

Reaching Out

newsletter of east liberty presbyterian church

May 2010

ELPC's 75th Building Anniversary

Sun., May 9, at 11 am

On Mother's Day, 1935 (May 12) the magnificent cathedral home of ELPC was dedicated with a special service. Over 1,700 people filled the sanctuary and thousands more listened in through speakers in other rooms. While our church's history goes back to the early 1800's, this year marks the 75th anniversary for our present sanctuary and church building.

This anniversary will be remembered as part of our worship service, which will include the ordination and installation of the current classes of Elders and Deacons. We will reflect on the changes in East Liberty over the years, celebrate the diverse types of ministry supported by our church, and honor the leadership past and present that faithfully live into the vision of Christ for our congregational and community life. Join us for this special day!



Thousands of people gather as Richard Beatty Mellon lays the cornerstone of the 5th church.

Pentecost

Sun., May 23

Pentecost, the 50th day after Easter, is one of our principle holy days. It is the commemoration of the gift of the Holy Spirit upon the early disciples that led to the birth of the Christian church. This day is called Whitsunday ("white Sunday") in Britain, after the white robes worn by people ready to be baptized on Pentecost. This holiday also has strong ties to the Jewish faith, for Easter comes around Passover, a holy day of unleavened bread, while Pentecost comes near Shavuot, the festival celebrating the harvesting of wheat and symbolized by the sharing of leavened bread.

Join us for worship as we celebrate the gifts of God's spirit and the fruits of those gifts as they are present in our congregation!

Sunday Morning Services

* Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Good Samaritan Worship • 8 am

Liturgist: Pete Murray

May 2* Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

May 9 Southminster Youth

May 16 Rev. David Else, Director,
Center for Spirituality in
Twelve-Step Recover

May 23 Rev. Dr. Ron Peters, Metro
Urban Institute, Pittsburgh
Theological Seminary

May 30 To Be Determined

Journey Worship • 8:45 am

May 2* Evening Worship at 4 pm

May 9 Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

May 16 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

May 23 Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

May 30 Rev. Heather Schoenewolf.

Sanctuary Worship • 11 am

May 2* Evening Worship at 4 pm

May 9 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

May 16 Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

May 23 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

May 30 Youth Sunday

Koinonia Service of Praise

Second Sunday of each month • 7 pm

May 9 Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Holy Ground Service

Third Sunday, March–November • 6 pm

Held in the Chapel

May 16 Rev. James Davidson

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

Mondays • 10 am–3 pm

Wednesdays • 10 am–9 pm

Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesdays • 7 pm

Rev. Christiane Dutton

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Pastoral Message

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, Pastor



The month of May is full of commemorative holidays. There is Mother's Day, on which we give thanks for the "mothering" figures in our lives. There is Memorial Day, the last Monday in May, on which we remember with gratitude the women and men who died for our nation while serving in the military. And this year on May 9, we celebrate the 75th anniversary of our current church building's dedication.

There is much that can be said about each of these anniversary celebrations. I could wax poetic about the love and nurture we have received from the mothers, grandmothers, and caregivers in our lives. I could toss out statistics about the number of people who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms, going back to the earliest Memorial Days after the Civil War. I also could share anecdotes about the 1,700 people who squeezed in our sanctuary (and the hundreds more who gathered elsewhere in the building) on that Mother's Day in 1935 when the cathedral worship space for ELPC was officially dedicated.

To do all that would mean I am writing more as a historian than as a pastor. Imagine if the starting point for this conversation is not the calendar, but rather a profession of faith. Imagine if we start by saying, "God is the Alpha and the Omega, the Lord of all times and seasons." This would give us quite a different perspective on the May holidays.

One example: God has known us from the first time we lay in our mother's arms and throughout all our days of nurture. Through God, we have been blessed with loving adults who provided for us long before we could provide for ourselves. In a challenging world, where at times parenting is difficult and resources are scarce, God remains God—bringing many mothers into our lives, comforting us in times of trial and rejoicing with us in times of celebration, beside us like a loving parent all the days of our lives.

Another example: God is the Lord of all nations, who has come to us as Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Christ showed us the full expression of sacrificial love by His death on the cross for us and all humankind. We honor those whose sacrificial deaths in times of war served causes of freedom, democracy and justice greater than any individual's own story. Yet we work for a day when all war ceases and no one's life story includes memories of violence and sacrificial suffering.

A last example: Through God's Holy Spirit, the church becomes the body of Christ in the world. Since bodies are physically located, we erect physical structures where we can worship, teach, feed, and nurture bodies and souls. But every edifice, even the most magnificent, finds its sole glory in the gospel of Christ. Remembering the commitment of past generations inspires us to continue the ministry they began, even as we continually ask what Christ would have us do today and tomorrow.

Consider the calendars and celebrations of your own life in this same way—not as dates to be commemorated but times to reflect on the God who is active in all places, nations, and relationships. As you awaken each day in May, begin by affirming "This is the day the Lord has made; I will rejoice and be glad in it." Let each day be a Christmas day (Immanuel—God-with-us), an Easter day (He who was dead is now alive), and a Pentecost day (The Spirit sends us out in a hurting world). Mostly, let each day be celebrated as a gift from God, who is the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, our hope and our salvation.

Randy Bush

Session News

At their April meeting, Session examined the incoming Deacons and Elders and approved them for ordination/installation on **Sun., May 9**. They also saw preliminary figures for the 2011 budget and heard a report updating them on the Strategic Visioning process.

Save The Date: VCS

June 28–July 2, from 9 am–3 pm

Children age 3 1/2 (potty trained) through Grade 5 are invited to explore Bible stories of mystery, power, and truth that will take them on an exciting journey, and help them experience God's presence in their lives. Our days will be filled with worship, recreation, arts and crafts, service, and fun! We also will enjoy a mid-week field trip to Squaw Valley Park.

Registration forms are available on the CE Bulletin Board, the CE Table, and at www.cathedralofhope.org. For details, call Pastor Heather at **412.441.3800 x21**.



Memories of ELPC's Construction *By Roy Hiller*



Being an "East Liberty Kid" and not quite ten years old in the spring of 1933, I was fascinated with what was happening in the heart of the second largest shopping area in Pittsburgh. The Church that stood at the southwest corner of Penn and South Highland Avenues was being torn down. It was another black stone building like most other churches in the city (Little did I know the reason they were black was because every house around the area burned coal for heat, and the soot produced by thousands of furnaces billowed out of chimneys and settled onto everything in the area). Much of the interior furnishings and the windows were removed; the sharply slanted roof was torn off and hauled away. While this was going on, a ten-foot-tall fence was constructed and painted gray, along the interior edge of the sidewalk circling the block on which the church now partially remained. Stenciled about every ten feet on the fence were signs saying "POST NO BILLS."

I hated this fence because I was no longer able to see what was going on behind it, until one day my mother took me for a check up at Doctor Flood's office. This turned out to be one of the happiest days of my life up to that point, since the office was on the sixth floor of the Highland Building and the waiting room had two windows facing Highland Ave. From there, I had a bird's-eye view of almost everything happening behind the "monster."

Since my parents bought me a Youth membership at the East Liberty Y.M.C.A., I also had access to its building, which faced ELPC. Although youths were "confined" to the Boys Department, many of us would ride the elevators to the top floor and climb a set of stairs to the roof where a hand ball court was located. The roof was surrounded by a parapet which we felt would keep us from falling. From this vantage point, I spied a stone which had a number and letters painted on a face that would not show. While standing on the roof of the "Y", I came to realize the scope of the planning that had gone into the design of our building.

Work continued but it was no longer necessary to seek high elevations to keep abreast of the progress as the building soared high above the gray fence. In time, new sidewalks were poured with ground glass embedded in the top layer. At night, under the glare of the arc street lights, they sparkled, and many believed that the "Mellon Church" had diamonds in its sidewalks. The Monster was removed and grass and trees were planted, all in time for Mother's Day, 1935.

I confess I was one, who in 1935, believed there truly were diamonds in the sidewalks of this shining white edifice!

Landscape Team's Mother's Day Bake Sale

Sun., May 9, in the McKelvey Room



The ELPC Landscape Team is hosting a Bake Sale and Fundraiser to help cover costs for flowers and other landscape items to be used during the upcoming planting season. Please join us in the McKelvey Room for this special time of fellowship before and after our Worship Service on **Sun., May 9**, at 11 am. Your taste buds are sure to explode when you taste the wide sampling of delicious treats made from our homemade recipes! Coffee and beverages will be provided.

Members of the Landscape Team will be on hand to answer questions and sign up volunteers for our Spring 2010 Planting Day on **Sat., May 22**. We look forward to seeing you and your sweet tooth!

Church School Classes

Sundays, 9:45–10:45 am

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

Note: Church School classes will not meet on **Sun., May 2**, because of the Pittsburgh Marathon.

Pondered Pieces

From Sun., June 6–20

Our last exhibit until the fall features Laura Landry, a local artist who describes her art as colorful, child-like, yet sophisticated with spiritual undertones that appeal to all ages.

The exhibit opens on Sun., June 6, in Room 234 and in the Second Floor Parlor. A portion of the sales will benefit ELPC.

For more information, please contact the Rev. Phil Jamison at **412.462.4689** or philjrr@gmail.com with "ELPC Art" in the subject line.



Christian Education

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries

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

May 9: The Bible, the City, and You *Led by Mary Alice Lightle*

We will compare our view of cities with some cities of the bible and think about what this means for ministries in an urban church.

May 16: "Establishing Friendship as 1st Century Spirituality" *Led by Ann Morris*

In contrast to our understanding of spirituality with its individualistic and contemplative focus, the spiritual life of 1st century Christians was communal and action oriented. Using Luke's narrative in the first half of Acts, we will study how the disciples' evangelism embodied Jesus' teaching.

May 23: "Befriending Others with the Good News" *Led by Ann Morris*

We'll compare and contrast contemporary issues in evangelism and "doing church."

May 30: My Trip and Experiences in Israel/Palestine *Led by Gwen Puza*

JOURNEY WITH SCRIPTURE *Facilitator: Jan Irvin*

May 2: Acts 11:1–18; Ps. 148; Rev. 21:1–6; John 13:31–35

May 9: Acts 16:9–15; Ps. 67; Rev. 21:10, 22–22:5; John 14:23–29; John 5:1–9

May 16: Acts 16:16–34; Ps. 97; Rev. 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21; John 17:20–26

May 23: Acts 2:1–21; Gen. 11:1–9; Ps. 104:24–34, 35b; Rom. 8:14–17, Acts 2:1–21; John 14:8–17, (25–27)

PARENTING CIRCLE *Facilitators: Frances Irvin and Dawn Morgenstern*

Anyone involved in parenting (singles, couples, adoptive parents, step-parents, grandparents, guardians, mentors, etc.) are welcome to join us in the First Floor Harambe Room! We share experiences, resources, prayer and scripture, as well as explore how our faith builds and nourishes our family lives and helps nurture our parent/child relationships. We learn from one another ways to foster closer family relationships in the context of creating active faith communities.

May 9: Mother's Day Joys and Concerns

May 16–30: "Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith"

We will discuss selected readings, relating to spirituality and parenting, from Anne Lamott's "Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith."

SEEKERS *Facilitator: Gwen Puza*

May 9 and 16: The New Social Creed *Led by Dr. Ron Stone*

Dr. Ron Stone presents the new social creed, written with an expanded vision for the contemporary global society in the spirit of progressive, social Christianity.

May 23: Our Three Rivers and Spiritual Transformation *Led by Vikki Hanchin*

The ancient Mayan calendar sees the year 2012 as the end of a 5,125 year era, after which their calendar resets to zero. Vikki Hanchin, LCSW, speaks about the belief of it being a catalyst for renewal and spiritual transformation, and how Pittsburgh's three rivers are being viewed as having a role in this transformation.

May 30: "The Meaning of Jesus" Discussion

After hearing Borg's and Wright's views, what do you believe about Jesus? What is your understanding of Jesus? Come prepared to share and engage in discussion. It is recommended to review notes from past classes.

SOUL FOOD *Facilitator: Rev. Cynthia Jackson*

May 2–30: "The Heart of the Seed"

Joyce Rupp's "Fresh Bread" serves as a guide for reflection, prayer, and spiritual awareness (copies are available for \$10). May's theme is "The Heart of the Seed." How do we recognize and break the shell that confines us? Shedding old fears and assumptions, we "let go" and enter the growth process. Bring a journal!

Youth Ministry

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries

club one sixteen junior and senior Youth in grades 1–12

Join us on **Wed., May 5**, for our final **club one sixteen** of the school year. We'll have a cook out in the Garth and give thanks for the community of friends with whom we have learned, prayed, and grown. Snacks and homework help begin at 3:30, recreation time at 4:30, dinner at 5:30, and Bible Study at 6 pm.

Youth Basketball Saturdays, from 6–8 pm, in the ELPC Gym

Young men in grades 9–12 are welcome to participate in our basketball program.

Service Opportunities

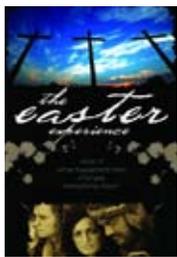
Service is an integral part of our life as a people of faith. In following Jesus, we follow His command to love our neighbor as ourselves. Contact Pastor Heather for more details on any of the following activities!

- **Sat., May 1: Valley View Food Pantry**
On the first Saturday of each month, ELPC and Valley View Presbyterian Church host a food pantry. We need two youth to fill and carry bags of food.
- **Sun., May 30: Youth Sunday**
Youth who would like to help write the liturgy, lead prayers and Scripture readings, or share other gifts are invited to attend Church School in May.
- **Sat., June 5–6: 30-Hour Famine Youth in grades 6–12**
Youth will host a 30-Hour Famine to raise donations for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund, to provide relief to earthquake victims. Youth also will participate in a service project and celebrate God's goodness during a midnight worship service. Fundraising begins on Sun., May 23 and 30.
- **Mon., June 28–July 2: Vacation Church School Youth in grades 6 and up**
We are in need of youth volunteers to help "shepherd" younger children to their activities; assist with skits for morning worship; and help with craft, recreation, lunch, and afternoon activity stations. Training is required.
- **Wed., July 21–25: Mission Trip Youth who've completed Grades 8–12**
Youth are invited to participate in a local summer mission trip! We'll stay at ELPC and partner with local mission ministry agencies. Youth are required to have completed three service projects with ELPC throughout the school year.

Young Adult Ministry

The Rev. Brian Diebold, Coordinator, Youth and Young Adult Ministries

We welcome all adults in their 20's and 30's (married, single, partnered, with or without children). Find us on Facebook or come check us out in person!



New Spring Series Wed., May 5–19, at 8 pm, in room 234

The Easter celebration has gone and we're left with the question, "So what now?" Join us for a 5-week, DVD-driven Bible Study entitled, *The Easter Experience*. Together, we'll ask "What if what happened then changes everything now?"

May 5: My Life Has a Plan

May 12: I Have the Promise of Eternal Life

May 19: My Hope is Secure

May Coffee Hours Sun., May 16–30, at 7 pm

Come by to chat or to say hello at Oh Yeah! (232 S. Highland Ave.)

Note: We will not have our **First Sunday** gathering in May.

Hope Academy

Linda Addlespurger, Director

2010 Showcase Performance

STAR X'd: Romeo and Juliet as you've never seen it before! Straight up with the Bard, remixed, mashed-up, deconstructed and re-imagined. Fifty Hope Academy students will sing, dance and act their way through the complexities of the story and themes of one of Shakespeare's most well-known plays.



Look for more details in June's *Reaching Out*. Save these dates: **Sat., June 26** and **Sun., June 27**.

It Would Be Sew Kind of You!

Hope Academy is looking for a few seamstresses to help make costumes for our showcase performance.



We will provide the fabric and all materials—you provide your crafty hands. We hope to have a team together to work throughout the month of May, with fittings and alterations in June. Sewing machines are available in the Sewing Room on the ground floor and if a group wanted to work together we could reserve the room.

Please call Norma Meyer to let her know if you are interested **412.441.3800 x11**.

Got Yarn?



If you run across any yarn in your spring-cleaning endeavors, the knitting group would greatly appreciate any donations!

We'll use the yarn for prayer shawls, baby hats for Haiti, and other charity projects. Just label it for the knitting group and leave it in the church office.

PrideFest 2010

Sun., June 13, Shuttle Provided

PrideFest is a huge celebration of GLBT People in Pittsburgh. It begins with PrideMarch through downtown, followed by a street fair on Liberty Ave.

This is one of the opportunities we have for evangelism here in Pittsburgh! We encourage you to join us in representing ELPC and its message of God's abundant love. Wear your ELPC t-shirt and walking shoes. We will have a shuttle to/from the march site following 10 am Worship.

Watch the bulletin board for a map of the parade route and event times. For details or to volunteer for our booth, call Carol Untch at **724.272.9722**.



Crowds gather during a past PrideFest.

Classes After Taizé Prayer

The Rev. Christiane Dutton, Minister of Taizé Prayer

Note: Classes begin at 8:15 pm. Enjoy a supper at 6 pm, in the McKelvey Room.

Wed., May 5: Writing Workshop *Led by Laurie Arnold*

Wed., May 12: Music on the Labyrinth *Led by Charles Anderson*

Join us as we listen to Charles play the flute on the Labyrinth.

Wed., May 19: Sacred Harp/Shape Note Singing *Led by Charles Anderson*

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

Wed., May 26: Celebrations!

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

Presbyterian Women

Mary Alice Lightle, Moderator

Tues., May 4: Horizons Bible Study *10 am, in the Second Floor Parlor*

Join us as the Rev. Heather Schoenewolf leads our lesson, "The Challenge of God's Covenant" (*Joshua 23:14-24:28*). A potluck lunch follows; please bring a salad or snack to share and your own place setting. Beverages and soup are provided. Call Mary Alice Lightle at **412.682.1504** for details.

Hygiene Kits for Disaster Victims

Through Labor Day, we will be collecting hygiene kits for disaster victims around the world. Kits consists of one **new: hand towel** (approximately 16x28", no fingertip or bath towels), **washcloth**, **wide-toothed comb**, **nail clipper** (no metal files or emery boards), **bar of soap** (bath size in wrapper), **toothbrush**; and six **Band-Aids**®. Please drop items or completed kits in the church office. If you wish to make a monetary gift, make checks payable to "Presbyterian Women in ELPC." Monetary gifts will be used for kits or to cover delivery costs.

Blankets for Nkhwinimba Prayer House

At their meeting on **Tues., May 4**, the Presbyterian Women will dedicate 12 blankets made for the women of the Nkhwinimba Prayer House in Balaka CCAP, Malawi. On **Sun., May 16**, the blankets will be on display in the Sanctuary. Stop by the McKelvey Room after Worship to add your prayers and good wishes to a banner we will send with the blankets! Also, please pray for our sister church in Malawi during this time of drought.

Support the "Joyful Noise" Fundraiser

Sun., May 23, from 4-7 pm, at the Westin Convention Center Hotel

Help us make a "Joyful Noise" to benefit the East Liberty Family Health Care Center! ELFHCC is a Pittsburgh Presbytery mission agency that provides medical care to persons in need, regardless of ability to pay. Four members of our congregation are ELFHCC staff members—Frances Irvin, Peter Murray, George Rivers, and Heather Lawrence; volunteers include ELPC members Diana Armstrong, Cathie Hajdu, and Kay Shissler.

Tickets are **\$75**. Please call Heather Lawrence at **412.486.0826** or Frances Irvin at **412.363.0319** for details.

ELPC People

Good News

- Congratulations to Jason and Julie (Fair) Karns, who were married on March 27.
- An award for Distinguished Service to the Shepherd Wellness Community was given to the Rev. Howard Cherry, at the 18th Annual City Theatre Benefit.

Thanks

• Many thanks for the prayers, phone calls, get-well cards, and best wishes following my accident. I really appreciate my ELPC family! – *Ruth Henderson*

• Hope Academy Shakespeare students would like to extend a special thanks to Janet Madelle Feindel, a faculty member in Voice and Alexander technique at Carnegie Mellon. Ms. Feindel brought her students in throughout the winter term to provide individual coaching.



Ms. Feindel instructs Hope Academy Shakespeare students.

• Wednesday Connection and **club one sixteen** would like to thank the volunteers who provided snacks, dinner, soup, and time, for us throughout the year: **Don and Paula Addlespurger, Sherry Anderson, Beth Bush, Kathy Benninger, Sharon Birt, Don Breitbarth, Mark and Barb DeWitt, Christine Fleming, Karen Fraser, Joe and Joan Heckel, Carol Hoehn, Diane Jackson, Bill Johnson, Carol Kirkpatrick, Nancy Klancher, Heather Lawrence, Mary Alice Lightle, Judy Menk, Paul Miller, Amanda Morin, Claudia Neely, Enrico Novelli, Janet Pollard, Joyce and Melanie Reese, Caterina Rosano, Emily Rosenthal, Lou Ann and Greg Ross, Kay Shissler, Nancy Wright, and Kim Ziegler;** and **Bread Works** for their weekly bread donation.

Prayers

We offer our condolences and ask that you keep the following members of our faith community and their families in your prayers:

- Florence and Justin Johnson, for the passing of their sister-in-law, Rochelle Lester.
- Liz Hopkins, for the passing of her friend, Jerry Owens.
- Byron and Diane Jackson, for the passing of Diane's brother-in-law, Richard DeLong.
- Fran Wilson, for the passing of Fran's husband, Jim Wilson.
- Judy Menk, for the passing of Judy's aunt.
- Jocelyn Thompson, for the passing of Jocelyn's husband, Robert Thompson.
- Dick Headley, for the passing of Dick's sister, Donna Schutte.
- Paul Martin, for the passing of Paul's father-in-law, Don Woodfill.
- Laura Lou Struthers, for the passing of Laura's husband, Thomas Struthers.
- Kate Carlson, for the passing of Kate's husband, Ron Carlson.
- Paul and Peggy Outon, for the passing of their sister-in-law, Michelle Outon.
- David Maloney, for the passing of David's partner, Paul Smithdale.

Health Ministry

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

Note: Exercise classes are on hiatus. Classes are expected to resume near the end of May. Check the weekly announcements for updates.

EECM

Food Pantry

May's "Food of the Month" is **soup**.

Men's Shelter

The Deacons are collecting **razors** and **skin lotion** in May.

While the need has remained consistent, donations have declined. We need your help!



Please drop donations in the hallway baskets. Your continued support in the form of donations and prayer is appreciated.

Young at Heart Luncheon

Sun., June 6, following 11 am, Worship

The Board of Deacons will once again honor the seniors of ELPC with a luncheon in the Social Hall. We hope to see you there as we stroll down memory lane. Please check the weekly bulletin for more details.

Housing Ministry

Emily Rosenthal, Chair of the Neighbors Mission Committee

Mission Opportunities *Sat., May 1, and June 5*

We will continue to work with Open Hand Ministries to rehab a home in Garfield for first-time homeowner Linda Lighty. Projects will focus on finishing the home's interior and landscaping its yards. Also, there will be opportunities to help with building and planting garden beds at the Garfield Community Farm, a project of The Open Door PC.

For details about work days or about becoming a first-time homeowner, call Emily Rosenthal at **412.963.0139** or the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy at **412.441.3800 x30**.



Paul Outon builds a deck earlier this year.



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Marathon Sunday Worship Schedule Changes

Sun., May 2

Due to the road closures associated with the Pittsburgh Marathon, there will be a Good Samaritan service, but no Church School classes or Journey/Sanctuary services. A special service will be held at 4 pm, using music and worship leadership from the Journey and Sanctuary services. This family-friendly service will have something for all the senses, as communion is celebrated and God’s word is presented in a fresh way. Cheer on the racers in the morning and then join us for worship!



Pittsburgh Gospel Choir Presents: *“The Gift of Song”*

Sat., May 8, at 4 pm, in the ELPC Sanctuary

Join the Pittsburgh Gospel Choir as it celebrates it’s 1st Anniversary!
A \$5 donation is appreciated.

Youth Sunday

Sun., May 30, at 11 am

Our annual Youth Sunday is a time to celebrate and give thanks for the gifts of our youth in the life of our church. Join us



The 2009 Confirmation Class poses for a photo.

on **Sun., May 30**, at 11 am, as we hear faith stories from our graduating seniors, enjoy original praise music written and performed by **club one sixteen**, and worship together under the leadership of our youth.

Office Closed: Church offices will be closed on Memorial Day, **Mon, May 31**.