



# Reaching Out

newsletter of east liberty presbyterian church

May 2019

## Celebrating 200 Years of Ministry at ELPC

*To God be the glory for our days past and our ministry yet to come!*



The year was 1819 and James Monroe was president of the United States. The outskirts of Pittsburgh, known as Negleypoint, were experiencing much growth and development, prompting a group of civic leaders to pledge their resources to construct a new place of worship. Out of that act of generosity 200 years ago grew the history of East Liberty Presbyterian Church—a history we are celebrating this year.

Join us as we commemorate this milestone and prepare for what God has planned for our church for the next 200 years! Visit [ELPC.church](http://ELPC.church) for details.

### Sat., May 4: Talent Show and Tower Light-Up Night | 6–9 pm

Gather for a potluck meal in our Social Hall and celebrate the diverse talents of our congregation. Come outside for dessert and to dedicate our new tower lighting system, as ELPC “shines its light” for generations to come! There also will be a time for play and fellowship for families with children age 3 and under, beginning at 4:30 pm.

### Fri., May 10: Community Celebration | 5–7 pm

Join us as we invite the community to tour our church, learn more about our history and programs, and enjoy “pay what you can” ice cream!

### Sat., May 11: Bicentennial Party | 6–9 pm

ELPC will host a ticketed gala event in which we will gather for refreshments, catered food, entertainment and fellowship, celebrating our church's 200th anniversary. Tickets are \$50, with some reduced price tickets available.

### Sun., May 12: Worship Service | 11 am

During Sanctuary worship, we will hear two new pieces commissioned for our Handbell Choir, and dedicate new labyrinths for our Spiritual Life ministry. There also will be a special piano postlude by Pastor Randy.

### Sun., May 19: Bicentennial Worship Service | 11 am

Join us for this wonderful time of celebration as ELPC welcomes past staff and friends, enjoys special instrumental and choral music, and gives thanks to the God who has led us safe thus far and whose grace leads us into the future. A reception will be held in the Social Hall following worship.

## No Services on May 5, Marathon Sunday

Due to the Pittsburgh Marathon, ELPC is unable to offer worship services on **Sun., May 5**. Consider supporting another local congregation for worship that day.

## Sunday Services

### Journey Worship | 8:45 am

*Theme: Vitality*

May 12 Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

May 19 Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

May 26 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

### Sanctuary Worship | 11 am

May 12 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

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## Labyrinth Prayer Walk

*Mondays • 7 am–1 pm*

*Wednesdays • 9 am–9 pm*

## Taizé Prayer Service

*Wednesdays • 7 pm*

*Livestream available at [ELPC.church](http://ELPC.church)*

Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

## Lend Your Voice to Our Anniversary Choir

You are invited to sing with the Chancel Choir and The Brass Roots on **Sun., May 19**, as part of our bicentennial worship service.

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**. For details, contact Dr. Ed Moore at [EdM@coh.net](mailto:EdM@coh.net).

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### Staff Leadership

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*Pastor*

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*Associate Pastor for Mission Ministries*

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
*Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries*

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan  
*Director of Spiritual Life Ministries and  
Minister of Taizé Prayer*

Linda Addlespurger  
*Director of Hope Academy*

Craig Cannon  
*Interim Executive Director of  
Hope Academy*

Wil Forrest  
*Director of Church Operations,  
Coordinator of LGBTQ Ministry*

Debbie Banton  
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Kelli Booher  
*Coordinator of Youth and  
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Jim DiGiorgio  
*Coordinator of iSERVE Ministry*

Sara Hackett  
*Coordinator of Christian Education  
and Youth Ministry*

Deborah Marx  
*Financial Administrator*

Dr. Edward Alan Moore  
*Music Director and Organist*

The Rev. Dr. Robert Chesnut  
*Pastor Emeritus*

The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Szeremany  
*Music Director Emeritus*

## Pastoral Message

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



During the week of April 12–19, 1919, the congregation of East Liberty Presbyterian Church celebrated their centennial. With the help of people like Georgina Negley, granddaughter of ELPC founding members Jacob and Barbara Negley, stories were shared about how the East Liberty of 1819 was largely composed of farms and grazing lands, occasional fruit orchards, and a few homesteads. Jacob Negley is the one credited with ensuring that the main road in East Liberty (formerly Greensburg Turnpike, later Penn Avenue) would be one

hundred feet wide to allow for future business development. Jacob also opened his own home to periodic church services as preachers were visiting the area and able to lead worship. There was a strong desire to establish a Presbyterian Church in East Liberty, but the financial crisis of 1819 made it difficult to raise funds. However, a stalwart group of 89 subscribers pledged money toward a new church, and on April 12, 1819, they met in the Negley schoolhouse to deed a parcel of land at the corner of Penn and Highland Avenues as a new home for East Liberty Presbyterian Church.

During the Centennial Celebration, a memorial tablet to Jacob and Barbara Negley was dedicated, as were a range of other items including a church flag, a soldiers' memorial tablet, and a memorial tree planted in the church lawn. As part of a "homecoming celebration," representatives came from the eight different congregations that were birthed from ELPC, including Shadyside, Point Breeze, Highland Avenue, and Valley View Presbyterian Churches. ELPC consisted of approximately 600 families then, and it seemed that almost all of them were busy with some sort of committee or centennial preparation work.

Looking back upon our congregation's past gives many reasons to feel pride in the dedicated ministry accomplished over the years. It is humbling to consider the pastors, officers, staff, and members who did so much for so many people—not just in East Liberty, but around the world. And it is a point of pride that we continue that tradition of Christian ministry and outreach from within the oldest building our congregation has ever possessed (84 years young). We sincerely trust that the God who has brought us safe thus far will see us forward into the years to come.

In the coming days, the word "bicentennial" will be spoken many times and celebrated in a variety of ways. But far more important than the number (200) it represents is the sense that our work is not over. To be a congregation 201 years old is just as special as being 200 years old: if each Sunday is seen as an opportunity to welcome a stranger or worship together as a diverse family of faith; if each week of the year includes times of prayer and study, service and outreach, youth events and community concerts; if each monthly calendar describes commitment to works of justice and gatherings designed to put flesh and bones onto the core message of Jesus' gospel; and if each person associated with ELPC seeks to embody the good news of our faith as ambassadors of hope and compassionate service in a world still in need of this Christ-centered ministry. "To the One who is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."—Ephesians 3:20–21

*Randy Bush*

# Mission Matters

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

## Support OHM in the Pittsburgh Marathon

ELPC's relay team, *Towering Lights*, is running in the 2019 Pittsburgh Marathon in support of Open Hand Ministries (OHM), promoting community and equity for East End families. Consider supporting these members of our faith family with your prayers and donations: **Molly Davidson-Welling, Jim DiGiorgio, Emerald Huggins, Todd Hoffman, and Thomas Morton!** Donations can be made at [bit.ly/OHM2019](https://bit.ly/OHM2019) or mailed to Open Hand Ministries at 616 N. Highland Ave, Pittsburgh, 15206. Please note "ELPC marathon team" on your check.

## Spring Into Local Mission Opportunities with OHM

OHM, a mission ministry of ELPC, promotes social justice in the East End by building a diverse community focused on financial wellness, equity creation and homeownership. Currently, OHM's two main programs—family development (OHM Circles) and house rehab—are working with 25 families and 38 children, as well as rehabbing 4 previously abandoned houses in Garfield. Would you like to support these families as well? Please join us for one or both of these one-day opportunities for fun and fellowship in May, and consider a long-term relationship by becoming an OHM Circles ally or leader.

- **Sat., May 4:** House rehab! No special skills are needed.
- **Tues., May 7:** ELPC hosts the OHM Circles dinner for OHM families. Donations of side dishes and dinner servers are needed!

Contact Emily Rosenthal at [EJR116@gmail.com](mailto:EJR116@gmail.com) or Frank Bauerle at **817.705.6856** for more information or to ask questions.

## Join the OHM Circles Community

OHM is currently accepting applications for both leaders and allies for Cohort 6. If you are working to improve your financial wellness and reach personal goals, OHM invites you to be a leader in their Circles community. If you are interested in walking alongside your neighbors to support them as they accomplish these goals, contact Tamika Barrett, OHM family development coordinator, at **412.376.3064** or [TBarrett@openhandpittsburgh.org](mailto:TBarrett@openhandpittsburgh.org).

## Environmental Tip from the Justice Committee

### Planting Trees *Part 1*

May is a good time to plant a tree so it can establish its root system before the summer heat begins.

Trees absorb and store carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)—a major contributor to global warming. In addition, tree roots capture water and release it slowly, decreasing rain runoff from yards, buildings, sidewalks and streets.

Rainfall runoff is a special problem in Pittsburgh because of our combined sanitary/storm sewers. Runoff from intense rainfall overpowers the system's ability to treat sewage before sending it into a river. In 2018, an estimated 9 billion gallons of raw sewage and storm water were dumped into our three rivers.

Reducing runoff from hillsides by planting trees also can help prevent landslides. According to PennDOT, we had 90 landslides in Allegheny County in 2018.

See next month's Environmental Tip for more information about native trees that thrive in Pennsylvania, and why it is good to plant them in your yard.

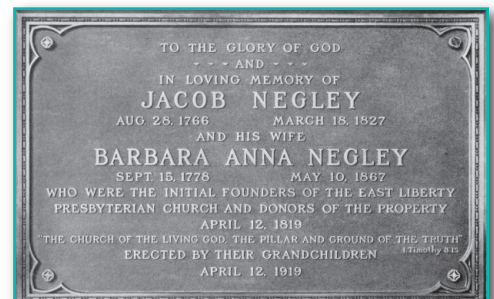
## 11 pastors have led ELPC since 1830.

1. William B. McIlvaine, D.D.
2. John Gillespie, D.D.
3. Benjamin L. Agnew, D.D., L.L.D.
4. J.P. Kumlter, D.D., L.L.D.
5. Frank W. Sneed, D.D.
6. Stuart Nye Hutchison, D.D.
7. W. Sherman Skinner, D.D.
8. Charles P. Robshaw, S.T.D.
9. J. Robert Hewett, S.T.D.
10. Robert A. Chesnut, Ph.D.
11. Randall K. Bush, Ph.D.

## Summer Schedule Begins June 16

On **Sun., June 16**, we will transition to our summer schedule with one Sunday worship service beginning at 10 am, in the Sanctuary. From the first Sunday in July through Labor Day weekend, we will move outdoors into the Courtyard for our service (weather permitting), with monthly communion, lively music, and opportunities for both sunbathers and shade seekers as we worship together.

Make Sundays at ELPC a consistent part of your summer routine!



During ELPC's Centennial Celebration in 1919, a memorial tablet was dedicated to Jacob and Barbara Negley, founding members of ELPC. Today, it is located in the walkway behind the chancel.

# Christian Education

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

*The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries*

## No Classes on Marathon Sunday

Our Church School classes will not meet on **Sun., May 5**, due to the route of the Pittsburgh Marathon. Classes for people of all ages will resume on **Sun., May 12**.

## Contemporaries *McKelvy Room*

*Facilitator: Contemporaries Steering Committee*

### May 12: Mothers in the Bible

On Mother's Day, we will take a look at several mothers in the Bible, remembering what they are most known for, and looking at what we can learn from them. This will be a presentation by various class members, led by Rita Nordquist. We will also take a few moments to think of our own mothers. Join us for this special time.

### May 19: The Kingdom of God: Past, Present, Future *Part 1*

What do we learn about the kingdom of God from the words of Jesus? Can we be participants today in His kingdom on Earth? Rita Nordquist will lead us as we share thoughts and reflections on this timely and exciting topic in our time together.

### May 26: The Kingdom of God *Part 2*

Building on our prior class, Jim Russ will lead us as we consider Jesus' parables about the kingdom of God. They're straight from the mouth of Jesus, but what do they mean?

## Journey with Scripture *Second Floor Library*

*Facilitators: Jan Lyle Irvin, Lora Bethea*

*"...even though you have no faith in me personally, then believe in the things that I do. Then you may come to know and realize that the Father is in me and I am in the Father."*—John 10:38

God provides grace for recognizing Jesus' identity and the power of his resurrection. This is good news—a deep, abiding process of transformation and reconciliation. You have everything to gain! The Spirit is gentle, not reckless or careless. Join us for Easter readings on coming to know the joy of salvation.

**May 12:** Acts 9:36–43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9–17; John 10:22–40

**May 19:** Acts 11:1–18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1–6; John 13:31–35

**May 26:** Acts 16:9–15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5; John 14:23–29

## Seekers *Garth Overlook Room*

*Facilitator: Gwen Puza*

### May 12: Notes on Progressive Advance at ELPC 1920–2020

ELPC has been on the progressive side of issues haltingly since Robert Speer (note him in the East Window). Professor Ron Stone, an ELPC elder, will discuss the early 20<sup>th</sup> century debate and subsequent selected issues, as well as reflect on his observations from 1975 to the present political conflicts with fundamentalists.

### May 19: Making Sense of Sin, Salvation, and the Cross

The Rev. Robert Chesnut served as ELPC's pastor from 1988–2002, and was the founder of our Seekers class. Today, he is back with us to address two questions. Can a modern, progressive Christian accept the doctrine of original sin? If not, who needs salvation or a savior? And what then is the cross all about?

### May 26: Spirituality of India and Nepal

Gwen Puza will show pictures from her volunteer time in Nepal this past January, and discuss the spirituality of India and Nepal. Pictures from the Cremation Center in Nepal, and the cremation area along the Ganges Rives in India will be shown, along with various shrines, prayers, and other displays of spirituality.

## Soul Food *Good Samaritan Room*

*Facilitator: Rev. Joe Hajdu and other class members*

### May 12 | 19 | 26: Spiritual Ecology: The Cry of the Earth

We will continue our discussion of *Spiritual Ecology: The Cry of the Earth*. New participants are always welcome and books are quickly available.

## Children and Youth

**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*

**36** assistant, associate, and interim pastors have blessed ELPC through their ministry since 1894.

# Youth Ministry

Sara Hackett, Coordinator of Christian Education and Youth Ministry

## Fri.–Sat., May 10–11: Mission Overnight 7 pm–5 pm

Youth in grades 8–12, who are interested in attending the High School Mission Trip in Pittsburgh this summer are required to attend this Mission Overnight. Friday night, we will learn about mission, play group building games, and worship together. Saturday, we will volunteer with Open Hand Ministries and plan for our upcoming mission trip. Talk to Sara Hackett for more info about the Mission Overnight or the High School Mission Trip this summer.

## club one sixteen

For children and youth in grades 1–12  
Wednesdays, from 3:30–7:30 pm

Our last day will be **Wed., May 8**. We will celebrate our year together with a picnic for youth and their families. Please RSVP to Sara Hackett so that we have enough food for everyone!



# Young Adult Ministry

Kelli Booher, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

## Fri., May 3: REfocus | First Friday @ Unblurred in Garfield 7 pm

We will join our TRAIL friends to experience First Friday Unblurred in Garfield on Penn Ave., blocks 4800–5500. We will walk and bask in Penn Ave.'s creative energy—experiencing a mix of photography, dance, painting, sculpture, music, and spoken word performances. We will leave the ELPC lobby at 6:45 pm.

## Thurs., May 9: REspond | Women's Center & Shelter 5:30–7:30 pm

The Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh provides many services and programs—all with the goal of creating a positive, safe, and welcoming environment to victims of domestic abuse. One of their programs provides children with a wide array of nurturing activities. Let's respond to a call to serve with the Children's Program! There are multiple ways to help, so if you are interested, contact Kelli Booher at [KelliB@coh.net](mailto:KelliB@coh.net) or **412.441.3800 x114**.

## Sat., May 18: REdiscover | Double-Decker Bus Tour 11:45 am–2:15 pm



New to Pittsburgh? Lived here all your life? Think you know everything there is to know about Pittsburgh? Let's rediscover the city that we live in on this fun and educational double-decker bus tour! We will meet and leave ELPC at 11:15 am, drive to the Duquesne Incline West Parking Lot on Carson St., and board the bus for a tour of our city.

Through ELPC, tickets for adults are \$15 and children are \$10 (if you need more assistance, please let us know). This is a kid-friendly event, but each child must be accompanied by their parent or guardian. RSVP to Kelli Booher at [KelliB@coh.net](mailto:KelliB@coh.net) or **412.441.3800 x114**.

In 1888, ELPC's  
membership  
totaled: **750**

At the end of 2018, ELPC had 900 members and friends.

## Youth Sunday Planning

On **Sun., May 12**, 9:45 am, our High School Church School class will begin planning worship for **Youth Sunday, June 2**. This special service is an ELPC tradition, as we celebrate the gifts of our youth, while praising God for the work of the Holy Spirit upon and through them. Our graduating seniors will share their faith stories and receive a blessing as they prepare for the next steps in their respective life journeys.

## Youth, Sign Up Now for Summer Activities

### Middle School Mission Trip July 7–12

Youth in grades 6–8 will travel to Crestfield Camp for Mission Possible.

### Trinity Youth Conference July 21–27

Youth (grade 9 completed) and college-age students are invited to this Presbyterian leadership conference.  
[TrinityYouthConference.org](http://TrinityYouthConference.org)

### High School Mission Trip Aug. 4–9

Youth in grades 9–12 will be serving around Pittsburgh this summer.

### Summer Camps @ Crestfield

Crestfield Camp offers a variety of opportunities for youth in elementary, middle, and high school all summer.  
[CrestfieldCC.org](http://CrestfieldCC.org)

## Did You Know...

You can designate ELPC as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy? For more information, contact the Planned Giving Committee at [tmsudar@gmail.com](mailto:tmsudar@gmail.com) and watch this space for monthly estate planning tips.

"It's better to give than to receive, especially when you can no longer receive!"—Russ Walker, ELPC member

# give!

## Explore ELPC Underground

Following Sanctuary worship on **Sun., May 26**, join ELPC member Tim VanFleet as we descend into the bowels of the Cathedral and explore some of our church's least seen areas. Wander through the "catacombs" and see the organ bellows, furnace, and more. Please gather at the Highland entrance following worship. Allow 30–45 minutes for the tour and wear comfortable shoes.

## 89 "subscribers" began raising funds to build the first East Liberty Presbyterian Church on Nov. 18, 1818.

Sums ranged from \$3–\$100 for a total of \$1,561.625.

Source: *ELPC Centennial Booklet*

## Presbyterian Women

**Bible Study | God's Promise: I am with You**

**Mon., May 6 7 pm | Tues., May 7 10 am**

Please join us as we complete our 2018–2019 Bible study series: *God's Promise: I am with You*. Our last session is titled "God with Us." 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, and your own place setting.

## Spiritual Life

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

### New Labyrinths Coming, to be Dedicated May 12

The labyrinth is an ancient, sacred symbol found in many religious traditions throughout the world. The crusades made pilgrimage to the Holy Land costly and dangerous; so, grand cathedrals were designated as Pilgrimage Cathedrals. Pilgrims could travel to the cathedral and then walk the labyrinth path as a metaphor for entering Jerusalem.



Today, modern pilgrims walk the labyrinth as one of many ways to pray and meditate. The winding path into the center and back out again has become a metaphor for the journeys of life and faith. Unlike a maze, which has many paths and is a puzzle to solve, the labyrinth is a single path in and out. The way is narrow and complex and requires constant attention. Thus, staying focused on the path becomes a way to quiet the mind for prayer and meditation.

ELPC was one of the first churches in the Pittsburgh region to develop a Labyrinth Ministry, with weekly opportunities for the church and the public to spend a time on pilgrimage while staying in place. It has since become an integral part of our diverse, multicultural ministry, and it serves as a bridge for reaching Christian seekers and friends of all faiths.

As a part of our Bicentennial Celebration, the Spiritual Life Committee has had two new labyrinths created to add to our library of labyrinths. The larger of these contains 11 circuits in a Chartres design, and measures just over 38 feet across—the largest we've ever had. It is on a white background with a design in spruce. The smaller is nearly 22 feet across in the St. Paul à la Chartres style, and features a rainbow pattern on a white background. It is a bit smaller than our current smallest labyrinth (the Santa Rosa) and will fit in smaller spaces—like the Chancel of our Sanctuary. Both labyrinths are printed on poly canvas, which is lighter in weight than the old cotton canvases. They also are more of a true white and the patterns are printed using heatset ultraviolet colorfast ink so they can be washed without fading.

The Spiritual Life Committee is excited about these new models to add to our library of labyrinths. Please join us after Sanctuary worship on **Sun., May 12**, as we dedicate these new additions to our ministry.

# LGBTQ Ministry

Wil Forrest, Coordinator of LGBTQ Ministry



**Sun., May 26: Spiritual Gathering 12:30 pm**  
People are talking. All are invited to our next monthly Spiritual Gathering. We will continue our discussion of the themes in chapters 4–6 of Matthew Vine's book, *God and the Gay Christian*. We will focus on our relationship with scripture, what it says, what it does not say, and how to embrace it.

Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcome to attend, and previous attendance is not required. To learn more about our LGBTQ Ministry, contact Wil Forrest at [Wil@coh.net](mailto:Wil@coh.net) or 412.441.3800 x114.

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

**Save the Dates**

**Pittsburgh Pride | June 8–9**

ELPC will be participating in Delta Pride and People's Pride. More details will be available soon. Questions? Email Carol Chonoska at [CarolChonoska@gmail.com](mailto:CarolChonoska@gmail.com).

## iSERVE Ministry

Jim DiGiorgio, Coordinator of iSERVE Ministry

### Bicentennial Event Volunteers

- **Fri., May 10: Community Celebration 5–7 pm**  
Volunteers are needed to be hosts for our neighbors! Join with us as we invite the community to tour our church, learn more about our history and programs, and more. If you are able to serve, contact Jim DiGiorgio at [JimD@coh.net](mailto:JimD@coh.net)
- **Sat., May 11: Party Setup 3 pm**  
ELPC needs at least 15 volunteers to help with setting up for our Bicentennial Party. If you are interested in helping, contact Jim DiGiorgio at [JimD@coh.net](mailto:JimD@coh.net).

### EECM Thursday Night Dinner Crew

- East End Cooperative Ministry needs volunteers to help serve dinner at their Thursday night meal, and/or provide a portion of the meal (shepherd's pie; apple sauce; salad; bread; cookies/brownies). The Dinner Crew meets from 6:30–8 pm, on the first Thursday of even months (Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct., and Dec). For details, contact Jim DiGiorgio at [JimD@coh.net](mailto:JimD@coh.net).

### Cathedral Concert Captains

- Do you enjoy music and the arts? We are seeking individuals to serve as captains for our *Cathedral Concerts* series. Captains will lead the other volunteers in their tasks during the concerts here at ELPC. If you are interested or want more information, contact Jim DiGiorgio at [JimD@coh.net](mailto:JimD@coh.net).

### The Chapel Market

- Volunteers are needed to serve Mondays, 10 am–12 pm. Contact Linda and Harold Deiss at [DeissHL@consolidated.net](mailto:DeissHL@consolidated.net) or 724.443.1826.

## Calling All Graduates

We acknowledge that many people from within our faith family have graduated or will be graduating this spring from high school, college, trade school, graduate school, etc. We would like to celebrate these achievements by honoring our graduates in the August issue of *Reaching Out*.

To be included, please submit name, degree, and school attended to Gloria Knopp at [GloriaK@coh.net](mailto:GloriaK@coh.net) or 412.441.3800 x122 by **Mon., July 1**.



During Sanctuary worship on Sun., April 14 and 28, ELPC's new elders and deacons were ordained and installed.

## ELPC People

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

### Good News

- **Finnegan James McClung**, son of Donald and Hillary McClung, celebrated his baptism on March 17.
- Tucker and Libby Ferda welcomed their daughter, **Junia Bel Ferda**, who was born on March 28.

### Prayers

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

- Gloria Knopp's mother, Dorothy Rohm, passed away on March 30.
- Jack Burley, husband to JoAnne Burley, passed away on April 5.



*“...inviting all to join our diverse, inclusive family of faith, transcending boundaries of race, class, ability, culture, age, gender and sexual identity to become one in Christ.”*

## ELPC Office Closure

The ELPC office will be closed all day on **Memorial Day, Mon., May 27.**



Thank you to everyone who supported this year's 30-Hour Famine by sponsoring youth, making breakfast, praying for our teens, or chaperoning the event.

## Enjoy a Sonic Spectacular

The eighth season of ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts* series closes on **Fri., May 24, 7:30 pm**, with another sonic spectacular for brass, percussion, and organ featuring The Brass Roots and Edward Alan Moore. A freewill offering will be received.



## Register Now for VCS

Vacation Church School will take place daily **June 24–28**, 9 am–3pm, guided by our theme: *Who is My Neighbor? Learning to Love like Jesus.* Through crafts, music, activities, games, worship, reflection, and Bible study, children ages 4 through grade 5 will explore God's call to love our neighbors as ourselves. Spots are still available.



### Registration Forms

Registration forms for campers and volunteers are available at [tiny.cc/vcs2019](http://tiny.cc/vcs2019).

### Lend a Helping Hand

Youth in grades 6–12 and adults of all ages are needed to serve as volunteers. We need folks who can serve all week and even those who can spare just three hours. A list of requested items for donation will be available soon.

### Volunteer Training

There is a mandatory training session for all volunteers following Sanctuary worship on **Sun., June 23.**

