



Reaching Out

newsletter of east liberty presbyterian church

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Being a PC(USA) Matthew 25 Church

“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

Racism, a social construct, is prejudice and social power that advantages one people over others based on skin color, ethnicity, or ancestral background. Racism is anti-Christian. Structural racism is not about individual prejudice or beliefs and attitudes, but is systemic and results in oppression, as well as unequal and inequitable treatment, access to housing, employment, education, money, and decision-making power. Racism is contrary and opposite to what God intends for humanity.

The PC(USA) 2016 General Assembly approved the comprehensive, churchwide anti-racism policy, “Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community” that states:

Racism is a lie about our fellow human beings, for it says that some are less than others. It is also a lie about God, for it falsely claims that God favors parts of creation over the entirety of creation. Because of our biblical understanding of who God is and what God intends for humanity, the PC(USA) must stand against, speak against, and work against racism. Anti-racist effort is not optional for Christians. It is an essential aspect of Christian discipleship, without which we fail to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. Read more at tiny.cc/matthew-25-racism.

It seems like a lifetime since we began to explore what it means for ELPC to fully live into becoming and being a Matthew 25 church. In January and February, we explored the first mark, **Building Congregational Vitality**, defined as the church community’s spiritual strength and capacity for purposeful mission, evidenced by a church’s structural systems, finances, and discipleship practices aligned in such a way that the church community engages in God’s mission in the local and world communities.

This month, we will explore our October Mission Month theme—and the second mark of a Matthew 25 church—**Dismantling Structural Racism**. You might ask, “What can I/we do to dismantle racism, as it is the very system upon which the U.S. was founded?” Much like mission, we act locally and think globally. The PC(USA) Mission Agency affirms: “Confronting deeply ingrained racist systems and structures in our communities and country takes sensitivity and stamina. Before congregations and worshiping communities can confront the harsh realities of racism, it is helpful to have a good foundation.”

Let us come together as a faith family and decide how we can diligently work to dismantle structural racism. See a list of opportunities on **page 3**.

Livestream Services

Our services are being livestreamed on YouTube, Facebook, and Zoom. For more details, visit ELPC.church.

Sunday Services

**Celebration of the Lord’s Supper*

Journey Worship | 8:45 am

Oct. 4* Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
Oct. 11 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
Oct. 18 Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Oct. 25 Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

Sanctuary Worship | 11 am

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Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesdays | 7 pm
Rev. BJ Woodworth

Church Building News

As of the writing of this update, the church building remains closed to the public, but is incrementally and intentionally reopening in stages.

In September, we began welcoming back some long-time partners for small, pre-approved meetings.

As federal, state, local, and church authorities advise, we will open the church building more to members, friends, and visitors for additional pre-approved events.

The new normal at ELPC will follow governmental guidelines and good common sense procedures to keep our staff, our visitors, and our community safe.

Watch for updates at ELPC.church. We appreciate your patience during this unprecedented time.

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Pastoral Message

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, Pastor



The month of October is usually associated with cooler weather and falling leaves, but for our church right now, it is definitely a place of increased activity and sprouts of new growth. For us at ELPC, the past months have been challenging on many levels. Having the building closed for so long has forced all our staff to innovate new ways to stay connected with the church congregation and continue our ministries serving the community. Yet despite the rocky soil of this pandemic season, fresh growths are now emerging into the light.

During the months of August and September, we were able to welcome small groups to be present as we filmed the livestream worship services in the Courtyard. Some of our elders, deacons, Sunday Church School teachers, and new members wore masks and worshiped safely in person. We also were able to celebrate a series of baptisms despite the pandemic precautions. In mid-September, we carefully began to welcome back into the building a few of the 12-step groups who rely on our church to hold their vital meetings, helping people battle addictions to drugs and alcohol. We also allowed some ELPC programs and committees to return to the building, such as when a small group of Presbyterian Women Bible Study participants safely met in the Harambe Room.

In addition to this, we are finding ways to share fellowship together outdoors. This newsletter includes photos from a Young Adult work day at the African Healing Garden and of volunteers diligently weeding our Rain Garden on Penn Ave. We had a chance to see one another on the September 27 "Drive-By" event and are looking forward to another one on November 8 as part of our Stewardship Sunday "Pledges & Food Drive" initiative. Our Christian Education leaders are creatively offering learning resources and opportunities for all ages, and our Mission leaders are using remote options for important discussions on race, justice, and the environment. Our worship team is planning how we can celebrate the Advent and Christmas season creatively, even if we likely won't be able to gather for a big holiday concert or Christmas Eve service. And the Session continues to discuss options regarding having pre-registration available for a limited-size congregation to worship in the Sanctuary in the coming weeks.

Our nostalgia over wanting things to return to how they were before cannot blind us to the opportunities before us to live into a more vibrant and creative ministry. The answers we will come up with may seem imperfect. Yes, some people are anxious to return to worship in the building, while others necessarily need to wait for a vaccine. Yes, Zoom and conference call classes spread our message out beyond the Pittsburgh city limits, but they also prevent some people without internet connectivity from full participation. Yes, we can be the church outside the walls of our building, but we all long for personal contact and seeing our friends inside the halls of ELPC. My affirmation to you is that God is not limited by our imperfections. Let us be good gardeners, tending to new sprouts and initiatives, planting seeds, hopeful they will bear fruit. Look ahead with confidence, for God is with us now and always!

Randy Bush

Mission Month | Dismantling Structural Racism

As we observe Mission Month, the ELPC Mission Board; Justice, Neighbors, and Peace Committees; and the Facing Systemic Racism Ministry Team are offering weekly opportunities for us to confront how racism has devalued, disenfranchised, and diminished people of color in our own community.

Please join us for the following sessions. Participate at [Zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) or call **929.205.6099**, and enter Meeting ID **827 8715 9714** when prompted.

Sat. or Sun., Oct. 3 or 4: So, Let's Talk

As a Matthew 25 church, the Mission Board of ELPC invites you to the next program in our work of dismantling structural racism: *So, Let's Talk*. To understand others, we are told "to walk a mile in their shoes." We hope that reading and discussing the story of "Routine Traffic Stop" (based on an experience and written by ELPC member, Beverly Harris-Schenz) will help others "learn about the shoes" that many Black siblings walk in daily. Join us on **Sat., Oct. 3**, 5–6:30 pm, and/or **Sun., Oct. 4**, 12:15 pm.

Sun. Oct. 11: Affordable Housing in the East End 12:15 pm

Please join us as the Neighbors Committee presents Becky Gloninger. Becky will give us an update on the families from East Liberty Gardens and future plans for even more affordable housing in East Liberty, as well as explore ways we can potentially walk with and help our neighbors who are in jeopardy of eviction.

Sun., Oct. 18: Confronting Confederate Symbols 12:15 pm

In many U.S. cities and communities, people have come together to demand the dismantling of Confederate symbols. Some say these symbols celebrate heritage and history. For others, they are negative reminders of "America's Original Sin." Join us as the Peace Committee and other members discuss the Confederate symbol in our midst, disclose the history behind its inclusion in our church's design, and suggest ways we can address its removal (or not).

Sun., Oct. 25: Justice: Systemic Racism in the form of Cash Bail 12:15 pm

Cash bail is assigned by a judge or magistrate after a person is arrested for an alleged crime. It is designed to ensure that a person will show up for their court hearing, as persons who cannot pay bail are held in jail until their hearing. How does cash bail further systemic racism in our criminal justice system? What role does cash bail play in Allegheny County? In what ways can we interrupt this system? How can we eliminate cash bail without replacing it with another form of systemic racism? What is our response as Christians? We will examine information from the ACLU, Bukit Bail Fund, community efforts, and cities that have eliminated cash bail.

Mission Matters

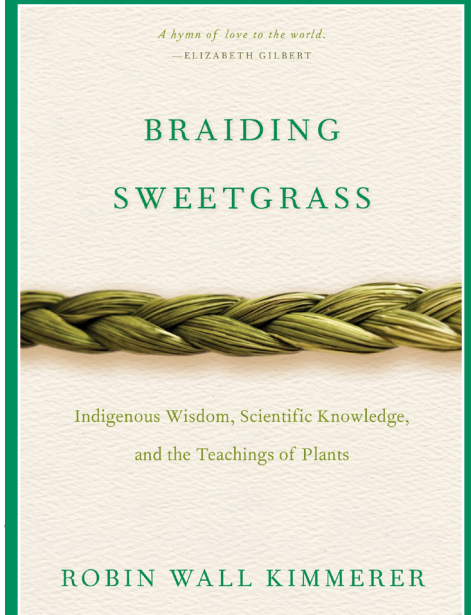
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy, Associate Pastor for Mission Ministries

Thank You for Responding to Our Congregational Challenge

The Facing System Racism Team thanks everyone who committed to learning more about racism this past summer by reading, watching, and listening to 1,000 resources. While we have not reached our goal, we can keep going. October is Mission Month at ELPC, so let's keep adding to our list as we climb to 1,000. You can select your own books and media, or choose from the list shared throughout summer. See our complete list at tiny.cc/fsr-list.

Environmental Book Club

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee invites you to read *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer (2013, 390 pages), and then join us on **Thurs., Oct. 29**, 7 pm, for a discussion on Zoom.



The subtitle of the book is "Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants." As a botanist and professor of Environmental Biology, Kimmerer has been trained to ask questions of nature with the tools of science. As a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, she embraces the notion that plants and animals are our oldest teachers. She brings these lenses of knowledge together to show that the awakening of a wider ecological consciousness requires the acknowledgment and celebration of our reciprocal relationship with the rest of the living world.

The book is a *New York Times* best seller, and people are finding this work to be grounding, calming, and quietly revolutionary.

The Zoom call information will be available at [ELPC.church](https://www.elpc.church). If you have questions, please contact Nancy Heastings at n.heastings@comcast.net.

Christian Education

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries

Online Church School Class Offerings

Children and youth classes will meet on Sunday afternoons on Zoom. Links to adult classes will be included in the *Worship at ELPC* email news flashes each Friday. If you do not receive the news flash, contact Megan Leisher at MeganL@coh.net or 412.441.3800 x122. Adult classes will meet on Sundays, 9:45 am, on Zoom.

Children | Pre-K–Grade 5

This month, we'll explore the story of Moses together and see how God works through God's people to bring justice and liberation to those who are oppressed. Once more, ELPC will provide an activity box with materials, book recommendations, crafts, science projects and questions for reflection that your family can use to explore this important biblical story and our larger call to love. As our entire church thinks intentionally about how we can live into our call as a Matthew 25 church to "dismantle systemic racism," kids will learn more about how our faith calls us to stand up for what's right, celebrate diversity, and to see each other through the lens of God's love.

Middle School | Grades 6–8

Class information will be available online in early October.

High School | Grades 9–12

Class information will be available online in early October.

Journey with Scripture

Facilitators: Lora Bethea and Jan Lyle Irvin

"May there be no breach, no exile, and no cry of distress in our streets."—Psalm 144:14

October's scriptures offer a contrasting social imagination to our current reality. Yet, as deeply as we all are enmeshed in a culture of individualism and distress, God calls listeners, out from worries, to invest now in justice, in loving neighbors, and attending to the community of faith. In God, well-being follows justice and faithfulness. We also begin reading how the Apostle Paul attends to these things. Join us as we reflect on:

- Oct. 4:** Nehemiah 10:32–39; Psalm 61; Romans 3:1–7; Matthew 17:24–27
- Oct. 11:** 2 Kings 22:1–20; Psalm 12; 2 Corinthians 9:1–15; Matthew 23:13–22, 24
- Oct. 18:** 2 Samuel 24:1–25; Psalm 144; 1 John 4:1–6; Acts 14:1–28
- Oct. 25:** Joel 3:9–21; Psalm 54; James 1:1–18; Acts 21:1–39

Parenting Circle

Facilitators: Trish Buben, Elaine Phillips, Trisha Schrieber, and Cami Teacoach

This month, we will discuss a reflection from Lauren Burdette's book, *This Life that is Ours*, and how her insights connect to our unique perspectives and experiences of parenthood. There will be time to check in, reflect, and pray together. All people involved in parenting are welcome to join us, even if you haven't read the book. If you would like a copy of the book, contact Pastor Heather.

Seekers

Facilitator: Gwen Puza

Oct. 4–18: What Do We Do With Evil? – Fr. Richard Rohr
Over three weeks, we will watch Fr. Richard Rohr discuss his latest book, *What Do We Do With Evil?*, in a series of videos recently filmed at the Chautauqua Institute. For links to our classes, email Gwen at gpuza9@gmail.com.

- Oct. 4:** An introduction and discussion on the meaning of faith, the Jesus ethic, chaos in today's world, and the vulnerability of God
- Oct. 11:** A discussion on evil as structural and institutional, the "sin system," and our lives within this world
- Oct. 18:** A discussion on the disguises of the Devil in today's world, and how we can recognize them

Fr. Rohr is a globally recognized ecumenical teacher whose work is grounded in Christian mysticism, practices of contemplation, and compassion for the marginalized. He is a Franciscan priest and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque.

Oct. 25: Remember That You Are Stardust, and to Stardust You Shall Return – Barbara Brown Taylor

Barbara Brown Taylor is a *New York Times* best-selling author, teacher, and Episcopal priest. We will watch a video of her recent speech, titled "Remember That You Are Stardust, and to Stardust You Shall Return," which she delivered at the Chautauqua Institute this past summer.

She states, "There is a deep-seated fear that if we engage in a spirituality that includes all of us, we might be turning our backs on the faith that nourishes us most" and "...spirituality, that reaches all the way to the stars."

Soul Food

Facilitators: Rev. Joe Hajdu and other class members

October: Falling Upward

We will discuss chapters 1 and 2 of *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr. New participants are welcome. For details, email the Rev. Joe Hajdu at hajdu625@comcast.net.

Reminder for Parents: Registration Required

Since our programs serving children and youth are being offered remotely this fall, it is important for you to register your kids for any program in which they'd like to participate. That will help us make sure that kids get all of the supplies and Zoom links needed to have a fun and meaningful fall together. Sign up at [ELPC.church](https://www.elpc.church).

Children & Youth Ministry

Sara Hackett, Coordinator of Christian Ed. & Youth Ministry

Sun., Oct. 4: Mission Project | Spreading Love and Justice 1–2 pm

Youth in grades 6–12 will work collectively on Zoom to create a massive banner on ELPC's Baum Blvd. gate that shares a message of God's love and justice with our neighbors. RSVP to Sara Hackett at SaraH@coh.net or 412.441.3800 x120.

Fri., Oct. 23: Tween Night | Pumpkin Painting 7–8 pm

We will meet together on Zoom to paint a pumpkin on our kitchen tables (or floor or wherever), chat, and show off our masterpieces. RSVP by **Mon., Oct. 19**, to have supplies delivered. Late RSVPs will need to pick up supplies at the church.

Connecting with our Kids

The Children and Family Ministry Team has created two new opportunities for kids to connect with each other and with our church community.

Kids News Flash

Each week, an email news flash is being sent home to families with young kids. The news flash includes a brief message from Pastor Heather, with ideas about how kids might connect to worship that week. Activities can be done in preparation for the Sunday services or after you have worshiped together.

Kids Connect

Children in preschool–grade 5 are invited to a brief Zoom gathering each Sunday, 10:30–10:50 am. Kids can greet their Church School teachers, Pastor Heather, and one another. We gather with a song, name game, story, and prayer as a way to make sure the children in our faith family know that they are valued and loved. For details, contact Pastor Heather at HeatherS@coh.net.



Young Adult Ministry

Sun., Oct. 25: Cooking Yaka Mein 5:30–7 pm

Let's get together on Zoom as Nate Morley teaches us how to cook "yaka mein"—a New Orleans noodle dish. For the list of ingredients and Zoom link, please RSVP with Nate at nathaniel_morley@verizon.net.

In September, members of our Young Adult Ministry helped lay a new sidewalk section at the African Healing Garden in Larimer.

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Notes: Information for **grades 1–3** and **grades 4–7** will be available online in early October. Contact Sara Hackett at SaraH@coh.net or 412.441.3800 x120 with any questions.



Grades 7-12

Wednesdays | 5:30-6:30 pm

In October, we will explore the theme **Freedom Fighters and Justice Makers**.

Throughout scripture, God sets people free—from captivity, oppression, sin, and even death. A famous story of divine liberation is found in the book of Exodus, where God calls Moses to deliver the Israelite people from slavery in Egypt.

Together, we'll look at the story of Moses alongside other historical "freedom fighters and justice makers" and ask: How is "freedom" defined—and who defines it? What might God's word say about the needs and priorities of the world today? How does God call us to enact justice in our present day?

Save the Date for a Virtual Advent Retreat

Advent may seem like a distant reality amidst the ongoing pandemic; social, political, and racial unrest; wildfires and hurricanes; and a polarizing presidential election. Jesus was no stranger to these individual and societal pressures and realities—and in the midst of them, he dismissed the crowds, withdrew to deserted places, and prayed (Matthew 14:22–23).

Amidst it all, you're invited to dismiss the crowds, create some deserted space, pray, and be with God, reconnecting with hope, peace, joy, and love in preparation for Advent. Join us on a virtual retreat, themed *Wait Upon the Lord*, from **Fri., Nov. 20**, 6 pm, until **Sat., Nov. 22**, 7 pm. The cost is \$25.

"In the stillness of the quiet, if we listen, we can hear the whisper of the heart giving strength to weakness, courage to fear, hope to despair."

—Howard Thurman

We will have opening and closing Zoom time in community with each other, as well as optional times in between to join together for the prayer liturgies and meditations included in the retreat experience. Everything you need will be sent to you in advance for you to prepare a space internally and externally to be on retreat. Items will include a daily Advent devotional by Henri Nouwen, icon, candles, guided retreat schedule and meditations, and other materials to help facilitate your retreat experience.

Please RSVP by **Sun., Nov. 1**, with Norma Meyer at **Norma@coh.net**. Contact the Rev. BJ Woodworth with questions at **BJW@coh.net**.

Presbyterian Women

PW Virtual Bible Study: Lamenting Together

Mon., Oct. 5 7–8 pm | **Tues., Oct. 6** 10 am–12 pm

What are we to do in the face of injustice in the world? Like the communities of the psalmists of the past, we are invited to lament. The public protests of today are modern, communal laments. Our lesson is "Lamenting Together."

Indeed, "there is strength in numbers." However, reaching consensus is a challenge of communal lament. We will consider communal laments in the Bible and wrestle with composing our own communal laments.

Zoom information for our Bible Study will be emailed on **Fri., Oct. 2**. If you need a study book or have questions, contact **PW.ELPC@gmail.com**.

Tues., Oct. 20: Sharing Lament 12–1 pm

All women are invited to practice lament. Join us as we discuss a contemporary protest and write our own communal lament.



Spiritual Life

The Rev. BJ Woodworth, Director of Spiritual Life Ministries

Sun., Oct. 4–25: Praying with the Elements 12:30–1:30 pm

Amidst this pandemic, many of us are experiencing Zoom fatigue and may feel stuck inside. Let's Get Out In Creation!

Through Christine Valters Paintner's book, *Water, Wind, Earth & Fire: The Christian Practice of Praying with the Elements*, we will discover the call of God's creation with daily readings of scripture, poets, and mystics—and be invited to explore, connect, and pray with and in God's creation. Over five weeks, we will read, reflect, and pray with the elements on our own throughout the week and then gather weekly on Zoom to share reflections and insights.

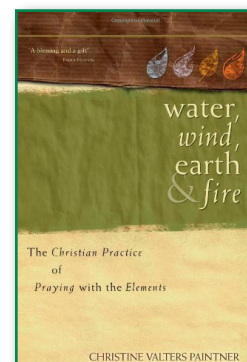
Join us as we discover together how "the four elements of air, fire, water, and earth can act as spiritual directors or guides to help us along the sacred journey."

To register, contact Norma Meyer at **Norma@coh.net**. You may order your own book or contact the Rev. BJ Woodworth if you need assistance.

Mon. Oct. 12: Enneagram Lunch Conversation 12:30–1:30 pm

A centuries-old psychological system with roots in sacred tradition, the Enneagram can be an invaluable guide in your journey toward self-understanding and self-development. Moreover, the more we know ourselves, the more we know God. Whether you're a novice or veteran to the Enneagram, join us for a monthly lunch time conversation filled with self-discovery, laughter and communal conversation about our own emerging sense of self in God.

Contact the Rev. BJ Woodworth at **BJW@coh.net** for more information, to get a copy of *The Essential Enneagram* book, and the Zoom link.



LGBTQ Ministry

Wil Forrest, Coordinator of LGBTQ Ministry



Sat., Oct. 10: Spiritual Gathering 10 am

Everyone is invited to attend our LGBTQ Ministry's next spiritual gathering to share meeting time and fellowship via Zoom. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcome. For details, contact Wil Forrest at Wil@coh.net or 412.441.3800 x118.

God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.



We give thanks for the small group of ELPC members who helped clean up our Rain Garden on Penn Ave. in September.

We're Nearing Stewardship Sunday, Nov. 8

Do you recall times when you held up your index finger and sang, "This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine," and can you remember the joy and pride that you felt? If ever there was a time to let our lights shine, it is now. During this season when we as a community are struggling with the effects of COVID-19, have heightened awareness of racial inequities, and are gearing up for a Presidential election, we need God's light.

"You are the light of the world ...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." —Matthew 5:14, 16.

During Stewardship season, we are emphasizing that we glorify God by being "the Light of the World." We are the messengers of hope, especially in this time of uncertainty. One way that we can share God's love and light is through pledging. Our pledges keep ELPC strong and vibrant so that we might share God's love.

In order to preserve the celebratory experience of stewardship during quarantine, we invite you to drive by ELPC on **Stewardship Sunday, Nov. 8**, 1:30–3 pm, and personally (and safely) give your pledge card and food donations (canned fruit and tuna, pastas, instant potatoes, etc.) to volunteers. If you do not feel inclined to come to the church, volunteers will drive to your home on **Sun., Nov. 15**, to pick up your gifts so that everyone can enjoy the celebration. At any time between **Oct. 1–Nov. 8**, you can mail your pledge or submit it at ELPC.church.

Thank you to everyone who has continued honoring their pledges during this time of worshiping virtually. Our pledges keep our church functioning—and we are grateful for the extra effort many have summoned to keep their pledges current.

Session News

At their recent meeting, the Session:

- Prepared for our conversation with the Session of Calvin Presbyterian Church in Zelienople;
- Heard the recommended 2021 budget from the Finance Committee;
- Approved the church's holiday closure schedule for 2021;
- Heard updates from the Nominating Committee and plans for an Inquirers' Class in October; and
- Discussed updated plans for increased usage of our building.

ELPC People

If you have news to share, contact Megan Leisher at MeganL@coh.net or 412.441.3800 x122.

Good News

- Congratulations to **Isaac Anthony**, **Olivia Rose**, and **Russell James Anthony**—children of Katherine and Matthew Sebastian—who celebrated their baptisms in August.
- Congratulations to **Meghan Bogema** and **Matt Battifarano** who were married on September 26.
- ELPC members **Ike** and **Ada Ezekoye** were featured in a WESA StoryCorps podcast (2017), discussing how events in their home country of Nigeria have influenced their lives in Pittsburgh. Listen at tiny.cc/ezekoye.

Prayers

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

- Chenoa Stock, on the passing of her father-in-law
- Cami and Jon Teacoach, on the passing of Jon's mother, Paula Fitzpatrick Teacoach
- Jazmier Branch, on the death of her brother and grandmother
- Gloria Barber and family, on the passing of John Thomas

“...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 Building Closure

The ELPC building will be closed on **Mon., Oct. 12**, in observance of **Indigenous Peoples’ Day**.

Peace & Global Witness Offering

On **World Communion Sunday, Oct. 4**, as we come together at the Lord’s table and celebrate Christ’s peace that extends throughout all creation. As we receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering that day, we celebrate that we are offered everything we need to continue the work of building the household of God with active peacemakers—locally and globally. By participating in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we extend Christ’s peace throughout our community and our world. With our siblings in every time and place, we begin at the communion table, and commit to building a more just and peaceful world. We celebrate the truth found in II Thessalonians, “May the God of peace give you peace at all times in all ways.”

Through our participation in this offering, we support healing, peace, and reconciliation; and serve God’s people in Cameroon, where violence and conflict threaten; with ministries of reconciliation inside prison walls in the U.S.; and in Malawi, where peacemakers seek to eradicate diseases like COVID-19 and HIV/AIDS. We will retain 25% of the offering to strengthen our church’s anti-racism and reconciliation ministries, and our wider community.

Visit PCUSA.org for more information on how our gifts promote peace in our world. We pray that the God of Peace might inspire us to be peacemakers in every word and deed as we celebrate World Communion Sunday and give generously to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

Stay Connected with ELPC

Are you subscribed to ELPC’s email lists? On Mondays, we send out a news flash highlighting upcoming events, news, and volunteer opportunities. Our Friday news flash outlines the week’s worship services and Church School classes. There’s even a news flash specifically for children and youth! If you’re not receiving these email communications, sign up today at tiny.cc/elpc-news.

Cathedral Concerts Online Presents: Sunday Evening Jazz



ELPC’s *Cathedral Concerts* series presents a live, online performance by Pittsburgh jazz legend Mike Tomaro and his combo on **Sun., Oct. 18**, 7 pm. The performance will be livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook.

Joining saxophonist Mike Tomaro will be Eric Susoeff on guitar, Paul Thompson on bass, Tom Wendt on drums, and ELPC’s own vocalists Adrianna Cleveland and Denise Sheffey-Powell.