

Celebrating Our Church's Vitality

In November, we will celebrate the generosity of our church on **Stewardship Sunday, Nov. 7**, and the dedication of our church staff—especially those with recent milestone anniversaries—on **Sun., Nov.14**.



On **Sun., Nov. 21**, we will welcome Rev. Dr. Asa Lee, the new president of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, as our guest preacher at our Sanctuary worship service.

Rev. Dr. Lee is an ordained Baptist minister with degrees in music, theology, and educational leadership. His wife, Rev. Chenda Lee, is an elder in the Methodist church and they have four daughters. It is a joy to welcome Rev. Dr. Lee to Pittsburgh and to our church this month!

Stewardship Sunday: Follow as God Leads

Stewardship | *noun*: Supervising or taking care of something such as an organization or property.

What an awesome role we all play. We get to take care of this congregation; these ministries: children and families, worship, Christian Education, mission, the Happy Wanderers, the LGBTQ ministry, choirs, staff, and so much more. We get to take care of this magnificent building: its mechanics, the beautiful tower, the rain garden, meeting rooms, the kitchen, and worship spaces.

We reflect on the past 18 months when ELPC staff and volunteers creatively provided uninterrupted ministry in worship, outreach, Christian Education, building safety, and pastoral care. At the same time, congregational giving was steady and strong. We rejoice in God's faithfulness.



steps."—Proverbs 16:9

This year's Stewardship theme is *Follow as God Leads*. As we look ahead with faith to be led where God leads us in 2022, we're setting a goal of \$760,000 in pledges, a 4% increase over last year. Bring your pledge card to church on **Stewardship Sunday**, **Nov. 7**, or submit your pledge online or by mail. You also may bring donations for the EECM Food Pantry. Requested items include canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, crackers, dried fruit, individual fruit cups, jelly and peanut butter, pasta and sauce, rice, salt/seasonings/spices, and soups/broths.

Sunday Services

*Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Journey Worship | 8:45 am

Theme: Harvest

Nov. 7* Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

Nov. 14 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Nov. 21 Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Nov. 28 Kathryn Ophardt

Sanctuary Worship | 11 am

Nov. 7* Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Nov. 14 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Nov. 21 Rev. Dr. Asa Lee

Nov. 28 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesdays | 7 pm Rev. BJ Woodworth

Christmas Pageant

This year's Christmas Pageant will be held on **Sun.**, **Dec. 12**. Our faith family's children and youth will lead us in remembering the joyful and surprising story of Christ's birth.

All kids from birth through grade 8 are invited to participate!

To learn more about how your family might be a part of the fun, contact Sara Hackett at **SaraH@coh.net** for more details.

Christmas Eve Services

The season of Advent and Christmas is a time of joy and celebration. And this year, we are thankful to be able to celebrate the good news of Christ's birth together. Join us in person or virtually for our Christmas Eve services on Fri., Dec. 24:

- Friends & Family Service | 5 pm
- Candlelight Service | 10 pm.

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Pastoral Message

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, Pastor



Every so often I read a sentence that stops me in my tracks. Here is the opening line from a book review:

In the deep sea, it is always night and it is always snowing.

The first half of that sentence made perfect sense. In the depths of ocean, we are beyond the reach of sunlight and so it must always be night. But snowing? Surely the author isn't suggesting that particles of ice and snowflakes are floating in the water at the bottom of the ocean. So I read further:

A shower of so-called marine snow—made up of pale flecks of dead flesh, plants, sand, soot, and dust—sifts down from the world above...Many deep-sea creatures eat snow, or they eat the snow eaters.

"Marine snow" is such a vibrant image. It takes something familiar from my experiences here on land (snow) and transports that image into a place beyond my experience yet still just as alive and real (the ocean floor). Before reading that sentence, I'd pictured the ocean depths as dark and sterile; after reading the sentence, that place was changed forever into something active, mysterious-yet-graceful.

The language and rituals of faith ideally have that same impact on us. We walk through the world, processing what we see through the lens of human mortality, flesh and blood. But then a phrase hits us and opens up an entirely new reality:

Now we see in a mirror dimly; then we will see face to face... I am with you always, even to the end of the age... [God's] power is at work within us, able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine...

Suddenly what we see is not all there is to see. This realm of touch, sight and sound is not all there is. There is a larger reality of spirit, of grace, of loving intentionality, of eternity. Our entry into that world is the gospel of Jesus Christ. And even if the full mystery of that gospel is beyond our minds to comprehend, it changes our lives forever by accepting that such a gospel exists—and exists for us.

The month of November has mundane doorways that invite us to walk through them and glimpse the life-changing, ever-near spiritual side of life. It may be what it feels like to carry a bag of groceries into church on Stewardship Sunday so that someone else may not be hungry. It may be putting together an Advent wreath of candles and imagining time from the perspective of the Christ who was, who is, and who is to come again. These are "thin places" in which eternity draws near and captures our spiritual imaginations once more.

The book review ended by noting that the marine snow and luminous wonders of the deep are mostly hidden from our view. As soon as you stop thinking about it, the deep can so easily vanish out of mind. The same can be said of faith and of God's spirit that surrounds us each day. This day, take time to think about the wonder that is the spiritual door opened for us in Christ Jesus.

Randy Bush

Mission Matters

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

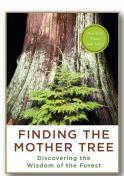
Sun., Nov. 14: Telling the Truth with Dr. George Yancy 12:30 pm Truth telling is a basic moral value. We interpret it to be the communication of what is known to be believed with no deceit or falseness. How then, do we factor in unintentional or intentional self-deceit, bias, and prejudice? How do we account for long-held false narratives that we are exposed to everyday in private and public agendas that suppress the "whole truth and nothing but the truth?"



Following Sanctuary worship on **Sun., Nov. 14**, the Facing Systemic Racism Committee is honored to have Dr. George Yancy help us consider these questions. Our discussion will consider the courage, vulnerability, painful listening, dangers of truth telling, and the importance of trust and love in teaching truth. Participants may view the presentation in the Social Hall or via Zoom at 12:30 pm.

Dr. Yancy is professor of philosophy at Emory University and is a distinguished scholar at Dartmouth College. He

is a revered author and speaker on racism in America and the impact of white backlash in conversations about race.



Thurs., Dec. 2: Environmental Book Club 7:30 pm
The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee invites you to read *Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest* by Suzanne Simard.

Learn about the complexity of sustainable forestry and the puzzle of deciding which trees to harvest and which to retain, and how this practice influences a forests' ability to recover and remain healthy. And then join the book club on **Thurs., Dec. 2**, 7 pm, for a discussion via Zoom. For details, contact Nancy Heastings at **n.heastings@comcast.net**.

Mission Money Makes a Difference in Haiti

For the past 47 years, ELPC has partnered with the Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF) to support their medical mission around the world.



When Haiti experienced the devastation of a 7.2 magnitude earthquake in August, MBF responded almost immediately. In September, the ELPC Mission Board responded to the call to fund medical care for the people of Haiti by donating \$10,000. ELPC's donation helped to support

medical personnel from the Hospital St. Croix, which dispatched mobile teams to areas that were all but unreachable to care for Haitians living in remote areas.

This is but one example of ELPC mission dollars in action, making a difference throughout the world. For additional information, visit **MedicalMission.org**.

Session Actions

At the September Session meeting, much time was spent deliberating on the recommendations from the Stonewall Jackson Window taskforce. This group of dedicated members presented their findings during an after-church event on Sun., Sept. 12, and a follow-up conversation with the Session elders on Tues., Sept. 14. You may view church-wide presentation at tiny.cc/elpcstonewalljackson.

During the September Session meeting, three motions were robustly discussed—one substantive, one logistical, and one reparative—and all three passed by an overwhelming majority vote.

- The first calls for the removal of the representation of Stonewall Jackson from the East Transept window in the Sanctuary, replacing that section with a single-color panel of glass, and installing an educational wall plaque below the window to offer commentary on this change.
- The second motion directs the Property Committee to get estimates from stained glass window companies regarding the design, cost, and work timetable.
- The third motion extends the taskforce's work by asking them to make a recommendation on "outward-facing" reparations—committing financial resources to the community in amounts meeting or exceeding whatever must be spent on our church's "inward-looking" architectural and educational changes.

Updates on this process will be heard at the October Session meeting, and will likely remain on the Session agenda for the coming months. We will keep you informed as progress is made on this important effort to live into our Matthew 25 commitment to eradicate systemic racism.

Christian Education

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries

Note: Adult classes meet in person and via Zoom on Sundays, 9:45 am.

Journey with Scripture

Facilitators: Lora Bethea and Jan Lyle Irvin

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."—Galatians 3:28

Our focus on the *P's and Q's of Scripture* continues with readings from the Psalms, the prophets, Paul's letters, and Q (sayings of Jesus from the Gospels of Luke and Matthew).

- Nov. 7: Psalm 119:17–24; Amos 7:1–9; Luke (Q) 7:1–10 (The Centurion's Faith in Jesus' Word); Galatians 3:27–29
- Nov. 14: Psalm 119:25–32; Amos 7:10–17; Luke (Q) 7:18–30 (John's Inquiry About the One to Come; John - More than a Prophet; For and Against John); Galatians 4:1–11
- Nov. 21: Psalm 119:41–48; Amos 8:1–14; Luke (Q) 7:31–35 (This Generation and the Generation of Wisdom); Galatians 4:12–20
- Nov. 28: Psalm 119:89–96; Amos 9:5–10; Luke (Q) 9:57–62 (Confronting Potential Followers); Galatians 4:21–31

Parenting Circle

Facilitator: Trish Buben

November: The Sandbox Revolution

This fall, we will be discussing *The Sandbox Revolution: Raising Kids for a Just World*. This collection of essays and discussion questions invites parents to call upon their collective wisdom to "wrestle with the questions, navigate the challenges, offer concrete practices, and remind parents of the sacredness of the works. Written by parents who also are writers, pastors, teachers, organizers, artists, gardeners, and activists, this anthology offers diverse experiences on topics that include education, money, anti-racism, resistance, spirituality, disability justice, and Earth care."

Soul Food

Facilitators: Rev. Joe Hajdu and other class members

November: No Other Gods

We will be reading and discussing commandments four through seven with *No Other Gods: The Politics of the Ten Commandments*, by Ana Levy-Lyons. New participants are always welcome! For details, contact the Rev. Joe Hajdu at hajdu625@comcast.net.

Seekers

Facilitator: Gwen Puza | gpuza9@gmail.com

Nov. 7: A Chaplain Discusses Her Ministry to Seniors
As a chaplain at Fair Oak Senior Living, Rev. Ing Kalchthaler
has the holy honor of walking alongside people from ages
70–101. As one might expect, these members of God's
beloved family are nearing the end of their earthly journey.
Their questions and concerns are both unique and universal:
death and dying, the resurrection, loss of many things, but
also great gains. Rev. Ing will share her experiences and the
ways in which Christ is present in the faces of the residents
and their families.

Nov. 14: A Pittsburgh Company Countering Online Human Trafficking

Cara Jones, an ELPC member and a co-founder of Marinus Analytics, will be with us to discuss internet related safety concerns and recent advances in policing to dismantle systemic trafficking.

Marinus Analytics is a Carnegie Mellon University spinoff company dedicated to building technology-driven tools for the public safety and human services sectors to help identify and combat under-reported crimes, empower a victim-centered response, and prevent exploitation of the vulnerable. The company's flagship service, Traffic Jam, monitors online adult service websites for indicators and patterns of human trafficking. The service earned third place in the 2021 IBM Watson AI XPRIZE competition—a global competition incentivizing the use of artificial intelligence for radical breakthroughs in problems facing humanity.

The Ethics in Context of Paul Tillich (three-week series) During the next 3 weeks, ELPC Elder Ron Stone will present his new book, *The Ethics of Paul Tillich*, by discussing ethical theory and practical morality in these contexts:

Nov. 21: The End of Empire and European Socialism
The collapse of Germany in 1918 led to radical life
styles, revolution, and—for Tillich—religious socialism,
which could not overcome Nazism. Christian ethics were
obscured, and revolution provided the context for the
overthrow of traditional ethics.

Nov. 28: World War II and the Bomb

We will examine Tillich's critique of Hitler and white racism, encouraging the U.S. in the war after his exile, and how ethics were developed in response to the bomb.

Children & Youth Ministry

Sara Hackett, Coordinator of Christian Education & Youth Ministry

Sun., Nov. 21: Ice Skating Time TBD

Youth in grades 6–12 will gather for ice skating at The Rink at PPG Place. Please bring \$10 (scholarships are available). Fully vaccinated students can ride in the church van. We'll meet downtown, but the time will be determined. RSVP to Sara.

Sun., Nov. 28: Advent Party 11 am–1:30 pm

Youth in grades 6–12 are hosting an Advent Party for our church family. We need your help leading crafts, setting up, selecting the best music, and helping others feel welcome. Talk to Sara if you can help!

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Note: We will not meet on Wed., Nov. 24.

Youth in grades 1–12 are welcome to join us each Wednesday, 4:30–6:30 pm. Our theme for the year is **inside Out**. Through Bible study, art, recreation, and discussion, we're exploring all the ways in which God shows up when our world is turned **inside Out**. Register online or at the church. Masks are required.

Young Adult Ministry

Kelli Booher, Interim Coordinator of Young Adult Ministries

Fri.-Sun., Nov. 5–7: YAM Fall Retreat | **Unique "Champing" Experience** You may have heard of "glamping," but this year's retreat is unique in that it is "champing"—camping at a church that is no longer used for services. We will travel outside of Pittsburgh to a historic church built in 1903. We will have access



to the main sanctuary, balcony, kitchen, and yes, hot showers! Tents, camping mats, and/or cots are provided, but you may bring your own. There is more than 3,000 square feet of space, so plenty of room for us to spread out safely.

Our theme will be *Being Comfortable* with the *Uncomfortable*, and we will welcome speakers who will discuss how to be comfortable in the moments of

our life when we might find discomfort: being uncomfortable with ourselves, in community, and bearing witness to suffering and change.

The cost is **\$30/person** (scholarships are available). There may be room for last minute RSVPs. Contact Kelli Booher at **KelliB@coh.net** for details.

Sun., Nov. 21: YAM Friendsgiving | **Games & DIY Advent Calendars** 4:30–8 pm Our annual catered dinner and game night will be happening in-person this year! In addition, there will be an opportunity to create your own Advent calendar. Bring your favorite group card/board game and be ready to eat good food, be creative, and give thanks for the friendship and fellowship within our Young Adult Ministry.

RSVP to Kelli Booher at KelliB@coh.net on or before by Tues., Nov. 16.

Parents, Let's Stay Connected

We know that there are many variables that impact how your kid can engage in the ministries and life of ELPC—from schoolwork to COVID transmission rates to weather.

As we continue to strive to offer meaningful and safe programming for kids of all ages at ELPC during a unique season, we wanted to ensure that families receive the most up-to-date information, so that you can make the best decisions for your family.

If you are a parent or caregiver of a kid (birth through grade 12) and would like to receive text alerts with the most current ministry information, contact Pastor Heather or Sara Hackett.

Shop for Gifts with Ten Thousand Villages

Join us for a fundraising sale in partnership with Ten Thousand Villages. Browse this year's catalog online at **Ten-Thousand-Villages-Pittsburgh.Square.Site**.

There will be an in-person shopping event at ELPC on **Sun., Dec. 12**, or you may shop online anytime between **Nov. 18–Dec. 5**. Be sure to use coupon code **FUNDELPC** at checkout.



PW Thank Offering

Since 1888, Presbyterian Women have given a "special offering to the Lord" as a tangible expression of gratitude for our many blessings.

Last year's PW Thank Offering responded to the needs of women in prison, children, families in poverty, the hungry, and the sick with grants of \$5,000–\$50,000.

All members and friends are invited to support the PW Thank Offering during worship on **Sun.**, **Nov. 21**. Make checks payable to "Presbyterian Women in ELPC" and write "PW Thank Offering" in the memo line.

For more information, email **PW.ELPC@gmail.com**.



ELPC Cooks International

The Board of Deacons was unable to host our International Luncheon this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, we will be presenting a video, titled *ELPC Cooks International*, at a virtual coffee hour following Sanctuary worship on **Sun., Nov. 21**. The video features five recipes prepared by ELPC members.

We also will have an updated International Recipe Book with ethnic/ cultural recipes for you to enjoy at home. Bon appétit!

Presbyterian Women

PW Bible Study: What My Grandmothers Taught Me Mon., Nov. 1 7–8:30 pm | Tues., Nov. 2 10 am–12 pm Rahab is a prostitute and foreigner who recognizes the power of the God of Israel. When God's own people cower in fear, Rahab's wit and presence of mind allow God's plans to come to fruition. Where do we encounter Rahab in our midst?

Join us for our lesson, "Rahab." Both sessions will meet on Zoom. For more information, email **PW.ELPC@gmail.com**.



Adventus Retreat | **Joining a Hope that has Come**

"Advent is a season of wondering and waiting; a season where much of the movement is looking deep within for the call and our response. Advent shows up on the church calendar post-Autumn equinox when there is less daylight and more nighttime and ends just after the winter Solstice when night begins to get shorter, and daylight once again starts its return.

Spiritually speaking, the season of Advent is much like a womb-time, at least for people in our area of the world who are snugly wrapped in the long hours

of darkness. As Christians, we wait together anticipating Jesus' birth while simultaneously looking toward the future reign of Christ. Advent ends on the eve of Christmas; it ends with the birth of Jesus—the Light of the World who broke through the darkness with a new way of seeing." (adapted from TheWorkOfThePeople.com)



The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to take part in an Advent Retreat from **Fri., Dec. 3**, 6 pm, until **Sat., Dec. 4**, 7 pm. We will have opening and closing time in community with each other on Zoom, 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 prepared for you in advance and be able to be picked up on **Sun. Nov. 28**, for you to prepare a space internally and externally to be on retreat.

The cost is **\$25**. RSVP to Norma Meyer at **Norma@coh.net** by **Sun., Nov. 21**. Contact Pastor BJ with questions at **BJW@coh.net**.

If you are interested in physically getting away to participate in this virtual retreat, contact BJ Woodworth to explore options. We have up to 10 rooms available at Camp Crestfield for \$75 per night, food not included.

LGBTQ Ministry

Wil Forrest, Coordinator of LGBTQ Ministry



Spiritual Gathering

All LGBTQIA+ folks and allies are welcome to attend our LGBTQ Ministry's next Spiritual Gathering on **Sun., Nov. 14**, 12:30 pm. For more details, please contact Wil Forrest at **Wil@coh.net** or **412.441.3800 x118**.

God Created You. God Loves You. Be Yourself.

Advent Devotionals | How do we Wait?

The last Sunday of November marks the beginning of a new church year, and we join the church universal in a season of anticipation, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of lesus once more.

What traditions mark this season for you? Do you bake cookies, light candles, send cards, or decorate? How do these practices draw you closer to Christ, and deepen your sense of community with others?

As we journey through these weeks of waiting together, the Faith Formation Board is once more offering Advent Devotionals for persons of all ages. Through devotional booklets, activities, and materials, you will be invited to approach this time of waiting through the lens of the traditions that mark this special season. You will be invited to reflect on the traditions in which you have participated for years and learn from the traditions of others so that with greater intention and attention, we might be present to God and poised to receive God's gracious love, made known to us in the Christ-child.

Devotionals will be available at ELPC. If you are not yet comfortable entering the building, you are welcome to participate in a drive-up event following worship. Keep a look out for more details!

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training

As part of our ongoing work to eradicate systemic racism and provide resources for church leadership and staff related to this important goal, our ELPC program staff and Personnel Committee—as well as a few members of our Facing Systemic Racism Committee—met in late September for a daylong training in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). The session was led by two skilled consultants from the EnterChange Group, and focused on building safer workspaces through greater sensitivity to issues related to DEI. Some of the topics covered included intersectionality, equality vs. equity, macro and microaggressions, and positive techniques to counter aggressions or offer affirmations.

Additional training is being explored as we continue to work on living into our Matthew 25 goals both inside and outside our church walls.

Volunteers Needed

ELPC lives into being a Matthew 25 church by preparing and serving meals to residents at East End Cooperative Ministry—and we need more help! Please consider volunteering for one of these dates:

Breakfast:

- **Sun., Nov. 14** | 6:30am
- **Sun., Dec. 12** 6:30am

Dinner:

■ Thurs., Dec. 2 | 5:30pm

The need is great, the work is fun, and the fellowship is wonderful! If you're able to help on any of these days, contact Becky Gloninger at 412.913.6070 or rag15@verizon.net.

ELPC People

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

Good News

Congratulations to those in our fatih family who recently celebrated their baptisms at ELPC.

- Makaylah Christine Bloss, daughter of Christopher Bloss
- Marian Clarissa Croyle, daughter of Kathleen Croyle and Ryan Croyle
- **■** Philip Kaufholz
- Eleni Kay Louise Overholt, daughter of Alanna and Trey Overholt

Prayers

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

- Calmanita Harrigan and Trent Harrigan, cousins of Peta Harrigan Cole
- Stuart "Buzz" Hutchison, husband of Mary Lou Hutchison
- David Johnston
- Jean Kennedy, mother of Joseph Kennedy IV





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ELPC Building Updates

- building hours, visit ELPC.church.
- on Veteran's Day, Thurs., Nov. 11, and Thurs.-Fri., Nov. 25-26 in observance of **Thanksgiving**.

The Annual Christmas Giving Tree

The holidays are almost here again! As in the past, the Deacons are organizing the Christmas Giving Tree to benefit children and families from East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM); the ELPC Mission, Christian Education, and Hope Academy Ministries; and families who participate in the Casa San José Ministry at ELPC.



This year's Giving Tree is set up through SignUpGenius at tiny.cc/elpc-giving-tree. You may sign up to purchase gifts for children, as well as Target/Walmart gift cards for families. Or, you may make a donation by sending in a check made out to "ELPC Giving

Tree" or contributing online through the "donate" button at **ELPC.church** (note "ELPC Giving Tree"). Please send, submit, or drop off gifts, gift cards, or donations by Sun., Dec. 5.

If you are not computer savvy, but would like to help out with the Giving Tree gifts, please contact Dave Cowan at DavidACowan@gmail.com or Pastor Patrice at PatriceFS@coh.net or 412.441.3800 x130.

The ELPC Deacon Board thanks the congregation for its enthusiastic support of this ministry.

Advent Kickoff Event

ELPC teens will host an Advent Kickoff event for our faith family on Sun., Nov. 28, 12:30-1:30 pm. Join us on the first Sunday of Advent to make a wreath, be together, and share some of our hopes for this season.



Christmas in East Liberty

Cathedral Concerts return with Christmas in East Liberty, on Fri., Dec. 17, 7:30 pm. This highly anticipated concert and East Liberty tradition will feature holiday favorites and the premiere of two newly commissioned pieces: Carol Fantasia by Mary Beth Bennett and Spiritual Suite by Marcus Grant.

Plan on joining us in the Sanctuary or virtually on YouTube or Facebook.

If you'd like to sing in the choir, contact Dr. Ed at EdM@coh.net for details.