



Reaching Out

newsletter of east liberty presbyterian church

February 2019

Young Children's Ministry Potluck



Do you have a child age three or under in your family or household? Are you looking for a chance to connect with other families with little kids? Do you want to learn or share tips for navigating church and naptime, introducing little kids to Bible stories and table grace, and answering the string of questions that emerge when your young toddler starts to ask "Why?"

Join us for a potluck dinner for families with children from birth through age three on **Sat., Feb. 2**, 4:30–7 pm. This will be an informal time

to get to know other families of young children at ELPC, share a meal, and talk about what ELPC offers (or could offer!) for young children and their families. We'll gather in the Nursery Suite so that there is plenty for kids to play with, and will have activities planned for older siblings. ELPC will provide spaghetti, and families are asked to bring a side-dish or salad to share. (But if bringing a side dish is too difficult with everyone and everything else you are bringing, please just bring yourselves! We get it!)

Please RSVP to Gloria Knopp at **412.441.3800 x122** by **Sun., Jan. 27**.

Welcoming the Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett



We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, the new executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA), as our guest preacher on **Sun., Feb. 24**.

Dr. Moffett was most recently pastor at St. James Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, North Carolina, before being called to head the PMA—the largest of the six program agencies of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The PMA works to equip and connect the church in areas of evangelism and leader formation, as well as justice and reconciliation. They are involved in world mission, in racial equity initiatives, women and intercultural ministries, and a host of other programs.

Dr. Moffett will lead a combined adult Church School class in the Chapel, and then preach at our Sanctuary worship service.

Sunday Services

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

Journey Worship • 8:45 am

Theme: Radical Love

Feb. 3* Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Feb. 10 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
Feb. 17 Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
Feb. 24 Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Sanctuary Worship • 11 am

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Labyrinth Prayer Walk

Mondays • 7 am–1 pm

Wednesdays • 9 am–9 pm

Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesdays • 7 pm

Live stream available at ELPC.church

Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

God Created You. God Loves You. Be Yourself.

All LGBTQ folks and allies are invited to our monthly Spiritual Gathering on **Sun., Feb. 17**, 12:30 pm.

To learn more about our LGBTQ Ministry, please contact Wil Forrest at **Wil@coh.net** or **412.441.3800 x118**.



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Pastoral Message

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, Pastor



Presbyterians are part of the Reformed faith tradition. This means we are Protestant churches who trace our history to the Reformation countries (mostly Switzerland, England, Scotland, Ireland, France, and the Netherlands) that pushed for religious change in the 16th century. Similar to our Roman Catholic friends, we read the bible, we believe in the Trinity, and trust in Jesus as the Christ and Savior. But are there more distinctive things that show the world what it means to be Presbyterian?

Dr. Cynthia Rigby is a seminary friend who now teaches theology at Austin Theological Seminary. In a recent article, she outlined four characteristics of Reformed Theology. Here is what she suggested:

- Presbyterians convey to people that their value is not determined by their performance.
- Presbyterians honor mystery without setting aside intellect.
- Presbyterians celebrate beauty even when we are surrounded by profound ugliness.
- Presbyterians uphold the freedom of God in ways that ensure and promote the freedom of each and every creature.

These ideas emphasize some very helpful concepts, such as the assurance that God's grace is dominant in our world, independent of our own worthiness and ability. We are God's irreplaceable, beloved children—which is always good to remember.

Also, in our daily lives, mind and heart work together. Faith is seriously flawed if it only serves to shut us off from critical thinking, mental exertion, or pondering the ways life is ever-changing and in need of positive ideas. You can name this deeper quality of life "mystery." You can even savor it and claim it as something beautiful and inspiring. And no matter how ugly things may get, the fundamental reality of God's "fingerprints on creation" remains stronger than any other power at work in the world. This is something upon which both mind and heart, intellect and spirit, can agree.

Lastly, instead of being driven to carve out our own space in the world—our own "brand" or career path or self-promoted résumé—we awaken each day in a world overseen by a sovereign God. This Lord of Life acts freely and has chosen to include us in life's "big picture" plans. This good news eases our anxiety to "go it alone." The preparations have been done by God; our responsibility is to accept the invitation to join alongside God in Christ in doing this life-giving work.

There are other things that Dr. Rigby could have mentioned—our distinctive Presbyterian way of organizing our congregations, our commitment to diversity and inclusion, our crazy love of committees, and the way we always hope for a brighter tomorrow. But read over her four Presbyterian principles again. See how they can help nurture your walk of faith in the days ahead.

Randy Bush

Mission Matters

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

Opportunities to Serve Our Neighbors

Join us in February for two opportunities of fellowship and fun as we support Open Hand Ministries (OHM) and neighborhood families! For more information, contact Frank Bauerle at fbauerle52@gmail.com or **817.705.6856**, or Pastor Patrice at **412.441.3800 x130**.

- **Sat., Feb. 2: Work Day** 9 am–3 pm
Help rehab a house in Garfield. No special skills are needed, just willing hands and hearts.
- **Tues., Feb. 5: Circles Dinner**
ELPC is providing dinner for the OHM Circles community gathering of families. Donations of salads, side dishes, and desserts, as well as people to help serve the meal are needed.

ELPC Winter Food Drive

ELPC Deacons are sponsoring a Winter Food Drive in cooperation with the EECM Have a Heart for Hunger Campaign to assist our neighbors who experience food insufficiency during the winter months. The list of requested, non-perishable canned food items will be distributed on **Sun., Feb. 10** and **17**. Items are due on **Sun., Feb. 24**. Thank you for having a heart.

OHM Pittsburgh Marathon Team: Run for a Reason

Want to support mission while being physically active? OHM is looking for folks that would like to participate in a Pittsburgh Marathon relay team or any of the races (5k, half marathon, or full marathon) to raise money to support OHM programs. If you are interested, contact Emily Rosenthal at EJR116@gmail.com, or Zoe Huelsman at zoehuelsman@gmail.com or **402.517.5080**.

Environmental Tip from the Justice Committee

Zero Waste

Zero Waste is a movement that encourages the “Reduce and Reuse” part of the “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” adage. For too long, we have largely ignored the first two steps and have emphasized recycling. But now, we are awakening to the fact that we still have a major global plastic problem! In *National Geographic’s* recent “Planet or Plastic?” article, they state that “A whopping 91% of plastic isn’t recycled.” So as this Zero Waste movement grows, we can learn how to *refuse* plastics, what alternatives there are, and how to *reuse* what we already have.

One place in our homes that accumulates the most plastic is the bathroom. If the product isn’t plastic, is the container or packaging plastic?

Trade in This for That

- Plastic toothbrush → Bamboo toothbrush
- Toothpaste → Tooth powder
- Hair and body wash → Refill bottles at places like East End Food Co-op; or try shampoo, conditioner, and soap bars
- Lotion → Coconut oil from a glass jar, refill lotion at the Co-Op, or try a lotion bar
- Disposable razors → Safety razors
- Cotton balls → Washable and reusable cotton pads

To learn more, check out GoingZeroWaste.com.

ELPC People Make a Difference

by Mary Nell Cummings, attorney, Casa San José volunteer, and ELPC friend



On January 3, a Casa San José community member was picked up by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement). He has lived in the U.S. for 18 years with absolutely no criminal record or any arrest or complaint. He has three U.S.-born children. His oldest son has stomach cancer, and the family has been told that there isn’t much more that can be done. ICE picked him up as he was going to give a friend a ride to work. ICE was not looking for him; he was at the wrong place at the wrong time.

We were able to get to ICE quickly, and by talking to agents and telling them of this man’s son’s condition, not only were we able to keep him from being transferred to Beaver County Jail, but ultimately he was released from the South Side office! If he had been transferred to Beaver County Jail, he would be in the system and it would be much more difficult to get him out before a scheduled bond hearing (which can take months). Time he doesn’t have because his son is so ill.

While we kept our client from being transferred, other members of the Casa San José Rapid Response Team did their magic—gathering documents, evidence, and doctors’ letters. Ultimately, we were able to provide evidence of our client’s son’s condition and the agents agreed to let him go—without even an ankle bracelet. This was nothing short of a miracle. The fact that our team was there made a world of difference. We were able to advocate for him and reunite him with his family at a critical time.

Of course, such works of mercy are only possible because of the dedicated leadership at Casa San José. It is an honor to play even a small part.

Christian Education

Note: Classes are on Sundays, 9:45 am.

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries

Contemporaries *McKelvy Room*

Facilitator: Contemporaries Steering Committee

Feb. 3: Injustice in the So-Called Justice System

Justice systems in much of the world are rats' nests of cruelty and unfairness. Is it inevitable that power over individuals accused and convicted of crimes has to be a corrupting force? As American Christians, our job is first to look unflinchingly at what is being done in our name, and then find out what other Christians are doing to ameliorate the situation and see how we can support the helpers and the helped. Class will be led by Martha Conley, a retired attorney who is fighting to improve conditions of prisoners on death row.

Feb. 10: Love Love Love

We hear so much at church about "Love." Remember the song "They'll Know we are Christians by Our Love"? What does "love" even mean? What guidance do the Bible, the Beatles, and Lady Gaga give us? Is it possible to grow our ability to love? Join Carolyn Russ as she leads a fun, wide-ranging, and thoughtful discussion of that over-used, under-examined word.

Feb. 17: Bullying

What is bullying anyway? We hear the word often, but is it the same as being mean or insensitive? How has social media changed bullying and what effect is it having on us? JoAnn and Carol Chonoska will lead us as we learn how to recognize bullying and its negative outcomes. A follow-up session will address the roles of bystanders.

Journey with Scripture *Second Floor Library*

Facilitators: Jan Lyle Irvin, Lora Bethea

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you...Do not judge, and you will not be judged...Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."—Luke 6:27, 37–38

Jesus says that practicing such personal and social ethics results in a good—even high—ROI (Return on Investment). This is the true prosperity gospel, the table in the temple at which Jesus would have joyfully sat instead of overturning. Join us as we reflect on Epiphany season readings about such an emerging life, together, in this world.

Feb. 3: Jeremiah 1:4–10; Psalm 71:1–6;
1 Corinthians 13:1–13; Luke 4:21–30

Feb. 10: Isaiah 6:1–8, (9–13); Psalm 138;
1 Corinthians 15:1–11; Luke 5:1–11

Feb. 17: Jeremiah 17:5–10; Psalm 1;
1 Corinthians 15:12–20; Luke 6:17–26

Seekers *Garth Overlook Room*

Facilitator: Gwen Puza

Feb. 3: The Black Panther Party of the 1960s

T. Rashad Byrdsong will tell us about his experience as part of the Black Panther Party—a political organization in the 1960s. What was the Black Panther Party? What was its purpose, goals, and accomplishments? T. Rashad Byrdsong is founder and CEO of the Community Empowerment Association, based in Homewood.

Feb. 10, 17: Traditional African Wisdom: Spiritual and Moral Lessons for the Conscious Mind

Dr. Anthony B. Mitchell, professor in African/African-American Studies at the Pennsylvania State University, will address traditional African spiritual and moral lessons from ancient African (KMT/Egypt) and Golden Ages civilizations. Today, these traditions continue to influence family and social life among African people in Africa and the Black Diaspora.

Feb. 10: Moral Teachings in Classical Africa: Lessons from Ma'at in Ancient KMT

Feb. 17: Proverbs in Golden Age Civilizations: The Wisdom of Africa in Western Civilizations

Soul Food *Good Samaritan Room*

Facilitator: Rev. Joe Hajdu

Feb. 3, 10, 17: Meditations of the Heart Book Discussion

We will continue our discussion of selections from *Meditations of the Heart* by Howard Thurman, with additional information about Thurman and African-American spirituality from *Joy Unspeakable: Contemplative Practices of the Black Church*, by Barbara Holmes. New participants are always welcome and books are quickly available.

Children and Youth

Young Children's Ministry/Infants–Age 2 *Nursery*

Pre-school/Ages 3–5 *Room 110 B*

Kindergarten–Grade 1 *Room 206*

Grades 2–3 *Room 205*

Grades 4–5 *Room 211*

Middle School (grades 6–8) *Room 207*

Senior High (grades 9–12) *Room 217*

Combined Adult Class *Chapel*

Feb. 24: Presbyterian Mission Agency

The Rev. Dr. Dianne Moffett will lead a combined adult class about the ministry of Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Youth Ministry

Sara Hackett, Coordinator of Christian Education and Youth Ministry

Fri., Feb. 8: Tween Craft Night 6–8 pm.

Youth in grades 4–6 are invited to come make crafts and eat pizza. Friends are welcome! Please RSVP to Sara Hackett.

Sat.–Sun., Feb. 23–24: Youth Overnight 7 pm–12 pm

Youth in grades 6–12 are invited to an overnight at ELPC! Saturday night, we will play games, eat snacks, and pray for our families and neighbors. Sunday morning, we will wake up early to serve breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House before our Church School classes and worship. A permission slip is available on the second floor and at ELPC.church.

Food 4 Thought

Thursdays, 4:30–6:30 pm

Food 4 Thought is a no-cost learning support and enrichment program for youth in grades 6–8, which equips and encourages them by exploring and enjoying food. For details, call Sara Hackett at **412.673.2926**.

Young Adult Ministry

Kelli Booher, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries



Fri., Feb. 1: REverb | KBox Karaoke Night 7 pm

Let's sing our hearts out together in our own reserved karaoke room at KBox in Oakland! RSVP to KelliB@coh.net or **412.441.3800 x114** so we can reserve the room we need and transportation if needed.

Fri.–Sun., Feb. 15–17: RELax | Retreat at Crestfield Camp

Treat yourself to a small getaway in Slippery Rock, where we will retreat to Crestfield Camp from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon. One of the greatest challenges for us as young adults and in our culture is taking time to cease from all activities and relax. We will explore, discuss, and practice how we are called to take time to relax and rest. The cost is \$50 (partial and full scholarships are available). To RSVP or ask questions, contact Kelli Booher at KelliB@coh.net or **412.441.3800 x114**.



Mon., Feb. 25: REmember | Sewing Project with ELPC Sewing Group 6 pm

Did you know that ELPC has a sewing group and a sewing room? They are always making something with a mission. We will have our own night in the sewing room to help them out with one of their projects. Don't think you can sew? You would be surprised at all the skills involved in sewing. Cut, count, pin, sew, or learn a new skill all for good works! Childcare will be available.

club one sixteen

Wednesdays, 3:30–7:30 pm

Youth in grades 7–12 will explore the theme **Who am I? Life at the Crossroads** this winter and spring. In February, we will talk about **Invisibility** and **Image** through the lens of our lives, world, and faith.

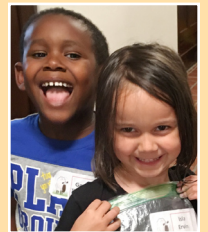
club one sixteen is our Wednesday night youth group for children and youth in grades 1–12. Students enjoy fellowship and recreation, a nutritious home-cooked meal, a craft or special activity, and an interactive Bible study.

Our schedule is as follows:

- 3:30 pm: Gathering Time/ Homework Help/Open Gym
- 4:30 pm: Opening Worship
- 5 pm: Dinner
- 5:30 pm:
 - Older Youth: Bible Study and Gym
 - Younger Youth: Crafts and Gym
- 7:30 pm: Dismissal

Mark Your Calendars for Vacation Church School

VCS 2019 will take place **June 24–28**. Our theme will be: *Who is My Neighbor? Learning to Love like Jesus*. Through crafts, music, activities, games, worship, reflection, and Bible study, we will explore God's call to love our neighbors as ourselves.



Kids age 4 (as of June 24, 2019) through grade 5 are welcome as campers. Spots fill on a first-come, first-serve basis. Youth in grades 6–12 and adults are needed to serve as volunteers.

Registration forms for campers and volunteers will be available in March.

ELPC Session Updates

In the New Year, the Session met and discussed the following items:

- Setting Session goals for 2019;
- Consideration of updated Child Safety Policies and ELPC Bylaws;
- Preparations for the Feb. 24 Annual Congregational Meeting;
- Continued organization of bicentennial events, posted at tinyurl.com/elpc-bicentennial; and
- Expectation of another new member class joining on Feb. 24.

Explore ELPC

Throughout the year, ELPC offers a variety of tours for members, friends, and visitors following Sanctuary worship on Sundays.

Sun., Feb. 10: Sanctuary and Chapel

Learn about architectural styles of our Gothic Sanctuary and Romanesque Chapel, as well as the history and symbolism of these unique spaces.



Sun., Feb. 17: Trinity Chapel

While it may be one of the smallest rooms in our church, it is filled with symbolism and features unique and beautiful stained glass windows.



Presbyterian Women

Bible Study | God's Promise: I am with You
Mon., Feb. 4 7 pm | Tues., Feb. 5 10 am

All women at ELPC are welcome to join us as we continue our Bible study in the New Year. This month's lesson is titled "God With Us Through Our Trials." Monday's group will meet for Bible study and fellowship in the Harambe Room. Tuesday's group will meet for Bible study in the Second Floor Parlor, followed by a potluck lunch. Soup will be provided, but please bring a side or salad to share, as well as your own place setting.



Presbyterian Women Diaper Drive Continues

Families with limited income and resources have great difficulty providing for the diapering needs of their infants and toddlers. When children are inadequately diapered, negative social responses can be damaging to the growth of healthy minds and bodies. Our faith family has been generous in its response to this need. We thank you for your renewed commitment. Look for a donation box near the Highland entrance.



Spiritual Life

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

Sun., Feb. 10: Spirituality, Art Expression, and Resilience Workshop

The Spiritual Life Committee continues to look at how our spiritual practices build resiliency—an attribute so needed in our world. Join us after Sanctuary worship as ELPC member, artist, and art therapist, Margaret Baco leads us in a time of learning and experiencing. No art experience or ability is necessary. It is about prayer, not product. A light lunch will be served.

Ash Wednesday Taizé Service



Lent is a season in the Christian calendar—a time of intentionally looking at our own faith and lives. As you begin your observance of Lent, join us for a special Ash Wednesday Taizé service on **March 6, 7 pm**, led by the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan. The service will offer sung and spoken prayer, scripture reading and silence, an opportunity for individual prayer, anointing, and the imposition of ashes.

ELPC Welcomes Neighbors

Our beautiful, newly renovated church not only hosts hundreds of our own members and friends each week, but it also is welcoming our neighbors in increasing numbers.

Each week at ELPC, we have three worship services, several Church School classes for folks of all ages, mission activities, spiritual life events, committee meetings, Hope Academy lessons, and much more.

This spring, ELPC also will welcome several 12-step or self-help groups, a full schedule of caterers/cooks who are renting our certified kitchen, multiple public meetings, scores of community musical rehearsals and performances, a University of Pittsburgh Historical Preservation class, weekly ESL classes, multiple retreats and trainings for neighbors, two weddings, and much more.

We aim to be a community center, reaching out to our neighbors and welcoming them in to share our space, warmth, and perhaps an encouraging word.

Feeling Crafty?

Consider joining one of our “hands on” groups to use your skills to care for others. We share lots of fellowship, along with our patterns, problems, and projects. All ages and skills are welcome. Questions? Contact Diane Jackson at dnjcks@verizon.net or **412.441.6021**.

Knitting Group

Tues., Feb. 5
1–3 pm
Maker’s Space

Sewing Group

Mon., Feb. 25
2:30–6 pm
Sewing Space

iSERVE Ministry

Jim DiGiorgio, Coordinator of iSERVE Ministry



To all the volunteers who served in 2018, thank you! The gifts and talents you gave in serving others made such a difference in their lives. I hope that each and every one of you who have served know how special you are to all those you served. From teaching Bible lessons; homes being renovated for families; mission trips; food made, delivered and served for others; greeters greeting and ushers ushering—you served. You served with your heart and open hands. Thank you!

Updates Coming in 2019

A new iSERVE form and online update will be coming soon, so keep an eye out for them. Please consider how your gifts and talents can help others in need this year. Also, let me know if you want to utilize your talents and gifts differently.

Contact Jim DiGiorgio at JimD@coh.net or **412.441.3800 x139** to find out how you can use your gifts to serve. To read about other service opportunities, visit ELPC.church/programs/iSERVE.

ELPC People

If you have news to share, please call Gloria Knopp at 412.441.3800 x122.

Good News

- Congratulations to Donald and Hillary McClung on the birth of their son **Finnegan James** on Dec. 13.
- Congratulations to **Ali Margaret Carpenter**, who celebrated her baptism on Dec. 16.
- Congratulations to **Anthony Williams** on being named one of *New Pittsburgh Courier's* “Men of Excellence” Awards 2019 honorees.
- Please welcome our new members and friends who joined in December: **Ali Carpenter, Melia Chandler, Jeff Fritz, Kyleigh Graham, Brendan and Lesley McCaskey, Paige McKenzie, Julianne Sanscartier, Kim Schriver, John and Whitney Solvay, Rev. Philip Wilson, and Eric Yttri.**

Thanks

- The Sewing and Knitting Groups wish to add our thanks to those who supported the Toy Makers’ sale in December. The Toy Makers generously assist our groups when sewing machines need to be repaired or supplies are needed.

The Chapel Market Seeks Donations

The Chapel Market has had a great increase in folks visiting this winter. At this time, there is still a need for men’s winter clothing, as well as lip balm and medium sizes of lotion. Donations can be put in the boxes near the Highland entrance.



Thank you for your support!

For more information, call Gerald McClendon **412.441.3800 x140** or Pastor Patrice at **412.441.3800 x130**.



“As a diverse community of believers, we strive to follow God—the Creator who calls us, Jesus who teaches us, and the Spirit who empowers us. We show God’s unconditional love by providing a refuge for spiritual growth, ardently pursuing justice, and extending Christ’s radical hospitality to all.”

ELPC Office Closure

The ELPC office will be closed on **Presidents’ Day, Mon., Feb. 18**, until 7 pm.

Congregational Meeting Date Set

All ELPC members are encouraged to attend our annual Congregational Meeting in the Social Hall following Sanctuary worship on **Sun., Feb. 24**, to review reports and financial budgets. Nominations for the incoming slate of officers also will be voted on. Lunch will be provided.

Our Annual Report will be available at ELPC.church.

Sing in the Anniversary Choir



You are invited to sing with the Chancel Choir and The Brass Roots on **Sun., May 19**, as part of our 200th anniversary celebrations. Music will be provided and you will need to attend rehearsal on either (or both) **Thurs., May 2** or **9**, as well as on **Thurs., May 16**.

Contact Dr. Ed Moore at EdM@coh.net for details.

Life at ELPC in 2018

65

New members and friends joined our faith family

979

Total worshippers celebrated the birth of Christ at our two Christmas Eve services

Our Stewardship campaign reached a new high number of pledges, and is almost

\$50,000

above our 2017 pledge total

40

Youth regularly attended **club one sixteen** each week

80

Children received Christmas gifts through the Board of Deacons’ Giving Tree Ministry

The Board of Deacons assisted 70 families,

150

individuals for Thanksgiving

13

Baptisms were celebrated (8 infant and 5 adult)

400

Unique individuals volunteered through our iSERVE Ministry