

# Reaching Out

newsletter of east liberty presbyterian church

April 2009

## Holy Week Worship Opportunities

During the week between Palm Sunday and Easter, several worship opportunities are available for reflecting on the passion of our faith.

### Palm Sunday, April 5

- **11 am, in the Sanctuary:** Communion service beginning with a palm-waving procession and concluding with the Passion narrative.

### Taizé Prayer Service, April 8

- **7 pm, in the Chapel:** Service of candlelight, prayers, and music.

### Maundy Thursday, April 9

- **7 pm, in the Chapel:** Communion service recalling Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, when Christ washed his disciples' feet before going to the Garden of Gethsemane and enduring his arrest and trial.

### Good Friday, April 10

- **12 pm, in the Chapel:** Service remembering the final hours of Jesus' life and his crucifixion on the cross.
- **12-3 pm, at St. James AME Church:** Ecumenical worship service shaped around the Seven Last Words of Christ. The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush will preach and deliver the Fifth Word. St. James' is located at 444 Lincoln Ave.
- **7 pm, in the Chapel:** Tenebrae Service of light and darkness, recalling the trial, crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ.

### Holy Saturday, April 11

- **7 pm, in the Chapel:** The Great Vigil commemorating the time when Jesus passed from death to life. Reaffirmation of baptismal vows are shared as the congregation awaits the good news of Easter morning.

## Easter Sunday Worship Services

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!



This is the ancient greeting of the church used to celebrate the joyful tidings of Easter morning. The crucified Savior has become the risen Lord! Join with the church-universal on **Sun., April 12**, as we rejoice in this good news!

- **8 am, in the Chapel:** Early communion service combining the Good Samaritan and Journey services; the Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.
- **9-10:15 am, in the Social Hall:** Breakfast Buffet.
- **11 am, in the Sanctuary:** Communion service celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ; the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush preaching.

## Sunday Morning Services

\* Celebration of the Lord's Supper

### Good Samaritan Worship • 8 am

April Liturgist: Bob and Jane Sampson

April 5\* Dr. John Burgess, James Henry Snowden Professor of Systematic Theology at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

April 12 The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

April 19 To Be Announced

April 26 Dave Brewton, East Liberty Family Health Care Center, Associate Executive Director

### Journey Worship • 8:45 am

April 5\* The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

April 12 Combined with 8 am Worship

April 19 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

April 26 The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

### Sanctuary Worship • 11 am

April 5\* The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

April 12 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

April 19 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

April 26 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

### Koinonia Service of Praise

Second Sunday of each month • 7 pm

**Note:** There'll be no service in April.

### Holy Ground Service

Third Sunday, March-November • 6 pm

April 19 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

## Save the Dates

- The Pittsburgh Marathon returns on **Sun., May 3**. The 8:45 and 11 am, worship services will be cancelled due to street closings. We'll have a 6 pm, worship service that night, featuring musician Susan Werner.
- On Mother's Day, **Sun., May 10**, Joe Negri and his quartet will be present for the 11 am, Sanctuary worship service. The Chancel Choir will sing selections from Joe's "Mass of Hope."

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### Office Hours

Monday–Friday, 9 am–5 pm

Sunday, 9 am–12:30 pm

### Staff Leadership

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*Pastor*

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

Linda Addlespurger  
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*Associate Director of Music*

### 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*



The Easter message is clear and unequivocal. Those who saw the empty tomb and were witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus, were told to go and tell others.

*Matthew 28:10 – “Do not be afraid; go and tell [the others] to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”*

*Mark 16:7 – “Go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee.”*

*Luke 24:9 – “They remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.”*

*John 20:17 – “Go and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”*

Our Easter worship services are modern re-enactments of that first resurrection commissioning. We announce, “Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!” We re-tell the story and sing triumphant hymns. We share communion, allowing God’s Spirit to feed us and send us out to proclaim the gospel in the world. It’s a day of joy, a day of hope, a day of both tradition and newness of life.

Easter Sunday is a perfect time to invite people to join us—people feeling depressed or troubled, those seeking hope and the assurance of God’s victory over injustice, suffering and death. Yet Easter is often a “family reunion” service, mostly attended by people who’re already part of the church, while Christmas Eve is a service in which it’s easier to invite non-members and friends. Why is that?

Christmas offers comforting images that have been secularized by society. It’s a story about a family and the birth of a child, all wrapped up with carols and candlelight designed to evoke memories from our own childhood. The Easter story has largely resisted secularization. Despite the commercial symbols of Easter bunnies and colored eggs, the Easter story speaks about life and death, about injustice and triumph over evil. The baby born in the manger is now a resurrected Savior, who emerges from the tombs and looks each of us in the eyes as if to say, “The world’s order has been changed forever. Will you walk with me now as people of the Easter good news?”

The uniqueness of Jesus’ resurrection does not mean that it’s a story only to be told among ourselves. Dr. Cynthia Campbell stressed in her book *“A Multitude of Blessings,”* the fullness of Christian faith affirms both the universal extent of God’s love and the particular confession that it is through Jesus Christ this love is fully known and experienced. The uniqueness of the Easter story makes the Christian faith compelling and life-renewing. God is at work in people and places beyond our imagining with “a wideness in God’s mercy, like the wideness of the sea.”

For people wounded or disappointed by other churches, inviting them to join you for Easter can begin a healing conversation in their lives. For people who are uncomfortable imagining themselves in a church pew on Sundays, sharing in a story that is too big for mere words, yet too persistent to be easily dismissed, can prompt an honest reflection about the nature of God in our world. For people of other faiths or of no faith, words of conviction spoken about a love stronger than death does not diminish how God is active in other places, other traditions, and in other stories. It’s by sharing what we believe with integrity and humility that we enter into conversations that allow us to hear others’ stories.

There is too much hope, joy and new life contained in the Easter message for it to be limited to “members only” gatherings. Throw wide the doors! Extend forth the invitation! Resurrection begins now, let all the world rejoice!

*Randy Bush*

## Session News

- At a recent meeting, the Session voted to not have flowers in the Sanctuary during Lent, and that congregation members could purchase an Easter lily or make a donation to the EECM food pantry; both recognized in the Easter Sunday bulletin.
- Lisa Larges, from That All May Freely Serve, will speak on Full Inclusion Sunday, **Oct. 11**; and the Rev. Dr. Brian Blount, President of Union-PSCE Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA, will lead worship on **Sun., March 21, 2010**.
- Elders were elected for the special Presbytery meeting, at which time Pittsburgh Presbytery voted to remove the "fidelity and chastity" language from the *Book of Order*.

## Memorial Fund

In honor of the legacy and ministry of Elder Chuck Nichols, a Memorial Fund has been established in his name. Donations should be made out to "East Liberty Presbyterian Church," with special designation "Chuck Nichols Memorial Fund."

Funds received will help defray costs associated with Chuck's funeral service and then be designated for the Antiphonal Organ Fund, the final chapter in our "Pipes of Glory" organ renovation campaign.

## Health Ministry

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

### Needs Assessment

To help meet the health needs of people in our church and community, the Health Ministry will be conducting a Needs Assessment on four successive Sunday mornings beginning on **April 19**, and ending on **May 10**. A short questionnaire, can be found in the Sunday bulletin. Completed questionnaires can be returned to the front office. Information gathered will be used for program planning.

### Healthy Lifestyles for Cancer Prevention Forum

You've heard the word "cancer," but do you know what cancer is? Do you know what you can do to reduce your risk of getting cancer? Kay Lowmaster, MSW, LCSW from UPMC Cancer Centers visits on **Sun., April 26**, at 12:30 pm, to discuss healthy lifestyles for cancer prevention and to answer your questions.

## Officer Installation and Ordination

The following officers will be installed and ordained on Sun., April 26:

### Deacons

- **Class of 2012:** Sue Bailey, Darrell Bupp, Barbara DeWitt, Tim Engelhardt, Garland McAdoo, and Gary Sadler
- **Class of 2010:** Madeline Massey

### Elders

- **Class of 2012:** David Epperson, Richard Headley, Florence Johnson, Paul Outon, Caterina Rosano, Kay Shissler, Nancy Miller Smith, Nancy Wright, and Eric Young
- **Class of 2010:** Leonore Williams.



*Left to right - front: David Epperson, Tim Engelhardt, Madeline Massey, Barbara DeWitt  
Left to right - back: Nancy Miller Smith, Darrell Bupp, Gary Sadler, Lenore Williams, Eric Young, Florence Johnson, Richard Headley  
Others not present: Paul Outon, Kay Shissler, Caterina Rosano, Nancy Wright, Garland McAdoo, Sue Bailey.*

With gratitude, the following officers are recognized for completing their terms:

### Deacons

- Sherry Anderson, Valerie Dixon, Emma Odum, Theresa Patterson, Kay Snyder, and Linda Benedict

### Elders

- Michele Bossers, Valire Copeland, Ike Ezekoye, and David Hart

### Centennial Fund

- Justin Johnson

## Organ Scholar Recital

*Mon., April 20, at 7:30 pm*



Even though we hear our musicians week after week performing in worship, there is considerably more in those fingers and toes, as well as in the musical mind. We have a wonderful opportunity on **Mon., April 20**, at 7 pm, to hear Jon Tyillian present his senior recital in fulfillment of his Bachelor Degree in Sacred Music from the Mary Pappert School of Music at Duquesne University.

The program will take place in the ELPC Sanctuary and will include works by Bach and Howells along with the famed *Variations de Concert* by Joseph Bonnet. In addition to playing a variety of organ standards, Jon will conclude with the Pittsburgh premiere performance of *Leo Sowerby's Second Organ Concerto in E major* with the Rev. Drs. Randy Bush and J. Richard Szeremany playing the orchestral reduction parts on the piano.

Be sure to be here for an enjoyable evening of music on our glorious 120-rank Aeolian-Skinner organ as well as to give your support to Jon, as he moves ahead in his preparation for a career in church music.

## Lenten Organ Recital

Wed., April 1, 12-12:45 pm

Join us for songs of the Holy Season, performed by ELPC's Carly Noel Riley and J. Richard Szeremany.

Lunch can be purchased at Chef J's Café, in the McKelvy room.

## Young Children's Ministry

ELPC's Young Children's Ministry continues to grow, as we serve the youngest members of our faith community. We need volunteers to team-teach infants through children age 2, during the 11 am worship service, for one month at a time.

Volunteers must have a love of children, experience as caregivers, and Act 33/34 clearances (ELPC will pay for them if you do not have them.) For more details, call Pastor Heather, at **412.441.3800 x21**.

## VCS: Catch the Spirit!

Mon., June 22-26, from 9 am-3 pm

Save the date for Vacation Church School 2009! Kids age 3 through grade 5 are invited to learn about the work of God's Spirit in our lives! Registration forms will be out soon.

Youth and adult volunteers are needed. If you love working with kids and sharing the good news of God's love, consider helping out this summer, with:

- Bible Study
- Recreation
- Worship
- Snacks
- Activities
- Crafts
- Registration
- Assistants

For information, call Pastor Heather.

# Christian Education in April

Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries

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

**April 5: What is God Doing?**, led by the Rev. Dr. John P. Burgess, James Henry Snowden Professor of Systematic Theology, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary  
War remains a tragic reality in a world that is increasingly interdependent. Christians continue to ask, "Where is God when troubling circumstances break out?" This series searches for biblical and theological guidance.

**April 19-26: Ending the Cycle of Violence: Complaint to Possibilities...from Planning to Implementation!**, led by Valerie Dixon and Tim Stevens

Join Valerie Dixon, Exec. Director of the P.A.C.T. Initiative, in a two-part series about her organization which assists families of homicide victims in their healing process and creates strategies to reduce crime and violence. Along with co-facilitator, Tim Stevens, of Black Political Empowerment Project, they'll discuss past, present and future works of the P.A.C.T. Initiative, which include the *Coalition Against Violence* documents, which generate collaborative projects that are changing how society addresses the issues of crime and violence. Those in attendance will receive a copy of the documents and will be challenged to identify strategies for implementation.

**JOURNEY WITH SCRIPTURE** *Facilitator: Jan Irvin*

**April 5:** Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11

**April 12:** Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; I Cor. 15:1-11; John 20:1-11

**April 19:** Acts 4:32-39; Psalm 133; I John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

**April 26:** Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; I John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

**PARENTING CIRCLE** *Facilitators: Frances Irvin and Anne Jackson*

**April 5-26: Three Cups of Tea**

We'll discuss the inspirational book, "Three Cups of Tea," describing the story of Greg Mortenson and his mission to build schools in the mountains of Pakistan and Afghanistan. We'll draw out themes that relate to our family life, such as following a dream, overcoming challenges, evaluating risk, education, interfaith dialogue, promoting peace, and the importance of story. Books will be available.

**SEEKERS** *Facilitators: Seekers Steering Committee*

**April 5: The Last Week**, facilitated by the Rev. Christiane Dutton

Join our final discussion of "The Last Week," by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan, as we look at Saturday and Easter Sunday in the earthly life of Jesus, as described in the gospel of Mark.

**April 19-26: Centering Prayer**, facilitated by Joe Hajdu

Have you ever thought of praying without words or thoughts? Joe Hajdu, retired Methodist pastor, focuses on the role of silence in our relationship with God. See the Spiritual Life bulletin board for an artistic display of centering prayer benefits.

## Spiritual Life

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

**Centering Prayer: Prayer in Deeper Silence**

Have you wondered how monks pray, what Jesus meant by going off on your own to be with the Father, or what it feels like to rest in God, join us on Tuesdays, at 7 pm, in room 250. We're offering introductions to contemplative prayer at Seekers on Sundays April 19 and 26, and at our Tuesday sessions on April 21 and 28.

**Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Program: Pneuma**

In August, PTS will begin a new program called **Pneuma** (Greek for wind, breath, and spirit). This two-year ecumenical program is in spiritual direction and leadership. A prerequisite is the completion of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises, or willingness to complete them. For details, visit [www.pts.edu/pneuma](http://www.pts.edu/pneuma), or call Lois Lang, at **412.441.3800 x41**.

# Youth and Young Adult Events

Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

**club one sixteen** will not meet on **April 8**, as we celebrate Holy Week. We'll wrap-up our activities with a cook-out on **May 6**. Note the modified April schedule:

- **3:30-4:30 pm:** Homework help and open gym
- **4:30-5:00 pm:** Simple Supper
- **5:00-6:30 pm:** Bible Study

**club one sixteen jr.** will discuss **Transitions**, as we prepare for the summer and a new grade in school. We'll not meet on **April 22**, so that youth may rehearse for the Hope Academy Showcase.

**club one sixteen sr.** will continue to discuss **Great Questions of Faith**.

## Youth Sunday

Our annual Youth Sunday service is on **Sun., May 17**, at 11 am. Youth Sunday worship is a special service that celebrates the gifts of our youth in the life of our church, as they plan and lead us in worship. If you're in grades 9-12, and interested in helping, please attend Church School, or **club one sixteen** in April-May so that you can plan and prepare for the service. Details in your youth calendar!

## Youth Mission Weekend

In July, ELPC youth (who've completed grades 8-12) can participate in a local Mission Weekend, serving with Open Hand Ministries and caring for our brothers and sisters in our East Liberty community. We'll spend our time in service to others and enjoy worship, games, and special events. To participate, youth must have completed three service projects with ELPC, and attend trainings throughout the spring. See your youth calendar for training dates and details.

## Trinity Youth Conference

Those who've completed grade 9 through those finishing their last year of college are invited to participate in our Synod's Trinity Youth Conference. ELPC youth will join youth and young adults from eastern Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland from **July 26-August 1**. Pastor Heather will be the keynote speaker.

Scholarships are available to help offset the cost to youth and young adults who are active in ELPC programs. Contact Pastor Heather for more information.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Those in their 20's and 30's are invited to join our warm and dynamic group for faith and fellowship! Visit us at [www.myspace.com/youngadultselpc](http://www.myspace.com/youngadultselpc).

## Camping Trip

We'll be traveling up to Moraine State Park for a weekend of fellowship and worship in the great outdoors! We'll meet at ELPC on **Sat., April 25**, at 8:30 am, to travel up together, and return by noon, on Sunday. Please bring a sleeping bag and warm clothes. The group will provide tents, gear, and food. No camping experience is required! All in their 20's and 30's are welcome! RSVP to Brian, at [bdiebold@pts.edu](mailto:bdiebold@pts.edu), by **Wed., April 15**. Cost is **\$15**; scholarships are available.

## Life in the Spirit Sunday School Class: Final Class

After a wonderful year, we'll be shifting our energies in new directions. Join us for our final class on **Sun., April 5**, in the Pastor's Conference Room, from 9:45-10:45 am. Group members are encouraged to visit the other adult Sunday School offerings for the rest of the year, and can email Brian to attend together.

## Tuesday Evening Study Group

Every second and fourth Tuesday of each month, from 7-9 pm, we gather in the second floor Parlor for an informal time of Bible study and discussion. Join us on **April 14** and **28**, as we learn and pray together. Topics to be determined.

# Hope Academy

Linda Addlespurger, Director

## "Born for a Reason"

Hope Academy's 2009 showcase is a new and exciting performance piece called "Born for a Reason." Over 50 kids, from age 8-18, will sing, dance and act in a series of skits, poems, videos and songs performed in a revue format, with a decidedly hip-hop twist. The performance addresses differences in race, class, gender, religion, and appearance that children face in their daily lives; and reminds the audience that these differences are what make each individual special and unique.

"Born for a Reason" will be presented at the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater on **Fri., April 24**, and **Sat., April 25**, at 7 pm.; and **Sun., April 26**, at 3 pm.

Tickets for adults are **\$5** in advance; **\$10** at the door. Children and youth (18 and under), and senior citizens are **\$5** (in advance and at the door). For ticket information, call Norma Meyer, at **412.441.3800 x11**.

## Play it Forward

Coleman Dougherty, asked himself, while reflecting on his service project in preparation for his Bar Mitzvah, "Wouldn't it be cool to get people to donate the musical instruments that they're not using, to kids who would like to learn how to play music?" With no such programs in the Pittsburgh region, he launched Play it Forward, a pilot project that matches gently-used instruments with young musicians.

Donations from a March instrument drive benefited the Afro-American Music Institute and Hope Academy.



Kelly Frey, from WTAE channel 4 News, filmed Hope Academy's Voices of Hope Jr. class and interviewed Linda Addlespurger, for a piece about 13-year-old Coleman Dougherty, founder of Play it Forward.

## Mission Board



ELPC's new mission structure calls for the Mission Board to have two at-large members from the congregation. We meet every other month for approximately two

hours. Its primary responsibility is the oversight of the four Mission Committees: Peace, Justice, Neighbors and Poverty. In addition, it's responsible for the overall Mission strategy, policies, budget, evaluation of outcomes and administration of grants such as the Lazarus Fund, East Liberty Health Care Center and Minority AIDS Working Group.

As a member of the Board, you would work with the chair of the four committees, representatives from Deacons and Presbyterian Women as well as the Director of Mission Ministries, to help ELPC achieve its mission objectives. You may be new or a long-time member, but must have a passion to help serve God's children.

Please meditate on this opportunity to determine if you're being called to join the Mission Board. If you have questions or want to express your interest in joining the board, please contact the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy, Director of Mission Ministries.

## Neighbors Mission Committee Meeting

*Tues. April 7, from 6-7:30 pm.*

Please join us as we discern ways to be loving neighbors through our outreach to the East Liberty neighborhood. We'll focus on the Housing Ministry, community development activities, EECM events, building relationships with international students at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and any new ideas you may have!

For more information call Emily Rosenthal, at **412.963.0139**.

## Classes After Taizé Prayer

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

Classes begin at 8:15 pm.

### **April 1: To Be Determined**

**April 8: Flute on the Labyrinth**, led by Charles Anderson

**April 15: Sacred Harp**, led by Charles Anderson

Enjoy singing from the oldest American tune book in print. Beginners welcome!

**April 22: Experience Hebrew Chant**, led by David Goldstein

David is a composer of Hebrew chant and sacred choral works, the leader of the Tikkun Chant Circle, and a graduate of the Kol Zimra Chant Leadership training program. No prior knowledge of singing, chanting, or Hebrew is necessary!

**April 29: Celebrations!**

Do you celebrate a birthday, milestone or anniversary in April? Write it down and put it in the collection plate! We'd like to celebrate with you!

## Presbyterian Women

*Mary Alice Lightle, Moderator*

### **Horizons Bible Study**

Please join us on **Tues., April 7**, at 10 am, in the second floor parlor as we continue our study of Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor. Jesus taught that the only ones who'll not eat at his table are the ones who turn down his invitation. Judy Menk leads our discussion, "All Are Invited" (Luke 14:7-24; 16:19-31). A potluck lunch follows. Please bring a salad or snack to share. Beverages and soup are provided. For more details, call Mary Alice Lightle, at **412.682.1504**.

### **Alternative Mother's Day Gifts: Help Prevent Malaria**

Each year, in sub-Saharan Africa, malaria causes over one million deaths, mostly children and pregnant women. Malaria is the number one killer of children under age five in Africa, claiming 3,000 young lives every day.

Net Workers is a malaria prevention program established by the Presbyterian Church (USA). By purchasing a **\$10** Net Worker's Mother's Day card, you provide an insecticide-threaded net and malaria prevention education for a woman and her family in Africa. Cards may be purchased in the McKelvy room after the 11 am service on **Sun., April 22, 29** and **May 3**, or by calling Kate, at **412.441.3800 x17**.

## Ecumenical Advocacy Days

As Christians, we are concerned about the conflict in the Holy Land. We want to understand the issues behind the conflict and the possibilities for its resolution. Can we, as a church, play a role in making this happen?

ELPC's Peace Committee says, yes we can! The Presbyterian Church (USA) is one of more than 20 denominations comprising Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP), our lobbying church in Washington, D.C. Every year, CMEP sponsors a national conference that brings together concerned clergy and laity, Washington policymakers, and members of Jewish and Palestinian partner organizations. Participation in the conference provides opportunities to hear about upcoming legislation related to the Israel/Palestine issue, and to learn how we can make our voices heard by Washington policymakers.

This year's CMEP conference is scheduled for **Sun., June 7-9**. Stay tuned for details about ELPC's participation!

# Housing Ministry

Emily Rosenthal, Chair of the Community Mission Committee

## Volunteer Opportunities

Upcoming work days include, **April 4**, and **May 2**. If you're interested in volunteering, please call Emily Rosenthal, at **412.963.0139**, or the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy, at **412.441.3800 x30**.

## ELPC People

### Good News

- Jeff and Winnie Teuteberg are proud parents of a baby boy! **Kiefer** was born on March 2.
- Talisha Taylor-Thomas is the proud parent of a baby boy! **Londell** was born on March 1.
- Please welcome our new members who joined on Feb. 15, pictured left to right: **Denis Hare, Katie Confer, Ronald Foy, Patricia Moran, Joyce Martinelli, Kristine Conley, Elaine & Jack Phillips**, and also **Joseph** and **Lynne Ventress** who are not pictured.



- Congratulations to ELPC member and Carnegie Mellon Professor of Architecture, **Doug Cooper**. His stunning three-dimensional mural is on display at a 460,000-square-foot building at CMU-Qatar. It's thought to be the only art from the the U.S., and was conceived as a collaboration with the CMU-Qatar students from the Middle East.

### Prayers

- Our prayers and sympathies are with the family and friends of Madelyn Sayles, who passed away on February 20. Madelyn was a member for 49 years, and served as an Elder.
- Our prayers and sympathies also are with the family and friends of Betty Stewart, who passed away on February 23. Betty was a member for 60 years, and served as an Elder and Trustee.

### Thanks

- Many thanks to those who've prayed, sent cards, and called. I appreciate your kindness, and I miss being at ELPC!

Sincerely,

Kathy Cunningham

- The Neighbors Mission Committee and EECM would like to thank everyone who donated items for the EECM food pantry baby shower. It was a great success! Families will benefit from your donations, which included:

- 35 handmade booties
- 8 onesie sets
- handmade blankets
- 18 baby bottles
- over 300 diapers
- 32 clothing items
- baby bouncer
- containers of formula, wipes and cream



## Landscape Committee

*"As each has received a gift, let them employ it for another" 1 Peter 4:10*

There are many ways to serve, but the same God inspires them all. Any deed done out of Christian love has a lasting and powerful effect.

Serving on the Landscape Committee is no different. We serve God by performing work that would otherwise be done by paid staff or contractors.

In this season of economic uncertainty, the Committee senses a greater need and would like to expand its role by taking responsibility for all of ELPC's landscaping and grounds maintenance. Expanding our role requires a renewed commitment from current members, and 15-20 new members, to pledge the equivalent of 3-4 days over the course of the year.

If you have a gift from God that manifests itself through a passion for caring for the landscape, and want to serve as a steward of the church in a way that impacts the bottom line, call Don Breitbarth, at **412.225.7649**, or Chuck Lukehart, at **412.782.6447**.

## EECM

### Men's Shelter

The Deacons are collecting donations in support of the EECM Men's Shelter. While the need has remained consistent, donations have declined. We need your help!

Requested items for April are **short socks** and **plain white t-shirts (sizes M-XXL)**. Please drop these items in the basket located in the Highland Ave. hallway.

Your support in the form of donations and prayer, for the Shelter and the men who stay there, is greatly appreciated.

### Food Pantry

We continue to fight the struggle against hunger, but we still need help. April's "Food of the Month" is **Pasta Sauce**. Donations may be dropped off in the hallway baskets.

The EECM Food Pantry is open from 1-3 pm, Mon.-Fri.



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## One Great Hour of Sharing: Sharing Resources, Changing Lives

*Sun., April 12*

*“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” Matthew 6:21*



*Kalthoma, a refugee from Darfur, is part of a group resettled through One Great Hour of Sharing funds.  
Photo courtesy of ACT International*

Where is your treasure?  
Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing, to share God’s love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for others, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future. ELPC will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Easter Sunday.

**Church School Classes:** We will not have classes on **April 12**, Easter Sunday. Join us for breakfast in the Social Hall from 9-10:15 am.

**Offices Closed:** Church offices will be closed on **Mon., April 13**.

## Easter Giving

Times are tough. Food is a necessity, yet many are going without. This year, ELPC provides an alternative to purchasing an Easter lily. Make a donation to the EECM Food Pantry!

All donors will be recognized in a special Easter Sunday bulletin insert. Donation forms are available on the information tables throughout the church.

## “Gifts of the Spirit”

*A Celebration of Pentecost through Fine Arts at ELPC*

Gifts of the Spirit is the open-ended theme of a juried art exhibit at ELPC, from **Sat., May 23** until **Sun., June 21**. This is the beginning of efforts to integrate the arts into the life of our church. There’ll be more exhibitions and events in the future.

Members and friends of ELPC may submit up to four original works of art that fit the show’s theme and are appropriate for display in our church. Submissions for jury consideration may be 4x6” prints, 35 mm slides or jpg images on CD/DVD. Mail submissions to “ELPC Art Show” by **Fri., April 17**. Actual works may be submitted by drop-off on **Sat., April 18**, from 11 am-12 pm; pick-up at 2 pm.

For entry forms and information, call Sue Schneider, at **412.242.6751**, or email [sues1514@hotmail.com](mailto:sues1514@hotmail.com), with “ELPC Art Show” in the subject line.