Easter Giving

Times are tough. Food is a necessity, yet many are going without. This year, ELPC provides an alternative to purchasing an Easter lily. Make a donation to the EECM Food Pantry. All donors will be recognized in a special Easter bulletin insert. Donation forms are available online at www.cathedralofhope.org or email sues1514@hotmail.com, with “ELPC Art Show” in the subject line.

“Gifts of the Spirit”

A Celebration of Pentecost through Fine Arts at ELPC

Gifts of the Spirit is the open-ended theme of a juried art exhibit at ELPC, from Sat., May 23 until Sun., June 21. This is the beginning of efforts to integrate the arts into the life of our church. There’ll be more exhibitions and events in the future. Members and friends of ELPC may submit up to four original works of art that fit the show’s theme and are appropriate for display in our church. Submissions for jury consideration may be 4x6’ prints, 35 mm slides or jpeg images on CD/DVD. Mail submissions to “ELPC Art Show” by Fri., April 17. Actual works may be submitted by drop-off on Sat., April 18, from 11 am-12 pm; pick-up at 2 pm. For entry forms and information, call Sue Schneider, at 412.242.6751, or email sues1514@hotmail.com, with “ELPC Art Show” in the subject line.

Easter Sunday Worship Services

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! This is the ancient greeting of the church used to celebrate the joyous tidings of Easter morning. The crucified Savior has become the risen Lord! Join with the church-universal on Sun., April 12, as we rejoice in this good news!

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- 9:10-15 am, in the Social Hall: Breakfast Buffet.
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Pastoral Message

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, Pastor

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“As each has received a gift, let them employ it for another” 1 Peter 4:10

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Serving on the Landscape Committee is no different. We serve God by performing work that would otherwise be done by paid staff or contractors. In this season of economic uncertainty, the Committee senses a greater need and would like to expand its role by taking responsibility for all of ELPC’s landscaping and grounds maintenance. Expanding our role requires a renewed commitment from current members, and 15-20 new members, to pledge the equivalent of 1-4 days over the course of the year.

If you have a gift from God that manifests itself through a passion for caring for the landscape, and want to serve as a steward of the church in a way that impacts the bottom line, call Chuck Lukehart, at 412.782.6447.
Classes After Taizé Prayer
The Rev. Christiane Outton, Minister of Taizé Prayer
Classes begin at 8:15 pm.
April 1: To Be Determined
April 8: Flute on the Labyrinth, led by Charles Anderson
April 15: Sacred Harp, led by Charles Anderson
Enjoy singing from the oldest American tune book in print. Beginners welcome!
April 22: Experience Hebrew Chant, led by David Goldstein
David is a composer of Hebrew chant and sacred choral works, the leader of the Tikvah Chant Circle, and a graduate of the Koli Zimra Chant Leadership training program. No prior knowledge of singing,chanting, or Hebrew is necessary!
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April 12: God and God's People, led by the Rev. Dr. Dwayne Tryon, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

April 19: God and the Natural World, led by the Rev. Dr. Dr. Patrick McNamara, Associate Professor of Theology, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

April 26: God and God's Role in the World, led by the Rev. Dr. Dr. William C. Kilgore, Professor of Theology, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Journey with Scripture

Facilitator: Brian Votruba


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Parenting Class

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Youth Ministries

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- 3:30-4:30 pm: Homework help and open gym
- 4:30-5:00 pm: Simple Supper
- 5:00-6:00 pm: Bible Story

Club 01 Sixteen Jr., will discuss Transitions, so we prepare for the summer and a new grade in school. We’ll meet on April 22, so that youth may rehearse for the Hope Academy Showcase.

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Youth Sunday

Our annual Youth Sunday service is on Sun., May 17, at 11 am. Youth Sunday worship is a special service that celebrates the gifts of our youth in the life of our church, as they plan and lead us in worship. If you’re in grades 9-12, and interested in helping, please attend Church School, or club 01 sixteen in April-May so that you can plan and prepare for the service. Details in your youth calendar.

Youth Mission Weekend

In July, ELPC youth (who’ve completed grades 8-12) can participate in a local Mission Weekend, serving with Open Hand Ministries and caring for our brothers and sisters in the East Liberty community. We’ll spend our time in service to others and enjoy worship, games, and special events. To participate, youth must have completed three service projects with ELPC, and attend trainings throughout the spring. See your youth calendar for training dates and details.

Trinity Youth Conference

Those who’ve completed grades 9 through those finishing their last year of college are invited to participate in our Synod’s Trinity Youth Conference. ELPC youth will join youth and young adults from eastern Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Maryland from July 26-August 1. Pastor Heather will be the keynote speaker. Scholarships are available to offset the cost of youth and young adults who are active in ELPC programs. Contact Pastor Heather for more information.

Young Adult Ministries

Those in their 20s and 30s are invited to join our warm and dynamic group for faith and fellowship! Visit us at www.myspace.com/youngadultselp. Link to our group for directions, scholarship applications, and other activities.

Camping Trip

We’ll be traveling up to Moraine State Park for a weekend of fellowship and worship in the great outdoors! We’ll meet at ELPC on Sat., April 25, at 8:30 am, to travel up together, and return by noon, on Sunday. Please bring a sleeping bag and warm clothes. The group will provide tents, gear, and food. No camping experience is required! All in their 20s and 30s are welcome! RSVP to Brian at lbdebold@pts.edu, by Wed., April 15. Cost is $15; scholarships are available.

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Spiritual Life

Dr. Lois M. Lang, Associate in Ministry for Spiritual Life

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Play it Forward

Colleen Dougherty, asked himself, while reflecting on his service project in preparation for his Bar Mitzvah, “Wouldn’t it be cool to get people to donate the musical instruments that they’re not using, to kids who would like to learn how to play music?”

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JOURNEY WITH SCRIPTURE Facilitator: Jan Irvin

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- **11 am, in the Sanctuary:** Communion service beginning with a palm-waving procession and concluding with the Passion narrative.
- **Taizé Prayer Service, April 8**
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**Good Friday, April 10**
- **12 pm, in the Chapel:** Service remembering the final hours of Jesus’ life and his crucifixion on the cross.
- **12-3 pm, at St. James AME Church:** Ecumenical worship service shaped around the Seven Last Words of Christ. The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush will preach and deliver the Fifth Word. St. James’ is located at 444 Lincoln Ave.
- **7 pm, in the Chapel:** Tenebrae Service of light and darkness, recalling the trial, crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ.

**Holy Saturday, April 11**
- **7 pm, in the Chapel:** The Great Vigil commemorating the time when Jesus shared as the congregation awaits the good news of Easter morning.

**Easter Sunday Worship Services**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the ancient greeting of the church used to celebrate the joyful tidings of Easter morning. The crucified Savior has become the risen Lord! Join with the church-universal on Sun., April 12, as we rejoice in this good news!

- **8 am, in the Chapel:** Early communion service combining the Good Samaritan and Journey services; the Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.
- **9-10:15 am, in the Social Hall:** Breakfast Buffet.
- **11 am, in the Sanctuary:** Communion service celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ; the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush preaching.

**Save the Dates**

- The Pittsburgh Marathon returns on Sun., May 3. The 8:45 and 11 am, worship services will be cancelled due to street closings. We’ll have a 6 pm, worship service that night, featuring musician Susan Werner.
- On Mother’s Day, Sun., May 10. Joe Negri and his quartet will be present for the 11 am, Sanctuary worship service. The Chancel Choir will sing selections from Joe’s “Mass of Hope.”

**One Great Hour of Sharing:**

Sharing Resources, Changing Lives

Sun., April 12

*“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” Matthew 6:21*

Where is your treasure?
Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing, to share God’s love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for others, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future. ELPC will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Easter Sunday.

Church School Classes: We will not have classes on April 12. Easter Sunday. Join us for breakfast in the Social Hall from 9-10:15 am.
Offices Closed: Church offices will be closed on Mon., April 13.

**Easter Giving**

Times are tough. Food is a necessity, yet many are going without. This year, ELPC provides an alternative to purchasing an Easter lily. Make a donation to the EECM Food Pantry!

All donors will be recognized in a special Easter Sunday bulletin insert. Donation forms are available on the information tables throughout the church.

**“Gifts of the Spirit”**

A Celebration of Pentecost through Fine Arts at ELPC

Gifts of the Spirit is the open-ended theme of a juried art exhibit at ELPC, from Sat., May 23 until Sun., June 21. This is the beginning of efforts to integrate the arts into the life of our church. There’ll be more exhibitions and events in the future.

Members and friends of ELPC may submit up to four original works of art that fit the show’s theme and are appropriate for display in our church. Submit your entry now.

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