

Black History Month Celebration and Dedication of Balaka Room Plaque

As we continue our congregation's anti-racism work and to better understand one another—as well as our shared and separate cultures—the Mission Board and Mission Committees invite you to celebrate Black History Month. A luncheon will be held following Sanctuary worship on **Sun., Feb. 9**, featuring traditional African-American cuisine and opportunities to discuss African-American traditions and Malawian culture.

We also will unveil a commemorative plaque in the Balaka Room, memorializing the 25th anniversary of our partnership with Balaka CCAP in Malawi. Come and celebrate our diverse community together!

Our Lenten Journey Begins Feb. 26

Ash Wednesday Service | 12 pm

Lent is a special season in the Christian calendar—a time of intentionally looking at our own faith and lives. Join us in the Chapel on **Wed., Feb. 26**, 12 pm, as we begin our lenten journey together. Pastor Patrice will lead our Ash Wednesday service, featuring the imposition of ashes.



Presentation and Guest Speaker | 1 pm

Following our service, join us in the Fellowship Room for lunch and a discussion on the intersectionality of worship and theodicy, led by the Rev. Dr. Angela Hancock.

The Rev. Dr. Hancock is the associate professor of homiletics and worship at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and author of *Karl Barth's Emergency Homiletic, 1932–1933: A Summons to Prophetic*

Witness at the Dawn of the Third Reich—a contextual interpretation of Barth's lectures on preaching in the early 1930s, based on unpublished archival material. She is an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and has served as pastor to churches in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and Tennessee. The Rev. Dr. Hancock earned her bachelor's degree in music from Indiana University, Bloomington, and her M.Div. and Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Ash Wednesday Taizé Prayer Service | 7 pm

As we begin our observance of Lent, join us as the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan leads a special Ash Wednesday Taizé service. The service will offer sung and spoken prayer, scripture reading and silence, an opportunity for individual prayer, anointing, and the imposition of ashes.

Sunday Services

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

Journey Worship | 8:45 am

Theme: Spotlight

- Feb. 2* Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
- Feb. 9 Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
- Feb. 16 Rev. Shanea Leonard,
associate for Gender & Racial Justice for the PC(USA)
- Feb. 23 Rev. Terri Pennybaker

Sanctuary Worship | 11 am

Livestream available on YouTube and Facebook, visit tiny.cc/elpc-stream

- Feb. 2* Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
- Feb. 9 Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
- Feb. 16 Rev. Shanea Leonard
- Feb. 23 Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

Mondays | 8 am–1 pm

Wednesdays | 9 am–9 pm

Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesdays | 7 pm

Livestream available at ELPC.church

Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

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Wednesdays, 3:30–7:30 pm

This month, our theme will be **rethink**. Youth in grades 7–12 will take time to look at some of life's challenges in light of the wisdom found in scripture.

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 & Gym
 - Younger Youth: Bible Study, Crafts, & Gym
- 7:30 pm: Dismissal

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Pastoral Message

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries



As my toddler's vocabulary expands by the day, I find myself not just teaching him words, but also teaching him about words. When driving by a construction site the other day, we talked about how the word "building" can refer to a "thing" (aka a noun) or to an action (aka verb). We could see that people were **building** something—there were large trucks, mounds of gravel, bricks, scaffolding, and wooden beams. We could also see that they were making a **building**—a structure was about four stories high, maybe an apartment

building. We talked about how there were a lot of silly words like this, that did many jobs, and that it was fun to listen for these words.

The word **season** is another one of these "silly" words. It can be a *thing*, an era of time, sometimes marked by a solstice or equinox, by changes in weather, or by an event that extends over time. It can also be an *action*, the work of spicing something up, adding extra flavor to a food or even to an experience.

Within our life of faith, we mark many "seasons" this February:

Liturgically, we honor a brief stretch of the larger season of "ordinary time"—the 33 or 34 weeks throughout the year where we focus on the life and teachings of Jesus in worship in general, rather than a particular aspect of the mystery of Christ. Then, on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26), we transition to the liturgical season of Lent—the 40 days preparing for our celebration of Easter (not including Sundays!) where we focus on our need for a Savior.

Culturally, February marks a season of celebrating Black History Month in which we acknowledge and give thanks for the lives, accomplishments, and impacts of African American persons throughout history—while also affirming our commitment to speak and stand against the injustice of racism that has likewise permeated our nation's history.

Congregationally, February will mark the beginning of a season of sabbatical for Pastor Randy and his wife Beth, who will be out of the country for 10 weeks. During this season, Pastor Randy will have an opportunity to rest and rejuvenate, and Pastor Patrice and I will share a season of deepened leadership in his absence.

As all of these seasons converge, we are invited to collectively explore the unique flavor (or seasoning!) of this time together. We will hear familiar voices in new settings and welcome teachings of new voices, with an ear to God's call in new ways. We will elect a new slate of church officers at our Congregational Meeting, giving thanks for the unique and varied gifts offered by those who have faithfully agreed to serve in new ways. And we continue our day-to-day work together—in mission, education, worship, and administration—honoring transitions in staffing with an openness to how God is moving us forward in ministry.

What **seasoning** (forgive the wordplay!) do you bring to this **season** of our shared ministry together? How are you being called to offer your gifts? What burdens are on your heart? Which prayer practices might you be called to explore? Who might you invite to worship?

I give thanks to God for the unique flavor of our shared ministry together—for our collective desire to be merciful, to enact justice, and to walk humbly with our God. May we heed Christ's call to be the "salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13), so that all may know the goodness and love of God in Christ.

Pastor Heather

Mission Matters

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

Thurs., March 12: Environmental Book Club 7 pm

The Environment Team of the Justice Committee invites you to read *The Story of Stuff: How Our Obsession with Stuff is Trashing the Planet, Our Communities, and Our Health – and a Vision for Change*, by Annie Leonard (2010, 352 pages).

We have a problem with stuff. With just 5% of the world's population, we're consuming 30% of the world's resources and creating 30% of the world's waste. If everyone consumed at U.S. rates, we would need three to five planets! In her sweeping, groundbreaking book, Leonard tracks the life of the stuff we use every day—where our cotton t-shirts, laptop computers, and aluminum cans come from; how they are produced, distributed, and consumed; and where they go when we throw them out. Like Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, *The Story of Stuff* is a landmark book that will change the way people think—and the way they live.

We hope you'll read the book and join us for discussion on **Thurs., March 12**, 7 pm, in the Trustees Room. For more information or to tell us you are coming, contact Nancy Heastings at n.heastings@comcast.net.

Environmental Tip from the Justice Committee

The internet provides a wealth of information about climate change and local environmental conditions. Here are several websites to check out. The Breathe Project and the Allegheny Front focus on Western Pennsylvania, while Inside Climate News and Yale Climate Connections offer global perspectives.

The Breathe Project, BreatheProject.org, is a clearinghouse for information on air quality in Pittsburgh, Southwestern Pennsylvania, and beyond. The Breathe Project Collaborative is a coalition of members of the public, scientists, academics, health professionals, and others. The website links to many resources for understanding air quality and environmental issues, and also provides "opportunities for citizens to engage and take action."

Inside Climate News, InsideClimateNews.org, is an environmental non-profit news organization "dedicated to covering climate change, energy and the environment." Their reporters publish their own articles and investigative reports, but also reference the work of others. They also offer several free email newsletters.

The Allegheny Front, AlleghenyFront.org, is a public radio program covering environmental issues in Western Pennsylvania. It airs on WESA and other stations throughout the region. Allegheny Front reporters produce articles and podcasts on environmental issues affecting our region.

Yale Climate Connections, YaleClimateConnections.org, is an initiative of the Yale University Center for Environmental Education. The website describes itself as a "multimedia service, providing daily broadcast radio programming and original web-based reporting, commentary, and analysis on the issue of climate change."

Being a Matthew 25 Congregation | Part 3



"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."—Matthew 25:40

The seven marks that help determine a church's level of vitality, as well as the various processes for self-assessment, discernment, and renewed commitment to the habits that foster an energetic engagement with the Spirit's work in the world are as follows:

1. A commitment to forming disciples over every members' lifetime. Leading first to personal transformation, as people put on the heart of Christ, and then to social transformation, as people joyfully go forth into the community and tackle the issues facing today's culture.
2. Embracing the call to evangelism. Showing forth the love of Christ by our actions and our lives even more than by our words. Our relationships are genuine and caring. People know we are Christians by our love.
3. An outward focus. Our church is not a place to escape from the world, but a gateway to our community where we may be the hands, feet, heart and mouth of Jesus Christ for people who are suffering or marginalized.
4. Empowering every member to discover their individual calling and the gifts God has given them so they can go forth and serve.
5. Spirit-inspired worship that challenges, teaches, transforms, convicts, and energizes us so when we are sent out, we have experienced the wonder of God and are changed for the better from when we arrived.
6. Caring relationships modeled on God's love. Opening our doors and hearts to all people, and building relationships modeled on God's love, which leads to genuine reconciliation and peace.
7. Congregations with healthy systems. Our mission focuses are clear, fiscal responsibility and accountability, and thoughtful decision-making structures. Our leaders and staff enjoy a sustainable balance of work/rest time.

Christian Education

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries

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

Children & 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

Contemporaries McKelvy Room

Facilitator: Carolyn Russ, Steering Committee Chair

Invitations From Jesus

Jesus did not introduce himself to his disciples with a handshake, but rather issued an invitation to them saying, "Come and follow me." Instantly, lives were changed. The Gospels are filled with invitations from Jesus that changed hearts, minds, and lives to those who heard his call. These invitations have the power to transform our worldview, beliefs, and actions even today. During this five-week series, we will highlight a few of Jesus' invitations and explore together what it would look like for us to say "yes" to these invitations within the context of our daily lives.

Feb. 2: Love Your Enemies, Bless Those Who Curse You, Do Good To Those Who Hate You, and Pray for Those Who Mistreat You and Persecute You

In a time of division and anxiety, how do we as Christians put aside our differences and work together? How does one love their enemies? *Presented by Chaplain Tony Richardson-Eckes*

Feb. 9: Come Follow Me

Jesus persistently issues an invitation to come follow him. What was he trying to tell us? How can we live into that invitation? *Presented by Tim Engelhardt*

Feb. 16: Ask, and It Will Be Given You; Search, and You Will Find; Knock, and the Door Will Be Opened for You

With this invitation, Jesus Christ is connecting with what is important to us individually. God created humans to be in partnership with God; God's work is not directing robots. As followers of Christ, we are to figure out what is important to us and go for it, to bang on the door because what is behind it was put there for us! *Presented by Charlie Nordquist*

Feb. 23: If Any Want To Become My Followers, Let Them Deny Themselves and Take Up Their Cross Daily and Follow Me

As we get ready for Lent, what does it mean to join Jesus in denying ourselves and taking up a cross? *Presented by Pastor Heather*

Journey with Scripture Highland Room

Facilitators: Lora Bethea and Jan Lyle Irvin

"It is you who light my lamp; the Lord, my God, lights up my darkness."—Psalm 18:28

February's readings display many ways the presence and grace of God can break into, even overturn, the kinds of human resistance, distrust, and fixed mindsets that diminish life and full relationships. Through such means as visions, trances, prayers, physical touch, and suffering, the once closed future becomes open. We'll read stories about the prophet Daniel with the king of Persia (now Iran), and radical transformations of the apostles Peter and Paul. February concludes with the martyrdom of Steven as a sober reminder of Lent's beginning. Join us as we reflect on these texts:

Feb. 2: Proverbs 3:1–10, 11–18; Psalm 49; Hebrews 5:11–14; Acts 8:1b–25

Feb. 9: Daniel 6:10–28; Psalm 7; Hebrew 10:26–39; Acts 9:17–31

Feb. 16: Zechariah 7:8–8:8; Psalm 50:7–21, 23; Romans 14:13–23; Acts 10:1–33

Feb. 23: Deuteronomy 6:1–9, 20–25; Psalm 18:25–30; 2 Peter 3:1–9, 15b–18; Acts 7:1–58

Parenting Circle Harambe Room

Facilitators: Parenting Circle Leadership Team

Feb. 2, 9, 16, and 23: Prayer

Anyone involved in parenting (singles, couples, adoptive parents, step-parents, grandparents, guardians, mentors, etc.) are welcome to join us in the Harambe Room on Sundays during the Church School hour. Our formal discussion won't start until 10 am, so that families have time to drop off their children at their classes. We share experiences, resources, prayer, and scripture as we explore how our faith builds and nourishes our family lives, as well as nurtures our parent/child relationships. Join us as we learn from one another ways to foster closer family relationships in the context of creating active faith communities.

Soul Food Good Samaritan Room

Facilitators: Rev. Joe Hajdu and other class members

Feb. 2, 9, and 16: Just This

We will continue and conclude our discussion of *Just This*, by Richard Rohr.

Feb. 23: Spiritual Pathways

We will introduce the topic for our Lenten discussions, *Spiritual Pathways*.

Seekers class information can be found on the next page.

Upcoming Youth Events

Tween Retreat @ Crestfield
March 14–15

Youth in grades 4–6

Mission Overnight @ ELPC
April 3–4

Youth in grades 8–12

Christian Education

Seekers *Garth Overlook Room*

Facilitator: Gwen Puza

Feb. 2: Resisting Enslavement: Maroons, the Haitian Revolution, and the Americas

The development of the plantation system drove the forced removal of more than 12 million people from Africa to the Americas. Dr. Yolanda Covington-Ward, chair of the Department of Africana Studies at the University of Pittsburgh, will discuss many forms of resistance, Maroon communities, and the Haitian Revolution—the only successful rebellion of enslaved people in human history. All of these stories demonstrate the resilience of the human spirit and the determination of enslaved people to seek their freedom.

Feb. 9: Getting Through Grief But Not Getting Over It

The Rev. Terri Pennybaker will share her family's experience of grief and the goodness of God in the tragic loss of their 5-year-old grandson, Aiden. Getting through the loss, but never getting over it has been a life-altering experience for the family. Rev. Terri will share how God's word and God's Spirit are mending the brokenness of the absence of a life taken so quick and so early.

Feb. 16: Pittsburgh's Underground Railroad

The Underground Railroad was a network of secret routes and safe houses for slaves who were escaping into free states. Sarah Martin will show a 20-minute film she created showing sites of the Underground Railroad in Pittsburgh, and lead a discussion.

Feb. 23: The Muslim Women's Association of Pittsburgh and Their Guest House for Recent Refugees

Sarah Martin is executive director of the Muslim Women's Association of Pittsburgh. She sees traditional Islamic values as empowering to women. The Center assists women in developing small businesses and financial skills, and houses a temporary shelter for recent refugees and other needy women and families. Their storefront sells homemade items to help finance the Center. Sarah will bring some of these items for purchase if you would like to support the Center.

Children & Youth Ministry

Sara Hackett, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

To RSVP for an event or to ask questions, please contact Sara Hackett at SaraH@coh.net or 412.441.3800 x120.

Fri.–Sat., Jan. 31–Feb. 1: Overnight and OHM Workday

Youth in grades 6–12 will meet at ELPC on Friday, 8:30 pm, for a sleepover, and then join the OHM workday on Saturday, until 12:30 pm. Bring your sleeping bag and work clothes (dress for construction mess and/or cold). Youth who wish to participate in the workday, but not the overnight, may do so. Check the church calendar for details, permission slip, and packing list.

Sun., Feb. 9: DG2! 12–3:30 pm

Youth in grades 4–12 from ELPC and Rodef Shalom will gather to enjoy lunch and work on service projects together. Permission slip and RSVP required.

Fri., Feb. 21: Tween Night 6–8 pm

Tweens in grades 4–6 are gathering at ELPC to bake cookies. As always, friends are welcome.

30-Hour Famine | Sat.–Sun., Feb. 29–March 1

Youth in grades 6–12 can help raise money and awareness by asking family, friends, and ELPC members to sponsor their fast. We will collect sponsorships on **Sun. Feb. 16 & 23**. Money raised will support Hello Neighbor's work in welcoming immigrants to Pittsburgh. The 30-Hour Famine begins **Sat., Feb. 29**, 3:30 pm. Permission slip, schedule, and packing list can be found on the church calendar.

Young Adult Ministry

To RSVP for an event or to ask questions, please contact Gloria Knopp at GloriaK@coh.net or 412.441.3800 x122.

Fri., Feb. 7: Conversation on Race and Faith 6:30–9:30 pm

We will attend Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's 6th annual Community Conversation on Race and Faith. Conversation will be primed by viewing the documentary, *Backs Against the Wall: The Howard Thurman Story*, which explores the extraordinary life and legacy of one of the most important religious figures of the 20th century. Presenters for the evening are filmmaker Martin Doblmeier, documentary filmmaker; and Walter E. Fluker, Martin Luther King, Jr., Professor of Ethical Leadership, Boston University School of Theology. The event is free, but you will need to register for it at pts.edu.

Sat., Feb. 22: Games N' At Arcade 5–7 pm

Join us to visit the Best Arcade in the 'Burgh, Games N' At Arcade (2010 Josephine St., 15203). We will leave ELPC (Highland Entrance Driveway) at 4:30 pm. The cost is \$10, but bring extra for food and drinks.

A Farewell From Kelli

As many transitions are occurring in this new year, Kelli Booher, our Young Adult Ministry coordinator, is among them. Kelli left ELPC at the end of January to return to her home in Oklahoma to help with her sister's new business and spend more time with her family. Kelli and her husband Ryan have been ELPC members for nearly five years. She also has served on numerous committees and ministries during her time here. Kelli had this to say about her transition:

"Thank you all so much for welcoming me into ELPC to lead a ministry as a staff member. Being a part of the ELPC congregation played a critical role in my move to Pittsburgh six years ago. I never would have imagined that I would be working here when I arrived in April 2014 as a student at Pitt. ELPC has been more than just a place of employment though; it was—and is—my family away from home. So many lifetime milestones have happened here and many of you were a part of them in some way or another.

I hope you can understand my family's milestones that I have missed and my yearning to be back on the land that I am from. My sister is starting a new business, in addition to being a full-time dentist and a mother to two boys—my nephews, Isaac (17) and Miles (6). My mother is 77 years old and is in good health and very active. I know many times we move back home to be with family when someone is sick, but I would love to soak up this time—this healthy active time—with my mother who has more of a social calendar than I do!

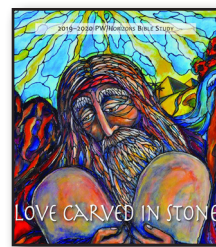
It is a great problem to have, to want to be in two different places full of people who love you at the same time, but unfortunately, an 18-hour drive does not make that a reality. So for now, I will live across two places, Pittsburgh and Oklahoma City, traveling back and forth as much as I can to be with all the people I am so lucky to love! Thank you for being part of those people, ELPC!"

Presbyterian Women

Bible Study | Love Carved in Stone

Mon., Feb. 3 7 pm | Tues., Feb. 4 10:15 am

Join us for our Bible study, titled *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the 10 Commandments*. This month's session is *Words of Love: Hold Your Marriages Sacred*. The word addressed by this Word is pain, caused by superficial and exploitive relationships.



Monday's group will be facilitated by Amy Stabingas and meets in the Trustees Room. Linda Lane will lead Tuesday's group, which meets in the Second Floor Parlor and concludes with lunch featuring soup, as well as sides provided by attendees. We look forward to seeing you!

Spiritual Life

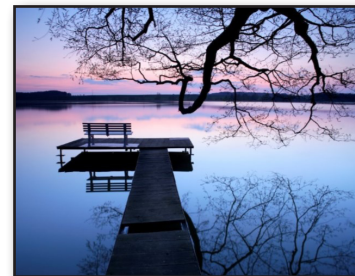
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan, Director of Spiritual Life Ministries

Sun., Feb. 2: Thinking About Consciousness 12–3 pm

Are the "mind" and the "brain" separate? Do we really have free will or are all of our behaviors the result of a pattern of brain function? Is consciousness separate from the brain? Join the Spiritual Life Committee in the Parlor on the second floor to ponder these topics and more! Lunch provided.

Fri.–Sun., Feb. 28–March 1: In the Refuge of One Another Retreat

All are invited to our *In the Refuge of One Another* meditation retreat at the Kearns Spirituality Center. The retreat will be led by Susan Spangler and is informed by the teachings of James Finley and Thomas Merton. Enter into spiritual retreat and engage in meditative and contemplative practices and teachings that bring to life the complementary intersection of Christianity and Buddhism as faithful paths to God. Beginners welcome!

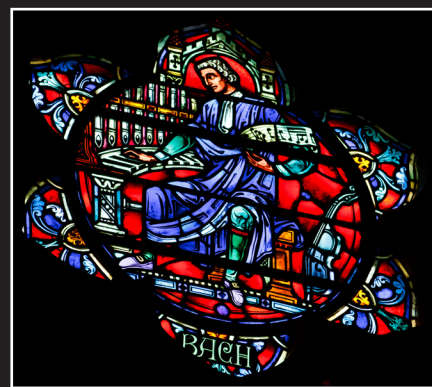


The cost is \$160, which includes meditation instruction, two room nights, dinner on Friday, three meals on Saturday, and brunch on Sunday. Registration forms are available at ELPC.church and throughout our church.

February Church Tours

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

On **Sun., Feb. 9**, descend into the bowels of our Cathedral and explore some of our its least seen areas. Then on **Sun., Feb. 23**, get an in-depth tour of our church's stained glass windows that tell the history of Presbyterianism and our faith, as well as many Biblical stories.



LGBTQ Ministry

Wil Forrest, Coordinator of LGBTQ Ministry



Attend Our Next Spiritual Gathering
LGBTQIA+ folks and Allies alike are invited to our monthly spiritual gathering. Stop by and share lunch and fellowship with our LGBTQ Ministry on **Sun., Feb. 16**, 12:30 pm.

Contact Wil Forrest at Wil@coh.net or **412.441.3800 x118** for more details.

God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.

Kate Carlson Prepares to Retire



Kate Carlson began her tenure with ELPC 13 years ago—first as administrative assistant to ELPC's former business manager, Pam Kimmel; support staff for the work of the Personnel, Finance, and Property Committees; and as liaison to ELPC's IT and equipment providers.

Years later, Kate graciously agreed to become the administrative assistant to Pastor Patrice. This additional assignment entailed her providing administrative support to the Board of Deacons, Mission Board, three Mission Committees and a number of Mission Ministry teams. Some of

Kate's responsibilities have included: gathering, distributing and storing meeting materials; distributing meeting announcements; preparing Mission-related bulk mailings; designing, copying, and distributing special event materials such as posters and post cards; and keeping Pastor Patrice organized!

Additionally, Kate has provided support to Pastor Randy and the clerk of session, preparing the monthly clerk's report, session financial statements, inputting weekly worship attendance information, and maintaining the membership books. She also supported finance work by preparing annual budget sheets, receiving and inputting annual budget data, and assisting with offering counting.

Most recently, Kate also served as administrative assistant to Wil Forrest, director of church operations, and recently retired Deborah Marx, financial administrator.

Typically arriving at ELPC from Porterville very early in the morning, Kate accomplishes more by lunch time than most do over the course of an eight-hour day! Kate's responsibilities and contributions to the life of ELPC—often behind the scenes—are too numerous to enumerate! Kate has been an absolute jewel of a colleague and friend, she is a faithful woman of God, and a member of Calvin Presbyterian Church in Zelienople. Her talents and gifts have been an immense blessing to ELPC.

A reception to honor and thank Kate for her faithful service will be held following Sanctuary worship on **Sun., March 8**. Come celebrate Kate's time with us and wish her well on her well-deserved retirement, and life's next adventure.

ELPC People News

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

Our Blessings

- Scott & Ashley Rhodehamel welcomed their son, **Grayson Rhodehamel**, who was born on Dec. 15.
- Bob & Elizabeth Ross welcomed their son, **Timothy Morrow Ross**, who was born on Jan. 6

Our Prayers

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

- Jan Pressman's stepdaughter, Jenny Pressman
- Kelli Booher's nephew, Phillip

Vacation Church School to be Held June 22–26

Vacation Church School 2020 will be themed: *Focus: See What Matters Most*. Using the curriculum by Orange publishing, we will explore our relationship with God and focus on how we might share the good news of God's love with others. Registration forms will be available in March.



“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 Building Closures

• Presidents’ Day | Mon., Feb. 17

Chatham Baroque to Perform

The ninth season of ELPC’s *Cathedral Concerts* series continues on **Sat., Feb. 15**, 8 pm, with a performance by Chatham Baroque in our intimate Chapel. The ensemble is comprised of artistic directors Andrew Fouts, violin; Patricia Halverson, viola da gamba; and Scott Pauley, theorbo.



Regarded as one of the country’s most distinguished period ensembles, Chatham Baroque has excited local, national, and international audiences for 30 years with dazzling technique and lively interpretations of 17th and 18th century music, played on instruments of the time.

Tickets can be purchased at ChathamBaroque.org. A limited number of complimentary tickets are available to ELPC members. Contact Dr. Edward Alan Moore for details.

To view the full slate of concerts this season, please visit tiny.cc/cathedral-concerts.

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. 23**, 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.

Confirmation Class to Meet

Confirmands will attend the Congregational Meeting with their sponsors and teachers on **Sun., Feb. 23**, 12:30 pm, and then adjourn to talk more about what it means to be Presbyterian until 3:30 pm. Lunch will be served.

ELPC Goes Green

As we began this new year, ELPC has switched to Direct Energy as our electricity supplier. This offers us 100% renewable energy that is 30% locally sourced!

Many thanks to the hard work of the ELPC Environmental Team and the Property Committee who brought about this important change that demonstrates our commitment to care for God’s creation.