

Reaching Out

newsletter of east liberty presbyterian church July 2010

Courtyard Worship

Sundays in July and August, at 10 am



Join us as we continue our practice of holding our 10 am, Sunday worship service in our courtyard, weather permitting. This allows us to gather in a wonderful space and enjoy the beauty of God's creation, as we sing and offer praise to the Lord.

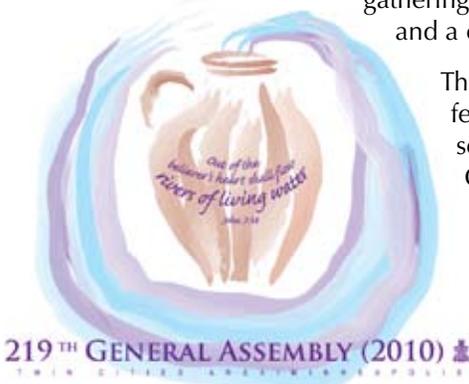
The service also will be projected on the screen in the Third Floor Music Room, near the elevator.

Bring a friend, come early, and get a good seat! Remembering to be faithful in year-round worship attendance is a mark of a healthy church member.

General Assembly

From Sat., July 3–10

The 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is having its biennial meeting in Minneapolis, Minn., from **July 3–10**. This national gathering is a combination of a family reunion and a church governing body.



There will be time for worship, fellowship, committee work, group sessions, voting, and seeking to discern God's will for our denomination. A new moderator for the PC(USA) will be elected and important items of business will be transacted. Pastor Randy will present an overture calling for a fresh commitment to the Peacemaking Offering on behalf of Pittsburgh Presbytery.

A summary of the General Assembly actions will be available at church and on our website later in July.

Sunday Morning Services

* Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Good Samaritan Worship • 8 am

Liturgists: Barbara and Mark DeWitt (July 4); Laura Lou Struthers and Mary Alice Lightle

July 4* Rev. Saleem Ghubril, Executive Director of Pittsburgh Promise

July 11 To Be Determined

July 18 Father Regis Ryan, Director of Focus on Renewal

July 25 Paul DeWalt, Homeless Hunger Director, EECM

Courtyard Worship • 10 am

July 4* Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

July 11 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

July 18 Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

July 25 Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

Holy Ground Service

Note: We will not meet in July

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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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 Thursday of the preceding month.

Pastoral Message

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, Pastor



As many of you already are aware, my father passed away in late May after a short battle with lung cancer. For his memorial service, my brother, my sister and I each composed a few paragraphs to capture a few memories of our father. I am sharing my thoughts with you, both as a bit of pastoral “personal privilege” and as an opportunity to model ways that we each can faithfully express how we feel about those we love.

There is a twofold lesson here. First, we need to seek out ways to share our thoughts with those we love while they are with us. A short note or a few lines added to a greeting card can do so much to keep us connected in bonds of love. Second, our faith in the risen Christ reassures us that even interrupted conversations in this life will have an opportunity to be completed in God’s heavenly realm. Trusting in Christ’s victory over death allows us to see life in its fullest continuum—something that moves from the dawn of creation through the wonder of our earthly life, through the transitional reality of death itself, and on toward a completion shaped by God’s love and promised restoration. That is why we do not grieve as those who have no hope (I Thess. 4:13). Thanks be to God!

F. Richard Bush (Dec. 12, 1927–May 29, 2010)

It takes more than words to describe my dad. You need the scent of menthol shaving cream; the feel of rough, hardworking hands; the sound of a tractor coughing and starting up; the sight of a truck kicking up a cloud of dust coming down a gravel road after a long day of work. You need the feel of a wingback chair as Dad launched into a story about Indians, about a current Habitat for Humanity work project, about his time in the Navy, or about any recent trip taken with my mom.

On these occasions, though, people encourage me to describe my dad in words, as one way to respond to their words of condolence: “I’m sorry; we’ll sure miss your father.” Yes, I’ll miss him too. I’ll miss his presence in our family—his role as Suzi’s chauffeur, gardener, handyman, and devoted, loving husband; his role as our father who always wanted to pay the bill when eating out and insisted on driving his car wherever we were going; and his role as the grandfather fretting over the little ones, just sure that whatever they were doing was going to lead to a broken bone or trip to the emergency room.

But there are things I won’t miss for the simple reason that they are still here with me. I won’t miss his example of hard work, of helping a neighbor or friend before they ask, of keeping a promise, of boasting about his family to anyone who’ll listen, or of avoiding the spotlight so that he might clap all the louder for others’ accomplishments. I won’t miss those things because he made sure that Rick, Amy and I learned them from him and that we are to be guided by those same values. To whatever extent we can live up to his example, we too will have left a legacy that will be hard to put into words—one that will cause others to say “I’ll miss him” when we’re gone. For that, we have my dad to thank.

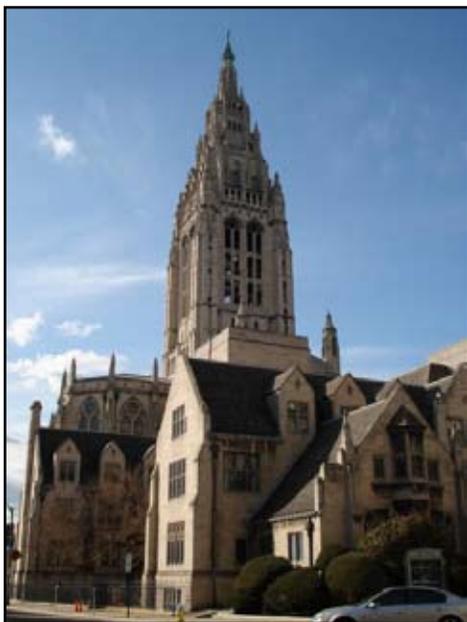
Randy Bush

Join us for Taizé and a Tour of ELPC

Service begins at 7 pm

Join us on Wednesdays for our Taizé prayer service with sung prayers, beautiful music, and more! Plan to stay for our classes! Details on pg. 6.

On **Wed., July 14**, at approximately 8:15 pm, we'll gather in the Narthex, where we'll begin our tour with Marti Moore and learn more about the history and architecture of our church.



Session Studies the *Kairos Document*

By Ronald H. Stone, elder and member of the Peace Committee

On the recommendation of the Peace Committee the Session is studying the *Kairos Document*. The *Kairos Document*, produced by the leaders of the Palestinian Churches, is before this year's General Assembly (meeting in Minneapolis the first week of July). The General assembly will decide whether to endorse this call for reflection and action vis a vis the Israeli occupation of the West Bank of Palestine.

The document is written with a commitment to non-violence in terms of the Christian ethic of faith, hope, and love. The writers' trinitarian convictions allow them to hope for the end of their suffering and occupation. They are discouraged, but they affirm the reality of the Holy Spirit and that their land is meant to be and to become a land of peace. The document is realistic in regarding their suffering as a historical catastrophe, but they seek liberation after decades of occupation.

The Session is asked to provide guidance as to how ELPC will respond to this call from Christians in Palestine.

Fellowship Opportunity

We are looking for people to sponsor our fellowship time after the Sanctuary Worship services. This is a great time to connect with other members and to welcome our visitors.

Why not get together with a few friends and sponsor on of the Sundays this year? Food can be bought or homemade, but you should plan on bringing 10–12 dozen treats of your choosing. ELPC provides the beverages.

Sign up in the hallway or contact Kate at katec@coh.net or call her at **412.441.3800 x17**.



Child Safety Policies

In April, the Session voted to adopt a set of policies to help ensure ELPC is a safe sanctuary for every child who enters our church. The policies reflect ELPC's commitment to "extend the hospitality of Christ to all persons, regardless of race, gender, age, ability, sexual identity" and to welcome those who "come for sanctuary, for a visible witness to God's mercy and healing, and to be inspired toward service." These policies were created over a 10-month span by staff and volunteers who serve in the ministries that impact young people at ELPC. Together,

the team discerned guidelines that would help to maintain best practices for working with young people that ensured the safety of both the child/youth and the staff/volunteers charged with their care. The team strove to ensure that our policies would be supportive of the diverse needs of a broad range of families who are part of our ELPC community.

In the coming months, there will be several opportunities for you to learn about these policies and to become aware of how they may impact your

family, group, or committee. There will be several training sessions for all who work with children and youth, as well as FAQ sheets (available at the Guard's Station) with important points for families, groups, staff, etc. Also, there will be educational opportunities publicized in the weekly bulletin.

You may request a complete copy of the policy by contacting Gloria Knopp at **412.441.3800 x22** or Pam Kimmel at **x18**. Thank you for your cooperation!

Church School Classes

Regular Church School classes will resume on Rally Day, **Sun., Sept. 13.**

Inquirers' Class

Sun., Aug. 1

An Inquirers' Class will be held following Sanctuary Worship on **Sun., Aug. 1.** 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.**

Summer Singing Opportunity!



Have you ever thought you might like to sing in the Chancel Choir but weren't sure if you'd enjoy the experience?

Or perhaps you knew you'd enjoy it, but you didn't think you had the time because of other commitments. Well, we have a deal for you!

From **Sun., July 4–Sept. 5**, the Chancel Choir will operate in a "relaxed" summer mode. We will rehearse on Sunday mornings at 8:45 am, and then lead the 10 am Worship Service.

If you are interested, contact Craig Cannon at craig_cannon@fcasd.edu or meet him immediately following one of the 10 am worship services.

Christian Education

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries

LANDSCAPES OF FAITH *Facilitators: Joe Kennedy and Mary Alice Lightle*

July 11–25: Adult Education Summer Series

We will consider how the settings of various biblical stories enrich the tales they contain. Wilderness, valley, or the seashore are not just arbitrary backdrops for the stories of our faith, they stimulate our imaginations in profound ways. What difference does the setting make to the story? How do we understand God's presence within the different landscapes of our own lives?



- **July 11: "In the Garden" (Genesis 2:4b–25; Mark 14:32–50)**
How do we understand God's presence in the different landscapes of our lives?
- **July 18: "Roads of Our lives" (Luke 24:13–35)**
By walking the way of Jesus, we come to a greater understanding of what we believe.
- **July 25: "Wilderness and Wisdom" (Mark 1:9–15; Numbers 21:4–9)**
Our journey with God can be hazardous, a walk on the wild side of spiritual life.

Note: Classes are from 9:15–9:50 am, in the Second Floor Parlor. Scriptures for each lesson can be found in the prior week's bulletin. Pick up a copy of the following week's lesson in class. We will not meet on **Sun., July 4.**

SOUL FOOD *Facilitator: Rev. Cynthia Jackson*

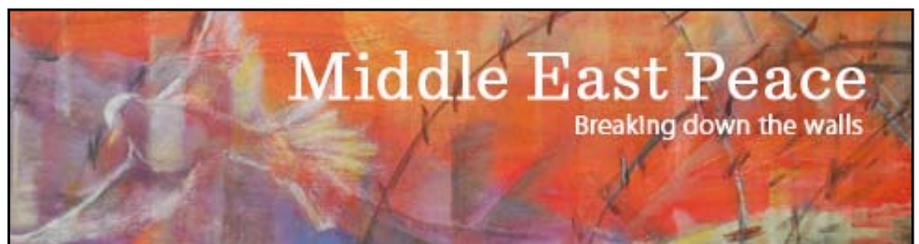
Note: Join us at 9 am, on **Sun., July 11**, and the second Sunday of each month.

Classes on Palestinian Quest for Just Peace

Sun., July 11–Aug. 1

The Peace Committee will sponsor four classes using the curriculum prepared by The Israel/Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The classes, coordinated by Dr. Ronald Stone for the Peace Committee, will utilize perspectives from the four ELPC members who have visited Palestine in the last three years and the curriculum that contains presentations of Palestinian, and Israeli perspectives and the Peacemaking Theology of the Presbyterian Church. Copies of the curriculum will be available in the office beginning July 4, or can be downloaded at www.pcusa.org/middleeastpeace/who.htm.

Classes will meet after worship in Room 244 or the Session Room on the first floor. The curriculum moves through discussion of perspectives to a focus on occupation of Palestine, to peacemaking responses.



"Lilies of the Field II" (2003), by Lucy Janjigian

Youth Ministry

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries

Youth Opportunities

Read your Youth Calendar or call Pastor Heather for details on all opportunities!

Sat., July 3, Aug. 7: Valley View Food Pantry

Two youth are needed to serve from 8 am–12 pm, on the first Saturday of each month at the Valley View Food Pantry. We will be packing food boxes or assisting persons to carry food boxes to their cars. A member of the Poverty Committee will pick up ELPC youth at 7:45 am on these days.

Wed., July 21–25: Mission Trip – “So that God may be Glorified...”

Youth who have completed 8th grade and who have participated in three or more ELPC-sponsored service projects are invited to join us for a local Mission Trip “So that God may be glorified...” (1 Peter 4:10). Together, we will learn how we can glorify God with our lives and our service, as we reach out in Christian love to our brothers and sisters in need. We will meet at ELPC at 7 pm, on **Wed., July 21**, and conclude our time together at the end of our 10 am, worship on **Sun., July 25**.

Ministry Partners include: Open Hand Ministries, Garfield Community Garden, EECM, and others.



Above: Camara Copeland and Ben Lawrence hand out name tags at a past Youth Mission Trip.

Left: Chanteera Blackshear helps with a craft.

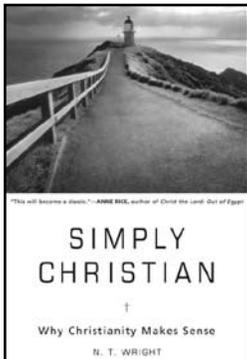
Note: The cost is **\$150/person**, but scholarships are available. There are two training events. See the youth calendar or speak with Pastor Heather for details.

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!

Wed., June 23–Aug. 25: Young Adult Summer Series 8 pm, in Room 234



Have you ever wondered why humans in all places and times have yearned for beauty, truth, spirituality, and justice? What does that tell us about our Christian faith? We'll look at these questions and more as we watch and discuss the DVD-based study of Bishop N.T. Wright's book, “Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense.”

Contact Brian if you are interested in purchasing a copy of the book.

Note: We will not have class on **Wed., July 21**.

Hope Academy

Linda Addlespurger, Director

Get Ready for the Fall Semester!

Course brochures and registration forms are available online at www.hopeacademy.info or by calling Norma Meyer at **412.441.3800 x11**.



From top to bottom:
The “Bard to the Bone” Shakespeare students perform during the 2010 Spring Music Festival.

Hope Academy's drumming ensemble performs at the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater.

HAT Co youth roast marshmallows in the garth during their rehearsal and sleepover night.

Help Update ELPC's Records

We thank those of you who have responded to our request for emergency contact information for ELPC's records. This information enables the pastors to be in communication with those whom you designate, and to provide care and comfort in times of stress and illness.

If you have not already filled out the yellow form (available in the Narthex and at the security area), you may do so at any time and leave it in the office or put it in the offering plate on Sundays.

You also can request information on living wills and an advance directive. This information may not seem important unless you have a serious illness or are at retirement age, but providing written instructions for your family lets them know your wishes in case of an accident or serious illness. Information on living wills and advance directives is available on several websites, some of which have printable forms of these documents.

It is important that those whom you love know what your wishes are before an emergency arises.

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., July 7: Personal and Present Joy: A Writing Experience *Led by Laurie Arnold*

Wed., July 14: Church Tour *Led by Marti Moore*

Please gather in the Narthex if you would like to go on a docent tour of the beautiful ELPC building.

Wed., July 21: Shape Note/Sacred Harp Singing *Led by Charles Anderson*

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

Wed., July 28: Celebrations!

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

Presbyterian Women

Mary Alice Lightle, Moderator

Hygiene Kits for Disaster Victims

Through Labor Day, we are collecting hygiene kits for disaster victims around the world. In July, we are requesting **new wide-tooth combs** and **nail clippers**. If you prefer to assemble complete kits, pick up instructions on the PW bulletin board outside the library. Please leave items or completed kits in the church office. If you wish to make a monetary contribution, please make your check payable to "Presbyterian Women in East Liberty Presbyterian Church."



Hygiene kits are one way to share in a hope-filled tomorrow. Your support truly makes a difference in the lives of children and families the world over.



Housing Ministry

Emily Rosenthal, Chair of the Neighbors Mission Committee

Sat., July 3: Mission Opportunities

Join us for fellowship and service as we put the finishing touches on the Fairmount Ave. house, and continue work in the Garfield Community Farm.

No special skills are needed and all ages are welcome! Work morning or afternoon. We have a fun time and can find an appropriate activity for you and your family!

For more details, contact Emily Rosenthal at **412.963.0139** or the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy at **412.441.3800 x30**.

Left: The new homeowners tour the Fairmount Ave. house as ministry volunteers work.

Health Ministry

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

Danger from UV Rays

Many parents may not be aware of the damage that ultraviolet rays from the sun can have on a child's eyes. UV rays that reflect off water, sand, pavement and even snow are extremely dangerous. Children are more susceptible to UV damage than adults because they tend to spend more time outside and the lenses of their eyes are more transparent, allowing greater penetration of harmful rays. We can encourage our children to wear the proper eye protection by leading by example. When going outside, adults and children should always wear both a wide-brimmed hat/cap and the proper UV-rated sunglasses.



Purchase wrap-around sunglasses made with impact resistant polycarbonate (not glass, unless prescribed by a physician) that provide 99–100% UV protection and that fit. Sunglasses without UV protection may shade the eyes but actually cause the pupils to dilate, allowing in even more harmful rays.

We need to remember to protect our eyes every day of the year. For more information, visit www.starpupils.org or call **1.800.331.2020**.

Knitting Group

Thurs., July 15, from 1–2:30 pm



Join us for fun and fellowship in the Second Floor Parlor. The knitting group is usually making items for those in need. All levels of experience, including newcomers and those who would like to learn, are welcome. Yarn donations are accepted.

Please call Diane Jackson at **412.441.6021** for details.

EECM

Food Pantry

The EECM Food Pantry provides food for people facing hunger in Pittsburgh. July's "Food of the Month" is **peanut butter**.

Men's Shelter

The Deacons are collecting **toothbrushes** and **toothpaste** in July. While the need has remained consistent, the donations have declined. We need your help!

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

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ELPC People

Good News

- Join us in welcoming our new members: **Vivienne Bartman, Garland Hawkins, Thomas Kerr, Tara Marks, Maurice McClellan, Janewa Oseitutu, and Jean Thomas.**

- Congratulations to ELPC members **Eric** and **Amy Stroud** who were married at ELPC on Sat., June 12.

- Join us in welcoming our Deacons' new officers: **Tim Engelhardt**, moderator; **Pat Krimmel**, vice moderator; **Cathie Hajdu**, secretary; and **Barb DeWitt**, treasurer.

Thanks

- Randy and Beth Bush extend their gratitude to the congregation for all the cards and prayers of support offered following the death of Randy's father, Richard Bush.

- The Neighbors Committee of the ELPC Mission Board thanks everyone who participated in the *Off to College Drive*, to benefit two students who have been involved in EECM Youth Programs. The students appreciate the donated items and assurance that we are praying for and supporting this milestone in their lives.

- The Landscape Team would like to thank everyone for their generous support of our Mother's Day Bake Sale. With God's help, we raised over **\$800** to help pay for landscape supplies and sidewalk salt for the coming winter.

- Thank you to artist Sandra Owen for the creation of the new chalice and paten to be used for celebration of the Lord's Supper at the Good Samaritan service. The communion items were a gift from Nancy Leshner, in memory of her husband, the Rev. Jay Leshner.

- ELPC received a heartfelt thank you from EECM for the **\$1265** donated by congregation members in lieu of buying Easter lilies: "Thank you for your enthusiastic response. This gift will help families in our community put food on the table and overcome their daily struggles against hunger."



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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.”

Deacons' Bake Sale

Sun., June 27, immediately following worship



Need a quick dessert or a snack to get you through the day? The deacons will hold a bake sale immediately following worship on **Sun., June 27**.

Proceeds will be used towards the purchase of a defibrillator for ELPC.

Calling All Graduates

We want to celebrate the accomplishments of those in our ELPC family who have recently graduated from High School or any advanced degree program.

Email Gloria Knopp at gloriak@coh.net by **Fri., July 30**, and let her know your name, degree earned, and future plans so that we can celebrate the good news in an upcoming issue of *Reaching Out*.

Presbytery Night with the Pirates

Fri., July 23, at 7:05 pm

Join Pittsburgh Presbytery as we watch the Pittsburgh Pirates take on the San Diego Padres. Tickets should be purchased from the Pirates box office. Remember to mention your Presbyterian affiliation. All Presbyterians attending the game will have a portion of their ticket price donated to support the mission of Pittsburgh Presbytery.

The Pittsburgh Presbytery website, www.pghpresbytery.org, also has information about singing the national anthem with a mass Presbyterian choir. Participants need to be at PNC Park by 6 pm.

See you at the ballpark!



Photo courtesy Deanna Rubin

Offices Closed: Church offices will be closed on **Mon., July 5**, in observance of Independence Day..