



Reaching Out

newsletter of east liberty presbyterian church

September 2013

It's Time for Rally Day!

Join us on **Sun., Sept. 8**, as we celebrate the beginning of a new Church School year with Rally Day. The Christian Education ministry invites you to a light breakfast beginning at 9:30 am, in Rooms 224 and 227. Bagels, fruit, coffee and juice will be provided.



Church School classes for persons of all ages are from 9:45–10:45 am. Please see page 4 of *Reaching Out*, the Christian Education Bulletin Boards, and the ELPC website for a full listing of classes and locations.

Our 11 am service will include a commissioning of Church School teachers, distribution of Bibles to youth in grades 4 and 5, and the dedication of a new presentation Bible, gifted to ELPC by member Carol J. Schaefer and her son

Trevor Sheehan in memory of Carol's mother, Winifred Cranmer Barnes. Rally Day is a wonderful day to celebrate our unity and diversity as a community of faith—as expressed through our worship, education and fellowship together.



Rev. J. Barrie Shepherd Visits

We are pleased to welcome the Rev. J. Barrie Shepherd to ELPC as guest speaker on **Sun., Sept. 29**. He is a native of Great Britain, a Royal Air Force veteran, and more recently the senior minister of historic First Presbyterian Church in New York City.

Since his retirement in 2000, Rev. Shepherd has continued his public speaking and writing career, with the recent publication of his 15th book, entitled "Between Mirage and Miracle—Selected Poems." Rev.

Shepherd is a graduate of the University of Edinburgh, Yale Divinity School, and Hartford Theological Seminary, and has lectured at Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Cornell, and other distinguished universities and pulpits in the U.S., Canada, U.K., Europe and Africa. He is married, has four daughters and three granddaughters, and resides with their Yorkshire Terrier in Wallingford, Pa.

While at ELPC, he will preach at our 11 am Sanctuary Worship service.

Sunday Morning Services

** Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

Good Samaritan Worship • 8 am

Liturgist: George Rivers

Sept. 1* Rev. George Steffey, *Chaplain, East Liberty Family Health Care Center*

Sept. 8 Peter Murray, *Elder, ELPC*

Sept. 15 Pastor Jose Jones, *Abba Family Ministries in Braddock, Pa.*

Sept. 22 *To be announced*

Sept. 29 *To be announced*

Journey Worship • 8:45 am

Sept. 8 Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

Sept. 15 Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Sept. 22 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Sept. 29 Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Courtyard Worship • 10 am

Held in the Courtyard, weather permitting. Indoor seating is available in the Third Floor Music Room.

Sept. 1* Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Sanctuary Worship • 11 am

Sept. 8 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Sept. 15 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Sept. 22 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Sept. 29 Rev. J. Barrie Shepherd

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

Mondays • 7 am–1 pm

Wednesdays • 9 am–9 pm

Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesdays • 7 pm

Rev. Christiane Dutton

Church Life Sampler

Come "Sample" the various service and worship opportunities that ELPC has to offer. Our annual Church Life Sampler will be held after the 11 am Worship Service on **Sun., Sept. 15**. This is also Visitor's Sunday so bring along a friend! Food and a children's activity will be provided.

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Pastoral Message

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, Pastor



Our church staff recently met with members of a media group who are helping re-design our church website. The web design firm, located on Penn Ave., knew a bit about our church and the changing East Liberty neighborhood. Yet in learning more about ELPC, someone asked us a business-oriented, marketing question: "Who are your biggest competitors?" Competitors? We don't see other churches as "competitors" and we are not intentionally in the business of "stealing sheep" from other congregations. It felt odd to compare our professed ministry of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ through words and deed with a

business model of offering a "product" that effectively attracts new "customers." So the web designer re-phrased the question and asked instead, "What are people's other choices for how to spend their Sunday mornings?" That was an easier question for us to answer.

Each of you knows that it is easy to rationalize how much more preferable it is to stay at home rather than: a) deal with the bad weather, b) find suitable clothing, c) locate a decent parking space, or d) spend the morning hours inside a church building. Also, given how many people now have to work on Sunday mornings, or have been working overtime hours during the week and feel exhausted by the time Sunday morning rolls around, it is not surprising that our biggest "competition" is the option of simply staying home.

For other people, the option of attending church rarely if ever crosses their mind on Sunday mornings, since they neither actively profess the Christian faith nor claim to belong to a Christian denomination. They will say they are good people, spiritual and caring people willing to help those in need—and that is all likely true. But, their "community of choice" may involve Facebook or work colleagues or neighborhood friends or a hobby/sports group. They may have negative memories about church from growing up, negative perceptions about the institutional church today, and no desire to challenge those views through actively engaging in church life now.

So, in reaching out to people who make other "choices" on Sunday mornings, start by asking them what images they associate with the word "church." Most likely they will describe for you a building, possibly one with stained glass windows and hard pews. Yet the bible never does talks about church as a building. It always uses organic images – the body of Christ, the living vine, the fellowship of believers touched by God's Spirit. Church is what happens inside walls (worship, prayer, laughter, trust, compassionate work), not just the walls themselves. Church is the people, not the place where people gather.

I don't know if a web design can capture all that. I don't think any one media outlet can express the diversity and richness of ministry at ELPC. But I do know that the month of September will offer a wide range of opportunities to which you can reach out and invite folks to come see where you go on Sundays—and why that choice, by God's grace, is one that is life-changing and spirit-enriching.



Prospecting a Better Life in Bolivia *by Emily Rosenthal*

After a two-hour, nighttime taxi ride up the mountains from Sucre (alt. 9,000 ft.), we, the ELPC Bolivian 7 (Beth Bush, Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy, Gwen Puza, Laura Ristau, Emily Rosenthal, and PTS students Alan Olson and Melanie Timbers), arrived with our hosts, Wilhelm Pierola and Chenoa Stock, in the beautiful colonial city of Potosi (alt. 14,000 ft.).



Potosi is known for the silver and zinc mining that takes place in Cerro Rico (Rich Mountain), that dominates the skyline and arid landscape. Cerro Rico has been mined for over 500 years. Not only do adults work in the hundreds of mines, but unfortunately, children do as well. It was our privilege to meet the dedicated staff—Gladys Navarro, Marco Ayarachi, and Wilhelm Pierola of the CDR (Centro De Desarrollo Regional, Center for Regional Development)—as well as the children.

Church School Offering to Fight Hunger in Bolivia

Our Church School Offering, collected in classrooms from fall through spring, will be donated to support the programs of UMAVIDA (Uniendo Manos por la Vida, Joining Hands for Life), such as the CDR.

The CDR protects the children and youth of the mining community by offering opportunities that will prevent them from laboring in the mines. CDR started about six years ago to provide educational and vocational support, and health care education. They serve 163 youth—boys and girls, ages 9–22—and offer a recreational program for children ages 4–8.



We toured one vocational program, the Greenhouse, which involves 40 children. Several youth gave demonstrations on the techniques they use to grow crops such as kale, radishes, and spinach. At 14,000 ft., growing these type of vegetables is problematic, making them scarce. The produce is given to the children to take home and distributed for free to the community.

It was an incredible place, with incredible children, and adults with enormous skills and dedication. We were blessed to be witnesses.

Welcome, Eric and Jen!

Eric Vinsel is our new seminary intern. He comes to us from a non-denominational church in Peoria, Ill., where he ran a homeless ministry and youth group. He looks forward to working with our youth program.



Jen, his wife, recently graduated with a degree in music education. She will help out with Hope Academy.

If you see them, introduce yourself and welcome them to our community.

Rev. Christiane Dutton Set to Retire

This October, the Rev. Christiane Dutton will retire from her position as Temporary Supply Pastor for Taizé Worship at ELPC. For more than nine years, Christiane has planned and led the weekly Wednesday evening Taizé worship, provided pastoral care to those who attended, and planned a variety of after-Taizé activities. In addition, she has led groups to Taizé, France, to experience Taizé worship in its original setting.



We have been grateful for Christiane's ministry; for the warmth of her leadership and her commitment to justice. In appreciation, receptions in her honor will be held after the 11 am Worship service on **Sun., Oct. 6**, and after her final Taizé worship service on **Wed., Oct. 9**. We hope you will take the opportunity to attend one of these receptions to express your thanks to Christiane.

As we say farewell to Christiane, we are happy to announce that the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan, director of Spiritual Life Ministries at ELPC, will become the new Worship Leader and Pastor for Taizé Ministries.

Christian Education

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

Contemporaries Class *Second Floor Parlor*

Facilitators: Joe Kennedy and Mary Alice Lightle

Sept. 8: Your Breakthrough in the Making

Led by Joe Kennedy

A breakthrough is a God-ordained moment when we are given an opportunity to believe God for something so great and so incredible that it can change the course of our lives. Breakthroughs occur when we are willing to take hold of God's promises and act on His revealed will, even in the midst of challenging circumstances. It is absolutely essential that we continue to grow through Christ as a means of being prepared to receive our breakthrough!

Sept. 15: Media and Sharing the Faith

Led by Gregg Hartung, director, Presbyterian Media Mission

How do we, in a media-saturated world, share the faith in a genuine and authentic fashion? In a world of confusing and competing messages, the Presbyterian Media Mission communicates a creative and compelling witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Gregg will share his experiences from directing and producing various Christian media projects.

Sept. 22: Working for Justice in Bolivia

Led by Chenoa Stock

Chenoa will present an update on the UMAVIDA (Uniendo Manos por la Vida, Joining Hands for Life) network. Chenoa accompanies UMAVIDA in their struggle for water rights and environmental justice for communities affected by mining contamination. They address the systemic structures which cause this injustice and work to change these structures through policy changes and advocacy.

Sept. 29: Rescuing Haitian Children

Held in Room 234 with Seekers

Journey with Scripture *Second Floor Library*

Facilitator: Jan Lyle Irvin

September readings continually challenge our entrenched personal and social constructs. They express deep feeling:

Sept. 8: Paul tests friendship to free Onesimus, "I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love." – Philemon 1:9

Sept. 15: As Jerusalem falls, Jeremiah cries, "Oh, the walls of my heart! My heart is beating wildly." – Jeremiah 4:19

Sept. 22: Jesus bluntly states, "You cannot serve God and wealth." – Luke 16:13

Sept. 29: "Take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you were made," bids Paul.
– 1 Timothy 6:12

Join us as we reflect together, as a small group, on these and other selections from the *Revised Common Lectionary*.

We rejoice that ELPC provides educational offerings for all ages. For a full listing of classes and descriptions, please visit www.CathedralOfHope.org. Classes begin at 9:45 am.

Parenting Circle *Harambe Room*

Facilitator: Pam Walaski

We return with a new format! The first Sunday of each month will be used for an open joys and concerns discussion. The remaining weeks will have a light structure so that participants can use the time to discover God's plan for their family and to share their joys and struggles. We welcome all of ELPC's families to join us as we use a portion of the Lectionary as a foundation for facilitated discussion.

No advance preparation or reading is necessary, and copies of the texts being discussed will be available. If you have questions, contact Pam Walaski at pam@jcsafety.com.

Seekers *Room 234*

Facilitator: Gwen Puza

Sept. 8 and 15: Update on Israel/Palestine

Led by Tina Whitehead

Tina Whitehead has been volunteering in Jerusalem and the West Bank since 2006. Her primary work has been with Sabeel, a Palestinian Christian Peace and Justice movement. She will provide an update on the recent peace talks and events, and share pictures from her experiences in Palestine.

Sept. 22: Working for Justice in Bolivia

Held in the Parlor with Contemporaries

Sept. 29: Rescuing Haitian Children

Led by Ali McMutrie

Pittsburgh sisters Jamie and Ali McMutrie run Haitian Families First, an organization that nurtures and empowers families in despair through emotional, social, and financial support. Ali will talk about what led them to start Haitian Families, how Haiti has changed since the earthquake, what their work encompasses, and more.

Soul Food *Pastor's Conference Room*

Facilitator: Joe Hajdu

We focus on feeding our spirits and nurturing our awareness of God's presence by using a prayerful, contemplative format that includes small group discussions of spiritually nourishing texts and personal experiences.

This month, we will continue discussing *Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality*, by Richard Rohr.

Sept. 8: Gathering Session and Review

Sept. 15 and 22: Chapter Nine, "The Mystery of the Cross"

Sept. 29: First Part of Chapter 10, "Mutual Indwelling"

Youth Classes

Junior High (grades 6–8) Room 341
Curriculum: “Feasting on the Word”

Senior High (grades 9–12) Room 343
Curriculum: “We Believe”

Children’s Classes

Children’s Ministry/Infants–age 2

Nursery

Curriculum: “Wee Children at Church”

Pre-school/Ages 3–5 Room 240

Curriculum: “Gospel Light”

Kindergarten and Grade 1 Room 336

Curriculum: “Godly Play”

Grades 2–3 Room 338

Curriculum: “Godly Play”

Grades 4–5 Room 335

Curriculum: “Seasons of the Spirit”

Health Ministry

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

Sat., Oct. 12: Vesta at 6 pm

Vesta, the story of a feisty widow’s struggle to maintain independence and dignity as she grapples with her failing health and eventual death, will be presented at the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater. A panel discussion will follow.

Admission is *free*. Hors d’oeuvres will be served at 5:15 pm.

Exercise Classes Resume

Tai Chi

Tuesdays, from 10–11 am and 6–7 pm

Classes begin on **Tues., Sept. 10**, and are \$3 per session (\$25/10 sessions).

Pre-register with Kate Carlson at KateC@coh.net or 412.441.3800 x16.

Yoga

Thursdays, from 7:15–8:45 pm

JourneyDance

Fri., Sept. 13, from 7–8 pm

Youth Ministry

Sara Hackett, Coordinator for Christian Education and Youth Ministry

Sun., Sept. 8: GeoCaching from 12:30 to 3:30 pm

Youth in grades 4–6 are invited to Schenley Park for an afternoon of GeoCaching (hunting for treasures using GPS technology). Pizza will be provided after worship. Additional details and a permission form can be found on the youth page of the ELPC website. RSVP to Sara Hackett at SaraH@coh.net or 412.673.2926.

club one sixteen

Wednesdays, from 3:30–7:30 pm

Beginning on **Wed., Sept. 18**, youth in grades 1–12 are welcome to attend an evening of fellowship, study, and worship. Our schedule will be as follows:

3:30 pm: Homework/Gathering/Gym

4:30 pm: Opening Worship/Welcome

5 pm: Dinner

5:30 pm: Bible Study

6:30 pm: club life/Hope Academy/free time

7:30 pm: Dismissal



club life: crazy science

Wednesdays, from 6:30–7:30 pm

God has made an incredible world full of mystery and wonder. We will use science experiments to delight in the world that God made!

Young Adult Ministry

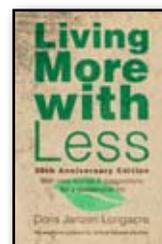
Wil Forrest, Coordinator for Young Adult Ministry

Fri., Sept. 6: First Friday at Wallace at 7 pm

Increase the Peace! This coffeehouse evening at Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church (1146 Greentree Rd., Greentree) will include fellowship, treats and lots of Fair Trade PLUS Café Justo coffee. Participants are asked to bring a poem, song, reading, Scripture or anything creative to share with the group, focused on the theme of peace. Bring a dessert to share as well!

Sun., Sept. 15: Sunday Book Discussion from 9:45–10:45 am

Join other young adults in a book discussion series this fall during the Christian Education hour in Room 244. We will explore Doris Janzen Longacre’s Mennonite classic, *Living More With Less*. See Wil for your copy of the book and get reading. Just finished worshipping at Journey? Then stay! Plan to worship at the 11 am service? Then come early! Read some of the book before class. And, of course, Café Justo will be served!



Fri., Sept. 20: Getting to Know You at 7 pm

We will gather at ELPC and head together to Matthew Anderson’s house, where we will get to know him better. Then, we will play some get-to-know-each-other games. Come out for lots of fun, food and fellowship at the Anderson house.

Presbyterian Women

Mary Alice Lightle, Moderator

Tues., Sept. 3: An Abiding Hope at 10 am

Join us in the Second Floor Parlor as we begin our study, *An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy*. Judy Menk will lead our lesson, "God at Work" (Exodus 1–2). A



potluck lunch will follow. Beverages will be provided, but please bring a salad or snack to share.

Classes After Taizé Prayer

The Rev. Christiane Dutton, Minister of Taizé Prayer

Note: Classes begin at 8:15 pm. We will not have class on **Wed., Sept. 18.**

Wed., Sept. 4: Writing Workshop led by Laurie Arnold-McMillan

A home is more than shelter, but also a reflection of the self. The experience and imaginings of home provides boundless inspiration and resources for the writer of any genre. Explore this vast territory of emotion and memory through creative exercises to stimulate the writer's inner and outer eye. We will investigate what metaphors sustain hope during transitions of moving, whether it be a physical move or an internal shift.

Wed., Sept. 11: Meditative Music on the Labyrinth led by Charles Anderson

Wed., Sept. 25: Celebrations and Tower Sing

If you celebrate a birthday, anniversary or milestone in September, write it down and put it in the collection basket so we can celebrate with you!

A Day of Healing and Wholeness

Sat., Sept. 7

Join us for a day of healing in the Gestalt Pastoral Care (GPC) model. GPC is rooted in the Christian ministry of healing, and integrates personal growth work, spiritual companioning and prayer for healing. This work rests on the belief that God's grace is constantly at work in each person. Although we can't predict just how you will be healed, you can expect to be touched in body, mind, spirit, emotions and social/relational context in a process unique to you.



We will be joined by the Rev. Betty Voigt. The Rev. Voigt has experienced God's healing in her own life through GPC, and has connected many others to this ministry.

For more information on GPC, visit www.GestaltPastoralCare.org. To learn more about the Rev. Voigt, visit www.HolyGroundHermitage.org.

Spiritual Life

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan, Director of Spiritual Life Ministries

Sat., Oct. 5: The Spiritual Paradigm from 9 am–4 pm, in the Second Floor Parlor

When it comes to being a spiritual person, do we have a choice? Yes, we do—or maybe, no we don't. Join Fr. Bernie Tickerhoof, director of Ongoing Formation for the Third Order Regular of St. Francis, as helps us understand the spiritual life.

Sun., Oct. 6: Join Together for Our First Sunday Fast for Hunger

The life, teaching and ministry of Jesus provide for us a blueprint for living an abundant life. He worked hard; but also took rest. He surrounded Himself with a circle of intimate friends, but found solitude. He embodied love and compassion, and He participated in what we might call spiritual practices: silence, solitude, prayer, fasting, pilgrimage, ritual, and more.

Keeping this balance of compassionate ministry and spiritual practice in mind, the Spiritual Life Committee (SLC) invites you to join together for a monthly **First Sunday Fast for Hunger**, from Friday evening until we receive communion during worship on Sunday. Scripture tells us that Jesus does not suggest that we might fast; but rather, He assumes that we will: "Whenever you fast..." (Matthew 6:16).

Fasting is the act of doing without something which satisfies or fills us (mentally, physically, or emotionally) so that we might become more aware of God's presence with us; make space for God's love to fill us; and be reminded of our reliance on God alone. Aside from the usual understanding of doing without food (with your doctor's approval), the fast might mean doing without anything that fills up your body, mind, time, or spirit (television, computer, phone, alcohol, tobacco, golf, etc.). The idea is not that what you "give up" is bad for you—though it might be—but that you give up something that you will miss, the absence of which you will notice regularly throughout the fast.

Watch for details in the bulletins, and prayerfully discern what, for you, would be a fast that is "acceptable to the Lord." (Isaiah 58:5)

Seniors, Join the Happy Wanderers Group

Our Happy Wanderers group at ELPC is for seniors age 55 and above. We get together once a month for an outing, such as a play, history center, craft festival, etc., as well as lunch or dinner. Our trips are scheduled Monday through Friday, and they can be in or out of town. Upcoming events include:



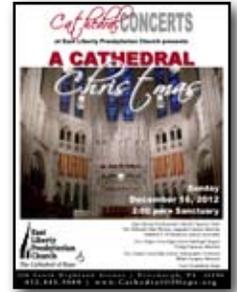
- **Mon., Sept 9:** Hartville Kitchen in Hartville, Ohio
- **Thurs., Oct. 3:** Green Gables for Lunch and Mountain Playhouse, in Jennerstown, Pa.
- **Nov.** (to be announced): Dinner at Spaghetti Warehouse and Mystery Theater
- **Fri., Dec. 6:** Christmas Party at Rocky's

If you would like to be put on our mailing list, please contact Gloria Knopp at **412.441.3800 x22** or **GloriaK@coh.net**.

A Cathedral Christmas Available on DVD!

DVDs of the Dec. 16, 2012, presentation of *A Cathedral Christmas*, are available for **\$20**.

Please contact Norma Meyer at **Norma@coh.net** or Dr. Ed Moore at **EdM@coh.net** if you would like to purchase a copy.



Left to right: Diana Armstrong, Laura Ristau, Elaine Bellin, Jon Nelson, and Liz Hopkins

Service Spotlight: Weekend Fruit Providers

by Wil Forrest, iSERVE Coordinator

Most weeks we enjoy delicious fruit at or after each worship service. As you might guess, this fruit does not just fall off the tree and end up in our church, cut up in nice trays and ready to eat. In fact, it begins as a generous donation each week from ELPC member Elaine Bellin's Paragon Foods. Most Saturdays, they have extra fruit trays available for donation and our fruit team goes into action! Diana Armstrong, Laura Ristau, Jon Nelson, and Liz Hopkins take turns to bring the fruit from Paragon to ELPC each Saturday afternoon to make sure we have fruit for worship times and our EECM partner ministries on Sunday. Most weeks, they fill their cars with boxes to feed us all some delicious and nutritious fruit.

Thank you, Elaine and Paragon Foods, for your generosity! Thank you, Diana, Laura, Jon and Liz, for your dedicated service!



They have found a fit to share what they have to offer. Let's talk about what service opportunities might be a fit for you! Visit www.CathedralOfHope.org/about/iSERVE.html and read about available service opportunities!

Connections Gatherings

Connections Gatherings are small groups (7-10 people) who meet for conversation and potluck dinners, usually in each others' homes.

Look for the sign-up table during Fellowship time. For details, contact Carol Hoehn at **412.334.7198** or **hoehncarolmb@aol.com** or Elaine Phillips at **412.673.3778** or **phillipsjackr@gmail.com**.

ELPC People

If you have news to share, call Gloria Knopp at **412.441.3800 x22**.

Good News

Jason and Julie Karns are the proud parents of a baby boy, **Henry David Karns**, who was born on Aug. 4.

Prayers

We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of those who recently passed away:

- Wil Forrest's mother, Jean Forrest, who passed away on Aug. 1.
- Kate Carlson's step-brother, Denny Gross, who passed away on Aug. 1.



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Building Closed

The ELPC office will be closed on Labor Day, **Mon., Sept. 2**, and reopen Tuesday morning.

Let’s Make Music Together

With September comes the return of our regular rehearsal schedule for our four musical ensembles. The first rehearsal for each group is:



- **Chancel Choir** *Thurs., Sept. 5, from 7–8:30 pm*
- **Journey Praise Team** *Fri., Sept. 6, from 4:45–5:45 pm*
- **Handbell Choir** *Tues., Sept. 10, from 6–7 pm*
- **Youth Choir** *Sun., Sept. 15, from 9–9:45 am*

If you have any questions, email please contact Dr. Ed Moore at EdM@coh.net.

Tour the Tower

On **Sun., Sept. 29**, join us for a trek up ELPC’s tower to enjoy the view and touch the church’s bell, a gift of Barbara Negley. Meet Elder Bruce Pollock at the rear of the Sanctuary following our 11 am Worship service. Wear shoes that are suitable for climbing ladders and slacks or jeans.



Join us at the Church Picnic

Christian Education (CE) will host our annual church picnic on **Sun., Sept. 22**, following our 11 am Worship service.



CE will provide fried chicken, hot dogs, and dessert, and asks that everyone bring a side-dish to share. Food will be served in the Social Hall, with seating available in the Social Hall and Garth. The Gym and Bowling Alley will be open for games for persons of all ages.

Please join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun!

Attend the All-Church Retreat

ELPC will host an all-church retreat at Camp Crestfield from **Fri.–Sun., Oct. 25–27**. Our theme for the weekend will be *Why We Tell Stories*. Through worship, workshops, study, and games, we will delve deeper into *The story* (The Bible) at the center of our faith, and explore how it impacts the stories of our lives. Our weekend together will include time to relax and enjoy the great outdoors!

Registration begins on **Sun., Sept. 15**. Fees vary based on accommodations and scholarships are available. Brochures are available on the CE Bulletin Boards and on the ELPC website.

Join us for this intergenerational weekend of worship, workshops, fellowship and fun!