



Reaching Out

newsletter of east liberty presbyterian church

November 2016

Rebuilding Our Bodies & Souls

We plan for tomorrow by our actions today. That is true, both for us as individuals and as a church. Our “planning for tomorrow” includes setting ministry priorities and itemizing budgets for the coming year. A key part of this work involves congregation members and friends sharing their 2017 pledge information. While our endowment allows us to maintain our church building, it is the tithes and pledges that support our staff and programs. The Stewardship Committee’s theme of *Rebuilding our Bodies & Souls* reminds us to see the act of pledging as part of a healthy spiritual discipline involving all of who we are—body and soul.



This coming year will be a wonderful, challenging, and busy time of construction and renovation. Having been blessed by prior generations’ generosity in erecting our cathedral church, we are able to pass the gift forward by being wise caretakers of this community treasure. But much of our church’s ministry goes far beyond its walls—our educational programs touch lives throughout the city, our social justice and community programs provide for those in need, our Hope Academy teachers prepare tomorrow’s performers and dancers, and our LGBTQ fellowship and Spiritual Life offerings provide solace and hospitality to all members of God’s family.

Bring your pledge card to worship on **Stewardship Sunday, Nov. 13**. Bring along some non-perishable food items to support those in need. Build up yourself, body, and soul by re-committing your time and treasures to the ministries we do today, seeking to meet the needs of East Liberty tomorrow!

Children of Abraham Service

The three major world religions—Judaism, Christianity, and Islam—all share a common foundation in the life of the patriarch Abraham. God’s covenant with Abraham and his wife Sarah included the promise that their children will prosper and become the 12 tribes of ancient Israel. God’s promise of protection was given to Abraham’s servant Hagar, who bore a son, Ishmael, to whom the Islamic faith traces its roots back to Abraham. And Christianity saw in the promises given to Abraham and Sarah a precursor to the covenant of grace and life made known in the incarnate Son of God, Jesus Christ.

At Sanctuary worship on **Sun., Nov. 27**, Pastor Randy will be joined by Rabbi Jamie Gibson (Temple Sinai) and Imam Mufti Abdul Wajid (Islamic Center of Pittsburgh) to explore our common faith heritage grounded in Abraham’s story. Please join us for this interfaith celebration of God’s covenants that span centuries and continue to inspire people of faith the world over.

Sunday Services

**Celebration of the Lord’s Supper*

Journey Worship • 8:45 am

Theme: Opening Doors

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

Sanctuary Worship • 11 am

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guests Rabbi Jamie Gibson
and Imam Mufti Abdul Wajid

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

Mondays • 7 am–1 pm

Wednesdays • 9 am–9 pm

Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesdays • 7 pm

Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

Taizé All-Saints Procession

Join us at a special Taizé service on **Wed., Nov. 2**, as we remember those saints in our lives who have gone before us. We will have a candlelight processional into the Sanctuary and Trinity Chapel, where prayers will be spoken and sung. Join us and share in this moving remembrance service.

Live Stream Taizé Services

If you’re eager to participate in our Taizé prayer service, but are unable to attend in person, then join us online! The haunting melodies and prayers of our weekly Taizé service are now available for live streaming on computers and mobile devices.

Access the stream at **ELPC.church**.

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Pastoral Message

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, Pastor



When I think about Thanksgiving, there are two images that come to mind. The first is the “greeting card” image of a Thanksgiving meal—turkey, potatoes, vegetables, rolls—arrayed on a large table with family or friends around it. It’s true that some people eat alone; some can’t afford all the “fixings”; some families aren’t able to come together for a host of reasons. But that is the common image of the Thanksgiving holiday. The second image is what the kitchen looks like after one of these stereotypical Thanksgiving meals: dishes stacked up, glasses and silverware and serving platters balanced precariously on counters, a turkey carcass needing to be cleaned off and either (for turkey broth) or discarded in the trash. Though messy, this also is a part of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Since this is a season of “thanksgivings,” I want to give thanks for some of the messy realities in our world today—for the ways these less-than-ideal things still point us back to God and remind us ever to trust in Christ.

I’m thankful for this election season. It has been a powerful reminder of the fragility of democracy and the persistent need to ensure all people have the opportunity to vote for their elected officials. It’s also been a telling reminder about the lingering challenges our nation faces with sexism, xenophobia, white privilege, and maintaining a truly fair and independent press.

I’m thankful for our continued engagement in the Middle East. It has taught us that in today’s interconnected world, we cannot pretend that Christianity is the only religion that matters and that American interests will always be at the top of the global priority list. The refugee crisis and the senseless violence in Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Afghanistan, and elsewhere hopefully have humbled us to be mindful of the “ripple effects” of all wars and chastened us to be more compassionate toward every person in need.

I’m thankful for the Black Lives Matter movement and the forceful articulations raised in a variety of forms to challenge racism and the flaws in our criminal justice system. It has taught us how to walk beside grieving mothers and families and stirred us to seek change that heals our land. It has provoked us to ask “what should be done?” as professional athletes use their body-language to further this important discussion. I pray that the faithful, holistic solutions offered by all affected by racism will move from theory to reality soon, for the sake of all our cities and communities.

I’m thankful for mainline churches seeking to stay relevant even as their membership falls, and for a generation of people absent from churches on Sunday mornings who trust their own instincts about being “spiritual” but not “religious.” As God’s spirit moves us from passivity in our pews to engagement in our social environment, the church is alive and strong. As Christ’s story is both told creatively and lived personally, “spiritual” inclinations will have the chance to be grounded in “religious,” sacramental, healing, congregational life.

I’m thankful for ELPC—for upcoming construction dust, for people leaving and coming in, for the hustle and bustle of everyday life. May Thanksgiving mean more than a meal with nice leftovers; and may the messiness around you never keep you from trusting in the Creator who called forth life from primordial chaos and new life from an empty tomb.

Randy Bush

Mission Matters

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy, Associate Pastor for Mission Ministries

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Share the abundance in your life with others this Thanksgiving. The ELPC Neighbors and Christian Education Committees invite you to donate Thanksgiving meal items for the EECM Food Pantry. Shopping bags with a grocery list will be distributed at worship on **Sun., Oct. 30** and **Nov. 6**. Bags filled with food donations are due back on Stewardship Sunday, Nov. 13. For more information contact Pastor Patrice at Patricefs@coh.net or **412.441.3800 x30**.

Local Mission and Service Opportunities

Looking for a way to connect with mission and fellowship at ELPC? Serve with the Neighbors Committee this fall. No special skills are needed!

- **The OHM Circles Dinner** will be on **Tues., Nov. 1**. Help prepare and/or serve dinner, and participate in fellowship with Open Hand Ministries' families. Questions? Email Allison Freeman at sneezemd@comcast.net.
- **An OHM and GCF Workday** will be held on **Sat., Nov. 5**, from 9 am–3 pm. We will begin a home rehab in East Liberty and harvest at the farm! For details or to sign up, contact Emily Rosenthal at ejr116@gmail.com or **412.963.0139** or Pastor Patrice at Patricefs@coh.net or **412.441.3800 x30**.
- **The Holy Spirit Breakfast Team** will cook and serve breakfast to residents at EECM Community House on **Sun., Nov. 13** and **27**. For details, email Jim Eng at james.eng@sru.edu.

Thurs., Nov. 10: Holiday Shopping in the Name of Love 6–8 pm

ELPC is teaming up with Ten Thousand Villages to raise money for the ELPC Thanksgiving Food Ministry. Ten Thousand Villages is an independent non-profit organization that supports artisans from around the globe by establishing a sustainable market for their products in North America. Without this support, many of these artisans would otherwise be unemployed or underemployed.



This event offers a great opportunity to support these artisans far away, while also supporting those in our midst who are most in need this Thanksgiving season. Join us at Ten Thousand Villages (5824 Forbes Ave.) to help make this event a huge success and get your Christmas shopping started early. Questions? Call ELPC Deacon Tucker Ferda at **406.249.9811**.

The Christmas Giving Tree

Every year, the Deacons organize the Christmas Giving Tree to benefit children and families from East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM), as well as our ELPC Family Enrichment and Christian Education ministries.

The Giving Tree will be set up near the Information Desk before and after our Journey and Sanctuary services on **Sun., Nov. 27** and **Dec. 4**, and our Taizé services on **Wed., Nov. 30** and **Dec. 7**. Stop by and pick up a tag!

Wrapped gifts with tags are due in the church office by noon on **Sun., Dec. 11**. To make a monetary donation, make your check payable to "ELPC Giving Tree" and deliver it to the church office.

The Deacon Board thanks you in advance for your support of this ministry.

What is OHM's Family Care Program?

Open Hand Ministries (OHM) partners with like-hearted organizations and individuals, such as churches, community development corporations, lending agencies, expert trade skill professionals, funding organizations, and other local support agencies. Through this collaboration, OHM's Family Care Program works to equip families for success and homeownership, by:

- Working with local families as they become "wealth builders" through debt reduction, budgeting, saving, investing, and mortgage readiness;
- Rehabilitating vacant or abandoned properties within developing areas, transforming them into safe, sound, energy-efficient, and affordable houses for families to purchase as homes and investments; and
- Maintaining supportive relationships with the families and helping them to thrive in homeownership, wealth-building, and life.

OHM's Family Care program has adopted the nationally recognized "Circles" model, where OHM families (Circle Leaders) are matched with Family Care volunteers (Circles Allies) to form teams (Circles) that work to accomplish a family's goals.

OHM's approach is unique when it comes to addressing systemic racism and generational poverty because the financial struggles of the families are almost always a result of this trauma. OHM's Family Care program addresses relationship building, racism/genderism/classism, and community issues with our families first, and then addresses financial management within these larger topics.

The Circles community meets weekly, with dinner and childcare provided. For more information or to get involved, contact Allison Freeman at sneezemd@comcast.net or Emily Rosenthal at ejr116@gmail.com.

Christian Education

Note: Classes begin at 9:45 am.

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries

Contemporaries *Second Floor Parlor*

Facilitator: Mary Alice Lightle

Nov. 6: How Does Faith Inform the Presidential Campaign?

Freelance writer Mark Roth will launch an occasional series, *Living Faithfully in a News-Driven World*, with Pastor Heather. We also will consider how the major presidential candidates' moral and religious backgrounds inform their economic policies, attitudes on gender and women's rights, and views toward immigration.

Nov. 13: Syria—Geopolitics, Revolution, and War

Bob Ross will offer a geographer's perspective on the current crisis in Syria, and touch on the connection between the refugee crisis and Iraq, Afghanistan, and Palestine.

Nov. 20: With Whom You Eat Matters

Mary Alice Lightle will lead us in a discussion about hospitality, as well as its biblical and religious roots. We also will consider Pittsburgh's efforts to address hunger and foster community.

Nov. 27: The Stranger and Hospitality

Our Advent and Christmas series continues. Leader and specific topic to be announced.

Journey with Scripture *Second Floor Library*

Facilitators: Jan Lyle Irvin, Lora Bethea

Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing. This gospel reading, part of Luke's crucifixion narrative, ends the three-year Lectionary cycle of scripture readings. It witnesses to Christ's forgiving action on the cross. We yearn to be transformed from recklessness and violence to God's kingdom of peace. The forgiveness of God is essential for this transformation. Join us as we reflect on these readings:

Nov. 6: Haggai 1:15b–2:9; Psalm 145:1–5, 17–21;
2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17; Luke 20:27–38

Nov. 13: Isaiah 65:17–25; Isaiah 12; 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13;
Luke 21:5–19

Nov. 20: Jeremiah 23:1–6; Luke 1:68–79;
Colossians 1:11–20; Luke 23:33–43

Nov. 27: Isaiah 2:1–5; Psalm 122; Romans 15:4–13;
Matthew 3:1–12

Seekers *Room 234*

Facilitator: Gwen Puza

Nov. 6: How the Electoral College Elects our President

Two days from now, we all go to the polls to vote for our next president. But how much does our vote matter, since our president is elected by the Electoral College, not by popular vote? Historian Greg Yoest will describe the history of the Electoral College, how it works to elect our president, and the flaws and strengths of the system.

Nov. 13: Hospice Care

A presentation by the Rev. Dr. Darrell Knopp will provide insight as to the spiritual challenges and needs of hospice patients and their families during a most critical period in the lives of dying persons.

The Rev. Dr. Knopp has been working as a chaplain for Via Quest Hospice for the past seven years. He is an honorably retired Teaching Elder/Minister of Word and Sacrament of the PC(USA), having served in full-time ministry for 37 years.

Nov. 20: Refugees' Challenges

Benedict Killang will share with us his experience in helping local refugees and immigrants gain employment and self-sufficiency in their new lives.

Mr. Killang is the refugees and immigrants employment specialist and program coordinator for the Jewish Family and Children's Services of Pittsburgh.

Nov. 27: The Life of Abraham, From an Islamic Perspective

Imam Mufti Abdul Wajid, the religious director of the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh, will lead our class on the life of Abraham, from an Islamic perspective.

Soul Food *Third Floor Music Room*

Facilitators: Rev. Joe Hajdu and other class members

November: Find Ourselves/Finding God

We will discuss the fourth and fifth chapters of our current book, *The Gift of Being Yourself*, by the spiritually oriented psychologist David Benner.

Young Adults *Pastor's Conference Room*

Facilitator: Wil Forrest

Nov. 27: An Awesome Abrahamic Event

One patriarch and three religions come together at ELPC for this event as we welcome our siblings in faith from local Muslim and Jewish congregations. Start at our Church School class (9:45–10:45am), then experience a combined worship service (11 am–12:15pm), before we spend some time over lunch and conversation in the Second Floor Parlor (12:30–2 pm).

Hope Academy of Music and the Arts

Linda Addlespurger, Director

The Fortunates to Perform at Light Up Night

Hope Academy's theater company band, The Fortunates, will be performing at CBS Radio's *Santa Spectacular* at Point State Park on **Fri., Nov. 18**, at 8:45 pm. They will be on the main stage right after the fireworks.



Youth Ministry

Sara Hackett, Coordinator of Christian Education and Youth Ministry

Sat., Nov. 5 and 12: Youth Basketball 5–8 pm

Boys in grades 9–12 are welcome to join us to play basketball! We will not meet on Sat., Nov. 19 or 26. Questions? Contact Anthony Williams.

Fri.–Sun., Nov. 18–20: Middle School Retreat

ELPC middle schoolers will join with youth from other area churches at Crestfield Camp for Bible study, games, music, worship, meals, and exploring God's creation. We will leave ELPC on Saturday at 5 pm; return on Sunday at 1:30 pm. The cost is \$100; scholarships are available. Permission slips, additional details, and scholarship request forms are available online and from Sara Hackett.

Sun., Nov. 13: Youth Day of Thanks and Giving 12:15–3 pm

Youth in grades 6–12 are invited to explore the theme of Thankfulness through fun, lunch, giving, mission, and Bible study with youth from Sixth Presbyterian Church and Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

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Wednesdays, from 3:30–7:30 pm

Children and youth in grades 1–12 are welcome to join us for Bible study, recreation, craft time and dinner. Senior high youth will continue with our theme, **choices**, as we look at how our faith impacts our decision making. We will not meet on **Wed., Nov. 23**. Visit ELPC.church for updates and our schedule.

Young Adult Ministry

Wil Forrest, Coordinator of Young Adult and Outreach Programs

Fri., Nov. 4: First Friday @ Game Night 7 pm

Spend your Friday night playing games with friends at Quaker Meeting House (4836 Ellsworth Ave., Shadyside). Bring a board game to share. For more details, visit Quaker.org/pghpamm.

Sat., Nov. 19: Something Fun 10 am

Join us for a group choice event. Those who show up at 10 am will be presented with three choices for a fun day and majority will rule! Come prepared for anything: a change of clothes, some spending cash, and a sense of adventure all are helpful. We'll return to ELPC in the early evening.

Advent Devotionals

The Christian Education committee is offering Advent Devotionals so that you might deepen your faith as you await the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child. The devotionals will be available on **Sun., Nov. 20**, on the table outside of the East Transept and on the Christian Education table on the Second Floor.

Look Around the Manger

Children (pre-school and younger)

This devotional booklet introduces different characters who are part of the Christmas story. Read a Bible verse each day and learn about the figures who gathered to welcome our newborn Savior. The devotional comes with a cut-out manger scene and stickers.

Let's Go See the Savior!

Children (all ages)

This devotional booklet encourages children to accept the invitation of the angels, shepherds, prophets and kings to look for the promised Savior throughout Advent. Each devotional includes a Scripture verse, prayer, and reflection.

Lift Up Your Heads

All ages

Place this pop-up Advent calendar on a mantle or table. Lift up a numbered window each day, and when Christmas arrives, an entire nativity scene will appear where there was once an empty field—a wonderful reminder that Jesus was born to fill our emptiness with love and hope eternal.

From Heaven to Manger

Families or individuals of any age

This devotional explores the meaning of Advent through prayer, reflection, Bible verses, and action. This resource is wonderful for personal reflection or for discussion shared with loved ones as you Journey each day to Bethlehem.

Peace, Hope, Light

Adults

Deepen your Advent experience with insights from C. S. Lewis and reflections by Dr. Joel Heck. The daily Scripture, quotes, reflections, and prayers will enrich your Christmas preparations as you await the Savior who comes to offer peace, hope, and light for all.

Understanding and Speaking Up for LGBTQ Christians

All ELPC friends and members who want to learn how to better support LGBTQ Christians are invited to this three-part learning and discussion series. These sessions are designed to be an educational series (not debates) that provide an environment where presenters will share information, attendees will be able to have their questions answered, and participants will gain competencies related to being an advocate for LGBTQ Christians and issues.

Please join us in the Social Hall. A simple lunch will be served and childcare can be provided with one-week notice. RSVP to Wil Forrest at Wil@coh.net or 412.260.2554.

Understanding Language and LGBTQ Basics

Sun., Oct. 30 12:30–3:30 pm

Led by the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush and Betty Hill, executive director of Persad; co-sponsored by the Mission Board

What does the Q mean?

The Bible and LGBTQ Inclusion

Sun., Nov. 6 12:30–3:30 pm

Led by the Rev. Heather Schoenewolf and the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy; co-sponsored by the Christian Education Committee

How do I reply to a family member who asks what the Bible says about homosexuality?

History, Polity, Theology, Oh My!

Sun., Nov. 13 12:30–3:30 pm

Led by the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush, the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan, and Elder Carol Chonoska; co-sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee

How can ELPC be fully inclusive of LGBTQ people, while some other Presbyterian churches are not?

LGBTQ Ministry

Wil Forrest, Coordinator of Young Adult and Outreach Programs

All people are welcome to join us at our next Spiritual Gathering on **Sat., Nov. 12**, from 4–6 pm, as we share our stories. To learn more or to get involved in ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry, contact Wil Forrest at Wil@coh.net or 412.441.3800 x14.

**God created you. God loves you.
Be yourself.**



Spiritual Life

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

Thurs., Nov. 3 and 17: Qigong 6 pm

Join us in the Parlor as Linda Harrington teaches us the basic form of Qigong—an ancient Chinese practice that integrates physical postures, breathing techniques, and focused intention for health maintenance, healing, and vitality.

Sun., Nov. 20 and Dec. 4: Reiki Training 1–5 pm

Reiki is a spiritual healing art and form of complementary medicine. It has its roots in Japanese origins and is based on the flow of energy through the practitioner. If you would like to be attuned and learn to use Reiki, register for our two-part (Reiki 1 and 2) training (Nov. 20 and Dec. 4) led by Douglas James. The cost is \$60 and scholarships are available, but registration is limited. Registration forms can be found online and on the SLC bulletin board.

Make Plans for Our Silent Retreat: Jan. 20–22

Setting time apart for silence and reflection is a time-honored tradition for gaining insight into one's own life and deepening one's relationship with God. Share the silence with others at the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center. Details to come.

Presbyterian Women

Sherry Anderson and Kelli Booher, Co-Moderators

Bible Study: Who is Jesus? Second Floor Parlor

Tues., Nov. 1 10 am | Mon., Nov. 7 7 pm

Join us as we explore our theme, *Who is Jesus?*, according to Luke. Childcare is available by request. Following the Tuesday lesson, we will elect and install our leadership team for 2016–17. A potluck lunch will follow the Tuesday Bible Study; please bring a salad or snack to share. Soup and beverages will be provided.

Presbyterian Women Thank Offering

We will honor the women of ELPC by receiving the Presbyterian Women Thank Offering on **Sun., Dec. 4**. The Thank Offering supports programs that relieve pain, provide clean water, alleviate homelessness, provide educational opportunities, and lift up the lives of women and children throughout the world. Last year, your generosity helped fund 14 projects in the U.S. and 8 abroad!

At the Last Session Meeting:

- A vibrant group of more than 15 new members and friends were welcomed;
- A grant supporting the Pittsburgh Presbytery new church development of Judah Fellowship was approved;
- New foundation grants totaling \$550,000 in support of our building renovation project were celebrated;
- Budget worksheets were distributed as the stewardship season and the plans for 2017 continue; and
- The Nominating Committee was upheld in prayer as new officer candidates are being considered.

Serve Others this Thanksgiving

by Wil Forrest, Coordinator of Young Adult and Outreach Programs



Each November, roughly 50 volunteers come together to help make our annual Thanksgiving Feast a huge success.

If you're able to help out at this year's feast on **Sun., Nov. 20**, sign up outside the East Transept to set up from 9:45–11:45 am, or clean up from 1–3 pm.

For more information about how to serve, visit ELPC.church/programs/iSERVE or contact Wil Forrest at Wil@coh.net or 412.441.3800 x14.

'Tis the Season to be Crafty

Christmas is approaching and we need people of all skill levels to help us complete our projects. Everyone is welcome!

Contact Diane Jackson at 412.441.6021 for details.



The **Knitting Group** will meet on **Tues., Nov. 1**, from 1–3 pm, in Room 244.

The **Sewing Group** will meet on **Mon., Nov. 21**, from 2:30–6 pm, in the Sewing Room.

New in the ELPC Library

Books about "Aging" and "End-of-Life Planning" were donated by Carolyn Russ: **Autumn Gospel: Women in the Second Half of Life** (Fischer); **Being Mortal** (Gawande); **The Emotional Survival Guide for Caregivers: Looking After Yourself and Your Family While Helping an Aging Parent** (Jacobs); **The Gift of Caring: Saving Our Parents from the Perils of Modern Healthcare** (Houle & Eckstrom); **The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully** (Chittister); **Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life** (Thibault and Morgan); **The Shift: One Nurse, Twelve Hours, Four Patients' Lives** (Brown); **Smoke Gets in Your Eyes & Other Lessons from the Crematory** (Doughty); and **Still Alice** (Genova).

ELPC People

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

Good News

- Congratulations to members **Richard Frederick** and **Todd Goss** who were married on Oct. 1.
- Congratulations to **Antwone L. Wright**, who recently had his name legally changed.
- ELPC member **Bill Wade** will have three art pieces on display at the *6th Nationwide Juried Catholic Arts Exhibition* at Saint Vincent College's Robert S. Carey Student Center Gallery in Latrobe, Nov. 1–Dec. 2.



Thanks

- "A very special thank you to everyone at ELPC for your prayers, calls, cards, and visits during my recent hospitalization and rehab experience. Your support helped me deal with getting well. I am most grateful to you all."

—Gail Noden

- The Neighbors Committee thanks everyone who came out for our intergenerational workday with Open Hand Ministries and Garfield Community Farm on Oct. 1: **Mike Anderson, Frank Bauerle, Carol Bonner, Allison Freeman, Sara Hackett, Jon Nelson, Cecilia Novelli, Henry Petrilli, Nancy Phillips, Janet Pollard, and Anthony Williams.**

Prayers

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

- John Bavaro's niece's grandson, Dustin



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As a reminder,
Daylight Saving Time
ends on **Sun., Nov. 6.**
Remember to set your
clocks back one hour!

All-Church Talent Show

Join us on **Sat., Nov. 5**, for an evening of fun and fellowship as we celebrate the talents of church members of all ages. Gather in the Social Hall for a potluck dinner at 5 pm. The Christian Education committee will provide chili and rice, but please bring a side dish to share.

All talents are welcome, but please keep your act to less than three minutes. If you'd like to perform, email Sara Hackett at Sarah@coh.net, RSVP on the ELPC Facebook page, or sign up on the Second Floor CE Bulletin Board.

Building Closures

The ELPC office will be closed on **Fri., Nov. 11** (all day), in observance of Veterans Day, and **Thurs.–Fri., Nov. 24–25** (all day) and **Mon., Nov. 28**, until 7 pm for Thanksgiving.

Cathedral Concerts

Our *Cathedral Concerts* season continues in the Chapel on **Sat., Nov. 19**, at 5 pm, featuring teaching artists from Hope Academy of Music and the Arts! These artists give private instruction to hundreds of students, and now it is their turn to take the stage as performers.

The performance is free and open to the public, but a freewill offering will be received.

Explore the Story: ELPC's Glass

Did you know that eight stained-glass studios worked together to fabricate ELPC's colorful windows?



Join Elder Steve Evrard on **Sun., Nov. 6**, for a 45-minute study of the stained glass in ELPC's Sanctuary and Chapel. The tour will begin immediately after our 11 am worship service. Please gather at the front of the Sanctuary.

Annual Thanksgiving Feast

Join us in the Social Hall following Sanctuary worship on **Sun., Nov. 20**, for a turkey luncheon with all the trimmings! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share (sign up outside the East Transept on Sun., Nov. 6 and 13). Please label your dishes with your name. Serving utensils are not needed.

If you are interested in volunteering with setup, serving, and/or cleanup, contact Wil Forrest at Wil@coh.net or **412.441.3800 x14**. See more details on page 7.