



## Journey Returns

*Beginning Sun., Sept. 13*

Eighteen months ago, we began a journey of faith that involved the creation of a new worship service, designed to be interactive, visual, informal, and uplifting. On **Sun., Sept. 13**, at 8:45 am, "Journey" returns, with its talented team of worship leaders, musicians, and preachers. This service provides a positive worship encounter with the good news of Jesus Christ, using music that is both gospel-based and contemporary, and exploring themes that are both personal and relevant. Join us in the Third Floor Music Room each Sunday, as the Journey continues!

## ELPC Observance of Children's Sabbath

*Sun., Sept. 27, at 11 am, Sanctuary Worship*



Sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund, the National Observance of Children's Sabbaths celebration is a way for faith communities to celebrate children as sacred gifts of the Divine, and provides the opportunity for houses of worship to renew and live out our moral responsibility to care, protect, and advocate for all children.

This celebration is part of a broader Children's Sabbaths movement that aims to unite all religious congregations across the nation in shared concern for children and a commitment to improving their lives and working for justice. In that respect, each action is bigger, more powerful and more inspiring than the efforts of any one celebration.

On **Sun., Sept. 27**, worship will center on the disparity between children living in poverty and those with adequate resources. In the U.S. alone, more than 13 million children are poor, and lag behind their peers in ways beyond income: they are less healthy, trail in emotional and intellectual development, and are less likely to graduate from high school. Each year that we keep children in poverty costs our nation half a trillion dollars in lost productivity, poorer health and increased crime. As a community of faith, our responsibility is to speak for those whose voices are unheard.

Following worship, the congregation will have an opportunity to provide witness to our belief by participating in a letter writing campaign urging our leaders to reauthorize funding for federal child nutrition programs.

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me." – Matthew 18:5

## Sunday Morning Services

*\* Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

### Good Samaritan Worship • 8 am

*Liturgist: Roy Hiller*

- Sept. 6\* The Rev. Dr. Scott Sunquist,  
*Pittsburgh Theological Seminary*
- Sept. 13 Brian Diebold,
- Sept. 20 The Rev. Cynthia Jackson,  
*Former ELPC Interim Christian  
Education Director*
- Sept. 27 The Rev. Suzanne Bennett,  
*Honorably Retired  
Methodist Minister*

### Journey Worship • 8:45 am

- Sept. 13 The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
- Sept. 20 The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
- Sept. 27 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

### Sanctuary Worship • 10 am

- Sept. 6\* The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### Sanctuary Worship • 11 am

- Sept. 13 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
- Sept. 20 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
- Sept. 27 The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### Koinonia Service of Praise

*Second Sunday of each month • 7 pm*

- Sept. 13 The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### Holy Ground Service

*Third Sunday, March-November • 6 pm*

- Held in the Garth, Weather Permitting*
- Sept. 20 Fr. William Kiel

### 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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*Supervisor of Security and Hospitality*

### 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*



Who taught you how to drive a car? My father first put me behind the wheel of a pickup truck and had me drive around a field while he put haybales in the back. My brother taught me how to drive a manual transmission on an inclined driveway and revealed the tricky nuances of a clutch. But my main instructor was Mr. Gilman, the high school Drivers Ed teacher.

Mr. Gilman was an imposing figure who took a bit too much pleasure in showing us those warning films about what can happen to distracted drivers. While I was seated behind the wheel with Mr. Gilman in the passenger seat, he would insist that I keep my eyes moving and bark out: “Be aware of what’s ahead of you and beside you. Check your mirrors. Check your gauges. Check your blind spots.” It seemed like there was too much information to take in, process, and remember. In time, it becomes second nature to keep our eyes moving and stay aware of what’s happening around us. I’m grateful for the lessons hammered into my head by my demanding teacher.

This month, our church activities start up again in earnest. On Rally Day, we return to three services each Sunday morning, with Christian Education for all ages, and an array of programs and committee tasks for the whole church family. It can feel a bit like driving a car while merging onto a busy highway, balancing our commitment to church worship with obligations at work and home. So in the spirit of Mr. Gilman, I encourage you to “keep your eyes moving” and be aware of what’s happening around you as you continue your own journey of Christian faith.

For example, faith involves “checking the rearview mirror.” Pause occasionally to reflect on the path you’ve traveled so far in your life. Remember the people who’ve been important to you, what they’ve taught you, and what advice they would’ve given you today. Faith also involves “checking your side mirrors.” See the people beside you on the road of life and seek to travel peacefully with others, knowing that many are in pain or anxious or lonely in their own private lives.

“Check your blind spots.” Hopefully there are honest friends and family members who remind us of those things about ourselves we cannot see on our own. Know that no one is perfect and the thing we find most objectionable in others is often present in our own behavior. “Say a prayer when you get behind the wheel,” literally and figuratively. Quiet yourself before you drive, trusting that God is with you and is more important than any errand you’re so anxious to complete.

Lastly, “enjoy the view through the windshield.” May your life offer you wide vistas and attractive horizons, so that your days are infused with hope. Remember the opening verse of Psalm 121: “I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” We do not travel alone; neither need we travel aimlessly. May the presence of God’s abiding love and the gifts of grace, patience, and good humor mark your “road trips” this day and always.

*Randy Bush*

### Inquirers’ Class

An Inquirers’ Class will be held on **Sun., Sept. 27**, from 12:30–3 pm. We’ll share lunch, learn about Presbyterianism, membership in ELPC, and take a tour. Those interested in attending should register with Gloria Knopp at **412.441.3800 x22**.

## Advocacy Workshop

Tues., Sept. 22, 6-8 pm, Room 234

We know how powerful prayer can be. Prayer plus advocacy can promote peace as well as social and economic justice. Hone your ability to advocate on an issue, cause or principle.

Dennis McManus, Government Relations and Advocacy Manager for the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, will lead us. His extensive knowledge and experience will make this a lively and productive session.

Light refreshments will be served.

Reservations are appreciated for planning purposes, but are not required. Call Amanda Nolan at **412.441.3800 x34**.

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## Be a Garden Angel!

Orders due Sun., Sept. 13

Each year, ELPC provides Thanksgiving food baskets for families in need. The proceeds from the upcoming Deacon's Bulb Sale will help expand the funding for this project. Order forms are in the weekly bulletins and are due with payment by **Sun., Sept. 13**. Delivery will be on **Sun., Oct. 11**.

Not a gardener? Be a Garden Angel! Bulbs purchased may be donated to help beautify our grounds.

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## Connections Dinners

Want to have fun and get to know a few of your fellow church members better? A new season of Connections Dinners will start this Fall!



Connections Dinners are small groups (7-10 people) who meet for conversation

and pot-luck usually in each others' homes. Look for the sign-up table during Fellowship from now until the Church Picnic. Call Gil Hickman at **412.243.8837** or Paul Outon at **412.322.1803**.

# Health Ministry

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

## New Exercise Classes

- **Yoga:** Classes led by Dawn Morganstern, a certified Yoga instructor. The cost of this class is a donated item to the EECM Food Pantry.
- **Zumba:** Classes will be led by LuAnn Ross, a certified Zumba instructor. The cost of this class is a donated item to the EECM Food Pantry.
- **Tai Chi:** The cost of this class is \$25 for 10 classes. Classes will be held Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 8. Pre-registration is required.

For details including dates and times, check the weekly announcements or call Amanda Nolan at **412.441.3800 x34**.

## Swine Flu: Ready or Not? By Susan Whitaker, RN

Influenza, or "flu," is a viral infection of the respiratory tract and muscles. Swine flu is a new virus (AH1N1) not previously identified in North America. Experts predict that the present flu outbreak will have a second, larger wave this fall.

Although flu and "cold" infections may share similar symptoms (cough, muscle aches, sore throat, fatigue, headache), flu symptoms appear suddenly and are more severe. Fevers of 101 and above are common; even higher with children.

Flu can be fatal. Especially at risk are those with weakened immune systems, the elderly, and those with chronic medical problems. Complications like pneumonia, ear/sinus infections, and bronchitis are common. Pregnant women, and children with asthma are at high risk for swine flu.

Prevention of flu is important. Each year, vaccines are developed to match the viral strains in circulation. This year's flu vaccine must be obtained, but it'll not protect against swine flu. An additional shot (not yet available) is necessary.

It's also important to avoid touching your face and contact with anyone exhibiting symptoms. Wash your hands with soap and water or alcohol-based disinfectants.

Treatment of flu with non-prescription medications can relieve the intensity and duration of the symptoms. Bedrest and drinking plenty of fluids also can help. People with symptoms should stay at home until symptoms improve.

Your doctor can prescribe antiviral medication if warranted. Contact your doctor early on and get advice over the phone. Avoid clinics or emergency departments unless instructed to do so. Waiting rooms are hot spots for transmission!

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## Message from the Stewardship Committee

By now, many have filled out the Stewardship survey that was in the bulletin. You provided the Stewardship Committee with your thoughts and feelings that shape your contributions. Several common threads came to light in the results:

1. Our membership continues to put personal and prayerful thought into pledge decisions. Giving our "first and best gifts" back to God is part of our culture.
2. The tithe remains the benchmark for determining pledge amounts. Whether we've been giving at 10% or striving to do so, it's a common goal for us all. Many are contributing at 1, 2, 4, and 6%, and are looking for ways to increase their contribution in time, talent and treasure. One surveyed household set a goal to increase their pledge to 11%, by adjusting their lifestyle.

We are seeing strong commitment as ELPC members rise to the challenges of these economic times. After all, that's what a family does! As the stewardship season begins, be assured that the Finance and Stewardship committees are including your voice in planning our annual campaign.

## Rally Day

Our Church School classes resume on Rally Day, **Sun., Sept. 13**. Please join us at 9:30 am, in the Second Floor hallway for a light continental breakfast sponsored by the Christian Education Ministry Team.

We rejoice that ELPC provides educational offerings for all ages. Adult options are detailed on this page; young adults on page 5. Senior High (grades 9-12) classes follow our denomination's *We Believe* curriculum. Junior High classes (grades 6-8) follow the *Seasons of the Spirit* curriculum to explore and apply biblical stories to their daily lives. Children's classes (by age) include *Godly Play* and *Seasons of the Spirit*.

## Extended Session Needs You!

What a joy it is every Sunday morning to see our youngersters gather on the chancel steps to hear the Children's Story. We chuckle at their humor and marvel at their honesty. Then they disappear...where do they go? To Extended Session for kid-friendly worship, lessons and play!

The Christian Education Committee provides three classes: newborn-age 2 (in nursery), age 3-4 (Room 240), and K-Grade 3 (Room 224).

Classes are led by a group of ELPC parents, adults and youth volunteers, but we need more hands in order to continue to provide a loving and safe environment for our children! We need teachers, assistants, and even arms to rock babies. **We need YOU so that we can continue to offer Extended Session every Sunday!**

If you're willing to share yourself, call Heather Lawrence at **412.486.0826** or Sandy Edgecombe at **412.781.3295**.

# Christian Education in Sept.

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

**CONTEMPORARIES CLASS** *Facilitators: Joe Kennedy and Mary Alice Lightle*  
We encourage one another to carry out ministries of compassion and justice. We meet in the Second Floor Parlor.

**Sept. 13: Who Will You Follow? How Will You Lead?** *Led by Joe Kennedy*  
Directional thrust is one of the key ingredients in establishing an effective and positive Christian approach toward team building. Many people have not yet opened their mind to appreciate that others who are different from them are just as valuable in arriving at the same destination.

Phil Hodges has designed a four point plan to develop servant leaders. His vibrant format will inspire us and connect the dots between the instructions of Jesus and what we are called to do as citizens of the Kingdom!

**Sept. 20-27: Pulpit Momentum!** *Led by Joe Kennedy and Maura Weis*  
We're blessed with thoughtfully prepared sermons, truly based upon the word of God. Insights from the pew may percolate feedback and move us into new areas of discipleship and service. Copies of each sermon will be distributed.

- **Sept. 20: "The Gift of Doubt"**  
Preached by the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush on March 30, 2008.
- **Sept. 27: "Back to the Basics: What is Love?"**  
Preached by the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush on July 27, 2008.

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

Journeys cross boundaries. When the river bends, the future lies ahead in mystery and what lies behind disappears. We meet in the Second Floor Library and read from Hebrew and New Testament scriptures and reflect upon the texts.

**Sept. 13:** Prov. 1:20-33; Ps. 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

**Sept. 20:** Prov. 31:10-31; Ps. 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

**Sept. 27:** Esth. 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Ps. 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

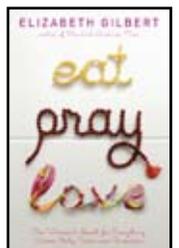
**PARENTING CIRCLE** *Facilitators: Frances Irvin and Anne Jackson*

Anyone involved in parenting is welcome to join us. We meet in the First Floor Harambe Room and share experiences, resources, prayer, and scripture.

**Sept. 13: Rally Day – Sharing Summer Stories, Joys and Concerns**

**Sept. 20-27: "Eat, Pray, Love"**

We'll begin the "Pray" section of the book *"Eat, Pray, Love,"* by Elizabeth Gilbert. We'll draw out themes that relate to our spiritual and family life, such as motivation for seeking more spirituality, doing something that's hard, finding God's voice in our lives, and dealing with emotional issues. Book will be available.



**SEEKERS** *Facilitator: Gwen Puza*

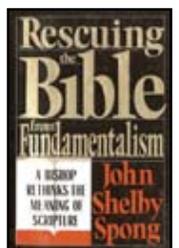
We wish to grow in religious understanding, insight, faith, and practice. We meet in Room 234.

**Sept. 13: Rally Day**

Join us as we come back together after the summer break, to discuss what has happened in our lives over the summer.

**Sept. 20-27: "Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism"**

The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush will be leading a stimulating exploration of the book *"Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism,"* by John Shelby Spong (Episcopal Bishop). Spong discusses how literal interpretations of the Bible have been used in hurtful ways.



# Youth and Young Adult Events

Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

### club one sixteen

On **Wed., Sept. 23**, we'll kick off our Wednesday Connection Program, including free Hope Academy classes, snacks from Whole Foods, homework help, a simple supper for families in the McKelvey Room, and our Taize service at 7 pm.

We'll have our **club one sixteen junior** and **senior** for youth in grades 1-12, from 6:30-8 pm. We'll meet in the Game Room for a dinner prepared by an ELPC Member. Then we'll split into groups to enjoy an interactive Bible Study from 7-8 pm. For details about **club one sixteen** and Wednesday Connection, please contact Pastor Heather or see your Youth Calendar.



### Youth Basketball

Young men in grades 9-12 are welcome to participate in our Saturday evening basketball program. Beginning **Sat., Sept. 19**, from 5-8 pm, in the ELPC gym. ELPC youth worker Anthony Williams will facilitate this free program.

## 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 on MySpace and find us on Facebook as well!

### Volunteers Needed: Young Adult Green Project!

As part of our efforts to improve the recycling program at ELPC, we'll host a silent auction fundraiser on **Sun., Sept. 20** and **27**, after worship. Proceeds will go towards purchasing materials for new bins and collection centers. Volunteers are needed to provide items or services to bid on! This could be a gift basket or certificate, or a service such as an afternoon of yard work. Be creative! Each person has something unique to offer! Volunteers are needed for planning, setup, and Sunday announcements. Email Brian Diebold at [bdiebold@pts.edu](mailto:bdiebold@pts.edu) to sign up!

### New! Young Adult Small Groups

Are you a young adult in your 20's or 30's? Are you interested in becoming part of a Young Adult Small Group? If so, please contact Brian Diebold to see where you might fit in. We'll form several groups of about 6-8 people that'll commit to meeting for fellowship, study, and prayer. This is a great opportunity to meet people in your age group and to get involved with the life of ELPC!



## Rent-a-Young-Adult Silent Auction

On **Sun., Sept. 20**, during the Church Picnic and on **Sun., Sept. 27**, after worship in the McKelvey Room, ELPC's Young Adult Group will host a silent auction to raise money for our recycling efforts. There'll be different items and services to bid on. Our goals are to build clearly-marked and easy-to-use collection centers for each kitchenette, and to purchase recycling bins to place throughout ELPC.

This is a fun opportunity to do something for the environment as well as to check out the gifts and talents of our own young adults! Keep an eye open for details.

# Hope Academy

Linda Addlespurger, Director

## HAT Co

For the 6th-12th grader who wants to do it all, the audition-only Hope Academy Theater Company provides a more intensive experience. Ten selected students will be given scholarships (based on need) for Musical Theater and Shakespeare classes throughout the year. They'll receive a weekly voice lesson, acceptance into Staycee Pearl's dance company, and dance shoes and clothing.



Auditions are **Sat., Sept. 12**, at 10 am. Call **412.441.3800 x11**, to reserve your spot! Classes are on Saturdays.

## EL CEO

Young musicians, and their musically-inclined parents, are invited to participate in Hope Academy's new East Liberty Community Engagement Orchestra. Under the direction of conductor Federico Garcia, from Alia Musica, students have the opportunity to learn more about music while they practice and perform. HA teaching artists lead sectionals and provide additional coaching.

EL CEO performance dates:

- **Sat. Nov. 14**, before the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra's Community Engagement Concert
- **Sun., Dec. 6**, at our Winter Concert;
- **Sat., Feb. 13**, at "Love and All That Jazz;" and
- **Sat., March 27**, at the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater

Music will be arranged by Mr. Garcia based on instrumentation and ability levels. If you're interested, please attend an informational meeting on **Sat., Aug. 29**, at 3 pm.

## Lift Your Voice to a Higher Level

Thursday Rehearsals, at 7 pm

To the level of the Chancel Choir stalls that is! You've heard and read this before, but once again we're suggesting that you consider becoming one of ELPC's Sunday songbirds.

Join us on **Thurs., Sept. 10**, in the Third Floor Music Room. We sing a variety of musical styles. Sure, some of it is difficult, but other pieces are fun to sing. If you can read music and might prosper from guided rehearsal, please call Dr. J. Richard Szeremany or Jon Tyillian at **412.441.3800 x24**.

## Instrumental Ensemble

Sundays, at 12:30 pm

The ELPC Instrumental Ensemble gathers for 30-40 minutes each Sunday. Explore new music for a diverse variety of instruments. Whatever you play, we can use it! You can become one of the ingredients of our ensemble's success!

Call Dr. J. Richard Szeremany or Jon Tyillian at **412.441.3800 x24** and reserve a music stand for **Sun., Sept. 13**. We'll be listening for you!

## Interested in Ringing?

Thursdays, at 6 pm, in Room 234

Do you have an interest in discovering handbells and the wonderful sounds they make? Join us on **Thurs., Oct. 1**, at 6 pm, as the 10 Handbell Choir season opens for rehearsals.



The only requirement is a commitment to rehearsals and the other ringers. It also helps if

you can read treble or bass clef music.

For details, call Dr. J. Richard Szeremany at **412.441.3800 x24**.

## Classes After Taizé Prayer

The Rev. Christiane Dutton, Minister of Taizé Prayer

**Note:** Classes begin at 8:15 pm. On **Wed., Sept. 23**, we'll begin having a simple supper at 6 pm, in the McKelvey Room.

**Sept. 2: Writing as Existential Dialogue**, led by Laurie Arnold

How do our existential questions inform our lives? We'll explore some of our most important questions about existence.

**Sept. 9: Sacred Harp/Shape Note Singing**, led by Charles Anderson

**Sept. 16: Music on the Labyrinth**, led by Charles Anderson

**Sept. 23: Prayers for Peace on the Eve of the G-20 Summit**

Join us at 7 pm, for a special Taizé worship service. We will not meet for class.

**Sept. 30: Celebrations!**

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

## Presbyterian Women

Mary Alice Lightle, Moderator

**Sept. 8: Horizons Bible Study**

Join us at 10 am, in the second floor parlor as we begin a new journey! The nine lessons of "*Joshua: A Journey of Faith*" invite us to explore the heartrending book of Joshua. Pursuing themes such as leadership, the promise of land, the concept of "holy war," and outsiders becoming insiders, we learn to find rest in the mercy of God. A potluck lunch follows. Beverages are provided. Please bring a salad or snack to share. Call Mary Alice Lightle at **412.682.1504** for details.

**Sept. 26: Fall Retreat – Christ Our Hope**

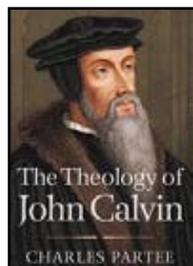
Jesus Christ is hope for men and women of every language, race, culture and social condition. Yes, Christ is the face of God present among us. Through him, our lives reach fullness. As individuals and peoples, we become a family united by fraternal love, according to the eternal plan of God the Father.

The women of ELPC are invited to experience **Christ Our Hope** at a retreat at ELPC. Dr. Ellen McCormack leads us. Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8:30 am, and conclude at 3 pm. Watch the bulletin board for details.

If you seek hope, seek Christ. Invite a family member or bring a friend.

## New at ELPC's Library

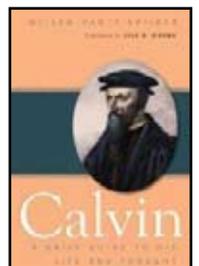
To celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> birthday of John Calvin, two new books have been added to the New Arrivals section of the ELPC library.



"*Theology of John Calvin*," by Pittsburgh Theological Seminary professor Charles Partee, is an exposition of Calvin's theology as found in his Institutes of the Christian Religion.

"*Calvin: A Brief Guide to His Life and Thought*," by Willem Van't Spijker, is a historical biography by a leading Calvin scholar.

Both are published by Westminster John Knox Press.



# Housing Ministry

Emily Rosenthal, Chair of the Neighbors Mission Committee

## Activity Update

It has been two years since the East End Housing Blitz, when ELPC partnered with neighboring Presbyterian churches, East Liberty Development, Inc., ESB Bank, Dwelling House Savings & Loan and Hosanna Industries, to rehab houses in the East Liberty area. It was a revealing summer of rebuilding and seeing God work in our midst. Over 30 ELPC volunteers were involved in this ministry.



The Monroe house before (above) and after (below) the 2007 "Blitz."



ELPC along with Valley View PC and the Open Door PC supported the founding of Open Hand Ministries (OHM) to continue the mission of providing affordable housing to first-time homeowners with limited incomes, supporting them as they transition to homeownership, and impacting the stabilization of our community.

We continue to provide less formal care to the families from the first "Blitz." These families have made their houses into homes and the children have had success like winning awards and essay contests, as well as making the dean's list. Some of the children also attend our youth programs and Sunday school classes.

Recently, OHM has expanded to include working with the newly-developed community garden in Garfield; East Liberty Development, Inc., in cleaning up abandoned properties; and working with volunteers from churches in the Pittsburgh area. Over 50 ELPC volunteers, including Youth Group and families, are active members of a faith community with new friends from around the city that continues to serve with OHM.

If you're interested in becoming a first-time homeowner or volunteering, call Emily Rosenthal at **412.963.0139** or the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy at **412.441.3800 x30**.

# Visitation Ministry

The Rev. Miriam Chamberlain, Visitation Pastor

## Important Information Needed

The ELPC records lack information for many members and friends that help the pastoral staff in times of sickness and hospitalization. Current laws allow hospitals and other facilities to give information only to authorized persons. This information is especially important if you have no family in the church or area:

Please let us know the following:

- Name and telephone number of a contact in case of an emergency.
- Whether or not you have a living will or advanced directive.
- Notification if you're hospitalized or ill and request pastoral care and prayers.
- If hospitalized, name one of the pastoral staff at the time of admission who may be given information about you. Not medical or personal information, only whether or not you're a patient and where you went upon discharge.

Please watch the Sunday announcements, as they'll include a form indicating the requested information. If you do not have access to this form, call the Rev. Miriam Chamberlain at **412.441.3800 x14**. Thank you in advance!

# ELPC People

## Good News

• Congratulations to **Marian Mae Stacy**. The daughter of Chad and Sarah Stacy was baptized on Aug. 8.

• Please join us in welcoming our new members who joined in July: **Julia Fair, Aidevo Ihonde, Deborah Hughes, Jason Karns, Mark and Susan Krauland, Barbara Stewart, Eric Stroud, Peter and Katrina Wardrip, Amy White, and Dawn Young**

• Please welcome our new friends **Barbara Griffin** and **Jeff Mukogoshi**.

## Thanks

• I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and concern during my recent surgery and recovery. Thank you all so very much!

– Florence Johnson

• The Christian Education Ministry Team and Pastor Heather would like to thank the VCS Pre-School Helpers. Thank you to: **Mariah Benjamin, Sharon Birt, Chanteera Blackshear, Karen Fraser, Carol Hoehn, Florence Johnson, Carol Kirkpatrick, Polly Matilla, and Jan Pressman**.

## Prayers

• Our prayers are with the family and friends of **Mildred Wise**, who passed away on July 10. She was an ELPC member for 57 years.

• Our prayers are with the family and friends of **Arielle Conrad Broker**, who passed away on July 28. She was an ELPC member for 18 years.

# EECM

## Food Pantry

We continue to answer the call in the struggle against hunger. September's "Food of the Month" is **Jelly/Jam**.

## Men's Shelter

The Deacons are collecting **razors** and **bar soap** in September.

Donations may be left in the hallway baskets. Your support in the form of donations and prayer is appreciated.



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*“...inviting all to join our diverse, inclusive family of faith, transcending boundaries of race, class, ability, culture, age, gender and sexual identity to become one in Christ.”*

## Church Picnic

*Sun., Sept. 20, following Sanctuary Worship*

All are invited to attend our Church Picnic, in the Courtyard. Covered seating is available in Room 51 (ground floor, off courtyard).



*Eri Fujita, daughter of Masaya Fujita and Emily McEwan-Fujita, enjoys the 2008 Church Picnic.*

The Christian Education Ministry Team will provide fried chicken, hot dogs and Italian ice! Everyone is asked to bring a cold side-dish to share (we'll not have access to warming facilities). Games will be organized for children in the gym and bowling alley. Join us for food, fellowship, and fun!

**Offices Closed:** Church offices will be closed on **Mon., Sept. 7**, for Labor Day.

**Rally Day:** On **Sun., Sept. 13**, we'll resume Sunday School Classes (pg. 4) at 9:45 am, and our regular worship schedule (pg. 1).

## Second Anniversary Gala Organ Event

*Sat., Oct. 3, at 4:30 pm*

Join us for a grand event as we celebrate the music of our mighty Aeolian-Skinner, Goulding and Wood pipe organ. We'll welcome two outstanding artists for an afternoon of musical delight.

Jason Overall, Organist/Choirmaster from the Episcopal Church of All Saints in Indianapolis, Ind., and President of the Goulding and Wood Organ Company is our featured organist.

Joining Jason is the world-renowned trumpet soloist, Gary Malvern. He has performed with the National Repertory Orchestra and the American Wind Symphony; and is trumpet instructor for the South Carolina Governor's School of the Arts and principal trumpet with the Greenville Symphony.

This illustrious duo will perform solo and concerted works which feature the variety of sounds emanating from our magnificent instrument.

A dessert buffet follows the concert; reservations are required. Please call or send your reservation to Norma Meyer at **412.441.3800 x11**, by **Sept. 15**.

**When:** Sat., Oct. 3, at 4:30 pm.

**Admission:** Free; donations gratefully accepted.

**Dessert Buffet:** \$5, advance reservations required.



*Jason Overall, above; Gary Malvern, below.*

