Rally Day, Sept 10 — A Time of New Beginnings

In this issue of the Reaching Out, you will find information on some of the many exciting classes and events we have planned for you beginning this fall—something for all ages—children, youth and adults.

Beginning with Sunday, Sept 10, Rally Day, we will return to our regular Sunday worship schedule and Church School classes offered by our Christian Education and Youth and Young Adult ministries.

At 9:30 am, prior to the start of Church School, juice, milk, tea, coffee, fruit, muffins, bagels and mini-donuts will be served. Breakfast plates can be taken to the classrooms, or you can just mingle and greet one another. New folks are especially welcome to come and discover all of ELPC’s opportunities for spiritual growth.

Also on Rally Day, join us at the 11 am Sanctuary worship service for the inimitable musical styling of the Pittsburgh star Joe Negri and friends on a return visit to ELPC, as well as a dedication of the Church School and Extended Session teachers and leaders. Following the service, everyone is invited to our annual Rally Day Picnic at the Rhododendron Pavilion in Highland Park. For more details and directions to the picnic, visit our website at www.cathedralsofhope.org.

Spiritual Life Sampler — Sunday, Sept 17

All are invited to join us in the Social Hall on Sunday, Sept 17 following 11 am worship, for our annual Spiritual Life Sampler and Fellowship Time. Find out more about an assortment of new and continuing small groups, workshops and classes to be offered in 2006-07, sponsored by ELPC’s Spiritual Life Ministry. Representatives will be available to give you all the details and to sign you up for those activities in which you are interested.

My Own Spiritual Workshop
Prayer: The Heart’s True Home
Centering Prayer
Ignatian Exercises
Advent Workshop
Men’s Woodworking Group
Stephen Ministry
Happy Wanderers . . . and, more.

We hope this year’s Spiritual Life Sampler will provide food for thought as well as an opportunity for fellowship. See you there!

Sunday Morning Services
*Holy Communion is celebrated.

Summer Schedule
8 am Good Samaritan Worship
* Sept 3 The Rev. James Davidson, Minister, First Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth.

10 am Summer Worship, Courtyard
* Sept 3 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.

Regular Schedule
8 am Good Samaritan Worship
Sept 10 Rally Day, Agnes Green, ELPC Friend.
Sept 17 The Rev. John Bender, Pittsburgh Mennonite Church.
Sept 24 TBA.

9 am Morning Glory Worship
Sept 10 Rally Day, the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.
Sept 17 Heather Tunney.
Sept 24 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.

11 am Sanctuary Worship
Sept 10 Rally Day, the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.
Sept 17 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.
Sept 24 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.

Koinonia Service of Praise
2nd Sunday of each month.
Sept 10 ELPC youth & young adults . . . 7 pm

Holy Ground Service of Wholeness and Healing
3rd Sunday, bimonthly, March–November.
Sept 17 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush . . . . 6 pm

Labyrinth Prayer Walk
Mondays ........................................ 10 am to 3 pm
Wednesdays ............................. 10 am to 9 pm

Taizé Prayer
Wednesdays ............................... 7 pm
The Rev. Christiane Dutton.
“How do you invite someone to church?” That question was put to me recently. The first step is to ask ourselves, “Why do we treat invitations to church differently from any other invitation?” Do we feel self-conscious that asking people to church is implying that they are lacking in their spiritual lives or that their “eternal life insurance policy” is in danger of lapsing?

Most invitations we extend to others are simple expressions of hospitality: “Come, have dinner with us.” “Come, join me for a movie or a concert.” “Come, let’s spend time together.” Most invitations are extended in order to include others in things we consider to be priorities in our lives, whether for fun activities, learning opportunities, or worthwhile efforts that benefit others. Almost all invitations are done because we care for someone else and want what is best for them.

Now, is there any part of those three examples given above that is not in keeping with inviting someone to church? Hopefully not. We say the phrase, “Join me at worship this Sunday” as a way to be hospitable, inclusive, and caring. We say, “Come with me to hear Joe Negri’s jazz trio on Rally Day” as a way to let others experience the richness of worship that is possible when we celebrate God’s love through the amazing palette of artistic gifts God has given us. We say, “Let’s go to the Spiritual Sampler and find a class we can attend together” as a way to re-prioritize our busy personal lives around activities that bring added depth into our friendships with God and one another.

There comes a time when we all grow weary of superficial relationships and of “orange alerts” affecting every facet of our modern lives. We each have spiritual hungers and inner needs that can only be addressed by the language of faith. So we gather in a place where we can pray and sing and study together, a place where we open ourselves to the surprising voice of God and the winsome movements of the Holy Spirit, a place we miss if we stray too far from it.

If coming to church helps you find direction and peace and hope in your own life, to whom else might you extend this same gift? May this month be a month of invitations at ELPC. I can assure you that when God is involved, life-changing events always follow from the simple words, “Come with me.”

Pastoral Message

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, Pastor

Extending the Gift of an “Invitation”

ELPC will offer a special prayer service on Monday, Sept 11 at 12:15 pm in the Courtyard (in case of rain, the service will be moved inside).

On this fifth anniversary of that tragic day, coupled with the ongoing violence in the Middle East, the war in Iraq, and ever-present threat of terrorist acts worldwide, gathering for a time of prayer and scripture readings is an appropriate faithful response.

Please come during your lunch break for a time to remember and seek God’s continued intercession for peace on earth.
On Sunday, Sept 3 at the 10 am Summer Worship service, we will have a special treat by two of our former ELPC members—Roberta and Robert Erickson—as they share their very special musical gifts with us—handbell ringing. The Ericksons will be doing the prelude, offertory and postlude music on that Sunday.

It is truly a sight to behold to see Roberta playing bells which are distributed on the table in front of her ringing one bell in each hand. Then as the music progresses, we will see her playing what is called "four-in-hand" that is two bells in each hand and then "six-in-hand" with three bells in each hand. In addition to holding bells in their hands, the Ericksons also employ "bell trees" which are stands similar to upright coat racks on which bells are hung in order that they might be struck with mallets.

After you have watched what seems like the impossible, you suddenly become aware of the talent and the skill, as well as the God-given gift to present beautiful music suitable to the enhancing of worship.

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**Theological Education Sunday — Sept 17**

Just up the street from our church is the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (PTS), one of eleven Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) seminaries we support through our donations to the Theological Education Fund. ELPC routinely has several church members who are students at PTS and pursuing ordination in our denomination.

As a way to show our support for the dedication of all students who are following God’s call to Christian ministry, we have invited them to join us in worship on Sunday, Sept 17 for “Theological Education Sunday.”

Please keep these seminarians in your prayers as they seek to be faithful in their service to Jesus Christ.

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**2007 Stewardship Campaign**

**Stewardship Season Approaching**

In a few weeks, we will be unveiling the 2007 Stewardship campaign for our church. Our theme is “Celebrating God’s Work Here.”

As we move into a new chapter in our church’s history, it is important to recommit ourselves through our pledges of resources and service to the wonderful, larger ministry of ELPC. You will receive information in the coming month about opportunities to learn more about this Stewardship campaign and our church’s plans for the coming year. We have much to celebrate!

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**ELPC Volunteer Fair**

On Sunday, Sept 24 immediately following the 11 am worship service, ELPC will host two simultaneous events in the Social Hall: a used Book Sale and More Fundraiser for the Organ Restoration Project (see page 6 for details) and a Volunteer Fair.

The Volunteer Fair is an opportunity for you to meet with current ELPC committee representatives to learn more about their committees (the backbone of Presbyterian governance), as well as the many volunteer opportunities that exists for you to get involved in the life at the church. Committee representatives will include those from: Membership & Growth, Justice & Global Concerns (and subcommittees), Christian Education, Taizé, Spiritual Life, Worship, Music & the Arts, and Heritage.

Plan to join us in the Social Hall on the 24th for fellowship, tea & cookies, information and volunteer opportunities, and to browse through all the books and video and audio tapes—you never know what treasures you might find!
**Christian Education**

*The Rev. Cynthia Jackson, Interim Director*

Christian Education is the life-long process of learning and living in relationship to God, our neighbors, and ourselves. Through the study of scripture and the practice of prayer, we begin to understand our life experiences as they relate to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In living our faith, we encounter ways to offer hope to a broken and hurting world. In the process, we are transformed to a new community.

**Church School** classes for all ages are offered on **Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:45 am**. All classes are in wheelchair accessible locations. There are also wheelchair accessible restrooms. For more information, contact Interim Director of Christian Education the Rev. Cynthia Jackson at 412-441-3800x20 or cynthiaj@coh.net.

**Children**

**Young Children’s Ministry: Infants to 2 year olds**

*First Floor – Nursery Suite*

**Coordinator:** Frances Irvin. Parents of young children volunteer to lead this important ministry to toddlers. The foundation of faith begins in infancy and is based on basic trust. By responding to the physical needs of a child, we are responding to the whole child and nurturing basic mental, psychological and spiritual needs. Young children learn through play about God’s creation and their place in it. This fall the Rev. Cynthia Jackson will lead a workshop for all persons who might like to volunteer and who want to learn more about Children’s Spiritual Growth. Workshop Sign-up (date to be announced) in the nursery.

- Sept 10 . . . We Go To Church
- Sept 17 . . . My Church Loves Me
- Sept 24 . . . Church is a Happy Place

**Pre-school: Ages 3, 4, and 5**

*Second Floor – Room 240*

**Teachers:** Jan Pressman, Vanessa Johnson, Mary Ruth Johnson. Using “GODPRINTS” the children learn how God touches their lives every day. As faith takes shape, faithfulness is felt. Family Fundamentals Take Home Sheets.

- Sept 10 . . . Glad! Not Mad!
- Sept 17 . . . A Forgiveness Surprise
- Sept 24 . . . Huddle and Hug

**Kindergarten and Grade 1**

*Third Floor – Room 336*

**Teachers:** Judy Menk, Roberta London, Valire Copeland. Curriculum: Godly Play.

**Grades 2 and 3**

*Third Floor – Room 338*

**Teachers:** Carol Hoehn and Nancy Magee. Curriculum: Godly Play.

**Grades 4 and 5**

*Third Floor – Room 335*

**Teachers:** Kay Shissler and Linda Benedict. Curriculum: Seasons of the Spirit weekly Bible stories that follow the revised common lectionary. Discipleship and justice are major themes.

**Young Children’s Ministry — Volunteer to Help with Nursery Cleaning**

The Young Children’s Ministry is inviting volunteers to help clean toys and prepare our young children’s area for the coming school year. We will meet in the nursery Saturday, Sept 23 from 9 am until 12 noon. Bagels and coffee will be provided. We invite anyone who is interested to join us in this project! If you would like to help, please contact Sarah Stacy at 412-828-4276 or sarahannestacy@msn.com.

**Youth Classes**

For Church School classes offered for youth in grades 6 through 12, see page 9 for details.

**Adults Classes**

**Parenting Circle**

*First Floor, Harambe Room*

This new class will provide the opportunity for anyone involved in parenting—singles, couples, adoptive parents, grandparents, guardians, mentors, etc.—to discuss those burning questions that arise when caring for children, such as: How do I incorporate Sunday’s lessons into my family life during the week? How do I encourage my child to pray? What do I do when my children are inappropriate in public places? How do I discipline with love? How do I deal with violence? By sharing experiences, resources, prayer and scripture, we will learn and grow together, exploring how faith impacts family life. Topics to be determined on Sept 10.

**Journey with Scripture Class**

(formerly Lectionary Bible Study)

*Second Floor Library*

“The Lord is my Shepherd; I lack nothing…” There are countless ways to reflect upon scripture and listen to God speaking to us. Each week class members read selected Bible readings (based on the revised common lectionary) and then reflect upon them. Printed copies are available weekly for study and meditation.

- Sept 10  Mark 7:24–37
  Psalm 125
  James 2:1–10, 14–17
- Sept 17  Mark 8:27-38
  Proverbs 1:20-33
  Psalm 19
  James 3:1-12
- Sept 24  Mark 8:30-37
  Proverbs 31:10-31
  Psalm 1
  James 3:13 –4:3, 7-8

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Christian Education, Adult Classes continued from page 4.

**Contemporaries Class — Second Floor Parlor**
Facilitators: Joe Kennedy and Mary Alice Lightle.

The Contemporaries class, an intergenerational community of caring adults, is united in their focus upon Bible reading and meditation. By teaching and applying the principles found in scripture, one discovers wisdom and the path of discipleship. Individuals at all stages of faith are welcome to come and be part of the adventure!

Sept 10 We Hunger for Relationship! Led by Joe Kennedy.
Sept 24 Friendship: A Powerful Teaching to Enhance the Kingdom. Led by Joe Kennedy.

**Seekers Class — Second Floor, Room 234**
Facilitators: Nancy Klancher and Damon Bethea.

The Seeker’s Class, a wonderful mix of questioning and faithful friends, is beginning it’s fall series by exploring how different faiths respond to the Divine. The Rev. Dr. John Burgess, James Henry Snowden Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, will share his experience living for a sabbatical year in Russia. He has much to tell us about his “Protestant journey into Russian Orthodoxy” and what the West can learn from the East. The Rev. Dr. John Burgess will lead the discussion for four Sundays—Sept 17, 24, Oct 1 and 8.

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**Spiritual Life Sampler** (See page 1 for details.)

**My Own Spiritual Workshop**
Choose something significant in your life—something you might like to change, take care of, or complete—and overtly commit at least three weeks to see what God can help you do about it. That’s what we do in My Own Spiritual Workshop, each seriously focusing on our own projects and sharing our insights with each other. As one previous workshop leader says, “I see spiritual as plain working on what’s important to me, as God would have it.”

We action-pray our projects forward. The good thing is, no one gives advice. Everything is confidential. There is no cost for the workshops, but you have to commit to the three 3-hour sessions. There is also work to do between sessions, and you’ll probably choose to keep at it thereafter.

Register now. Limited to a dozen. Held at the Siemasko’s home in Squirrel Hill. For more information, call Patsy or Dan at 412-421-1885 or email at siemasko@peoplepc.com.

“Centering Prayer” — Come to an OPEN HOUSE and Learn More About It
Centering Prayer is a form of quiet and contemplative prayer, deeply rooted in Christian tradition. Those who practice it often find it to be deeply transformative. And, Centering prayer is available to everyone. Our prayer group includes: Presbyterians, Methodists, Catholics and others. To learn more about this style of prayer, we invite you, as well as your friends, to an Open House in the Second Floor Library on Tuesday, Sept 19, and again on Tuesday, Sept 26, from 7 to 8:30 pm. New participants are always welcome at Centering Prayer, but on these two Tuesdays, the focus will be to introduce this prayer to those who would like to know more about it. Questions? Call Dr. Lois Lang, 412-441-3800 x41.

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**News from the Deacons**

◆ We would like to provide transportation for those members who cannot access public transportation to church. If you know of someone needing transportation OR you would like to volunteer to drive someone to church on Sunday, please call Jon Nelson 412-363-8099.

◆ This year, the Deacons will not be collecting items for the Men’s Shelter exclusively at Christmas, but will collect needed items throughout the year. The shelter’s population changes over the course of the year and we would like to accommodate those changes. Please consider picking up small items throughout the year, from the list below, and placing them in the Deacons’ box located in the Narthex. Items needed for Men’s Shelter include:

- flip flops (various sizes)
- deodorant
- disposable razors
- toothbrushes
- toothpaste
- sweat socks
- combs / picks

◆ The Deacons are continuing to develop the visitation program and flower ministry. Our cupboards are full and we do NOT need any more flower vases at this time.

◆ We are providing previously donated greeting cards to the men in the shelter to send to loved ones. At this time, we do NOT need any more cards or stationary.

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Books & More Fundraiser for the Organ Restoration

On Sunday, Sept 24 after the 11 am worship service, the Friends of the Organ (FOTO) will sponsor a used Book Sale and More Fundraiser (with tea & cookies) in the Social Hall, to help with the restoration project for our Aeolian-Skinner Pipe Organ.

For our event to be a success, we are asking members of the congregation to search their shelves for those extra books, CDs, DVDs and VHS tapes and drop them off at the church office anytime that’s convenient. We are also asking members to donate cookies, and to drop them off in the church office on the 24th, anytime before the 11 am service. Be sure to put your name with your donated cookies.

ELPC Instrumental Ensemble Needs String, Woodwind and Brass Players

The ELPC Instrumental Ensemble—already losing members as we send them off to college or across the country to new homes and jobs—is looking for string, woodwind and brass players. If you think this may be you, call Dr. Szeremany at 412-441-3800 x24.

In addition, we are looking to reach out to the East End community to attract other string, brass, woodwind and percussion players. Help spread the word that there are openings beginning mid-September for others to join in the East End Instrumental Ensemble!

New — ELPC & Friends Guitar Ensemble

The success of the ELPC Instrumental Ensemble (13 members) has brought forward several requests to consider forming an ELPC & Friends Guitar Ensemble! Yes! Request received, considered and agreed upon! So the next step is up to you. If interested in this new endeavor, give Dr. Szeremany a call and be the first to sign up. Also, please tell others who may be interested. We’ll work out the details later. 412-441-3800 x24.

Bell Ringing is Great Therapy!

Bell ringing provides therapeutic exercises for the upper body—torso, arms, shoulders, neck—and brain! And, we all could use some upper body therapy. The ELPC Handbell Choir is looking for 4 to 6 persons ages 15 and up who like music, who enjoy working for 50 minutes with a dozen other people making bell music. Handbell Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 6 pm. Why not give us a try and give your upper body some therapy. Call Dr. Szeremany at 412-441-3800 x24.

How About Your Voice for the Chancel Choir?

How often folks tell me, “You don’t want my voice in your choir.” Your voice may possibly make a wonderful addition to our Chancel Choir. We may like your voice, so let us make that decision! Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7 pm. Call and talk with Dr. Szeremany at 412-441-3800 x24.

Benefit Concert for the ELPC Organ Restoration Fund

On Sunday, Sept 24 at 3 pm in the third floor Music Room, ELPC Chancel Choir soprano Robyn Peterson will present a benefit musical concert for the organ restoration fund. Come listen to the Robyn’s lovely soprano voice in a musical program that’s sure to delight you!

ELPC Organ Restoration Update from Indianapolis

The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Szeremany

I spent four days during the last week in July at the factory of Goulding & Wood Organ Company to get a first-hand look at the work being done to completely refurbish the ELPC sanctuary organ.

Back in January when all the enumerable parts and pieces of the organ were disassembled here at the church in preparation for transport to Indianapolis, someone aptly asked “Will they every be able to put it all back together again?” The answer is “YES!” And, it is coming together in many different rooms in the Goulding & Wood factory.

I saw old pipes and new pipes being blended together in the Voicing Room. I saw the new peda flute being crafted out of beautiful spruce wood framing that was not going to be reused. I spent time in the Electronics and Electrical Room as we confirmed the multitude of switching systems being designed. In the CAD and Console Design Room, we spent hours placing every stop knob, coupler, piston, toe stud, mechanical assist and still more controls.

With the magnificent new organ for Ball State University (Indiana) now out of the factory and being installed in Ball State’s brand new performance auditorium, all of Goulding & Wood’s time is now being devoted to the hundreds of hours of work ahead of them on the ELPC organ.

Some local Indianapolis musicians who have been aware of the design and re-thinking of this magnificent Aeolian-Skinner organ remarked to me, if G. Donald Harrison, the builder of the ELPC organ were still alive, he would this time around be the first in line to claim this as one of his “signature” instruments!

For a look at photos of some of the work going on at Goulding & Wood factory, visit our website at www.cathedralofhope.org. There you will be able to watch it coming together bit by bit and piece by piece.

Worship Music & The Arts

The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Szeremany, Director
Concert for Peace Tour Comes to ELPC

On Monday, Sept 18 at 7 pm, HiJazz, a group of Syrian, Armenian, Latin and North American musicians, will perform here at ELPC as part of their 8-city “Concert for Peace Tour.”

In their concerts at churches and community centers, HiJazz builds cultural understanding and peace through their high-energy music which combines traditional melodies and rhythms of the Middle East with the modern beat of Latin American music. They have also developed a loyal following for their unique blend of Middle Eastern and Latin music in their hometown of Chicago, where their concerts have included the Chicago Cultural Center, Lincoln Park Cultural Center and Layalina. This September they will also be performing at the Chicago Jazz Festival.

Tickets are $10 each and can be purchased at the door; free to children and youth under age 18.

Field Learning Project: Pathmaking Footsteps Conference

All are invited to join us on the University of Pittsburgh campus in Oakland (William Pitt Union, Assembly Room) on Saturday, Sept 9 from 10 am to 2:30 pm, to celebrate the one-year anniversary of our footsteps of field trips with children, teenagers and parents from recently immigrant families from Africa and Asia, as well as to recognize all our volunteers from the various communities. Also during the conference we plan to:

- strengthen the partnership with our neighbor communities and other organizations on such issues as making positive impact on children, youth, and families in transition and rebuilding their lives and communities today and tomorrow;
- explore further and cultivate our potential resources to share together during the coming year.

Let us know if you plan to attend by contacting Junghwa Oh, fieldlearning@hotmail.com or Judy Menk at JAMenk@aol.com or 412-798-8569.
Youth & Young Adult Ministries

For information on, or to participate in, any of the following Youth and Young Adult activities, contact Heather Tunney at 412-441-3800 x14.

Youth and Young Adult Musicians Needed for the Koinonia Service
We are looking for skilled musicians to help out with our worship leadership during our monthly Koinonia service on the Second Sunday of each month at 7 pm. We are seeking both those who would like to serve as regular members of our worship team, and those who would be able to play on an occasional or as-needed basis. Practice will be approximately three times a month. This is a volunteer ministry sponsored by the Youth and Young Adult Ministries Committee. If you have a musical gift, please prayerfully consider participating.

YOUTH (grades 6—12)
Sunday Church School Resumes on Rally Day, Sept 10
9:45 to 10:45 am
We will continue to use the “Seasons of the Spirit” curriculum which follows the revised common lectionary readings for each week. Note: There will be a Rally Day Breakfast at 9:30 am before Church School begins. See details on page 1.

Junior-high youth (grades 6, 7, 8) ............... Room 341
Teachers: Heather Tunney and Maurice Gordon

Senior-high youth (grades 9, 10, 11, 12) ........ Room 343
Teachers: Nicole Molinaro, Steve Massey and Chuck Nichols

Rally Day Picnic in Highland Park
ELPC youth are invited to the Rally Day picnic after the 11 am worship service on Sunday, Sept 10. There will be food, games and fellowship. Youth who need a ride to Highland Park can go in the church van. We are also looking for youth to help with the games for the younger children. If you are interested in helping out on Rally Day, call Heather.

ELPC Sunday Youth Group
Sundays, 12:30 to 3 pm, starting Sept 17. Youth Group is open to all youth in grades 6-12. We will meet for lunch, Bible Study and fellowship in Room 51 (on the ground floor across from the Game Room).

Youth Basketball for Young Men Grades 9—12
Saturdays, 5 to 8 pm, starting Sept 23. Youth Basketball for young men in grades 9—12 will be held on Saturdays in the ELPC Gym. To participate, contact Heather.

Worship Assistant Training: Acolytes, Crucifers, Liturgists, Ushers
Sundays, Sept 17 and 24 from 9:45-10:45 am. Youth are invited to attend two training sessions, offered during the Church School hour, to learn about serving as an acolyte, crucifer, liturgist, and usher during our 11 am Sunday service. Even if you have served in these roles before, please join us, as there may be some changes to learn about. For more information call Heather.

Harvest Day at Camp Crestfield — Sunday, Oct 1
Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to attend Camp Crestfield’s Harvest Day on Sunday, Oct 1. We will meet for a quick lunch after worship and then caravan up to Camp Crestfield for a day of games, activities, and worship. We will leave ELPC by 1:15 pm and return by 7:30 pm. Bring a small amount of money for snacks and dinner. RSVP and a permission slip required. Contact Heather by Sunday, Sept 24 so that she can ensure that there is enough transportation for everyone.

YOUNG ADULTS
(in their 20s and 30s)
Sunday Church School Resumes
See Christian Education for adult Church School which resumes on Rally Day.

Rally Day Picnic Young Adults’ Table
Come and meet other young adults in their 20s and 30s at the Rally Day picnic. We will find a table together at ELPC’s all-church picnic for a time of fun and fellowship.

Young Adult Book Group — Fall Book Study
There will be a fall book study for young adults beginning Monday, Sept 25 from 7 to 9 pm in the Pastor’s Conference Room. Book title TBA. Watch for more information, including the book we’ll be using and study dates, in future bulletin announcements and on our website at www.catheralofhope.org.

Confirmation Class
INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, Sept 24
12:30 to 1:30 pm
Confirmation Class will be offered this year to youth in grades 9 and 10 (or any youth who are older and have not yet been Confirmed). There will be an informational meeting for youth and their parents on Sunday, Sept 24 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm in the Second Floor Parlor. Confirmation will be held on Pentecost Sunday, May 27, 2007.
Middle East Crisis: How should people of faith respond?
Panel Discussion this September at ELPC

This September, ELPC is planning to hold a panel discussion on the topic "How should people of faith respond to the crisis in the Middle East?" Rabbi Jamie Gibson of Temple Sinai and Mr. Farooq Hussaini from the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh are among the invited panelists. Questions from the audience will be encouraged during this 90-minute presentation. Date and time will be announced in future bulletins and on our website: www.cathedralofhope.org. Let us continue to work, debate, and pray for peace.

Taizé Prayer

The Rev. Christiane Dutton, Minister of Taizé Prayer

Light a Candle for Children: 40 Day Advocacy Vigil
Beginning on Wednesday, Sept 13, we will light a candle during our Taizé Prayer service as we participate in a 40-day advocacy and prayer vigil for children. More information will be available at the Sept 13 Taizé service.

After-Taizé Classes
Wednesdays at 8:15 pm, following the 7 pm Taizé Prayer service. McKelvy Room.

Sept 6 No class.

Sept 13 Julian of Norwich: Anchoress and Spiritual Director. An introduction to the life and work of Julian of Norwich, who lived as an anchoress at St. Julian’s Church in Norwich, England, over 600 years ago. She wrote Showings (or Revelations) of Love, the first book written by a woman in English. We will also discuss how the practice of spiritual direction may be used to further spiritual growth. *Class facilitator: Rebecca Cole-Turner.

Sept 20 An Introduction to Group Spiritual Direction. Using some of the wise words of Julian of Norwich, we will spend our time together in a gentle group spiritual direction process. Note: You do not have to come to the Sept 13 class in order to attend this one. *Class facilitator: Rebecca Cole-Turner.

* Rebecca Cole-Turner, ELPC member and an ordained Elder in PCUSA; Certificate in Spiritual Formation from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary; PhD in Counselor Education.

Sept 27 Celebrations. Join us in the Narthex after our Taizé service for celebration cake. If you celebrate a birthday, a milestone or an anniversary in August, please write your name on a piece of paper and put it in the offering plate during the month.

Bread & Soup Meal and Fellowship
All are invited to join us in the McKelvy Room for a bread and soup meal and fellowship ($2.50 donation)—Sept 27 from 5:45 to 6:45 pm. Our Bread & Soup Meal is offered the last Wednesday of each month. Following our meal together, for those of you who wish to, plan to stay for our weekly 7 pm Taizé Prayer service in the Chapel.

Hope Academy of Music and the Arts

On-Site Registration for Hope Academy's Fall Classes
Saturday, Sept 9
1 to 4 pm
Hope Academy of Music & the Arts here at East Liberty Presbyterian Church offers affordable after-school and Saturday classes in performing arts, dance and music for children and youth ages 4 through grade 12, as well as private instrumental and voice instruction. The strength and uniqueness of our programming is derived from our partnerships with some of the city’s finest arts organizations including City Theatre, Pittsburgh Public Theater, PGH Live Music, Pittsburgh Ballet Theater, and Xpressions Contemporary Dance Company. These partnerships allow us to offer students opportunities to perform in professional theaters and study with master teaching artists.

Hope Academy’s Fall 2006 Program runs from Sept 23 to Jan 20 (2007). Course enrollments are limited as class sizes are small to ensure a low student-to-staff ratio. To register, contact Norma at 412-441-3800 x11 or come to Hope Academy’s on-site registration, Saturday, Sept 9 from 1 to 4 pm. For more about HA’s fall offerings, go to www.HopeAcademy.info.

Performing Arts — Musical Theater Workshop, Shakespeare Workshop, Young Creators’ Workshop, Creative Dramatics.


Private Instruction — Piano, Organ, Classical Guitar, all Strings, Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion, Voice.
Presbyterian Women
Heather Lawrence, Moderator

**PW’s Annual Meeting — ALL Women Welcome to Attend**
The Presbyterian Women has no official members—all women are welcome to attend our meetings, our Horizons Bible Study sessions and any of our sponsored events or retreats.

The ELPC Presbyterian Women will hold their Annual Meeting on Saturday, Sept 9 in Room 234 from 9 am to 1 pm. The theme of our meeting is “Focus on the Fruit of the Spirit” (Galatians 5:22-23), and will include: worship, election of officers, annual reports, an interactive workshop, and a shared lunch. Those attending are asked to bring a salad, sandwiches or a dessert to share. For more information or if you have any questions about PW, please contact Diana Bloss at 412-441-9237 or Nadine Banks at 412-829-7766.

**2006-07 Horizons Bible Study**
Each year, the Presbyterian Church (USA) publishes a 9-lesson Bible study for use in Presbyterian Women’s groups around the world. All women at ELPC are invited to participate in the Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study starting in September and ending in May/June.

This year’s study (2006-07) is “In the Beginning: Perspectives on Genesis” by Celia Brewer Sinclair. Dr. Sinclair is a lecturer in religious studies at the University of North Carolina and also writes curricula for the United Methodist Church.

Each session provides meaningful insights into scripture and warm fellowship with other women from our congregation. You can choose to attend whichever bible-study time fits your schedule best. No reservations are necessary for either!

**First Tuesday MORNING**
10 am to 12:30 pm
Sept to May, starts Sept 5
10 am . . . . . . . business meeting and fellowship
10:30 am . . . prayer time and sharing of joys & concerns
11 am . . . . . . . . . . . Bible Study
12 noon . . . . . . a shared potluck lunch

Or

**Fourth Tuesday EVENING**
5:45 to 7:30 pm
Sept to June (no meeting in Dec) starts Sept 26
5:45 pm . . . . . . . . . . . . . . fellowship and a soup-and-bread meal
6:30 pm . . . . . . . . . . . . Bible Study

Please consider putting us on your calendar as we joyfully anticipate your presence! Lesson #1 is “Perspectives on Creation” (Genesis 1:1-2, 4a and Genesis 2:4b-25). Lesson books will be distributed at each of the first morning and evening sessions.

For more information, check in upcoming Sunday bulletin announcements and future Reaching Out issues, stop by our bulletin board on the first floor, or call Heather Lawrence (Presbyterian Women Moderator) at 412-486-0826, Mary Alice Lightle at 412-682-1504 or Kay Shissler (for the evening study) at 412-681-2047.

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**Cathedral Café**
ELPC’s lunchtime Cathedral Café, located on the first floor inside the church building, is one of East Liberty’s best lunch venues. The Café is open to the public, serving delicious lunches year-round, Tuesday through Friday from 11:45 am to 1:15 pm (except for two weeks in August, and at holiday times when the church building is closed).

The cost for a complete meal is only $8 and includes: soup, salad bar, choice of hot entrée and side dish(es), and beverage. A delicious hot entrée is featured daily. Dessert is extra. Items are also available à la carte or for take-out. Chef Jay Ritter and the Dining Services Staff.

Weather permitting, on Fridays, Sept 15, 22 and 29, the Café will be held outside on the church lawn on Penn Avenue.

**Note:** The Café’s daily menu is sent out (via email only) each morning to those who request to be on the Café’s email list. To be added to our list, email Deborah Marx at the church, deborahm@coh.net.
ELPC People
Thanks, Good News and Prayers

Thanks
The Women & Children Taskforce would like to thank all who donated backpacks and other school supplies during July. Thanks to your generosity, a carload of backpacks filled with school supplies was delivered to the Presbytery offices on Aug 1. These school supplies will help 1,500 school-aged youth served by the mission units of Pittsburgh Presbytery.

Good News
The Women and Children’s Taskforce is pleased to announce that the Field Learning Project of the Justice and Global Committee, has been nominated for the 2006 Andrew E. Murray Peacemaking Award by the Peacemaking Ministry of Pittsburgh Presbytery. This project was carried out through a partnership with ELPC, the Islamic Community Center of Pittsburgh, University of Pittsburgh and other organizations. It was designed to provide field trips to recently arrived Somalian and Burmese children. Congratulations to Junghwa Oh for her vision in creating this program and all the volunteers who helped during the field trips.

Prayers
Our prayers and sympathies are with...

Barbara Krimmel and her family on the death of her Aunt, Elizabeth Loos, on July 15, 2006.
ELPC staff member Norma Meyer and her family on the death of her mother Norma Jean on July 27, 2006. Norma is the administrative assistant to Worship, Music & The Arts, The Hope Academy and Taizé Prayer. Norma and her family want to thank all the members, friends and staff of ELPC for their prayers, cards and support.
Myrna Hackney and family on the death of her husband and long-time ELPC member of 69 years, William P. Hackney who died on July 31, 2006.

Do We Have Your Current Information on File?
Fall is often a time for many of us to have new beginnings. Let us know if you have changes in any of the following information:

◆ new address
◆ home phone number
◆ email address
◆ name change
◆ changes in other information

We have a system, and it works, but we need your cooperation to help us keep your church information on file at ELPC current. If any of your above information has changed, please contact Deborah Marx directly—412-441-3800 x17, or deborahm@coh.net, or submit your change(s) on paper (please type or print clearly) and put it in her mail folder in the church’s front office. Thank you.

Calendar Highlights
September 2006
3......... Communion; Handbell Program at the 10 am Summer Worship service
9......... PW Annual Meeting, 9 am to 1 pm
9......... Hope Academy On-site Registration for fall classes, 1 to 4 pm
10........ Rally Day—regular worship schedule resumes: 8 am, 9 am, and 11 am with guest musicians Joe Negri and friends
10........ Rally Day Breakfast, 9:30 am and Church School classes resume, 9:45 am
10........ Rally Day Picnic at Highland Park, after the 11 am worship service
10........ Koionia Fellowship and Potluck Supper, 6 pm
10........ Koionia Service of Praise, 7 pm
17........ Theological Education Sunday with PTS students at 11 am worship
17........ Spiritual Life Sampler, following 11 am worship
17........ Holy Ground Service, 6 pm
18........ Concert for Peace Tour at ELPC, 7 pm
19........ Centering Prayer Open House, 7 pm
24........ Confirmation Class Informational Meeting, 12:30 pm
24........ Book Sale and More Fundraiser, following 11 am worship
24........ ELPC Volunteer Fair, following 11 am worship
24........ Benefit Concert for ELPC’s Organ Restoration Fund, 3 pm
25........ Young Adult Fall Book Study, 7 pm
26........ Centering Prayer Open House, 7 pm
30........ Inquirers’ Class, 9 am to 3 pm

Church Building Closed
Labor Day
Monday, Sept 4

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