of the soldiers and civilians touched by wars through the generations. We grieve the loss of lives and permanent injuries happening today in our nation, in Iraq, and across the planet. Part of honoring their sacrifices involves taking time to remember what is most precious in this life, something for which you'd fight or risk your life. But then you need to go the next step and ask, "Is there another way to preserve what I hold so dear without the use of weapons and warfare?" With that question, we begin to "come to ourselves" and find our ways home by a different, more faithful route.

In the same way, we take time on Thanksgiving to name our blessings. (Many families do this around the table as part of the prayer offered before sharing the holiday meal.) We list a variety of things, from home and health to friendship and loved ones. But then it is important to go the next step and ask, "Am I naming these things for my own benefit or in loving attentiveness directed to the One truly responsible for all blessings of this life?" With that question, we begin to "come to ourselves" and find our ways home to the embrace of our loving, heavenly Father.

Before he left his disciples, Jesus told them not to be afraid. More importantly, he promised that the Holy Spirit would be sent to them to teach them all things and bring to their remembrance all that Jesus had said to them (John 14:26). That same type of deep, honest remembrance is still offered to us. Quiet yourselves this month. Give thanks with a grateful heart. Make the holidays "holy days." Welcome home.

Randy Bush

Health Ministry

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy, Staff Representative

Aim for a Healthy Weight *By Sue Whitaker*

Having excess body weight is associated with an increased risk of many health conditions: coronary heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, dyslipidemia (high cholesterol, high triglycerides), respiratory problems and sleep apnea, type 2 diabetes, certain cancers (endometrial, breast, colon), gallbladder disease, osteoarthritis, and an early death.

Overweight assessment can be made in several ways. One of the easiest is to determine one's BMI (body mass index), which measures weight relative to height. There are tables you can use, or you can calculate your BMI as follows:

1. determine height in inches
2. multiply height by itself: (ht.) x (ht.)
3. divide weight in pounds by the answer to step 2
4. multiply the answer to step 3 by 703

For example, someone 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighing 150 pounds calculates her or his BMI as follows: $[150 / (65 \times 65)] \times 703 = 24.9$

There is an automatic BMI calculator at: www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpa/bmi/adult_BMI/english_bmi_calculator/bmi_calculator.htm

A BMI of 18.5 to 24.9 is considered normal; 25.0 to 29.9 is considered overweight; 30.0 and higher is considered obese.

In addition to overweight, there are other risk factors which increase the chances of developing the diseases and conditions noted above. These include high blood pressure, high LDL-cholesterol ("bad" cholesterol), low HDL-cholesterol ("good" cholesterol), high triglycerides, high blood glucose (sugar), family history of heart disease, physical inactivity, and smoking. Even a small weight loss (ten percent of body weight) will help to lower the risk of developing obesity-related conditions. Future columns will address suggestions for weight control.



Annual Community Thanksgiving Feast

Sun., Nov. 18, after 11 am worship

On **Sun., Nov. 18**, immediately following the 11 am worship service, join us in the Social Hall to enjoy a wonderful turkey dinner with all the trimmings, served family-style. A \$9 per person donation will be appreciated. So that we can have enough food prepared, please RSVP no later than 5:00 pm on **Tues., Nov. 13**, by calling Kate at 412-441-3800, ext. 17.

Volunteer helpers needed. We need 10 to 12 people for each of the following chores to go quickly and smoothly:

- **Sat., Nov. 17:** Help set the tables at 10 am in preparation for our Sunday feast.
- **Sun., Nov. 18:** Help serve our Thanksgiving meal at 11:45 am and/or clean up immediately after the meal.

Please consider *giving* a little of your time to help out. If interested in volunteering, call Pam at 412-441-3800, ext. 18, by **Thurs., Nov. 15** — *Thanks* in advance.

Spiritual Life

Dr. Lois M. Lang,

Associate in Ministry

Mon., Nov. 26, is the third and last of a series of presentations sponsored by Stephen Ministry. The subject of this month's session is depression, presented by Dr. Isabella Soreca of the University of Pittsburgh from 7 to 9 pm. This is a continuing education session for the Stephen Ministers but is open to members and friends of ELPC. Feel free to invite others to attend.

Tuesdays, Nov. 6 and 13, are the two remaining evenings of Dr. Szeremany's three-week series called, "The Spirit Sings to Me." From 7 to 7:50 pm, you are invited to gather around the organ console and explore tunes and texts. We also will look at other pieces of congregational hymns and worship music, examining the biblical inspirations with the worship and devotional character of the texts. In addition, we will examine several ways to link what we sing and hear with our individual devotional practices and needs.

Sundays, Nov. 4, 11, and 25, Suzanne Bailey will present and lead discussion of tapes titled *True Self/False Self*, by Father Richard Rohr. Classes will be held from 12:30 to 2:30 pm.

Wednesdays in Advent

ELPC will again offer noon-hour organ musicals in the Sanctuary featuring our new pipe organ and local musicians, who will present 40-minute programs of seasonal Advent/Christmas music.

Each weekly program begins at noon. You are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch with you, or, at the conclusion of each program, you can visit the Cathedral Café to purchase a luncheon entrée or salad bar.

The next *Reaching Out* will bring you details about the programs and the artists. For now, save the dates and plan to bring some friends and neighbors along with you. All concerts are **free**.

The Christmas Giving Tree



Every year the Deacons organize the Christmas Giving Tree to benefit children and families from East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM), our ELPC Mission Ministry, Christian Education,

and Youth and Young Adults departments. The congregation's support has been generous to this ministry through gift buying and/or monetary donations.

On **Sundays, Nov. 25, Dec. 2 and 9**, the Giving Tree will be set up near the Information Desk from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. If you wish to participate in gift giving, select a gift tag from the Giving Tree containing gift and recipient information, and leave your name and phone number on the donor tag. Deacons will be available to help with any questions or concerns.

Wrapped gifts, with tags securely attached, are due back in the church office no later than noon on **Dec. 16**. If you would like to participate by donating money, please make the check out to "ELPC Giving Tree" and deliver it to the church office. The Board of Deacons thanks the congregation for its enthusiastic support of this ministry.

East End Blitz Homeowner Support

Volunteers are still needed for this on-going ministry! We invite folks to help with any of the five homeowner support teams: Home Maintenance, Budget & Finance, Neighborhood Information and Family/Children Activities, Fundraising, and Health and Well Being. Please contact Emily Rosenthal, 412-963-0139, or pick up an orange sign-up sheet at the Mission Bulletin Board.

Presbyterian Women

Mary Alice Lightle, Moderator

PW Installs New Leadership Team

At its annual meeting on Sept. 29, Presbyterian Women elected the following leadership team: Mary Alice Lightle (Moderator), Florence Johnson (Vice Moderator), Carol Kirkpatrick (Secretary), Laura Lou Struthers (Treasurer), and members at large — Peta Harrigan Cole, Brenda Johnson, Jane Sampson and Nancy Wright. Dolly Patterson and Catherine Carter from Presbyterian Women in Pittsburgh Presbytery conducted the installation service. Many thanks to Heather Lawrence, Nadine Banks, Diana Bloss and Joan Heckel, who have completed their service on the leadership team. Thanks also to Lois Lang, who led worship and conducted a workshop based on biblical references to rocks and stones, and to Laura Risteau, who led our time for singing.

Horizons Bible Study: Tuesday, November 13

Join us on **Tues., Nov. 13**, at 10 am as we continue our study *Above and Beyond: Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth*. Beth Urbaitis will lead our discussion of "Taking Up Space in a Fish Named Grace," Jonah 2. Potluck lunch follows. Please bring a salad or snack to share; beverages and soup will be provided. Call Mary Alice Lightle, 412-682-1504, if you have questions. Because of the election, we are meeting on the second Tuesday of November instead of the first Tuesday.

Thank Offering Received in Worship on Sunday, November 18

All members and friends of East Liberty Presbyterian Church are invited to make a gift to the Thank Offering in worship on **Nov. 18**. In the late 1800s, Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, urged each woman to make an additional gift over and above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society "as a thank offering to her Lord." Last year, our congregation gave \$1,700 to the Thank Offering to support health ministries throughout the world and projects addressing domestic violence, homelessness, child services, education, and injustice. You can learn more about these projects in a bulletin insert in November and on the bulletin board. Please make your checks payable to Presbyterian Women in East Liberty Presbyterian Church and write "Thank Offering" in the memo line.

Christmas Gifts for Northside Common Ministries

Northside Common Ministries, one of the Presbytery's mission agencies, runs an array of vital programs in Pittsburgh — a food pantry, men's shelter and programs for children and families. For several years, the Presbyterian Women of ELPC have collected much-needed Christmas gifts for NSCM. We invite you to join us in the joy of giving by donating (new items only, please) one of the following:

- gift items for children up to age 14, including toys, games and clothing
- men's sweatshirts (2XL and 3XL)
- men's hats, gloves and scarves

Please drop off your unwrapped items in the church office by **Dec. 2**, and mark the bag "PW." Your gift will be much appreciated! Questions? Call Heather Lawrence at 412-486-0826.

Mark Your Calendars: A Presbyterian Women Christmas Lunch

Visit with old friends and make some new ones at this year's holiday event. The luncheon will be held at the church on **Sat., Dec. 8**, at 12:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Please call Karla Ballou at 412-441-3800, ext. 20.

Christian Education in Nov.

Church School for Adults: Sundays, 9:45 – 10:45 am

PROPHETIC VOICES Nov. 4: “End of Life Issues”

Please see the article on page 1 about this joint program with all adult classes.

CONTEMPORARIES CLASS Facilitators: Joe Kennedy and Mary Alice Lightle Nov. 11 and 18: Sharing Your Gift: Christian Giving, Values and Witness

We give benevolences to many organizations outside the church as well as our pledge to ELPC. We aim to support God’s work in the world as done by both religious and secular causes. How do we choose? How do these choices reflect our Christian values? Led by Jim Russ, we will use biblical references and a number of readings to explore these questions.

Nov. 25: God’s Goodness at the Great Wall

On a mission to educate, one must be educated. Nadine Banks tells her story of God’s goodness and a few funny things that happened on the way to the Great Wall of China. (Hebrews 11:3)

JOURNEY WITH SCRIPTURE Teacher: Jan Irvin

This class studies and reflects upon the Bible while reading scriptures appointed for the Revised Common Lectionary. What is God saying to us individually or as a community?

Nov. 11: Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; 2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

Nov. 18: Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12; 2 Thess. 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Nov. 25: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

PARENTING CIRCLE Facilitators: Frances Irvin and Beth Bush

In November, the parenting circle will begin a new round of topics for discussion. Please see the weekly bulletin for details. This group is open to anyone involved in parenting — singles, couples, adoptive parents, grandparents, step-parents, guardians, and mentors. By sharing experiences, resources, prayer and scripture, we will learn and grow together.



The Ecstasy of St. Theresa of Avila, by sculptor-architect Giovanni Lorenzo Bernini, is located in the Cornaro Chapel in the left transept of the Church of St. Maria della Vittoria in Rome. Dr. Lois Lang explores the life of Theresa of Avila during the November 11 Seekers’ Class.

SEEKERS OFFERINGS

Leaders: Damon Bethea and Nancy Klancher

The Seekers embrace the complexities of our faith within an open, supportive and accepting atmosphere. New friends are always welcome.

Spiritual Paths: Finding Our Way to God

Nov. 11: The Mystical Path of Theresa of Avila, Part 2

Mystic, reformer, writer, saint: Theresa’s life and yearning for God are a model for all of us who seek to come closer to God. Dr. Lois Lang, who has studied Theresa extensively, will share her wealth of insight and knowledge about her.

Nov. 18: Music as a Path to God

ELPC’s choir and Taizé musicians will share how music has connected them with the Holy and what it is like to serve as a conduit to God for others through their musical offerings.

Nov. 25: Open Session: “Prayer-Sharing”

Seeker members and guests are invited to share a favorite prayer, saying, scripture passage, or poem.

Church School Classes

Sundays, 9:45 – 10:45 am

Church school classes are offered for persons of all ages, from infants to adults. Adult options are detailed in the article at left. Youth classes—junior high (grades 6-8) and senior high (grades 9-12)—follow the *Seasons of the Spirit* curriculum to explore and apply biblical stories to their daily lives. Children’s classes (by age) include *Baby Lapsit*, *Godly Play*, and *Seasons of the Spirit*. See the bulletin boards in the Highland Avenue or Second Floor hallways to determine classroom locations.

Thanksgiving Bags

The Educational Ministries Committee will again lead our congregation in our annual Thanksgiving food drive for the Food Pantry at East End Cooperative Ministries. Grocery bags will be distributed at the 9 and 11 am services with grocery lists stapled to the side. Please purchase any or all of the suggested items on the list, place them in the grocery bag, and return your donation to the church on **Sun., Nov. 11**, which is Stewardship Sunday. The full bags will be carried forward during the 11 am service by the children and youth of ELPC and will be dedicated to God’s service, along with our pledges and offerings. Cash donations and gift cards are also welcome. Please prayerfully consider participating in this church-wide ministry — and join in the celebration as we witness the impact we can make when we all work together.

Office Closed

Reminder: The church offices will be closed on **November 12** in observance of Veterans Day, as well as on **November 22, 23 and 26** in observance of Thanksgiving.

Youth and Young Adult Events

Heather Tunney, Dir. of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

club one sixteen: Join us on Wednesdays for an afternoon of music, learning, food and fun for people of all ages. From 3:30 to 4:30, stop by and shoot some hoops during our open gym. Or come by anytime between 3:30 and 6:30 for homework help, board games and snacks from Whole Foods. And if you are already registered, participate in Hope Academy free classes (tango, voices of hope vocal ensemble, step team, sing and dance to a latin beat).

- **Youth in grades 6 through 12** are invited to join us for dinner and Bible Study after participating in Hope Academy's free classes on Wednesday afternoons. At 6:30 pm, eat a home-cooked meal donated by an ELPC member and discuss how our faith impacts different elements of our lives. November topics:
 - Nov. 7:** How does faith impact my relationships?
 - Nov. 14:** How can I interact with people of other religions?
 - Nov. 21:** *No club one sixteen (Thanksgiving Break)*
 - Nov. 28:** Goals 101 – We begin a series about setting and working toward goals in our lives, such as high school success, college prep, planning for a career.
- **NEW – for younger youth:** Children in grades 1 through 5 are invited for a junior version of club one sixteen. Children will join the teenagers for dinner, then break out for a discussion time all their own. Children will talk about what God is doing in their lives through drama, creative arts and meaningful games. For more information, please contact Heather Tunney.

Jr. High Retreat: Youth in grades 6 through 9 are invited to a retreat at Camp Crestfield from **Fri., Nov. 16, to Sat., Nov. 17.** We will meet at ELPC at 6:30 pm (please eat dinner ahead of time!), and return Saturday evening at 8 pm. Join us for worship, workshops, camp-wide games, climbing wall, football — and time to relax and have fun with ELPC friends, as well as friends from throughout the Presbytery. RSVP required to Heather by **Sun., Nov. 4.**

Young Adult Study Group: Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join us for an in-depth study and discussion of the book of Colossians on Tuesday evenings, **Nov. 13 and 27,** from 7 to 9 pm.

Hope Academy, *cont'd from page 8*

Whole Foods Market is sponsoring our "Voices of Hope" vocal ensembles and



will be providing the healthy snacks for our Wednesday Connection program. This is a great example of how Whole Foods Market strives to give back in meaningful ways to the communities it serves. We are grateful to Whole Foods Market and especially to Kim Wynnyckyj for their participation.

If you are interested in becoming part of our outreach efforts and helping us to continue to grow, we would be thankful for your donation; 100 percent will go directly to hiring additional teaching artists, purchasing materials and providing meals. In this way, you can help to make the arts affordable, accessible and not a matter of privilege for the children and youth in our community. Please make your check out to East Liberty Presbyterian Church and put "Wednesday Connection" on the memo line. For more information, call Norma Meyer at 412-441-3800, ext. 11.



Taizé Prayer

The Rev. Christiane Dutton, Minister of Taizé Prayer

Taizé Prayer services are held on Wednesdays at 7 pm. Everyone is invited to a simple supper at 6 pm before every Wednesday service; a free-will offering of \$2.50 is appreciated. Classes are offered afterward. (*No class on Nov. 21.*)

Introduction to the Labyrinth: *Wed., Nov. 7, at 8:15 pm*

The ELPC labyrinth, a 35-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward, is an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation. Led by Dr. Lois M. Lang, learn about the history and meaning of the labyrinth, and guided instructions on how to walk it. (Please note the labyrinth's schedule of availability on page 1.)

Weavers of the Web: *Wed., Nov. 14, at 8:15 pm*

The Women and Children's Taskforce invites you to join in this service around the labyrinth to celebrate our connectedness and to remember victims of domestic violence. Bring your knittings and crocheting, your weavings and fabric art to decorate our worship space for a time of readings, music, sharing and remembering.

Celebrations: *Wed., Nov. 28, at 8:15 pm*

If you observe a birthday, milestone or anniversary in November, please write it down and put it in the collection plate so we can celebrate with you.

Hope Academy's New Artist



Hope Academy Step Team teacher, Dennis Garner, is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, where he choreographs championship-winning step routines. As a musician, he has performed as a live drummer for national recording artists Toni Braxton, Yolanda Adams, the Clark Sisters, Kirk Franklin, James Moore, and Tonya Baker. A staff musician at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, Dennis is the C.E.O. and founder of Sons Of Levi Productions Inc., a multi-headed production company specializing in live and studio music production; and a producer of the annual Evolution of Jazz Concerts. Dennis is also the drummer for the nation's fastest rising conscious hip hop group, Formula412.

Koinonia and Holy Ground:

Special Combined Service on Nov. 11

Koinonia and Holy Ground will combine this month to offer a special service that incorporates the elements of both services. All are invited to a potluck supper at 5 pm (*note time change*); worship begins at 6 pm. Koinonia musicians will offer some of the musical leadership for the Holy Ground service, at which Father Kiel will preach and anoint. After the time of silent anointing, all are welcome to remain to continue worshipping God in song, in the Koinonia praise style (using more meditative selections).

Note: Please RSVP to Heather Tunney for the dinner to ensure main course availability for everyone. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Called Congregation Meeting

The congregation of ELPC is called to a special congregational meeting following the 11 am sanctuary worship on **Sun., Nov. 18**, to hear the report of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to vote on its recommendation.

ELPC People

Good News, Thanks, and Prayers

Good News

Congratulations to our new members and friends who joined on Sunday, September 16, 2007. We welcome **Jeffrey and Winifred Teuteberg**, and **Charles and Gretchen Krimmel** by transfer of letter; **Steve and Nicole Bomeli**, and **Tim Engelhardt** by reaffirmation of faith; and **Victor Capone** as a friend.

Congratulations to **Nicole Molinaro**, honored this month by the Pittsburgh Urban Magnet Project and *Pittsburgh Magazine* as one of Pittsburgh's "40 Under 40" who enrich the region with creativity, vision, and passion.

Prayers

Our prayers and sympathies are with the family and friends of **Alfred Barbour**, who passed away on September 27, 2007. A member for 70 years, Alfred served as an Elder and Trustee. A private memorial service was held on October 1.

Our prayers and sympathies are with the family and friends of **Dr. Carol McAllister**, who passed away on September 15, 2007. Carol was a frequent visitor of ELPC and attended the Taizé Service.

Session Actions

Over the past months, the ELPC Session has acted on several important matters related to the theology, stewardship and program ministry of our church.

- Elder Cindy Fyke was elected as Session liaison for Meagan Manas, our Inquirer under care of Presbytery.
- Session petitioned Pittsburgh Presbytery to consider an overture to General Assembly that would revise the Book of Confessions by removing inauthentic language from the Heidelberg Catechism.
- Session voted no longer to fund the position of Communications Director after the end of the year.
- Session agreed to call a congregational meeting on Nov. 18 for the purpose of voting on the recommendation of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

EECM Architectural Tour



The annual East End Cooperative Ministries Houses of Worship Architectural Tour will be held **Sun., Nov. 4**, from 1 to 5 pm. Featured locations include the Church of the Ascension, First Baptist Church, and Heinz Chapel. Tickets cost \$25 each, which includes a reception at the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning. For tickets and information, please call 412-361-5549.



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A Grateful Response to God’s Generosity

Stewardship Sunday, Nov. 11

On **Nov. 11**, we will celebrate “Stewardship Sunday,” as congregation friends and members pledge to give of themselves and their resources for the future ministry of East Liberty Presbyterian Church. It is a time to choose to be faithful disciples of Christ, caring for and managing all that God has entrusted to us. It is not just about money; it is about witnessing to the world our grateful response to God’s generosity showered upon us.

Information about this year’s stewardship campaign was mailed out to the congregation. Pledge cards are to be brought to the 11 am worship service, where they will be dedicated with prayer. Church members are also encouraged to bring a bag of non-perishable grocery items (*please see page 5 for details*) as a reflection of our commitment to feed others in both body and spirit.

Hope Academy Hits Record-Breaking Registration Levels

Linda Addlespurger, Director

Hope Academy of Music and the Arts had a record-breaking 340 course registrations for the fall term, filling every course weeks before the first day of classes and creating the need to hire additional teaching artists. Yet, even with additional teaching staff, many children had to be turned away; and so we are already planning to expand a bit for the winter term, which begins in February.



Our Wednesday Connection classes, in partnership with ELPC’s Youth and Young Adult Committee and Taizé Sung Prayers Worship, opened with over 70 course registrations. Kids and teens, along with their families, gathered for free Hope Academy classes, healthy snacks, games, homework help and a simple soup and bread meal. Many of the teenagers stayed on for club one sixteen dinner and Bible study. It was exciting to be able to reach out to children and families in our community and to welcome so many new people into our ELPC family. The early and immediate success of this program speaks to the amazing things we can accomplish when we work together.

Learning a New Step. *Dennis Garner, a new teacher at Hope Academy, leads the Step Team class. Please read more about Dennis on page 7.*

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