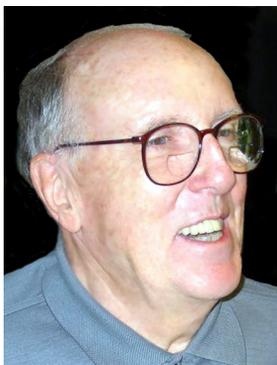




# Reaching Out

newsletter of east liberty presbyterian church

May 2008



## Dan Maguire to Visit ELPC

Dr. Daniel Maguire, Professor of Moral Theology at Marquette University, will be a guest speaker at ELPC on **May 18-19**. His visit is being co-sponsored by the Environmental Taskforce and the Prophetic Voices Taskforce. Dr. Maguire is the author of eleven books and over 200 articles on topics related to social justice and ecological ethics. His recent books include: *A Moral Creed for All Christians* and *Sacred Energies: When the World's Religions Talk About the Future of Human Life on This Planet*.

Dr. Maguire will lead a joint Adult Education class on **Sun., May 18, at 9:45 am** on the topic of environmental ethics, after which he will be our guest preacher at the 11am sanctuary worship service. The Environmental Taskforce will also have information available that day on faithful stewardship of our earth's resources. Then on **Mon., May 19, at 7 pm**, Dr. Maguire will present a free lecture on "Reclaiming Social Justice Today," offering wisdom on regaining our moral balance in a troubled world. His presentation will be followed by a simple dessert reception.

Please invite others to join you for this opportunity to hear a vibrant speaker on social ethics and today's environmental issues!

## Pentecost

On Pentecost, **Sun., May 11**, we celebrate how God's life-giving Spirit poured out abundantly on the community of disciples gathered in ancient Jerusalem and how that same Spirit is provided to us today. Symbols for this day include images of wind, fire, doves and the color red. Pentecost themes include how God uses our diverse personhood and individual gifts to be "the body of Christ" in the world, bringing hope and peace and new life to all.

The Pentecost Offering will be received that Sunday, which is used to help children at risk, youth, and young adults in our church. The YAYA Committee will designate a local youth service provider or ministry to receive 40% of the funds, while the remaining 60% will be submitted to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) for use on the national level. Come celebrate how God's Spirit still sends us forth in service and love!



## Sunday Morning Services

\* *Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

### Good Samaritan Worship • 8 am

- May Liturgists:* Tom and Laura Struthers
- May 4\* The Rev. Kim Vieland,  
*Pastor, Bellevue Central United Methodist Church*
- May 11 Susy Robison, *Director of Volunteers, Pittsburgh Symphony*
- May 18 The Rev. James Snyder,  
*Minister, Liberty Presbyterian Church*
- May 25 The Rev. Bruce Brunkhorst,  
*honorably retired Lutheran Minister*

### Journey Worship • 8:45 am

- May 4\* The Rev. Heather Tunney
- May 11 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
- May 18 The Rev. Heather Tunney
- May 25 The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

### Sanctuary Worship • 11 am

- May 4\* The Rev. Dr. Heather Tunney
- May 11 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
- May 18 Dr. Daniel Maguire
- May 25 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

## Koinonia Service of Praise

*Second Sunday of each month • 7 pm*

May 11 Elder Kathleen Kyle

## Holy Ground Service of Wholeness and Healing

*Third Sunday, March – Nov. • 6 pm*

May 18 To Be Announced

## 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

## New Church Directory

We will be preparing a new church directory with the initial photo sessions happening on **Tues., May 27, through Sat., May 31**. Please visit ELPC's website at [www.cathedralofhope.org](http://www.cathedralofhope.org) and click on the *Photo Directory* link. From there you can schedule your own session online. Additional dates will be available in mid-June if needed.

## Hope Academy on YouTube

View videos of Hope Academy students at [www.YouTube.com/HopeAcademy](http://www.YouTube.com/HopeAcademy).

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### Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 9 am to 5 pm  
Sunday, 9 am to 12:30 pm

### Staff Leadership

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

The Rev. Heather Tunney  
*Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries*

Linda Addlespurger  
*Director of Hope Academy*

The Rev. Miriam Chamberlain  
*Visitation Pastor*

Brian Diebold  
*Seminary Intern*

The Rev. Christiane Dutton  
*Minister of Taizé Prayer*

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

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*Business Administrator*

Dr. Lois M. Lang  
*Associate in Ministry for Spiritual Life,  
Stephen Ministry and Older Adults*

The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Szeremany  
*Director, Worship, Music and The Arts*

Howard Turner  
*Chief of Security*

### Reaching Out Newsletter

*Reaching Out* is a monthly publication of East Liberty Presbyterian Church and is free to members and friends. Deadlines are the first Tuesday of the preceding month.

# Pastoral Message

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



Someone once remarked that professional photographers should never become pastors. Those who spend their days trying to get a scene perfect in a viewfinder will always be frustrated given the ever-shifting scenes of church ministry.

Imagine trying to capture the chaos of Pentecost in a neat, tidy photograph. We're told how a rush of strong wind blew through a gathering of disciples – ruffling hair, stirring spirits, filling folks with an energy and power impossible to contain within four walls. So the group poured out into the streets of Jerusalem – touched by fire, spreading the news, talking in languages foreign to their

own experience but communicating nonetheless in a fresh, life-changing way. All that movement and energy could never be captured in a stop-action photograph. It was a day when things were out of control.

Maybe that is part of the miracle of Pentecost. It wasn't a time of perfect policy makers and problem solvers acting out a prepared plan. It was a day of spirit, of heavenly-inspired insanity descending upon a group of folks crazy enough to admit they were simply partners in something new that God was doing in their midst. It wasn't a day of carefully-organized control, but rather a new day of faithful collaboration.

At our recent Officers' Retreat, we spent a lot of time talking about how ELPC truly values diversity. Being a worshiping congregation of diverse ages, races, economic conditions, sexual/affectational orientations, and faith backgrounds adds to the richness and joy of our church life. But being diverse means we are different. We will not see things the same way. We will not move from Point A to Point B all along the same path. We do not presume that one route or solution is the best way to live out our calling as Christian witnesses in the world.

To recognize (and value) our differences means we are a Pentecost church, seeking not so much to be in "control" as to be in "collaboration." To always ask "How do others experience God today and how does my expression leave room for their perspective, needs and gifts?" It means we don't claim to have all the answers, but rather we seek to listen for God's voice amid the cacophony and look for God's hands waving amid the crowd.

Where are our Pentecost moments right now? You tell me! Look for it at our worship services, especially in the new "Journey" service, in the time of prayer at the Good Samaritan service, at surprising moments as the dappled light shines in during the sanctuary worship. Look on Wednesdays as children and families move through "club 116," bible study, Hope Academy and Taizé activities or any time a committee is meeting and planning, a group of volunteers is busy around a table or serving a meal downstairs. And look for it as we prepare for another summer of home-rehabilitation work and community outreach.

The more you see Pentecost around ELPC, the more we can affirm God's Spirit moving in our midst as a church. The more you can see Pentecost in your own life, the more God's Spirit is truly moving in a fresh way in our world. It will never fit easily into a camera viewfinder, but then, it was never supposed to. Welcome to God's Pentecost today!

*Randy Bush*

# Hope Academy

Linda Addlespurger, Director

## Hope Academy Performances and Recitals

### **Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre Creative Movement and Pre-Ballet**

Sat., May 3, at 1:30 pm in the Gym.

Classes will be combined for observation by family and friends. A reception will follow.

### **Voices of Hope Concert**

Wed., May 14, at 6 pm in the Music Room.

Our multicultural choir for children and youth will perform songs of joy, inspiration and peace.



### **Private Music Recitals**

Sat. and Sun., May 17-18, at 3 pm, in the Music Room. Piano, strings, clarinet, flute, guitar, percussion and voice students in their end of the year recitals. Please see the website for specific information (teaching artists and students) for each recital.

### **Musical Theater Showcase Performances**

Sat., May 31, at 7 pm and Sun., June 1, at 3 pm  
at the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater

Tickets are \$5 each and will be available at the door.



## Staff News

The staff of ELPC remains busy in pursuing a variety of professional ministry work. The **Rev. Dr. Randall Bush** has had book reviews appear in the July 2007 and January 2008 issues of *Theology Today*. He gave a presentation on April 3 for the Urban Intensive Weekend at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on the topic of "Race, Religion & Reconciliation: The Cross and the Lynching Tree." He will be attending the upcoming General Assembly in San Jose, CA from June 20-27 as an observer to our church's national gathering. The **Rev. Heather Tunney**, having been ordained earlier this year, will again be a presenter at the Synod of the Trinity's Youth Conference, doing a talk on "Transitions" as well as leading Morning Watch prayer service. Heather has been invited to be their 2009 keynote speaker. The **Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy** continues to balance ministry at ELPC while completing M.Div. coursework at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Patrice recently attended a LISC conference in Philadelphia, completed three years service on the Oikocredit national board, and continues as a leader on the Open Hands Housing Ministry advisory committee.

Congratulations to the **Rev. Christiane Dutton**, who recently retired from her work as counselor at the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh, after ministering there for over 28 years.

Our Director of Worship, Music and the Arts, the **Rev. Dr. Richard Szeremany** just completed a busy season arranging thirteen recitals on our renovated sanctuary organ (including four of his own) and offering a lecture/recital in February for the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. In May, he will do a two-week study leave at the Eastman School of Music to work with organ scholars David Higgs and David Craighead in preparation for the first of several contracted CD recordings. During his absence, Donald Wilkins will be our guest organist.

## East End

## Cooperative Ministry

### Thank You Food Pantry Partners

As you know, the East End Cooperative Ministry's Food Pantry provides food staples for many people facing hunger in the Pittsburgh area.

The ELPC congregation continues to answer the call in the ongoing struggle to help face hunger. On average, you donated 105 items per week in March 2008, with the highest weekly donation being 144! By contrast, in March 2007, the weekly average was 60 items and the highest weekly total was 92.

This progress is absolutely inspirational and deeply appreciated. But, of course, the struggle goes on, and if you have not yet become a Food Pantry Partner, we urge you to start now. Just make the Food Pantry part of your shopping routine. Donations may be left in baskets located throughout the church's hallways.

In May, the EECM Food Pantry "Food for the Month" is **soup**.

Housed at ELPC, the EECM Food Pantry is open from 1 to 3 pm, Monday through Friday. For more information on the many services EECM provides, visit the website: [www.eecm.org](http://www.eecm.org).

### Men's Shelter Donations

In ELPC's continuing commitment



to the EECM Men's Shelter located in our church, the Deacons are collecting donations for May 2008. The requested

donations are M, L, XL and XXL t-shirts. We need more of these than what we collected last month! Please drop these items in the basket located in the Highland Avenue hallway. Your continued support in the form of donations and of prayer for the shelter and for the men who stay there is sincerely appreciated.

# Spiritual Life

Dr. Lois M. Lang,

Associate in Ministry

The Synod of the Trinity

*Jesus Sent Them...Why Are We Here Now?*

The annual summer conference of The Synod of the Trinity is **June 4-6**, at Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA. Since it moves across the state each year, this is a good year to attend and not have too far to travel. The title of the conference is "Jesus Sent Them...Why Are We Here Now?" The featured speaker is the Rev. Dr. Patrick Keifert of Church Innovations Institute. There is also opportunity for Bible study with two leading New Testament scholars as well as reports from churches engaged in transformational work. The Christian Education department has registration brochures or call Lois Lang at x41.

## 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 right. 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*.

**Note:** **June 8** will be our last day of Church School classes until Rally Day of 2008. We will begin our summer worship schedule on **Sun., June 15th**.

## Tai Chi Spring Session at ELPC

Stretch yourself this spring with Tai Chi! Spring session is currently underway with classes being held from 10-11am and 6-7 pm. Our instructor is Judy Crow. A donation of \$3 per class is requested. Questions? Contact Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy at 412-441-3800, x30.

# Christian Education in May

Rev. Heather Tunney, Assoc. Pastor for Educational Ministries

**NOTE: May 18:** Dr. Daniel Maguire, professor of Moral Theology at Marquette University, will be speaking on the theme of "Sacred Energies" and how our faith, combined with environmental ethics, calls us to work for resource sustainability and stewardship.

*This will combine all the Adult Sunday School Classes held in the Chapel.*

## CONTEMPORARIES CLASS *Facilitators: Joe Kennedy and Mary Alice Lightle*

### May 4: Stages of Faith: Implications for Spiritual Parenting and Christian Education

The final session led by educator, writer and ELPC member Rebecca Cole-Turner, Ph.D., will explore stages of human development as they relate to faith development and how they affect our interactions as parents, teachers, mentors and friends in the church. (Contemporaries/Parenting Circle Collaboration)

### May 11: Update: Just Neighbors Speaks Through the Poverty Taskforce, led by Richard Headley and Sel Whitaker

Society describes poverty as living with little to no money, resources, or means. Homelessness is an extreme version of poverty that many people deal with or have faced at one time or another in their lives. Lack of food is another plague that torments so many individuals in today's society. What can be done to address these issues? Dick and Sel will provide an update on some of the strategies that are being utilized to confront the challenging circumstances of lack.

### May 25: "A Brief Statement of Faith: Happy 25th Birthday"

The Rev. Randy Bush will take a look at the "Brief Statement of Faith" contained in our Book of Confessions, and what its prophetic language can still teach us about Christian life and witness today.

## JOURNEY WITH SCRIPTURE *Teacher: Jan Irvin*

This class reads selections of the Hebrew and New Testament Scriptures based upon the Revised Common Lectionary. Members reflect upon and converse about the selected texts with a goal of personal transformation and movement toward a community of vision, justice, and steadfast love.

**May 4:** Acts 1:6-14; Ps. 68:1-10, 32-35; I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

**May 11:** Acts 2:1-21; Num. 11:24-30; Ps. 104:24-34, 25b; I Cor. 12:3b-13; Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23; John 7:37-39

**May 25:** Isa. 49:8-16a; Ps. 131; I Cor. 4:1-5; Matt. 6:24-34

## PARENTING CIRCLE *Facilitators: Beth Bush and Frances Irvin*

In May, the Parenting Circle will continue with lively discussions on topics of interest to anyone involved in parenting (singles, couples, adoptive parents, grandparents, step-parents, guardians and mentors.)

## SEEKERS *Leader: Nancy Klancher*

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

### May 4: Seeing God's Kingdom on Earth: Christian Realism and Reinhold Niebuhr

Elder Ron Stone will continue with the final session of his series on Reinhold Niebuhr. We strongly recommend that you purchase the book *Reinhold Niebuhr*, by Robin Lovin, which is available in our bookstore for \$10.00.

### May 11: When Bad Things Happen To Us, Where is God?

The Rev. Christiane Dutton, Minister of Taizé Prayer, leads the concluding session on the presence of evil as we see it in our lives and those of others.

### May 25: Prayers That Lift Us Up and Carry Us on

Members of the class will share prayers that have supported them in times of trouble while strengthening their faith.

# Youth and Young Adult Events

Rev. Heather Tunney, Assoc. Pastor for Educational Ministries

**Young Adult Ministries:** May looks to be an exciting month for the Young Adults group! If you are a young adult in your 20s or 30s, please join us for any or all of the upcoming events!

**Cookout:** On **Sun., May 18th, from 3-6 pm** we will be holding a cookout in the ELPC courtyard. All young adults are welcome to come and join us for a time of fellowship and good food as we kick off events for the summer. Please bring a side-dish or desert to share. RSVP to Gloria Knopp at 412-441-3800 x22 by **Wed., May 14**, to ensure that we have enough burgers for everyone!

**Young Adult Church School Class:** The Life in the Spirit Church School class will be continuing its study of the Gospel of John in May. Join us for study and conversation on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am in the Pastor's Conference Room (2nd Floor).

**20/30s Tuesday Evening Study Group** will meet **May 6 from 7-9pm** in Room 234 to hear Wil Forrest's reflections on his recent pilgrimage to Palestine and Israel. We will meet again on **May 20** for Bible study in the Second Floor Parlor.

**club one sixteen:** Join us on Wednesdays for an afternoon of music, learning, food and fun for people of all ages. Come by anytime between 3:30 and 6:30 for homework help, board games and snacks from Whole Foods. If you are already registered, participate in the *free* Hope Academy (HA) classes (Voices of Hope Vocal Ensemble, Step Team, Sing and Dance to a Latin Beat, Percussion Ensemble, Latin Ballroom, Writing/Acting Workshop).



- **Club one sixteen senior: Youth in grades 7 – 12** are invited to join us for dinner and Bible Study after participating in HA's free classes on Wednesday afternoons. At 6:30, eat a home-cooked meal donated by an ELPC member and then stay for a thought-provoking discussion about how our faith impacts different elements of our lives. We will seek to learn together what God is calling us to do as individuals and as a community, and to open our eyes to God's Spirit moving in our world today.
- **Club one sixteen junior: Youth in grades 1 – 6** will join teens for dinner, then break out for their own study time. Children will share what God is doing in their lives through drama, creative arts, games and discussion.

May's theme is *service* -- to God, to our neighbor, and to the world. Please note that there is no club one sixteen on **May 14** due to the Voices of Hope Concert that evening. Even though Wednesday Hope Academy Classes will conclude mid-May, we will meet through the end of May for dinner and Bible Study. There will be some special events planned in lieu of HA classes at the end of the month.

**30-Hour Fast:** Once again, ELPC will partner with East Union Presbyterian Church for a 30 Hour Fast from **Sat. May 3-Sun. May 4**. We will break our fast and conclude our fellowship together with Communion during the Journey worship service, followed by breakfast in the Social Hall. Youth in grades 6-12 will fast for 24-30 hours (depending on age), abstaining from eating solid food during this time. Why fast together? Because by fasting, we will be raising money to support a global hunger relief ministry and caring for our brothers and sisters in the world who do not have enough to eat each day. During our fast we will participate in games that will raise our awareness about world hunger, participate in service projects at ELPC, worship, and have fun. Permission Slips are required for this event. To RSVP, contact Gloria Knopp.

## Vacation Church School

**June 23-27, 9 am-3 pm**, at ELPC. Children ranging 3-5th grade are invited to join us for our week-long VCS program. Learn about God's messages of hope, transformation, mercy, justice, and faithfulness through music, games, crafts, and field trips!

### Call for Volunteers!

Volunteers are needed to help with many different aspects of VCS -- from teaching kids and facilitating craft activities, to serving snacks and helping to set up the space. For more information please contact the Rev. Heather Tunney. Registration forms will be available in the Sunday bulletin or by calling Gloria Knopp at x22.

## Summer Opportunities

There are several opportunities in our region to enjoy the summer while learning about God's love.

### For Adults:

- The Synod of the Trinity Summer Conference (Please see page 4)
- Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's Summer Leadership Conference from **June 8-11**

### For Youth and Young Adults:

- Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's Summer Youth Institute for rising high school seniors (**July 7-21**)
- Trinity Youth Conference (TYC) -- Our Synod's conference for youth and young adults will be held at Camp Living Waters in Shellsburg, PA from **July 27- August 2**. The theme is "Constant Thirst." (Youth must have completed 9th grade and may attend through their final year in college or its equivalent)

### For Children and Youth:

- Summer Camp at Camp Crestfield

### For all Ages:

- New Wilmington Missionary Conference at Westminster College (**July 19-26**)
- Crestfield's Family Camp (**August 29 - September 1**)
- Camps and Conferences at Montreat or Ghost Ranch

Check out the bulletin board near the stairs on the 2nd Floor or contact the Rev. Heather Tunney for information.

# Volunteer Corner

## Featured Opportunities

### Meals on Wheels

This is an urgent call for delivery teams for Meals on Wheels. The requirements include the following:

- Meal delivery is done by teams. One person drives and the other takes the meal to the door.
- The driver must have his/her own vehicle and will incur the cost of gasoline. Visitors do not need transportation. Both types of volunteers are needed!
- The time commitment is two and a half hours and volunteers are needed Monday-Friday. Volunteers are asked to report to the Whitfield Street entrance to East Liberty Presbyterian Church at 9:45 am

There are many senior citizens, homebound and disabled individuals who rely on Meals on Wheels to receive two meals (one hot and one cold) per day. This is an essential service that relies heavily on volunteers. If you are interested in committing your time to this endeavor, please contact Emily Huck at East End Cooperative Ministry at 412-631-5549 or e-mail [emilyh@eecom.org](mailto:emilyh@eecom.org). Your help is greatly appreciated!

### Blood Pressure Screenings

Do you have any medical training (physician's assistant, nurse, doctor)? If so, we need your help in conducting blood pressure screenings throughout the year. Requirements include:

- Proof of training/certification
- Your own stethoscope

The Health Ministry at ELPC is working to keep our community healthy. You can help. If you would like to volunteer to take blood pressure screenings, please contact Karla Ballou at 412-441-3800, x34. Thank you.

# Classes After Taizé Prayer

*The Rev. Christiane Dutton, Minister of Taizé Prayer*

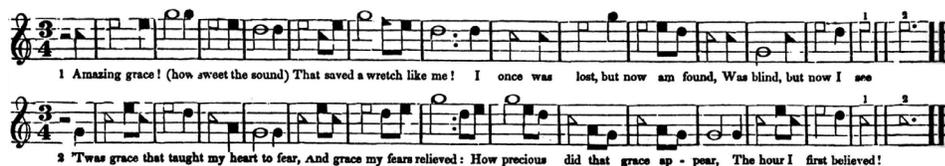
**Cultivating the Garden, led by Laurie Arnold:** *May 7, at 8:15 pm*

Join us for a creative writing workshop to explore our inner and outer gardens. How does what we grow on the inside and foster on the outside mesh? We'll read poems and prose from poet Stanley Kunitz's book "The Wild Braid" about the interface of cultivating a garden and personal transformation. Kunitz calls the garden, "the cosmos in miniature" and a "compressed parable of the human experience," and observes that both gardening and writing depend on the "wild permissiveness of the inner life."

**Sacred Harp, led by Charles Anderson:** *May 14, at 8:15 pm*

Enjoy singing tunes in three- and four-part harmony from the oldest American tune book in continuous print (since 1844). Joining in this joyful American singing tradition is easy and enjoyable. All tunes are carefully taught, one part at a time. Beginners welcome!

*What is the "Sacred Harp"?* The Sacred Harp is a collection of tunes from many sources – British and American folk tunes, 18th century "Fuguing Tunes", 19th century Camp Meeting songs, Southern Gospel songs, and newly composed tunes – written out in shape-note notation and arranged in three or four parts. The first edition was printed in 1844, the most recent in 1991.



1 Amazing grace! (how sweet the sound) That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see

3 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved: How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed!

*What is a Sacred Harp Sing?* Singers of all ages and abilities gather to enjoy each other's musical company in singing tunes from the Sacred Harp tune book. The singers sit in the traditional "hollow square" formation, a tune number is called out, pitched by the leader, and with an up-and-down motion of the leader's arm, the group is off and singing. Each tune is sung first "by the notes", then in parts with the words, and a glorious harmony emerges.

**Flute Circle, guided by Charles Anderson:** *May 21, at 8:15 pm*

The Flute Circle is an encounter for all levels of flute players and enthusiasts — even if you have never played before. Discover your own unique song on a flute and hear it blend with others around you. Hand-crafted bamboo flutes will be available for trial and purchase.

**Celebrations:** *May 28, at 8:15 pm*

If you celebrate a birthday, milestone or anniversary in May, please write down your information and put it in the collection plate so we can celebrate with you!

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## Joyful Noise: A Creative Writing Salon

As an expansion of the After Taizé class, join us for an opportunity to travel the rich spiritual terrains of our lives through the creative process. We will use the text: "Joyful Noise: An Anthology of American Spiritual Poetry," edited by Robert Strong, to explore our own spiritual journeys and discoveries. Poems from the text, as well as lively discussion, will guide our own writing and sharing. The course will be held **Thursdays 7-9 pm**, beginning **May 8th, for 6 weeks**.

Texts will be available for purchase at the first class. Participants receive a 20% discount for the text through Autumn House Press. The course will be facilitated by Laurie Arnold, M.Ed. To register or ask questions: [writelife1@hotmail.com](mailto:writelife1@hotmail.com) or 412-337-4976. Donations will be accepted.

# Presbyterian Women

Mary Alice Lightle, Moderator

## Help Prevent Malaria with Mother's Day Cards

Each year, malaria causes more than 1,000,000 deaths in sub-Saharan Africa, mostly among children under five and pregnant women. Malaria is the number one killer of children under five in Africa, claiming 3,000 young lives every day. Women are four times as likely to contract malaria during pregnancy and twice as likely to die from it.

Net Workers is a malaria prevention program established by the Presbyterian Church (USA). By purchasing a **Net Workers' Mother's Day card** to honor mothers, daughters or friends, you can help safeguard the health of mothers and children in Africa. Your \$10 donation for a card will provide an insecticide-treated net and malaria prevention education for a woman and her family. Cards may be purchased after the 11am worship service in the McKelvy Room on **Sun., May 4** or from Kate Carlson in the church office.

## Medicines for Haiti

A Pittsburgh-area group will head to Haiti in June, loaded with more than a ton of donated medicines and medical supplies. The team, sponsored by Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti, will set up one-day clinics in areas that have no other medical care. ELPC's Presbyterian Women are asking the congregation to donate pain relief medicine (no aspirin) for the trip. Many volunteers, including ELPC's youth during their 30-Hour Fast, will then break the bottles down into 30-tablet packets. Bring your bottles of medicine, or cash for medicine, to the church office. The goal is 40,000 pain relievers. (If you have unopened bottles of other kinds of medicine--for example, antacids or eye drops--those will certainly be welcome as well.) For information, call Carolyn Russ at 412-421-7630.

## Horizons Bible Study

Join us on **Tues., May 6**, in the second floor parlor as we continue our 2007-2008 Horizons Bible Study, "Above and Beyond: Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth." Judy Menk will lead a discussion of "Ordinary People" as we study Ruth 4. A potluck lunch will follow. Please bring a salad or snack to share; beverages will be provided. For more information, call Mary Alice Lightle 412-682-1504.

# Housing Ministry

**Volunteers needed!** In May, we will work with Open Hand Ministries (OHM) to install a fence and do some light landscaping and electrical work for our Blitz homeowners. If you can help, please talk to Dick Headley, 412-421-5871, or Emily Rosenthal, 412-963-0139.

Please review the "wish list" of material items and skills that OHM could use as it grows as an ongoing faith-based organization. If you are able to help, please contact Michael Stanton, 412-400-7253, Emily Rosenthal, or the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy.

Open Hand Ministries carries on the mission of the East End Blitz Partnership to provide affordable housing to low-income households in East Liberty and Garfield. OHM continues to serve new clients as they qualify for mortgages and look at houses that could be potential homes while raising funds and creating partnerships with congregations, trade skill professionals and building materials businesses. By June 2009, the ministries' goals are to rehab three houses for three families, provide continuing support to them, and to assist four additional families through credit repair process to make them viable home owner candidates.

# ELPC People

*Good News, Thanks, and Prayers*

## Good News

Erik and Kim Ness and their son Ben are pleased to announce the arrival of **Katherine Marie Ness** (Kate), who was born on Tues., March 13.

Congratulations to our resident Youth/Young Adult seminary intern, **Brian Diebold**, who will receive his Master of Divinity degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary as part of the seminary graduation held at ELPC on Thurs., May 22.

Congratulations to our new members and friends who joined on March 9. We welcome **James Dixon, Stephen Michael, David and Elizabeth Gates, Carol Schaefer, Denna Clark, Sara Fest,** and **Patricia Lewis** by transfer of letter and **Kevin Mason** as a friend.

## Prayers

Our prayers and sympathies are with the family and friends of **Dr. Edward A. Brethauer, Jr.**, who passed away on March 4. He had been a member of ELPC for 57 years and served as an elder in 1965. A private committal service was held on March 10. A Memorial Service will be held Fri., May 23rd at 1 pm in the chapel at ELPC.

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### Services and Skills:

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Electrical laborers  
HVAC  
Systems development (database, website, etc.)  
DVD reproduction services  
Brochure printing services

### Items:

High-efficiency boilers/furnaces  
Stamps  
Printer paper  
Dell ink cartridges  
Computer  
Printer  
Blank DVDs  
25 pairs of work gloves for volunteers  
25 safety glasses for volunteers  
Hammers  
Tape measures  
Utility knives



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## Congratulations, Matt

On March 19, **Matthew Anderson** was recognized from the ELPC Men’s Woodworking Club as a Designated Apprentice Toy Maker.



The ELPC Men’s Woodworking Club members are: (from left to right - Clark Gardner, Ed Frick, Bob Sampson, Dale Kirkpatrick, Mike Anderson (Matt’s father), and Roy Hiller.

## Office Closed

Reminder: The church offices will be closed on **Mon., May 26**, in observance of Memorial Day.

## DREAMS OF HOPE Performance

*Sun., May 25*

Dreams of Hope is a local arts group that empowers lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and allied youth leaders to promote social change by educating audiences. Led by Susan Haugh, artistic director, they offer a vibrant witness here in Pittsburgh. Dreams of Hope will join us at ELPC for worship on **Sun., May 25**, sharing their talents during the 11 am sanctuary service.



## Save These Dates

- The Young at Heart luncheon will be held **Sun., June 22**, after the 11am service. Plan to join us for good food and good fellowship.
- Presbyterian Women will hold a Baby Shower for the East Liberty Family Health Care Center on **Sat., June 14**, from 1:30-3:30 pm. Watch the PW Bulletin Board for details.

## Pittsburgh Presbytery Night at PNC Park

*Fri., June 6 at 7:05 pm*

Come see the Pirates take on the Arizona Diamondbacks on **Fri., June 6**, at 7:05 pm. A portion of the ticket sales will support the mission of Pittsburgh Presbytery. A choir of Presbyterians (in which you can participate) will lead the National Anthem. Tickets must be ordered by **May 30** directly from the Pirates organization. Remember to note that you are from Pittsburgh Presbytery. See you at the stadium!