

# Reaching Out

newsletter of east liberty presbyterian church

February 2014

## PSO Presents: Music for the Spirit

Thurs., Feb. 13, at 7 pm

Music has the power to touch the human spirit—transcending time, place, boundaries and language—and spur understanding and connection. The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra (PSO) is deeply committed to music's ability to promote and spread a spiritual and universal message, and to that end, invites you to a Music for the Spirit concert at ELPC.



The Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh, and the Concertio choir from the Pittsburgh School for the Choral Arts also will perform.

Invite your friends and family for this unique opportunity to hear the PSO in the gothic splendor of our Sanctuary!

General admission tickets are *free*. Tickets are limited and up to four are available per household. Call the Heinz Hall box office at **412.392.4900**, or visit **PittsburghSymphony.org** or the ELPC website for more information.

## Marlissa Hudson and Marvin Mills Slated to Perform

Sun., March 2, at 4 pm



Hear soprano Marlissa Hudson and organist Marvin Mills perform as part of the *Cathedral Concerts* series at ELPC. The event is *free*, but a freewill offering will be accepted.

Marlissa Hudson is a graduate of Duke University and the Peabody Institute in Baltimore. She has been described as a "superb lyric coloratura" by the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

Philadelphia native Marvin Mills is an organist in the Washington, D.C. area. He also is the composer of the *Toccata on EAM*, premiered by Dr. Ed Moore during his first organ recital at ELPC in May 2011.

This concert is being offered in memory of long-time ELPC member and supporter, Norma Noden, and is made possible by the *Norma Noden Music Fund*.

## Sunday Services

\* *Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

### Good Samaritan Worship • 8 am

Held at the EECM Community House  
Liturgist: Ray Anthony

- Feb. 2\* Rev. Tami Hooker, *Chaplain, State Correctional Institution*
- Feb. 9 Frank Reeves, *Editor, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
- Feb. 16 Bible Study
- Feb. 23 Bible Study

### Journey Worship • 8:45 am

- Feb. 2\* Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
- Feb. 9 Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
- Feb. 16 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
- Feb. 23 Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### Sanctuary Worship • 11 am

- Feb. 2\* Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
- Feb. 9 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
- Feb. 16 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
- Feb. 23 Rev. Dr. Lisa Thompson, *Assistant Professor of Homiletics, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary*

## Labyrinth Prayer Walk

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

## Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesdays • 7 pm  
Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan



Join us for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush's ordination

as Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA) during our Congregational Meeting on Sun., Feb. 16.

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## Pastoral Message

*The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, Pastor*



I have been reading a book by two of my favorite "Thomases"—Tom Long, my seminary preaching professor, and Thomas Lynch, funeral director and author of the wonderful book, *The Undertaking*. They have co-authored a book called *The Good Funeral*, alternating chapters on topics like how caring for the dead is also caring for the living, and how funeral services can help or hinder one's process of grieving. Lynch commented that funerals are one of those times when faith steps front and center and seeks to offer words of comfort; but given many people's tenuous ties to religion, families often feel "ritually adrift and left clueless as to what to do when someone dies."

Ritually adrift. I liked that phrase so much that, on Feb. 9 and 16, I will be preaching sermons on the topic of being "Ritually Adrift: Good Funerals and Good Grief." In my experience, many funeral services have been untethered from their theological moorings. Over the past 50 years, Americans have become increasingly uncomfortable honestly confronting the reality of death, and so we have shifted from funeral services (where a body and casket are present) to memorial services (where no body is present).

Clergy regularly hear people request that the funeral service should not be somber or sad, but rather should strive to be a celebration of life. The problem this raises is that our faithful source of celebration comes from the gospel of Christ and the good news of resurrection, not from sharing humorous anecdotes and light-hearted eulogies. If the core elements of a church funeral service are missing (honest acknowledgment of a person's death, prayers of support for those who are grieving, proclamation of the gospel grounded in the story of the risen Christ), then it is inevitable people will feel "ritually adrift" as they push through the fog of grief after a loved one has died.

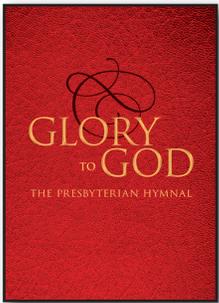
As a funeral director, Lynch knows better than most how important "physicality" is to the entire concept of dying and grieving. As he puts it: "Ours is a species that deals with death (the idea, the concept, the human condition) by dealing with the dead (the thing itself, in the flesh, the corpse). Whatever our responses to death might be—intellectual, philosophical, religious, ritual, social, emotional, cultural, artistic—they are firstly and undeniably connected to the embodied remnant of the person who was...The funeral responds to the signature human concern, to wit, what to do about a dead human?" To which I would also add, "And what are we to say about humans who all face the reality of death?"

Death changes things. It changes relationships and responsibilities. It breaks off conversations and closes doors on potentials. Talking about that changed reality is at the heart of mourning and is the foundation for the faith rituals we follow in funeral services. It does not mean that clergy or eulogists know exactly what to say. But it does mean that we do our best to offer a narrative that can be trusted, even if it means we open scripture and simply read over and over again, "Behold I show you a mystery." (Look at I Corinthians 15:51–58). We have well-loved, time-tested words to speak in times of death and the assurance that Christ hears and intercedes with "sighs too deep for words." For Christ is the anchor who keeps us from ever going adrift.

*Randy Bush*

## New Hymnals

Our Worship Committee has authorized the purchase of the new Presbyterian hymnal, *Glory to God*. This wonderful new resource retained over half of the best-loved selections from the prior hymnal (1990), while adding in a wide range of Taizé, global, traditional and contemporary new selections. We hope to begin using the hymnal during Lent (March 2014).

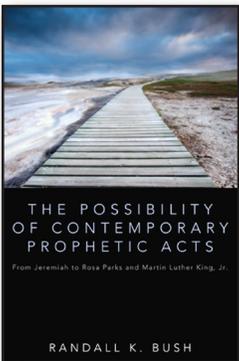


**Sponsorships**  
Congregation members are asked to consider sponsoring one or more hymnals.

For a donation of \$20 per hymnal, a dedication nameplate would be affixed inside the cover. Honor a loved one or celebrate a child through this special musical addition to our congregation!

## Pastor Randy Publishes New Book

Earlier this year, Pastor Randy Bush published a book entitled *The Possibility of Contemporary Prophetic Acts: From Jeremiah to Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr.*



This text is a re-working of his doctoral dissertation, looking at biblical examples of prophetic activity as a guide for recognizing similar acts in our modern

world. It is published by Pickwick Press. Copies are available in the ELPC Bookstore.

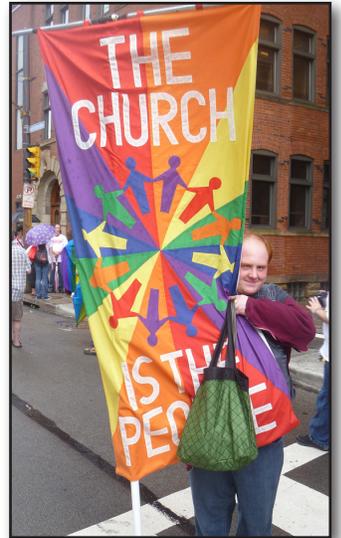
## LGBTQ Ministry Begins for All

Over the past several months, there has been a series of gatherings among folks thinking and praying about what a LGBTQ Ministry might look like at ELPC. Being a radically hospitable community, we want not only to welcome all of God's people, but also minister to their needs. While a LGBTQ Christian is like any other Christian in most ways, because of church and social history, many LGBTQ Christians have grown up on the margins of society and the church. Simply saying we are welcoming is a great first step, however to be radically hospitable, we need to take a step further, together.

Our LGBTQ Ministry is shaping up to have three distinct, but complementary qualities. **First**, an educational aspect is needed because so many LGBTQ Christians have had the Bible used against them as a weapon, and it is important for them to understand it is a message of God's love for all.

**Second**, a supportive aspect is necessary as there are some unique spiritual issues that LGBTQ folks face. **Third**, a social aspect is important. We need to know one another to make all other aspects of this ministry work.

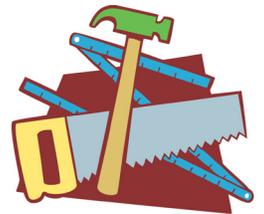
Please pray for this group as we seek to follow God's will and to create this new ministry. If you're interested in getting involved or have questions, contact Wil Forrest at [Wil@coh.net](mailto:Wil@coh.net) or 412.441.3800 x14.



New furniture was purchased for the Harambe Room, Game Room, and youth Church School rooms. The furniture and fresh paint make the spaces more welcoming to youth and families, and show the love and care ELPC has for children and youth.

## Renovations Committee Seeks Input

Responding to the changes in our church facilities and possibilities for the future, the eight-member Renovations Committee continues to meet bi-monthly to review ideas and prepare a presentation for the Session. It is hoped that an engineering study on mechanical, electrical, and plumbing needs will soon be complete.



Congregational feedback sessions will continue to be held after worship on the fourth Sunday of the month with the next two dates being **Sun., Feb. 23** and **March 23**. Feedback also may be given in written form.

# 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*

### **Feb. 2 and 9: How Did We Get Here?**

*Led by Sharla Yates-Seif and Paul Seif*

The tapestry regarding our spiritual faith-journey can, at times, be quite an adventure. Meet a dynamic new couple in our congregation as they reflect on their past, present, and future. They represent a vibrant hope for the light of Christ to shine in our midst as they embark upon the unfolding of the Lord's plan for their purpose and destiny.

### **Feb. 16: The Pro Bono Center**

*Led by Barbara Griffin*

Though the economy shows some signs of recovery, the need for legal help has not diminished. Calls for assistance are at an all-time high and according to Barbara, "This problem isn't going away because wages are still low and even though you are working, you may not be making anything extra. If you have an emergency or a legal issue come up, there's nothing extra to hire an attorney."

Learn about this important program designed to recruit more attorney volunteers and generate funds for assisting people.

### **Feb. 23: If Not Me, Who? If Not Now, When?**

*Led by Lenore Williams*

Racism...just hearing the word invokes many stereotypes. But not all racism is based upon hatred and violence. Some aspects of it may not be obvious. We will look at opinions of what racism is, where it came from, how to know it. We will ask ourselves how we can individually make a difference.

## **Journey with Scripture** *Second Floor Library*

*Facilitator: Jan Lyle Irvin*

In one of this month's readings, the apostle Paul writes, "But we have the mind of Christ." He addresses friends living in a cosmopolitan, religiously pluralistic, socially competitive, highly market driven, diverse city (Corinth) – one that pulled and shaped people's minds, hearts, and bodies in diverse ways. Amidst this milieu Paul proclaims a deeper kind of shaping and communal existence. Many of this month's readings call readers to such a life. Come and shape up! Join us as we reflect on:

**Feb. 2:** Micah 6:1–8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18–31; Matthew 5:1–12

**Feb. 9:** Isaiah 58:1–9a (9b–12); Psalm 112:1–9 (10); 1 Corinthians 2:1–12 (13–16); Matthew 5:13–20

**Feb. 16:** Deuteronomy 30:15–20; Psalm 119:1–8 1p; 1 Corinthians 3:1–9; Matthew 5:21–37

**Feb. 23:** Leviticus 19:1–2, 9–18; Psalm 119:33–40; 1 Corinthians 3:10–11, 16–23; Matthew 5:38–48

## **Parenting Circle** *Harambe Room*

*Facilitator: Pam Walaski*

We use our time together to share our joys and struggles through a facilitated discussion, guided by the week's lectionary readings. No advance preparation or reading is necessary and copies of the texts will be available. We welcome babies and toddlers who may not yet be able to leave their parents.

## **Seekers** *Room 234*

*Facilitator: Gwen Puza*

### **Feb. 2: Freedom to Believe** *part 1*

Join us for a screening of *Free China: The Courage to Believe*. This Oscar-nominated documentary tells the powerful story of a Chinese-American businessman and a former Communist Party member who, despite brutal persecution for their adherence to the spiritual practice of Falun Gong, remain steadfast in telling the world about what is happening behind closed doors. Why is the Communist Chinese government so afraid of these believers?

### **Feb. 9: Freedom to Believe** *part 2*

Dr. Ann Corson will address issues highlighted during last week's documentary screening. Dr. Corson educates people about the oppression of Falun Gong practitioners in China. During the discussion, we also will hear from people who suffered persecution in China for their spiritual beliefs.

### **Feb. 16: The Power of Forgiveness**

Many of us can remember this iconic image of a 1972 Napalm bombing during the Vietnam War.



The girl, Kim Phuc, lectures on the power of forgiveness. She has met and publically forgiven the Rev. John Plummer, who coordinated the air strike that injured her. Come see the video of her powerful, moving lecture that was recently given at Sewickley Academy.

### **Feb. 23: Why are we Presbyterians? How did that happen?**

Rev. Henk Bossers will explore the rich history and evolving identity of being a Presbyterian. We will reflect on the meanings and purposes of our personal identities, grounded in history and meeting the challenges of today.

## **Soul Food** *Pastor's Conference Room*

*Facilitator: Joe Hajdu*

We will continue discussing *A Testament of Devotion*, a spiritual classic by Thomas Kelly.

**Feb. 2–16: Chapter 4** *led by Doris Dick, Tom Menk, and Sel Whitaker*

**Feb. 23: Chapter 5** *led by Joe Hajdu*

# Youth Ministry

Sara Hackett, Coordinator for Christian Education and Youth Ministry

## Saturdays: Youth Basketball from 5–8 pm

Young men in grades 9–12 are welcome to join us for basketball in the ELPC Gym.

## Sun., Feb. 9: Confirmation Class

We will meet from 12:30–3:30 pm, in the second Floor Parlor. Confirmation sponsors are invited to join us for conversation around the table. This month, we will discuss the meaning of membership at ELPC and what it means to be a part of the PC(USA). For more information, please contact Pastor Heather.

## Sun., Feb. 16: Senior High Mission Trip Meeting with Parents

Following our 11 am Worship service, there will be lunch and a meeting for all parents and students who plan to attend—or are thinking about attending—our 2014 Senior High Mission Trip. We will provide all of the pertinent information needed for us to have a great experience this summer. This meeting is mandatory for students to participate on the Mission Trip.

## Sat.–Sun., March 1–2: 30-Hour Famine

Youth in grade 6–12 will be spend 30 hours fasting, praying, playing, worshiping, and learning about hunger around the world and around the block to raise money for a youth garden near the silver mines in Bolivia, which is working to provide healthy food for their struggling community.

Youth will begin fasting at home and should arrive at ELPC at 3:30 pm, on Saturday. We will break our fast on Sunday with the celebration of communion at Journey Worship, followed by breakfast. The event concludes at 10:45 am.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Sara Hackett at [SaraH@coh.net](mailto:SaraH@coh.net) or **412.673.2926**. Congregation members and friends can sponsor youth by donating money after worship on **Sun., Feb. 16**.

## club one sixteen

The Senior High group will continue with the theme of **Jeans and Jesus**. We will explore how to live the reality of God's love for us in Christ in our everyday lives by talking about the impact of our words. We also will welcome special guests who will share testimonies about how their faith impacted their understanding of food.

**club one sixteen** meets every Wednesday from 3:30–7:30 pm, and welcomes children and youth in grades 1–12. Our schedule is as follows:

- **3:30 pm:** Homework/Gym
- **4:30 pm:** Opening Worship
- **5 pm:** Dinner
- **5:30 pm:** Bible Study
- **6:30 pm:** **club life**/Hope Academy/ free time
- **7:30 pm:** Dismissal



# Young Adult Ministry

Wil Forrest, Coordinator of Young Adult and Outreach Programs

## Fri., Feb. 7: First Friday at North Hills 7 pm

Go suburban as we gather at the California Pizza Kitchen at Ross Park Mall, and see where the evening takes us. Eating, shopping, entertainment or whatever the group decides. Bring money for food and potential entertainment. Contact Wil if you would like a ride from ELPC at 6:30 pm.

## Sun., Feb. 16: Sunday YAM Class from 9:45-10:45 am, in Room 244

Tim Blass will lead the group as we examine “weathering the storm” through Scripture, personal testimony and group discussion. Bring your Bible. Café Justo served and childcare available.

## Sun., Feb. 23: The Great Exchange: Testimonies at 12:30 pm, in the Music Room

Folks of all ages are invited to this fun, interactive event where we, together across the generations, will explore some fun and important discussion questions through our own testimonies. We will have a simple lunch while sharing our life experience and stories. No prep necessary, just come and enjoy!



## YAM is for YOU

Your friends are always welcome too! To RSVP, ask questions, or simply to talk, please contact Wil Forrest at [Wil@coh.net](mailto:Wil@coh.net) or **412.441.3800 x14**.

## Classes After Taizé Prayer

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan,  
Minister of Taizé Prayer

**Note:** Classes begin at 8:15 pm. We will not meet on **Wed., Feb. 5.**

**Wed., Feb. 12: Music on the Labyrinth**

**Wed., Feb. 19: Christian Meditation**

Explore centering prayer, silent prayer, contemplative practice, and more.

**Wed., Feb. 26: Celebrations!**

## Health Ministry

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy,  
Staff Representative

### Walk it Off

Looking for a way to stay fit when the weather is cold or rainy? Walk indoors



and see ELPC's beautiful and historic architecture. Two loops are available:

- The quarter-mile loop has no stairs and walkers stay on the main floor.
- For the half-mile loop, walkers proceed through the main and ground floor levels.

To see a map, go to the Health Ministry page under "Programs" at [CathedralOfHope.org](http://CathedralOfHope.org).

## Exercise Classes

### Tai Chi

Tuesdays, from 10–11 am and 6–7 pm

Classes are \$3 per session (\$25/10 sessions). Pre-register with Kate at [KateC@coh.net](mailto:KateC@coh.net) or 412.441.3800 x16.

### Yoga

Thursdays, from 7:15–8:45 pm

### JourneyDance

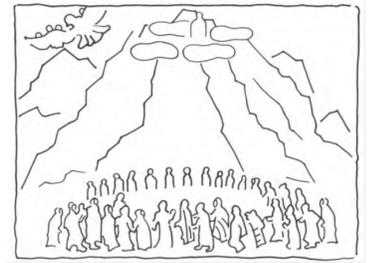
Fri., Feb. 14, from 7–8 pm

## Presbyterian Women

Mary Alice Lightle, Moderator

**Tues., Feb. 4: An Abiding Hope** at 10 am

Join us in the Second Floor Parlor as we continue our study of *An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy*. Our lesson will be "Becoming a Holy People" (Exodus 19 and 24; Deuteronomy 7:1–11). A potluck lunch will follow. Please bring a salad or snack to share. Soup and beverages will be provided.



## Save The Date: Spring Retreat at Camp Crestfield

Fri.–Sat., March 28 and 29

All women of ELPC are invited to welcome spring at an overnight retreat at Camp Crestfield. We will gather Friday evening and return home Saturday evening. We will reflect on manifestations of spring in our lives, through personal and group reflection and creative activities. Jenn Bender—a writer, spiritual seeker, artist and mystic—will lead us. Partial scholarships are available. Watch the Bulletin Board outside of the Library for details.



## Spiritual Life

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

**Sun., Feb. 2: First Sunday: Spirituality and Music** following 11 am Worship

Join us in Room 234 for a light lunch and an opportunity to share a piece of music that has been important in your spiritual growth. Bring a CD, cassette, or iPod, and we can share your song with others. If you do not have a recording, bring the lyrics or sheet music. Share the music that has inspired you and be inspired by the music that has touched others!



## Ending Hunger and the Food Crisis

Today, roughly a billion face hunger, but the problem is not because of insufficient agricultural production. Over the past decades, food production has kept pace with population growth. So, the persistence of hunger and the ferocity of the current food emergency are waking many to the need for a complete overhaul of the food system. However, changing the food system will take a transformation of ourselves, our power structures, and democracy itself.

At its core, the food crisis comes down to this: Those most in need of food don't have the means to purchase it, nor the means to produce it.

### PC(USA) February Fast Materials

Learn more about the causes of hunger! Pick up the Fast materials for February from the Spiritual Life Bulletin Board, then read as you participate in the ELPC Fast for Hunger beginning, **Fri., Jan. 31**, and ending with communion on **Sun., Feb. 2**.

## How Can You Help?

by Wil Forrest, Coordinator of Young Adult and Outreach Programs

As the iSERVE Coordinator, the most-asked question I hear is, "How can I help?" This is great! We have a loving, dedicated, helpful congregation ready to serve. However, the need for help often arises unexpectedly and sometimes might not require a lot of help, but it may be timely. This is when I turn to the WeSERVE list.

WeSERVE helpers are those who step up as a group of ready, willing and able servers who respond to time-sensitive needs of the church, members, or the community. These folks receive a brief notice when assistance is requested from the iSERVE ministry, which sometimes cannot be coordinated in advance.

Get on the list and when an opportunity to serve arises, if it fits your schedule and interest, then help out. If not, do nothing. Consider being part of this important ministry that will enable us as a congregation to more nimbly and effectively respond to the needs in our church community.

So, how can you help? Contact Wil today to get on the WeSERVE list. Visit [www.CathedralOfHope.org/programs/iserve-2](http://www.CathedralOfHope.org/programs/iserve-2) to read about other opportunities.



*Dr. Ed Moore sits at the Steinway M Grand Piano in the Chapel. The piano was recently donated to ELPC by Linda and Ed Wrenn, and restored by Peter Stumpf.*

## Rebuilding Point Pleasant

From Feb. 16–21, members of our faith family will travel to Point Pleasant, N.J., to continue serving those affected by Hurricane Sandy. While the storm occurred over a year ago, thousands of people are still displaced and virtually homeless.

This will be our third trip to Point Pleasant, where we will work with Lend a Hand Ministry, Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to rebuild homes.

Please keep our group in your prayers as they respond to God's call to serve.



*ELPC members pose for a photo during a trip to Point Pleasant last year.*

## ELPC People

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

### Good News

- Anthony and Natasha Williams are the proud parents of a baby boy, **Anthony, Jr.**, born on Dec. 30.
- Recently, two separate honors have been given to Pastor Randy:
  - He was asked by Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto to deliver keynote remarks at the mayor's inauguration ceremony, held at Heinz Hall.
  - He also was elected as co-moderator of the Board of Directors for the Covenant Network of Presbyterians. This organization unites Presbyterian congregations to ensure that our denomination honors core values of inclusivity both for church leaders and members, and speaks out locally and nationally on moral issues related to marriage equality and justice for all.

### Thanks

At Christmas, we give gifts that bring joy and denote our love for one another, as God loves each of us. The Board of Deacons thanks you for your faithful support of the Christmas Giving Tree ministry. As a result of your generosity, **86** children each received **2** gifts (172 total). This vital ministry is a success because of you. Thank you!

– ELPC Board of Deacons

### Prayers

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

- Jack Burley's mother, Lynda Burley;
- Sara Carter's husband, Kevin Carter;
- Jane McClung, ELPC member for 33 years. Prayers with her husband John, and children, Michelle, Patricia, Steven and Donald McClung;
- Bobby Egleston's brother, Bill Riethmiller;
- Marjorie Schmidt's brother; and
- James Ulrich's father, James Ulrich, Sr.



*“...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.”*

### Building Closed

The ELPC office will be closed on **Mon., Feb. 17**, for Presidents' Day. The building will be open for meetings at 7 pm.

## Bowling, Bingo and Games

*Sat., Feb. 1, from 5–8 pm*

The Christian Education Committee invites folks of all ages to an evening of bowling, bingo and board games. We will gather on the Ground Floor outside of the Bowling Alley. Chili and mac 'n cheese will be provided, but please bring a salad, side, or dessert to share—and a neighbor or friend!

RSVP via Facebook, email or the sign-up sheet located on the First Floor Christian Education bulletin board to let us know you are coming and if you are bringing a food dish.

## Congregational Meeting

*Sun., Feb. 16, following 11 am Worship*

Although the church year officially begins with Advent, the ELPC year culminates with our congregational meeting. This annual event will be held in the Social Hall, at which point the ministry areas and committee work of the past year will be reviewed. Congregational members will vote on candidates nominated for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Centennial Fund committee member, and Nominating Committee member.

Lunch will be provided. Come help us celebrate the year past and the ministry year to come!



## God and Movies

*Feb. 2, 9, 16, and 23, at 3 pm*

Join the Spiritual Life Committee in Room 234 as we explore “Who God Is” and “What Does God Want Of Me?” Each week, we will watch a different movie, and the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan will lead a discussion of insights impacting our understanding of how we interact with the Divine (spirituality).



Popcorn will be served, of course!

## The Rev. Dr. Lisa Thompson to Preach

*Sun., Feb. 23, during 11 am Worship*

We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Lisa Thompson to ELPC. She will be our guest preacher during the 11 am Sanctuary Worship service.

Rev. Dr. Thompson is the assistant professor of homiletics at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and is an ordained Baptist minister.

