

Reaching Out

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October 2013

Experience the Message of VESTA

Sat., Oct. 12, at 6 pm, at the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater



VESTA is a poignant, humorous and ultimately triumphant story of a feisty 75-year-old woman's journey from wellness to disability to resolution in death. The heart of the story lies in Vesta's warmth and courage as she strives to regain control of her life as her physical well-being deteriorates. It is not only about Vesta; it's also about her family who cares for her. As you experience VESTA, you will be challenged to look into your own life and determine what is truly important to human relationships. As one

critic wrote, "Like so many pieces of art, the play is a call to action about what we as a society can do differently about these issues."

VESTA has a warm message for all ages, profoundly meaningful to family members and friends of persons who are in the twilight of their lives. It is also immensely insightful for healthcare practitioners who are committed to providing compassionate and effective care.

A reception with hors d'oeuvres and information will begin at 5:15 pm. A panel discussion will follow the performance. If you plan to attend, contact KateC@coh.net or 412.441.3800 x16 so that we can plan the reception.

Celebrate Children's Sabbath with Us

ELPC's Children's Sabbath on **Sun., Oct. 20**, is a time to celebrate the children in our midst, offer prayers for children everywhere, and commit ourselves to God's call to work for the well-being of all children. It is a time to focus on issues that impact children, such as hunger. In the U.S. alone, approximately 16.7 million children live in households that struggle to put food on the table. Every day, almost 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes around the world. The time has come to address this issue.

This year, our Children's Sabbath Celebration will include a *Bread For the World Offering of Letters* advocacy event following our 11 am worship service, sponsored by the Poverty and Justice Committees. During this time, you will have opportunities to sign a petition to President Obama and write to your state representative or senator, asking that they work together to protect hunger programs and end hunger.

Editor's Note

This month's theme is *We Love to Tell the Story*. Look for articles related to this theme, identified by this symbol.



Sunday Morning Services

* *Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

Good Samaritan Worship • 8 am

Liturgist: Mary Alice Lightle

- Oct. 6* Rev. John Welch, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
- Oct. 13 Dr. David Hall, East Liberty Family Health Care Center
- Oct. 20 Dave Brewtown, Elder, Friendship Church
- Oct. 27 To be announced

Journey Worship • 8:45 am

- Oct. 6* Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
- Oct. 13 Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
- Oct. 20 Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
- Oct. 27 Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

Sanctuary Worship • 11 am

- Oct. 6* Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
- Oct. 13 Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
- Oct. 20 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
- Oct. 27 Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

Mondays • 7 am–1 pm
Wednesdays • 9 am–9 pm

Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesdays • 7 pm
Rev. Christiane Dutton
Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

Happy Retirement!

Join us as we celebrate the retirement of the Rev. Christiane Dutton at receptions in her honor after the 11 am worship service on **Sun., Oct. 6**, and after her final Taizé prayer service on **Wed., Oct. 9**.



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Pastoral Message

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, Pastor



And so it begins...After a process that has lasted over four years, the long-awaited water reclamation project involving the Penn Avenue yard of our church is finally underway. This project (as you've likely heard before) will disconnect our rain spouts from the pipes running to the city sewer lines and instead re-direct rainwater to a below ground filtration system. This will allow the water to be absorbed by plants, bushes and trees rather than simply rushing into the overburdened sewer system (which only leads to more pollution in the Pittsburgh rivers). The work in the church yard will

take a couple months, with the hope being that a mild autumn will let us get a good head-start on landscaping and planting out front.

This project is a catalyst for which we have waited quite some time. Along with the new plantings, we will finally replace some energy-inefficient flood lamps with new cost-effective exterior lighting. Also, the old signs and unusable flagpoles on the corner of Penn and Highland will be replaced with new church signs nicely combining our traditional aluminum frames and new electronic screens. It is hoped that all these projects will combine to offer a more welcoming, fresh "face" for our church as the East Liberty community walks, bikes and drives past our wonderful building.

It has been my experience that once people come inside ELPC, whether for a concert or a meeting or a worship service, they are pleased by our congregation's diversity, commitment to service, and spirit of hospitality. But it has also been my experience that many people do not come inside ELPC, walking past it believing that somehow it is too big, too wealthy, or too imposing to be a place that someone might truly call their spiritual home. The front yard renovations also include adding some benches in front of the lawn, so that people may comfortably enjoy the view in front of the church, rather than having to sit uncomfortably on the old stone edging that implied people should "keep off the grass." Also, the new signage will allow us to show pictures of the diverse congregational family at ELPC, so that the invitation to see how we live out Christ's gospel might be linked with welcoming faces visible on our outdoor signs.

Why do these things matter? They matter because truly living out our faith requires that we work to remove whatever barriers exist between "churched" and "un-churched" people. Or, to express this idea positively, living out the faith we profess challenges us to find fresh ways to celebrate the height, depth, and breadth of God's loving engagement with this world. Concerned about the environment? Let's talk together about being good stewards of creation. Concerned about social justice? Let's learn as a church from prophets of old and prophets active in today's world. Dealing with loss, grief and anxiety? Come inside and pray, trusting in Christ the Wounded Healer who offers a spirit of comfort and grace.

And so this project has finally begun. Changes are happening, it's true. But may the outside renovations at ELPC always reflect the inner transformations and renovations of the spirit Christ is doing in each of us right now!

Randy Bush

Register Now for Our All-Church Retreat

As a reminder, ELPC will host an All-Church Retreat at Camp Crestfield from **Fri.–Sun., Oct. 25–27**, focusing on the theme, *Why We Tell Stories*.

Registration forms and deposits are due to Gloria Knopp by **Sun., Oct. 6**. Scholarships are available for adults (partial) and youth (partial and full); kids age 5 and under are free!

Childcare will be available by request for children age 3 and younger during designated activities.

We hope that you will join us for all or part of this wonderful weekend of personal and spiritual renewal!

Stewardship News

Our 2013 Stewardship Campaign concludes on Stewardship Sunday, **Nov. 3**. This year's theme is *Giving in Community*. "Let all things be done for building up" (I Corinthians 14:26).

We bring our pledges and offerings to ELPC, and share them within the faith community that worships and volunteers here. These gifts do much more than maintain the building, they touch lives through our program and education ministries, music concerts and social justice activities, and mission work inside and outside of our neighborhood. We give to this community, knowing that we are part of a larger community—of East Liberty, of Pittsburgh, and of God's children around the world.

This year, our goal is to increase our church giving by 10 percent, so that we can cover costs for programs and personnel, and continue reducing our dependence on endowment savings.

Prayerfully consider bringing your pledge cards to worship on Stewardship Sunday.

A Trip of a Lifetime *by Laura Ristau*

I traveled with five ELPC members and two Pittsburgh Theological Seminary students to Bolivia in June to learn about the work of UMAVIDA and Chenoa Stock, a Presbyterian missionary supported by our congregation. The trip was all I hoped for and more. I wanted to learn about South America. What better place to do so than in Bolivia—in the heart of the continent? I wanted to strengthen my relationships with members of our church. What better way to do so than to travel and learn together?

I was impressed with the beauty of the country, the way Bolivian's live, and the history of the area. We saw hundreds of exposed dinosaur tracks in ancient mud flats; learned about silver mining in the 1500s, which financed Spanish colonialism; and heard about the relationship between Bolivia and the U.S.

I was motivated by the strength and determination with which the people we met carry out their work. They demonstrated passion, intelligence, perseverance, teaching skills, values, teamwork and vision for a better future. Our 10 days in Bolivia were filled with activity and information making it a trip of a lifetime.



Doing God's Work in Malawi

by Peta Harrigan Cole, part 1 of 3

This summer, I was privileged to be one of the leaders of a group of missionaries traveling to Malawi, where we were joined by two people from South Sudan, to begin what turned out to be an engaging and enriching journey through "The Warm Heart of Africa," as Malawi is known.

After a layover in Washington, D.C., a refueling stop in Senegal and an overnight stay in Johannesburg, South Africa, we arrived in Malawi on Sat., July 20. We were met at Chileka Airport by dignitaries from the Synod, as well as members of the Blantyre Synod Partnership Committee, Women's Guild and sister churches. We then went directly to Grace Bandawe Conference Center, where we assembled for refreshments, welcome remarks and a briefing.

On Sunday, we were picked up by host congregations within Blantyre. I was once again at Limbe CCAP (Church of Central Africa Presbyterian). I attended their worship service and discovered that it was a "farewell function" for the Rev. Andrew Kamponda, who was leaving to become a chaplain in the Malawi Defense Force. He was surprised to see me. Among the guests were the president's daughter and daughter-in-law.

Following fellowship, we went to Mpemba CCAP where there was a twinning ceremony between Carnegie PC(USA) and Mpemba CCAP. This was followed by the highlight of my trip...the Tri-partner Covenant Signing Ceremony (to which I was a signatory) between the Pittsburgh Presbytery, Blantyre Synod of the CCAP, and the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church (SSPEC). South Sudan will share how to connect with, and evangelize to, Muslim neighbors; Malawi will share how to utilize women as leaders and pastors.

Hear Peta speak about her trip at the Seekers class at 9:45 am, on Sun., Oct. 27.



Christian Education

Note: Classes begin at 9:45 am.

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries

Contemporaries Class *Second Floor Parlor*

Facilitators: Joe Kennedy and Mary Alice Lightle

Oct. 6: Art: Sharing Christ Out of Ourselves

Combined class with Seekers, led by Christopher Ruane
Christopher presents biblical stories and messages with a modern interpretation, using strikingly vivid colors and visuals that range from surreal to starkly realistic. Although all of his pieces are rooted in scripture, his work is a departure from more recognizable, traditional religious art.

Oct. 13/20: Building God's Kingdom

Led by Rev. Dr. Darrell Knopp, honorably retired, PC(USA)
God wants his church to be "one." As Jesus was preparing to die, He prayed that "all may be one." The purpose of this is spelled out in Jesus' prayer, "That the world may know that God has sent Me, that the world may believe." My conviction is that we are living in an exciting time of emergence into the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer. As Christians, we work to build connections, bridges, and partnerships in ministry. As a church, we cannot expect to manifest credibility to the outside world if we are fractured within.

Oct. 27: How do we Read the Gospels Well?

Led by Tucker Ferda

Many of us have heard the Gospel stories so many times that we have lost our naïveté, and thus, our sense of wonder and surprise. But this is a problem because these texts were not written for literary entertainment...they were written to and for people "in the trenches" of the Christian life—to those trying to follow Jesus. How do we recapture the surprise that awakens us to the radical presence of God's Kingdom in our midst? This discussion challenges us to think critically about our assumptions when we read the Gospels.

Journey with Scripture *Second Floor Library*

Facilitator: Jan Lyle Irvin

October's readings have tragic settings: the kingdom of Judah is exiled, Jesus travels towards Jerusalem and the cross, and Paul is imprisoned. The reality is accepted, yet good news is radically proclaimed.

Oct. 6: The psalmist laments, "By the rivers of Babylon... there we wept" (Psalm 137).

Oct. 13: God speaks to the exiles, "seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you" (Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7).

Oct. 20: Jesus' parable of the persistent widow urges the "need to pray always and not to lose heart" (Luke 18:1-8).

Oct. 27: The apostle Paul tells of being deserted yet "the Lord stood by me and gave me strength" (2 Timothy 4:6-18).

Join us as we reflect on these and other Revised Common Lectionary selections from scripture this month.

Parenting Circle *Harambe Room*

Facilitator: Pam Walaski

The first Sunday of each month will be used for an open joys and concerns discussion. Over the remaining weeks, we will discover God's plan for our families through intentional reading of scripture. We will use a portion of the Lectionary as a foundation for discussion.

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

Seekers *Room 234*

Facilitator: Gwen Puza

Oct. 6: Art: Sharing Christ Out of Ourselves

See description under Contemporaries

Oct. 13: The Mexico 5 Mission Experience

Led by the Mexico 5

The ELPC members who traveled to Mexico this past year will tell us about their mission experiences. We will hear about the efforts of Frontera de Cristo, the Migrant Resource Center, and elements of current immigration policy and potential changes. We will look at what scripture tells us about how God expects us to treat "aliens" in a strange land. We also will meet Silvestre and Elsa, and hear their stories.

Oct. 20: Conflict Minerals *Led by Rebecca Cech*

The Congo's rich resources and rare earth minerals have been plundered since 1885. Now, in the digital age, when these minerals are needed for almost every electronic device, big business' desire to get cheap pieces of the Congo have intensified.

Rebecca, a volunteer advocate for peace and justice in the Congo, will discuss the mining industry and its role in sustaining exploitation and conflict in the region.

Oct. 27: Doing God's Work in Malawi

Led by Peta Harrigan Cole

Peta will tell us about her recent mission trip to our partner church in Malawi. This year's theme was evangelism, manual work, and rural church encouragement. We also will hear about the historic Tripartite Covenant between Pittsburgh Presbytery, Blantyre Synod (CCAP), and the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church.

Soul Food *Pastor's Conference Room*

Facilitator: Joe Hajdu

In October, we will conclude our discussion of *Things Hidden*, by Richard Rohr, and choose a new book to read, reflect on, and discuss.

Youth Ministry

Sara Hackett, Coordinator for Christian Education and Youth Ministry

Sat.–Sun., Oct. 12–13: Confirmation Class Overnight Retreat

ELPC will offer Confirmation Class to students in grades 8 and 9 (and older, if they haven't participated before). We will begin our journey with an overnight retreat at ELPC beginning at 4 pm, on Sat., Oct. 12, and ending after our Journey worship service on Sun., Oct. 13. For details, contact Pastor Heather.

club one sixteen

Wednesdays, from 3:30–7:30 pm

Our theme this fall is **jeans & Jesus: being real with God**. Our relationship with God often feels like a separate part of our lives—something that we address only on Sunday mornings or during youth group. Yet, Scripture reminds us that our relationship with God is a part of every aspect of our lives. We will explore topics that will allow us to take our relationship with God to a deeper level.

club life: crocheting with love

Wednesdays, from 6:30–7:30 pm

What can you make with some yarn and a hook? A baby hat for a preemie? A scarf to keep someone warm? A blanket for a child staying in the hospital? Come learn to crochet and how to turn yarn into the gift of love.

Young Adult Ministry

Wil Forrest, Coordinator for Young Adult Ministry

Fri., Oct. 4: First Friday at Hot Metal at 7 pm

Join us at Hot Metal Faith Community (2700 Jane St., Southside) for Bible Fight Club and fight over a topic of biblical proportion! Remember, what happens at Bible Fight Club, stays at Bible Fight Club. We will conclude our time together at Over The Bar Bicycle Café (2518 East Carson St.).

Sun., Oct. 13: Living Simply at 12:30 pm, in Room 234

As we embrace our fall theme of "simplicity," we will spend some time together exploring this theme in relation to the real-life issues of our own personal finances, our consumption, and more. Come ready to learn, share and be challenged by our presenters and activities. Lunch will be served.

Sun., Oct. 20: Sunday Book Discussion from 9:45–10:45 am, in Room 244

Join other young adults in a book discussion series this fall during the Christian Education hour as we explore our theme of simplicity through Doris Janzen Longacre's Mennonite classic entitled, *Living More With Less*. You should have read about half of the book by this point. Café Justo will be served.

RSVP for Our Crestfied Retreat by Fri., Nov. 1

We will leave ELPC together at 7 pm, on Fri., Nov. 15 and return at 2 pm, on Sun., Nov. 17. This retreat will focus on our fall theme of *Simplicity*.

Questions? Contact Wil at Wil@coh.net or 412.260.2554.



Youth Reflect on Mission Trips



Our youth answered their call to serve during mission trips this summer. Here's a recap of their work...in their words.



The Senior High Mission Team worked with Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church in Lexington, Ky. They made and served sandwiches to community members, reorganized an after-school program and spent time with the kids, packed books that were sent to schools overseas, worked at a community garden, cleaned at the Ronald McDonald House, invited a hungry stranger to join them for dinner, and baked a birthday cake for a boy.

"The mission was fun. We got to make new friends and make fun new memories with staff, Kentucky staff and other youth members." – Donald

"Not to sound cliché, but the trip gave us an opportunity to see how lucky we are to have things like a roof over our head, books to read, and access to a food supply." – Jason

Junior High Mission Team stayed and served at Crestfield Camp, helped at a food pantry and thrift store in Grove City, refurbished computers at Computer Reach, relocated the Feed My Sheep ministry in New Castle, and spent time with residents at Shenango on the Green in New Wilmington.



"The trip was a great experience for us because we were out of our element. We had the opportunity to have fun and bond with each other and everyone we met throughout the week." – Cori R.

"It was a very interesting mission trip. Good or bad, we made it work and pulled through to change the lives of others whether it was a huge change or minor." – Cori B.

"I had a wonderful time. I made new friends and had a lot of funny moments. We all made it a fun trip." – Keyonna

After-Taizé Classes

*The Rev. Christiane Dutton and
the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan,
Ministers of Taizé Prayer*

Note: Classes begin at 8:15 pm.

Wed., Oct. 16: Music on the Labyrinth
led by Charles Anderson

Wed., Oct. 30: Celebrations

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

Presbyterian Women

Mary Alice Lightle, Moderator

Tues., Oct. 1: An Abiding Hope at 10 am
Join us in the Second Floor Parlor as we continue our study, *An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy*. Sara Hackett will lead our lesson, "God's Call to Service" (Exodus 2:11-4:17). A potluck lunch will follow. Beverages will be provided, but please bring a salad or snack to share.

PW and YAYA Announce Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to these students, who were awarded academic scholarships from ELPC Presbyterian Women and the Youth and Young Adult Committee:

- Timothy (T.J.) Benedict, University of Richmond
- Sarah Overby, Brown University
- Jordan Pollard, Duquesne University

Anyone who is active in the life of ELPC and pursuing a post-secondary degree or certificate is eligible for a one-time scholarship. Applications are available in April. For details, call Pastor Heather at **412.441.3800** or Cathie Hajdu at **412.793.8151**.

Christopher Ruane's Art is on Display

This month, ELPC is pleased to present an exhibit of the photographic fine art of local artist, Christopher Ruane, in the Second Floor Parlor. Mr. Ruane specializes in massive digital artworks, often involving as many as 500 images, and his at ELPC focuses on familiar religious themes.

There will be an opening reception from 6-8:30 pm, on **Fri., Oct. 4**. On **Sun., Oct. 6**, Mr. Ruane will speak at a combined Contemporaries/Seekers class at 9:45 am. Then on **Sun., Oct. 27**, Mr. Ruane will be present and available to speak after our 11 am worship service about his artwork and use of faith themes. The exhibit will remain on display until Fri., Nov. 1.



This image, "Faith," was created as part of a series on modern interpretations of biblical events. "Faith" is based on the account of the gospel that appears in Matthew 14, describing the miracle of Christ walking on water.

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. Is this "spiritual thing" actually bigger than we think? What is actually going on in the course of our day, and in the midst of our world? And what is the decision to seek a deepening in spirituality all about?

This program retreat looks at the spiritual underpinnings of our reality, and seeks to address what our choices could mean in relation to it, to God, and to our everyday lives. Join Fr. Bernie Tickerhoof as he guides us along this exploration of the spiritual life. Fr. Bernie is the director of ongoing formation for the Third Order Regular of St. Francis, a retreat leader and spiritual director. The fee is **\$20**, which includes lunch and refreshments.

Sun., Oct. 6: Learn More About Fasting in October's First Sunday Program

Fasting is an ancient practice, which we as Presbyterians do not often think about, but, Jesus assumed that it was a practice in which we would participate. We invite you to learn more about the biblical basis for, and the safe and appropriate practice of, this spiritual discipline.



A light lunch will be provided to break the Fast for Hunger (see page 8). In order to provide an opportunity for everyone to attend the retirement reception for the Rev. Christiane Dutton, the start of our program will be delayed a half hour following the conclusion of our 11 am worship service.

EECM's Community House Readies to Open

This fall at ELPC will be part of an ending—the end of East End Cooperative Ministry's (EECM) services sharing our building, as the organization transitions into a beautiful new home. For years, ELPC has been the home to a variety of EECM's services, including the Men's Shelter, Food Pantry, Soup Kitchen, Meals on Wheels, and after-school tutoring services. The good news is ELPC will continue supporting EECM in new and meaningful ways.

EECM plans to have most of its services up and running by the beginning of December. It is expected that at least an additional 400 volunteers will be needed when this transition is completed. To support this exciting community, ELPC's Neighbors Committee is forming ministry teams to share the responsibility of some of EECM's needs, and to foster fellowship through service within ELPC.

Complete implementation of the ministry teams is still in the planning stages, but the possibilities of building community within our congregation and within Community House are exciting. The first need EECM has identified and requested our help with is to provide a warm breakfast on the second Sunday of each month (beginning in November) for the Men's Shelter and Orr Center residents. Our ministry team will help cook breakfast, and share the meal with residents. If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities, please contact Patrice at **412.441.3800 x30** or **PatriceFS@coh.net**.

"We hope that Community House will not only be a place where people receive services, but a place where they make friends, find a community. We will all be transformed." – EECM

Telling Bible Stories *by Wil Forrest, iSERVE Coordinator*



One of my favorite Bible stories is that of sisters Mary and Martha hosting Jesus at home, found in Luke 10:38–42. As you may recall, Martha was busy making household preparations while Mary sat at the Lord's feet listening and keeping him company. Jesus then redirects Martha's energies from working to relating.

Now, this lesson might seem to be a strange one to point out by your volunteer coordinator, however, I think Jesus makes an important point relating to serving. There is a time to be actively working and a time to interpersonally relate. Both can bring glory to God and both can be forms of serving! Sometimes God calls us to serve by rolling up our sleeves and sweating, but God also calls us to sit and connect with someone—done to honor and in service to our Lord.



Jesus' warning to Martha reminds us that all service that brings glory to God ought to be based in a relationship with the Lord. This is where we find our

centering as believers and servants of the Lord. So next time you attend a church committee meeting, teach Sunday School, serve a Shelter meal, make a donation, etc., ask yourself how this action is rooted in your faith and how it can be best done to honor and serve God. Sometimes we ask how to get a task done most efficiently or quickly, but seeking to first make sure our service brings glory to God offers a better path. Just ask Martha.

Visit www.CathedralOfHope.org/about/iSERVE.html to learn more.

New in Our Community

To say East Liberty isn't what it used to be is an understatement. Not only is the Highland Bridge set to reopen later this month, but after many years and much anticipation, the Highland and Wallace Buildings are open for business, and are at 80 percent capacity! Stop by in the evening and marvel at their beauty—the lighting is spectacular!

Hungry? While in the area, stop by one of these new dining options:

- **Creamy Creations and More**
5943 Penn Ave.
Open daily, 8 am–5 pm
They serve coffee, sandwiches, chocolate, desserts, and more.
- **Everyday's a Sundae and Café**
6014 Penn Circle South
Open Mon.–Thurs., 7 am–8 pm;
Fri.–Sat., 7 am–9 pm; and
Sun., 12–6 pm
They serve sandwiches, coffee, tea, cupcakes, ice cream, and soft-serve.
- **Juice Up 412**
124 S. Highland Ave.
Open Wed.–Sat., 11 am–3 pm
They serve unique and delicious fruit and vegetable juices.

ELPC People

Good News

Join us in welcoming the new members to our faith community: **William DeLair, Stephen Evrard, Mary Figlar, Burl J. F. Moone III, Cameron Needle, Matthew Stufft, Timothy** and **Mary Beth Van Fleet, and Jennifer Vinsel.**

Prayers

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

- Sharon Hardnet's sister, Mary Jane Richardson; and
- JoAnn Chonoska's mother, Bernadine Wilkin.



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Building Closed
The ELPC office will be closed until 7 pm, on **Mon., Oct. 14.**

Join Our Fast For Hunger

The Spiritual Life and Poverty Committees encourage you to observe ELPC’s first Fast for Hunger, beginning on **Fri., Oct. 4**, and concluding on **Sun., Oct. 6**, with the celebration of the Lord’s Supper.

The Spiritual Life Committee will provide resources for personal and family prayer. You also are encouraged to come together in community at any time between 8–11 am, on Sun., Oct. 6, in the Prayer & Meditation Room to ground the fast in shared silence.

The Poverty Committee will collect donations to the EECM Food Pantry to allow our prayer and fast to be manifested in the practice of compassion.

Consider what, for you, will be a fast “acceptable to the Lord.” (Isaiah 58:5)

Alia Musica in Concert at ELPC

Alia Musica will perform its Fall Concert at 7 pm, on **Sun., Oct. 20**, as part of our Cathedral Concerts at ELPC series. Hear organ, voice, premieres, and more. A freewill offering will be accepted.

*Please note the date change for the Just Harvest Dinner, it is the **22nd (not the 25th)***

Dine with Just Harvest

Just Harvest will celebrate its 25th anniversary at its annual dinner on **Tues., Oct. 22**, at the Omni William Penn Hotel, downtown. The *Seeds of Justice* honorees this year will be the founding members of Just Harvest, including our own, the Rev. Tom Menk.

ELPC will coordinate ticket purchases so that we may sit together. Tickets are **\$50** per person. Make checks payable to ELPC. To make reservations, call Kate Carlson at **412.441.3800 x16**.

Peacekeeping Offering
We also will celebrate World Communion Sunday on **Oct. 6**, and receive the PC(USA) Peacekeeping Offering. Donations will support the peacemaking programs of ELPC, Pittsburgh Presbytery, Synod of the Trinity, and PC(USA).

2013 Covenant Network Conference

You won’t want to miss the 2013 Covenant Network National Conference from **Oct. 31–Nov. 2**, at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. The conference theme is *Marriage Matters* and the program focuses on the needs of the church in relation to marriage, especially being supportive of same-gender marriage.

Modest scholarship support is available from ELPC. For more information or to register, visit www.CovnetPres.org.