



Reaching Out

newsletter of east liberty presbyterian church November 2008



Photo: Brian Bonsteel and Mario Costanzo working on "Generation to Generation, Renewd in the Spirit."

Stewardship Campaign Calls for Commitment

The culmination of the 2008 Stewardship Campaign will occur on **Sun., Nov. 9**, as congregation members and friends dedicate their pledges for ELPC's 2009 budget year. On this day, please bring both your pledges and a donation of non-perishable food items for the food pantry.

The campaign's themes are twofold, calling us to "Keep in Step with the Spirit" and to pass on our faith legacy from "Generation to Generation." The promise of Matthew 13:12, "To those who have, more will be given; they will have an abundance," has shaped our campaign's focus.

In addition to the mailings, pulpit messages, and bulletin board displays, the highlight of the campaign was the premiere of "Generation to Generation, Renewed in the Spirit." This film communicates the importance of committing to ELPC's ministry through our pledges, and the challenge of ensuring ELPC's ministry continues for generations to come.

As a Stewardship Committee and church officers, we hope to inspire members to increase their pledges for 2009, and to encourage those who contribute to ELPC to join the ranks of those who help us set our financial priorities through the act of pledging. Our hope is to increase pledge and offering revenue by \$100,000 for 2009. The Session also adopted a significant Plan for Sustainability that will reduce our church's unbalanced reliance on our endowment – an important act in these economic times.

We hope each of you will prayerfully and actively consider increasing your commitment to the ministries of ELPC through your pledged support in 2009.



John Gillock Performs!

Sun., Nov. 30, at 7 pm

You are invited to attend the opening event of a four-day celebration of the music of Olivier Messiaen, presented by the Mary Pappert School of Music of Duquesne University.

Special guest artist Jon Gillock, will present the complete *Livre du Saint Sacrement* in lecture/recital. This conference will explore the mystical genius of Messiaen, with some of his former students and foremost interpreters. The presentation at ELPC on

Sun., Nov. 30, is open to the public. For more information on the entire celebration, visit www.duq.edu/celebration.

Sunday Morning Services

* Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Good Samaritan Worship • 8 am

November Liturgist: Chuck Carson

- Nov. 2* The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush, Pastor of ELPC
- Nov. 9 Rev. Kim Viehland, Methodist Minister-at-Large
- Nov. 16 Rebecca Cole-Turner, ELPC Member
- Nov. 23 The Rev. Miriam Chamberlain, ELPC Visitation Pastor
- Nov. 30 Michael Glass, Exec. Director, Northside Common Ministries

Journey Worship • 8:45 am

- Nov. 2* The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
- Nov. 9 The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
- Nov. 16 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
- Nov. 23 The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
- Nov. 30 The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Sanctuary Worship • 11 am

- Nov. 2* The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
- Nov. 9 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
- Nov. 16 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
- Nov. 23 The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
- Nov. 30 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Koinonia Service of Praise

Second Sunday of each month • 7 pm

- Nov. 9 Elder Kathleen Kyle

Holy Ground Service of Wholeness and Healing

Third Sunday, March-Nov. • 6 pm

- Nov. 16 The Rev. Suzanne Bennett

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

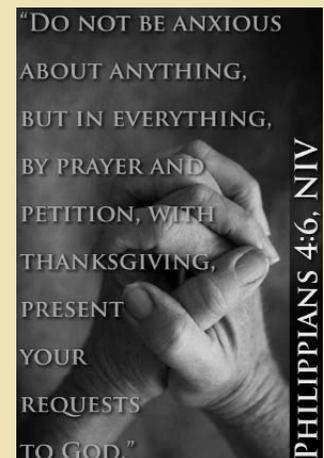
Mondays • 10 am-3 pm

Wednesdays • 10 am-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



Reinhold Niebuhr, as a young pastor back in 1920, wrote these words in his *Leaves from the Notebook of a Tamed Cynic*: “Good old Gordon came to me today to advise me that so-and-so might join the church but that he had been told that I talked considerably on political issues and he did not like politics in church. I told my friend that I did not like political lectures in a worship service myself, but that every religious problem had some political and economic aspect.”

The pinnacle of the national election has been reached, and a new President will be elected. It’s not time for a political lecture; however, it’s time to remember (as Niebuhr wisely said) every religious problem has a political and economic aspect. The two great commandments of loving God with our heart, mind, and soul; and loving our neighbor as ourselves reflect this dual focus. How we live together (political – from Greek “polis” meaning “community”) and care for each other (economy – from Greek “oikos” house + “nemein” to manage) involves both scripture and faith (theology – from Greek “theos” God + “logos” Word).

One of Jesus’ clearest statements about the relation of belief and governance came when he was challenged by religious officials regarding the payment of taxes to Rome. To do so was to be seen as a sympathizer with the foreign oppressor; not to do so would have been treason. Jesus’ famous response is that we should “render to Caesar that which is Caesar’s, and render to God that which is God’s” (Mt 22:21). Authority is to be respected, yet be clear which is the higher authority!

Psalm 133 opens with the phrase, “How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!” As compelling as that statement is, we sadly recognize how rarely it is embodied in today’s global village. There are many political and economic reasons why we do not live in peaceful unity. Power disrupts, sin distorts, greed diminishes, and fear debilitates so many of our best attempts to live peaceably. Yet theology (the Word of God) reminds us that a different message has the final word. A gospel about resurrection (life emerging from death) and Pentecost (spirit-led renewal prompting new visions and lasting hope) compel us to hold onto the Psalmist’s dream of true social unity.

The month of November contains national events, like the Presidential election and Thanksgiving, and congregational events here at ELPC, like our stewardship campaign. Both categories involve expressions of gratitude and commitment. Both rely on trusting in a providential Lord, who is generous beyond our merit as well as steadfast in calling us to roles of true discipleship. Both blend the political and theological; for we live out our faith as a response to what God has done in our lives and as a way to embody all God hopes to do in others’ lives through us.

May the spirit of God guide each of us and our nation. May the power of Christ be manifest in the ways we live and work together. And may the Holy Spirit fill us with hope, as we seek to dwell together in peace, joy, and lasting unity.

Randy Bush

Fall Planting & Clean-Up

Sat., Nov. 8, from 9 am–12 pm

Meet us at the Highland Ave. entrance to help with leaves, weeds, and fall planting.

Plants will be provided, but BYOT (labeled): hedge trimmers, pruning shears, garden trowels, leaf rakes, garden rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, gloves, etc.

Call Chuck Lukehart, at **412.782.6447**.

Spiritual Life

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

Spiritual Life Sampler

At the Spiritual Life Sampler in September, the Spiritual Life Committee presented classes, workshops, prayer groups, and other activities offered this fall. In addition to those that began in October, the following begin in November:

- Beginning on **Fri., Nov. 7**, and continuing for three weeks, Richard Szeremany will be facilitating a group in the chancel and looking at "Songs for the Journey of Life." The sessions will run from 7-8:20 pm. Call Richard, at **412.441.3800 x11**.
- Beginning on **Sat., Nov. 8**, Miriam Chamberlain will be offering a two-week class called, "I Have Your Number," an introduction to the Enneagram. The class will be held in room 244 from 9:30-12pm. Call Miriam, at **412.441.3800 x14**.
- From **Sun., Nov. 9**, until **Sun., Dec. 7**, Lois Lang in conjunction with the Seekers Class, will be offering a special course called, "Discovering God's Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts". We'll use lecture, discussion and interactive activities to explore this topic. Classes run from 9:45-10:45 am, in room 234. Call Lois, at **412.441.3800 x41**, so materials are ready for you.

Landscape Committee

ELPC strives to be inviting to all, and we work hard to transcend boundaries as we are called to serve God by serving the community. We are blessed with a beautiful building and grounds, where we reach out as a witness of love and hope.

The Landscape Committee is seeking to engage our congregation to help create an even more welcoming, environmentally friendly, and sustainable green space. We've prepared the following questions to stimulate your hearts and minds:

1. How do you feel about a more welcoming, attractive, and user friendly green space surrounding the church?
2. How do you feel about a more environmentally friendly and sustainable green space surrounding the church?
3. Do you see the front of the church along Penn Ave. as a static space, (little movement or activity), or as a dynamic space (lots of movement and activity)?
4. In terms of ELPC's green space, how important are environmental and sustainability practices to you? Do you feel that environmentalism and sustainability are consistent with ELPC's mission of outreach?

Let us know what you think, we value your feedback. Feel free to contact us!

- Chuck Lukehart: **412.782.6477**, or **chas321@aol.com**
- Don Breitbarth: **412.225.7649**, or **donbreitbarth@yahoo.com**
- Pam Kimmel: **412.431.0300**, or **pamelak@coh.net**

Pittsburgh Gospel Choir Debuts at ELPC

Sat., Nov. 15, at 4 pm



The Pittsburgh Gospel Choir (PGC) and River City Brass Band (RCBB) announced a new collaboration that promises new artistic endeavors. The PGC is a multi-ethnic and -generational choir that performs hymn arrangements, African-American sacred music, spirituals, anthems and standard chorals.

"Gospel music has great inherent artistic validity and value, it presents interesting collaborative possibilities," -Denis Colwell, Director RCBB.

Admission to the concert is *free*; donations will be accepted. Visit www.pittsburghgospelchoir.org, for more information.

See Lights. Take a Tour. Hear Beautiful Music.

ELPC was selected as one of 15 churches, synagogues and temples to be included in the Pittsburgh 250 Festival of Lights – the largest lighting event of its kind in the U.S. – to help commemorate Pittsburgh's 250th anniversary. Through Nov. 20, over 30 Pittsburgh facades, including the Cathedral of Learning, will be transformed into unique large-scale works of art with rich colors, shapes and textures through state-of-the-art technology and illumination.

Free half-hour tours of the main floor of ELPC will run each Friday (until Nov. 14), at 8 pm. Download a Festival of Lights walking map, at www.pittsburghcelebrates.org.

Join us on **Fri. Nov. 7**, as we celebrate **Unblurred: First Fridays on Penn**, a monthly event when galleries and businesses open their doors to host a variety of events, in the Penn Ave. Arts District. Our building will be lit, our doors will be open and artists-in-residence, Alia Musica Pittsburgh, under the direction of Federico Garcia, will provide beautiful, and compelling, original music in our Sanctuary. Two pieces, *Aqua Regia* and *Songs of Light*, by Mark Fromm and Ivan Jimenez, explore suggestive soundscapes with flute, clarinet, violin, cello, percussion, and piano.

The *free* concert begins at 8:30 pm!



For more information, visit:

Pittsburgh 250:

www.imaginepittsburgh.com

Penn Avenue Arts Initiative Unblurred:

www.pennavenuearts.org

Alia Musica Pittsburgh:

www.alia-musica.org

Church School Classes

Sundays, 9:45–10:45 am

Classes are offered for persons of all ages, from infants to adults. Adult options are detailed on this page. Youth classes (page 5) — 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*.

Final Inquirers' Class

The final Inquirers' Class for the year will be held on **Sat., Nov. 22**, from 9 am-2:30 pm.

This session will include lunch and a brief tour of ELPC, as well as opportunities to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology.

Those interested should contact Gloria Knopp, at **412.441.3800 x22**.

Thanksgiving Bags

The CE Ministry Team is passing out empty grocery bags on **Sun., Nov. 2**, at the 8:45 and 11 am worship services. These bags have a grocery list stapled to the side, with a list of traditional items for a family Thanksgiving Dinner. Prayerfully consider taking a bag and returning it full of groceries on Stewardship Sunday, **Nov. 9**. During the 11 am Service, we'll bring these bags forward as a special offering, and dedicate them to God's use. They'll be donated to the EECM Food Pantry and given to families in the East End who need some additional assistance, particularly during this holiday season. Please join us in this special ministry opportunity for people of all ages!



Thanksgiving Bags

Christian Education in Nov.

Rev. Heather Tunney Schoenewolf, Assoc. Pastor for Educational Ministries

CONTEMPORARIES CLASS *Facilitators: Joe Kennedy and Mary Alice Lightle*
The Contemporaries are an intergenerational fellowship of Christians.

Nov. 2: Transformed by Challenge, led by Sally Hobart Alexander
Sally went blind at the age of 26 and shares her story of loss, acceptance, and growth. She got a new apartment, entered graduate school, married, raised two children, and published eight books. Her eighth book, *"She Touched the World: Laura Bridgman, Deaf-Blind Pioneer"* will be available for purchase.

Sally teaches in the Master of Fine Arts program at Chatham University and delivers inspirational speeches. She provides staff training, family seminars, and participates in panel discussions at literature and disability conferences.

Nov. 9 and 16: Pulpit Momentum, led by Joe Kennedy and Sue Bailey

The cooperation of clergy and laity, designed to promote unity, can represent a powerful addition to the ministry of a congregation. We are blessed with thoughtfully prepared sermons, truly based upon the word of God. Insights from the pew may percolate feedback that could move us into new areas of discipleship, service, and responsiveness. Copies of each sermon will be distributed.

Nov. 9: *Can Doing Right be Wrong?* - The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush, Aug. 24

Nov. 16: *The Burning Bush* - The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush, Aug. 31

Nov. 23 and 30: Health Care Reform Update, led by Hal Sanders

Learn about one of the most timely moral issues of our day.

Part One will provide an update on national efforts, including the election outcome, strategies from the annual meeting of Healthcare, and game plans of the major national organizations working on Universal, single-payer healthcare.

Part Two will provide an update on the status of healthcare in the US, and the overture from the General Assembly anticipating a major conference in Pittsburgh.

JOURNEY WITH SCRIPTURE *Facilitator: Jan Irvin*

Participants reflect while reading scriptures from the Revised Common Lectionary.

Nov. 2: *Josh 3:7-17; Ps 107:1-7, 33-37; I Thess 2:9-13; Mt 23:1-12*

Nov. 9: *Josh 24:1-3a, 14-25; Ps 78:1-7; I Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13*

Nov. 16: *Judg 4:1-7, Ps 123; I Thess 5:1-11; Mt 25:14-30*

Nov. 23: *Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24; Ps 100; Eph 1:15-23; Mt 25:31-46*

Nov. 30: *Isa 64:1-9; Ps 80:1-7, 17-19; I Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:24-37*

PARENTING CIRCLE *Facilitators: Frances Irvin and Anne Jackson*

The Parenting Circle is for anyone involved in parenting. We share experiences, resources, prayer and scripture to help foster closer family relationships.

Nov. 2: Sharing joys and concerns, discuss family ideas for the holidays

Nov. 9: We will continue studying *"Family: The Forming Center - A Vision of the Role of Family in Spiritual Formation."* - Chapter 6: *"Celebrating God's Presence"*

Nov. 16: Chapter 7: *"The Family as Storyteller and Guide"*

Nov. 23: Chapter 8: *"The Family as Servant"*

Nov. 30: Chapter 9: *"Gathered Church, Domestic Church"*

SEEKERS *Facilitator: Nancy Klancher*

Nov. 2: Final Class: Election Issues from the Christian Perspective

Bobby Vagt, Director of the Heinz Endowments, will lead our discussion of Economic Justice.

Nov. 9-Dec. 7: Discovering God's Vision for Your Life - You and Your Spiritual Gifts
Lois Lang leads our series. Details on page 3, under Spiritual Life Sampler.

Youth and Young Adult Events

Rev. Heather Tunney Schoenewolf, Assoc. Pastor for Educational Ministries

YOUTH MINISTRIES

club one sixteen

ELPC youth meet on Wednesdays, from 3:30-8 pm. In conjunction with Hope Academy, we offer time for homework, gym activities, free Hope Academy classes, dinner, Bible Study, and more! Participate as your schedule permits!

club one sixteen jr. and **sr.** start at 6 pm, with dinner, followed by Bible Study, from 6:30-8 pm. In November, we'll continue with our series on **choices**, and discuss the following topics:



club one sixteen jr.:

Nov. 5: Election Review

Nov. 12: Choices around difference

Nov. 19: Relationship choices

club one sixteen sr.:

Nov. 5: Election Review

Nov. 12: PERSAD is visiting

Nov. 19: Relationship choices

Note: club one sixteen jr and sr. will not meet on Nov. 26.

Confirmation 2008-09

The 2008-2009 church school year will be full of many exciting opportunities for persons of all ages to grow in faith and fellowship. A special opportunity is available to all youth in grades 9 and 10 (and older) – Confirmation Class! Confirmation Class is a chance for youth to deepen their faith through fellowship, lessons, question-asking and service as they prepare to make an adult profession of faith on Pentecost Sunday (May 31, 2009), and be welcomed into the life of our congregation as adult members of the church. Youth, who have not yet been baptized, will be baptized on Pentecost as well.

Confirmation Class began with an October retreat where youth explored their understanding of how God has been at work in their lives so far. Classes will continue the first Sunday of every month from 12:30-3:30 pm. Please call Pastor Heather, at 412.441.3800 x21, if you are interested in participating in Confirmation Class this year. Please keep the youth and their leaders in prayer as our youth embark on an important journey of faith.

Youth Basketball

Young men in grades 9-12 are welcome to participate in our free Saturday evening basketball program. We meet in the ELPC gym from 5-8 pm. Please note, there will not be basketball on **Sat., Nov. 29**, due to Thanksgiving.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Inviting all those in their 20's and 30's to join our warm and dynamic group for faith and fellowship! Check us out at www.myspace.com/youngadultselpc, or email Brian Diebold, at bdiebold@pts.edu.

Life in the Spirit Sunday School Class

We will continue our study of different religious traditions on Sunday mornings as a part of our series, **Faiths of the World**. Join the dialogue as we learn in class and as we travel offsite to encounter the traditions on their own terms. We meet in the Pastor's Conference Room, second floor, on Sundays from 9:45-10:45 am.

Tuesday Evening Study Group

Join us every second and fourth Tuesday of each month, from 7-9 pm, for an informal time of Bible study and discussion. Topics TBD.

Check out the Young Adults on Myspace!

Browse announcements, pictures, blogs, discussion forums, connections, and more, at www.myspace.com/youngadultselpc.

Hope Academy

Linda Addlespurger, Director

PSO Concert (cont'd from page 8)

Here's how you can help!

- Publicize the concert at your school or community organization! Posters are available at the front desk.
- Purchase an ad in the program: quarter-page at \$20, half-page at \$40 and full-page at \$60. Forms are available at the front desk, and at www.HopeAcademy.info. The submission deadline is **Mon., Nov. 10**.
- Provide refreshments for the musicians in our hospitality suite. Bake some cookies, pour some drinks, make them feel welcome! Call Norma Meyer, at 412.441.3800 x11, to help!

New Play Group!

The Young Children's Ministry Committee invites ELPC toddlers and babies (oh, and their parents too!) to a NEW Thursday morning playgroup. Join us the third Thursday of each month from 9:30-12 pm, in the ELPC nursery. This is a great time for our kids to play together while moms/dads/caregivers socialize and support each other in this journey called parenting.

For more information, contact Kim Ness at kimjness@yahoo.com.

CATHEDRAL CATERING

Chef J's is open for lunch Tuesdays through Fridays in the McKelvy Room from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Soup, salad bar, choice of hot entrée, side dishes and beverage all for only \$8. Items are also available a la carte and for take-out. And...

**Chef J is happy to fill
all your catering needs!**

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Wednesdays in Advent

Because of the interest created last Advent, in our Wednesday Noon-Hour Organ Recital series, we are offering 45 minutes of wonderful music on the first three Wednesdays in December.

Join us in the inspiring beauty of the ELPC sanctuary, and hear the magnificent Aeolian-Skinner organ played by resident and guest organists.

Jail Caroling

Sat., Dec. 6



Share hope, prayers, cookies and songs at the Allegheny County Jail this Christmas season.

We'll leave ELPC at 11:30 am, and return around 4 pm. Join us in this meaningful service in the busy Advent season:

- Enjoy singing? Become a caroler. Carolers must be at least 21 years old and have received clearance through the Chaplain's office by Fri., Nov. 21.
- Enjoy baking? We need hundreds of homemade Christmas cookies.

Please call Mary Alice Lightle, at **412.682.1504**, to learn more.

Community News

The Community Development Subcommittee of ELPC collaborated with the East Liberty Quarter Chamber of Commerce and ELDI to facilitate a Community Agreement with Capri Pizzeria, Inc., related to the opening of a family-style Italian restaurant, at 6001 Penn Ave. The entities agree to be committed to the goals of business development and the common good of East Liberty, and to promote the restaurant as good neighbors, stakeholders and colleagues. We look forward to a new restaurant and partner for growth!

Other recent and new openings:

- Vanilla Pastry Studio, 6014 Centre Ave.
- Chen Restaurant, 5996 Penn Circle South
- 2 Red Lounge, 134 S. Highland Ave.
- Ava's, 126 S. Highland Ave.
- Union Project's Eat Up Café and Coffee Shop, 801 N. Negley Ave.

Classes After Taizé Prayer

The Rev. Christiane Dutton, Minister of Taizé Prayer

We will have a soup and bread supper, at 6 pm, prior to the Taizé Prayer services. A free-will offering of \$2.50 is appreciated. Classes begin at 8:15 pm.

Nov. 5: Writing as Empathy, Laurie Arnold

Stories are our strongest allies to fight isolation and bridge conflict. Experience how writing and storytelling facilitates our moral imagination.

Nov. 12: Experience Hebrew Chant!, David Goldstein

We'll use Old Testament texts, combined with repetitive melodies. Drumming and the East Indian shruti box will heighten the experience. Repetition of a sacred Hebrew phrase can clear the mind, and connect us to the Divine. No prior knowledge of singing, chanting, or Hebrew is necessary!



Photo: East Indian Shruti Box

David is a composer of Hebrew chant and sacred choral works. He is the leader of the Tikkun Chant Circle in Pittsburgh, and a graduate of the Kol Zimra Chant Leadership training program. Visit www.davidgoldstein.com.

Nov. 19: Sacred Harp/Shape Note Sing, Charles Anderson

Enjoy singing tunes in three and four part harmony from the oldest American tune book in print. All tunes are taught, one part at a time! Beginners welcome!

Nov. 26: Celebrations!

If you celebrate a birthday, milestone or anniversary in November, please write it down and put it in the collection plate. We'd like to celebrate with you!

Presbyterian Women

Mary Alice Lightle, Moderator

Nov. 7: God's Wisdom Sets Us Free

Join women of all denominations for World Community Day at Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church, 3319 W. Liberty Ave. Registration begins at 9:30 am, program at 10 am. The fee is \$10. Call Joan Heckel, at **412.661.7760**, for details.

Nov. 11: Horizons Bible Study

Join us at 10 am, as Heather Lawrence leads our discussion of "Debts Are Forgiven" (Luke 7:36-8:3). We'll meet at the Lawrences' home in Glenshaw. A van will leave ELPC at 9:30 am, for those interested. A potluck lunch will follow. Please bring a salad or snack to share; beverages and soup will be provided. Call Mary Alice Lightle, at **412.682.1504**, for directions or arrange for a ride. Note the change in date due to the election.

Nov. 23: Thank Offering

The Thank Offering began in 1881, when Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, urged women to make a gift over and above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society "as a thank offering to her Lord." Today, the Thank Offering lifts up the lives of women and children throughout the world through projects that address health care, homelessness, education, injustice and similar issues. The Thank Offering will be received at worship on **Sun., Nov. 23**. Please make your checks payable to "Presbyterian Women in ELPC."

Nov. 29: Advent Brunch

Make new friends and renew old friendships at the Advent Brunch, at 11 am, in the Social Hall. We will be served by waiters and sit at tables covered in white tablecloths. This will be a wonderful time for mothers and daughters. RSVP to Kate, at **412.441.3800 x17**, or KateC@coh.net, by 12 pm, on **Mon., Nov. 24**.

Health Ministry

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

Tai Chi Fall Session at ELPC

Here we are in the midst of autumn which usually means everyone has gone back to class. How about you? Tai Chi class is again being offered here at ELPC twice weekly. Session A will be Tuesdays from 6-7 pm, and Session B will take place Thursdays from 10-11 am. Judy Crow will return as the instructor. A donation of \$3/class is requested. New students are encouraged to attend!

For questions or further information contact Karla Ballou, at **412.441.3800 x34**. This course is presented by the Health Ministry at ELPC.

ELPC People

Good News

Congratulations to **Nia Hanington**, daughter of Bruce and Lisa Hanington, and **Emmaline Thompson**, daughter of Becky Maclean and Duncan Rieger, who were both baptized in September.

Prayers

Our prayers and sympathies are with the family and friends of Sidney Huff, long-time security guard at ELPC, who passed away in late September.

Annual Christmas Giving Tree



Every year the Deacons organize the Christmas Giving Tree to benefit children and families from EECM, our ELPC Family Enrichment Ministry and the Christian Education department. The congregation has been wonderful in its support of this ministry through gift buying and/or monetary donations.

On **Sundays, Nov. 30** and **Dec. 7**, the Giving Tree will be set up near the Highland Ave. entrance from 9:30 am-12:30 pm. If you wish to participate in gift giving, stop by the Giving Tree, select a tag 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 to the church office no later than noon on **Sun., Dec. 14**. If you would like to participate by donating money, make the check out to "ELPC Giving Tree" and deliver it to the church office. The Board of Deacons thanks ELPC for its support of this ministry.

Christmas Gift Program

Believe it or not, the holidays are just around the corner and that means it's time for EECM's Christmas Gift Program. Each year, EECM provides gifts for more than 700 clients and their families, but we can't do it alone! You are invited to provide gifts for an individual or family and/or volunteer to help with sorting and distributing gifts.

If you would like to get involved, call **412.361.5549 x403**.



Food Pantry

The EECM Food Pantry provides food for people facing hunger in the Pittsburgh.

Our congregation continues to answer the call in the struggle against hunger, but we still need help. Donations may be left in the baskets located throughout the hallways. November's "Food for the Month" is **pasta**.

The EECM Food Pantry is open from 1-3 pm, Mon.-Fri. For information on the many services EECM provides, please visit **www.eecm.org**.

Men's Shelter Donations

In ELPC's commitment to the EECM Men's Shelter located in our church, the Deacons are collecting **long underwear tops and bottoms** and **bar soap** in November

Please drop these items in the baskets located in the Highland Ave. hallway. Your support in the form of donations and of prayer for the Shelter and for the men who stay there is appreciated.

Celebrate the Beauty at the Annual Architectural Tour

Sun., Nov. 2, from 1-5pm



EECM is proud to host its 5th Annual Houses of Worship Architectural Tour. The tour begins at Rodef Shalom Congregation, located at 4905 Fifth Ave., at 1 pm.

The tour also features Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church, St. Paul Cathedral and St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. A reception follows at St. Nicolas' church hall.

Tickets are **\$25** in advance; \$30 at the door. Call **412.361.5549**, for information.

Coat Drive, Spread the Warmth

Do you have extra coats taking up space? Donate them! You can donate new/gently used fall jackets and winter coats to EECM in November. XL men's coats are particularly appreciated!

Donations may be dropped off at the EECM Drop-In Center, at Fourth Presbyterian Church, 5450 Friendship Ave., between 1-3 pm, Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays. Call Suzan Krauland, at **412.361.5549 x411**, for information.

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identity to become one in Christ.”*

Annual Community Thanksgiving Feast

Sun., Nov. 23, after the 11 am Worship



Join us in the Social Hall and enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. A **\$9/person** donation is appreciated.

Please RSVP to Kate, at **412.441.3800 x17**, by 5 pm, **Tues., Nov. 18**.

Also, we need volunteers to help with the following activities:

- **Sat., Nov. 22:** Set up tables at 10 am
- **Sun., Nov. 23:** Serve and/or clean up

Please consider *giving* a little of your time to help out. If you are interested in volunteering, call Pam, at **412.441.3800 x18**, by **Thurs., Nov 15**.

Thanks in advance!

PSO Concert to Benefit Hope Academy

Mon., Nov. 24, at 7 pm

The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra (PSO) presents the East Liberty Community Engagement Concert in ELPC's sanctuary. There's a special pre-concert student performance at 6 pm, in the chapel, featuring Hope Academy of Music and the Arts, Dilworth and Rogers CAPA.

For over 100 years, the PSO has been essential to Pittsburgh's cultural landscape, featuring the world's finest conductors and musicians.

It has a distinguished history of touring, both domestically and overseas, and has earned critical acclaim for its 30 international tours. Among the world's top orchestras, it's been named by some as the "Greatest American Orchestra."

"It's one of the Orchestras in the world most worth hearing" -Berlingski Tidende, of Copenhagen, Denmark

Advance tickets are only **\$10**; \$15 at the door. Students (18 and under) and Seniors (60+) are \$5. All proceeds benefit music education initiatives including ELPC's Hope Academy, Dilworth Traditional Academy, and Rogers CAPA.

Tickets may be purchased **Sun., Nov. 16**, after worship, or by calling **412.361.5662**. Visit www.pittsburghsymphony.org.

Interested in helping? Please see Hope Academy on **page 6**.



Offices Closed: Church offices are closed **Tues., Nov. 11**, Veterans Day; and **Thurs., Nov. 27** and **Fri. Nov. 28**, in observance of Thanksgiving.
Daylight Savings: Daylight Savings Time ends on **Sun., Nov 2**. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour.