

Ordination and Installation Service for Heather Tunney



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Sunday, January 6, at 3 pm

The congregation of East Liberty Presbyterian Church is invited to an ordination and installation service for Heather Tunney, who has been called to be our Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries. This special service of Pittsburgh Presbytery will be held on **Sun., Jan. 6**, at 3 pm in the ELPC Sanctuary. At this worship service of preached word, music and prayers, Heather will answer the constitutional questions for ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament of the Presbyterian Church (USA). A reception in the Social Hall will follow this service. Plan to be with us for this important time of celebration in the life of our church family.

Winter Rally Day

Sunday, January 6, at 9:30 am

Another season of Christian Education at ELPC begins on **Sun., Jan. 6**. Join us for our "Winter Rally Day," which begins with a light fellowship breakfast at 9:30 am outside of the second floor classrooms. The Educational Ministries committee will provide beverages and fruit for breakfast. Congregation members are asked to bring a holiday bread or breakfast baked good to share (enough to serve 6-8). Then everyone is invited to attend one of ELPC's many church school classes, which resume that morning (after our Christmas break).

New individuals and families are especially welcome to come and discover the wonderful learning opportunities for all ages available at our church. Adult options are detailed in the article on page 6. Youth classes—junior high (grades 6-8) and senior high (grades 9-12)—follow the *Seasons of the Spirit* curriculum to explore and apply biblical stories to their daily lives. Children's classes (by age) include *Baby Lapsit*, *Godly Play*, and *Seasons of the Spirit*. For more information, contact Heather Tunney, Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries.

Sunday Morning Services

* *Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

Good Samaritan Worship • 8 am

- January Liturgist: Mr. Clark Smith
- Jan. 6* The Rev. John Welch,
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Dean of Students
- Jan. 13 Brian Diebold, *Student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and Intern at ELPC*
- Jan. 20 The Rev. Dr. Suzanne Bennett,
honorable retired United Methodist minister
- Jan. 27 Wil Forrest, *Deacon at ELPC and student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary*

Morning Glory Worship • 9 am

- Jan. 6* The Rev. Miriam Chamberlain
- Jan. 13 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
- Jan. 20 The Rev. Dr. Suzanne Bennett
- Jan. 27 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Sanctuary Worship • 11 am

- Jan. 6* The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
- Jan. 13 The Rev. Heather Tunney
- Jan. 20 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
- Jan. 27 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Koinonia Service of Praise

Second Sunday of each month • 7 pm

- Jan. 13 Kathleen Kyle

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

Mondays • 10 am to 3 pm

Wednesdays • 10 am to 9 pm

Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesdays • 7 pm

The Rev. Christiane Dutton



Hope Academy's winter term begins mid-February. Course brochures are available at the front desk or by calling Norma Meyer at 412-441-3800, ext. 11.

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Reaching Out Newsletter

Reaching Out is a monthly publication of East Liberty Presbyterian Church and is free to members and friends. Deadlines are the first Tuesday of the preceding month.

Pastoral Message

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, Pastor



What was happening 500 years ago? In 1508, Martin Luther was a student in Wittenberg and Michelangelo was starting to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. Two hundred years ago (1808), Beethoven wrote his Fifth Symphony. One hundred years ago (1908), Taft was President, Chagall and Monet were painting, the first Model T was rolling off the assembly line, and thankfully the spitball was declared illegal in baseball. Fifty years ago (1958), Eisenhower was President, Khrushchev and Castro were busy, Alaska was admitted as the 49th state, Pope John XXIII was elected, and the sports pages were full of stories about boxer Sugar Ray Robinson and golfer Arnold Palmer.

What will history say about 2008? It will likely be remembered as another season of war, despite elusive dreams of peace; another season of American politics, built on our sincere-yet-imperfect campaigns for democratic change; another season of placing excessive demands on our planet's resources, prioritizing short-term comfort over long-term sustainability.

Is there a word of hope for 2008? Yes, if you first forget the fact that it is 2008, as if the human measurement of the passing years is the crucial variable in the equation of life. Listen to the writer of 2 Peter: "Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:8-9) There is a delight in listing off the trivia associated with the passing years, picturing Beethoven at a writing desk, Monet at an easel, and Arnold Palmer slipping on his first Master's Green Jacket. But in the end, that is all just time-bound trivia that pales next to the heartfelt awareness of God's embrace, God's depth-less love, and God's forgiving grace. Only in light of that divine reality does life make sense.

New Year's Day 2008 is a symbol of a fresh start and another opportunity to make history in little and big ways during the coming months. But if it's any help, the church's "New Year" actually happened a month ago, back on December 2 – the first Sunday of Advent. Since then Jesus Christ has been born. Emmanuel, God-with-us, has come to offer us love and peace and real hope. A thousand years is not enough to express the wonder of that incarnation. A single day is plenty to realize how all history has been transformed by that good news.

Randy Bush

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Forum on Mission through Investment

The Presbyterian Church strives to invest its great financial resources justly. The practice of these investments will be under discussion after worship on **Sun., Jan. 13**. The Reverend William Somplatsky-Jarman, the Coordinator of the Committee on Mission through Responsible Investment of the General Assembly, will be the speaker. The meeting is sponsored by the Task Force on International Relations of the Justice and Global Concerns Committee of ELPC.

The Church learned the power of non-violent massive civil disobedience through the civil rights movement, and in the 1980s this strategy was able to contribute to the fall of the Soviet empire. The second major lesson for social action was that social investment and divestment strategies could, when well organized, change the fate of nations. A student-led divestment movement (from first banks, then industries) initiated a change which forced South Africa to surrender its racist policies of apartheid.

Of course, these strategies were opposed by both well-meaning Christians and the countries targeted by these non-violent strategies. Now the whole world can see that these strategies sought the welfare of those who needed to give up their unjust, dominant power as well as the welfare of the persecuted. People under oppression will revolt, and non-violent strategies of social change are needed to change the unjust situations.

The work of the Presbyterian Church in the use of its investments became a matter of controversy in 2004 when the General Assembly asked the committee to review church investments with its guidelines in view of investment in forces in the U.S.A. supporting terrorism in the Middle East or the occupation of the West Bank of Palestine by Israel. Five companies were selected by the committee for review. As part of this review, Elder Ronald Stone, who served on the Committee, visited three companies. As expected, results were mixed or ambiguous, and the work continues.

It has been the policy of the Centennial Trustees to follow General Assembly guidelines for investment in ELPC's mission of the responsible use of its funds.

Ron Stone, Task Force on International Relations

Uprooting Poverty: Kick-off of Phase Two

As part of the ongoing efforts at ELPC to help uproot poverty in our community, the nation and the world, the Poverty Task Force of the Global and Justice Concerns Committee will host a meeting on **Sun., Jan. 13**, immediately following the 11 am service. The purpose of the meeting is to inform concerned members of the congregation about the direction the Poverty Task Force has set for 2008 and beyond, as well as to enlist their involvement and support. A light lunch will be served.

Who is most likely to find this meeting of interest? Those who participated in the *Just Neighbors* series; attended the June Prophetic Voices conference, *Uprooting Poverty*; volunteered for the East End Blitz; or attended the October Children's Sabbath activities. Anyone who has a deep and passionate commitment to help eradicate the blight of poverty is encouraged to attend.

Tai Chi Resumes at ELPC

Tai Chi will again be offered at ELPC beginning **Tues., Jan. 15**, 10–11 am and 6–7 pm. Judy Crow will return as the instructor. A donation of \$3 per class is requested. Questions? Contact Patrice at 412-441-3800, ext. 30.

The EECM Food Pantry Needs Our Help!



Hundreds of people living in Pittsburgh's East End communities don't know where their next meal is coming from. East End Cooperative Ministries reaches out to all those who are experiencing the pain and the desperation of hunger — from infants and children to a growing number of seniors.

The Food Pantry is one of East End Cooperative Ministries' assistance programs for those in immediate need of food. Right now, they are in desperate need of donations, but most especially they need the following food donations: peanut butter, canned fruit and tuna. An abundance of these basic staples can probably be found in your own kitchen pantry. Please help if you can by leaving your food donations in the baskets located throughout the church's hallways.

In January, the EECM Food Pantry "Food for the Month" is peanut butter. (*Please see sidebar, right, to learn more about the Food Pantry.*)

FOOD PANTRY SERVICES:

The Food Pantry is housed at East Liberty Presbyterian Church and is open from 1 to 3 pm, Monday through Friday. In addition to providing emergency groceries and supplies, volunteers provide help with budgeting, information on assistance programs, and access to social service agencies and other appropriate programs. Clergy are available at the Food Pantry to offer spiritual support. For more information on the many services EECM provides, please visit the website: www.eecm.org.

All-Request Organ Program

Saturday, January 19, at 4 pm



The September invitation to send organ tune requests generated an overwhelming response — four hours' worth of all kinds of music! In addition to one-half of the October dedication recital being devoted to requests, Dr. J. Richard Szeremany played an all-request program in November.

Now, to conclude all your requests, Dr. Szeremany will present a final all-request program. Selections will include music favorites by Sousa, Elgar, something from the Nutcracker Suite, Robert Elmore's "Fantasy on Nursery Rhymes," Jean Langlais's "Homage to Frescobaldi" for pedals alone, the Virgil Fox arrangement of Bach's "Come, Sweetest Death," Paul Manz's dramatic setting of CWM RHONDDA (Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah), Mendelssohn's "Sonata on 'Our Father Who Art in Heaven,'" "To A Wild Rose," and "The Palms." Admission is free for all. Please join us!



Koinonia Service of Praise

Koinonia, an uplifting contemporary service led by ELPC youth and young adults, will be held on **Sun., Jan. 13**, at 7 pm. Elder Kathleen Kyle will preach. (Note: *Worship will occur in the Chapel this month.*) Join us before the Koinonia service for a time of table fellowship together during a potluck supper at 6 pm. ELPC will provide the main course. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Youth and Young Adult Events

Heather Tunney, Assoc. Pastor for Educational Ministries

club one sixteen will resume on **Wed., Jan. 9**, after the holiday break. Join us that afternoon (and each Wednesday following) to enjoy music, learning, food and fun for people of all ages. From 3:30 to 4:30, stop by and shoot some hoops during our open gym. Or come by anytime between 3:30 and 6:30 for homework help, board games and snacks from Whole Foods. And if you are already registered, participate in Hope Academy free classes (Tango, Voices of Hope Vocal Ensemble, Step Team, Sing and Dance to a Latin Beat).

- **Youth in grades 6 through 12** are invited to join us for dinner and Bible Study after participating in Hope Academy's free classes on Wednesday afternoons. At 6:30 pm, eat a home-cooked meal donated by an ELPC member and discuss how our faith impacts different elements of our lives.
- **Youth in grades 1 through 5** will join the teenagers for dinner, then break out for a discussion time all their own. Children will share what God is doing in their lives through drama, creative arts and games.

January's conversations will focus on the theme "I Am..." where both older and younger youth will explore topics related to God, faith and identity. Please see the Wednesday Connection weekly announcements for specific topics.



Wednesday Connection: Board games (above left) and Hope Academy's "Sing and Dance to a Latin Beat" class (above right) are just two of the many opportunities available to enjoy on Wednesdays.

Youth Basketball: Basketball resumes **Sat., Jan. 12**.

Young Adult Retreat: All individuals in their 20s and 30s are invited to an overnight retreat at Camp Crestfield on **Jan. 18 and 19**. "Taste and See that the LORD is Good" (Psalm 34:8) is the theme of our 2008 young adult retreat. Our focus scripture for the weekend is Psalm 34, and in worship and study together we will explore God's faithfulness and presence in our lives in good times and in bad. In addition to worship and discussion, we will have time to enjoy camp fun together with friends, both old and new. It will be a time of faith-exploration and group-building conversations, led by Associate Pastor Heather Tunney and Seminary Intern Brian Diebold. We will meet at ELPC at 6:30 pm Friday evening and return just after dinner on Saturday evening. Cost is \$40/person for those staying in Scott Lodge and \$30/person for those staying in the Main Lodge. RSVP required by **Mon., Jan. 7**, to Heather Tunney.

20/30s Evening Study Group: Join us on **Tues., Jan. 8 and 22**, from 7 to 9 pm. More information, including our new topic, will follow in the weekly bulletin and by postcard.

Hope Academy

Linda Addlespurger, Director

Soup's On! What's Your Specialty?

"Only the pure of heart can make good soup" – Ludwig van Beethoven

People of all ages come together to share in the full life of East Liberty Presbyterian Church — singing, dancing, eating and praying — after school and throughout the evening on Wednesdays. Children and teens take part in free Hope Academy classes (including Tango, "Voices of Hope" vocal ensembles, Step Team and Sing & Dance to a Latin Beat); meanwhile, their families gather in the McKelvy room to do homework together, have a snack, play games, knit and crochet, work on crafts, and socialize. The McKelvy room brims with community and church folks, young and old, sharing a simple soup and bread supper at 5:30 pm before Taizé Sung Prayer worship service and club one sixteen dinner and Bible study.



Last October, ELPC member and Wednesday Connection volunteer soup-server, Paula Addlespurger, threw down the gauntlet with her homemade potato soup and inspired others to think about homemade soups that they might like to make and bring on Wednesdays. Since then, we've had *caldo verde* (a Spanish sausage, kale and potato soup), minestrone and Nancy Klancher's famous mushroom barley. The recipes for these homemade soups, with photographs and drawings by the children, will be collected throughout the year and put into a cookbook that will be sold to raise money for next year's Wednesday Connection programs.

If you would like to donate soup and/or a recipe to be included in the cookbook, please call Norma Meyer at 412-441-3800, ext. 11, and tell her what kind of soup you are bringing and on which Wednesday night (you will need to deliver it by 4:30 pm on that day). Our soup cooker/warmer holds one gallon of soup. Please send along the recipe and a story about why this soup is your favorite. Does it evoke special memories for you? Is it a family/ethnic tradition? Or did you create it yourself? If so, what inspired your creation?

Please join us on any Wednesday, before Taizé, for soup, bread and fellowship. Everyone is welcome.

Classes After Taizé Prayer

The Rev. Christiane Dutton, Minister of Taizé Prayer

Poetry Workshop: Jan. 2 and 23, at 8:15 pm

Have you ever, have you never, written a poem? Come explore your creative self (even if you don't think you have one!) with Pen Lytle, poetry playshop facilitator.

Sacred Harp Sing: Jan. 9, at 8:15 pm, led by Charles Anderson

Enjoy singing tunes in three- and four-part harmony from the oldest American tune book in continuous print (since 1844). Joining in this joyful American singing tradition is easy and enjoyable. All tunes are carefully taught, one part at a time. Beginners welcome! (Please see sidebar, right, for further background.)

Flute Circle: Jan. 16, at 8:15 pm, guided by flutist Charles Anderson

The Flute Circle is an encounter for all levels of flute players and enthusiasts. If you have never played a flute before, you can try out an easy-to-play bamboo flute in a supportive environment. If you already play flute, you may bring your own, or borrow one of our bamboo flutes to participate in a guided group experience. Discover your own unique song on a flute and hear it blend with others around you. Hand-crafted bamboo flutes will be available for trial and purchase.

Celebrations: Jan. 30, at 8:15 pm

If you celebrate a birthday, milestone or anniversary in January, please write it down and put it in the collection plate so we can celebrate with you!

What is the "Sacred Harp"?

"The Sacred Harp" is a collection of tunes from many sources — British and American folk tunes, 18th-century "fuguing tunes," 19th-century camp meeting songs, Southern Gospel songs, and newly composed tunes — written out in shape-note notation and arranged in three or four parts. The first edition was printed in 1844, the most recent in 1991.

What is a "Sacred Harp Sing"?

Singers of all ages and abilities gather to enjoy each other's musical company in singing tunes from the Sacred Harp tune book. The singers sit in the traditional "hollow square" formation, a tune number is called out, pitched by the leader, and with an up-and-down motion of the leader's arm, the group is off and singing. Each tune is sung first "by the notes," then in parts with the words, and a glorious harmony emerges.

Parenting Circle Joins in Visitation

When Pam Ferrante, a member of the Parenting Circle, saw the bulletin board with pictures of those members who cannot attend church regularly, the idea of families making visits to these people was born. The group had discussed how to help the children understand about mission and helping others, and this seemed like a win-win opportunity. The families began the visitations in December to bring some joy and cheer of the season to those not able to join in the Advent and Christmas activities at the church. Perhaps some long-term relationships can be formed that will continue the contacts throughout the church year.

*The Rev. Miriam Chamberlain,
Visitation Pastor*

All Heart Choir Forms Sundays at 12:15 pm

Did you ever wonder what “all heart” really meant? Truly it is a compliment for someone to tell you that “You are all heart.” And guess what — now, here at East Liberty Church, you will have the opportunity to be “all heart!”

There have been more than a dozen and a half requests from worshipers who enjoy and appreciate music but who feel they have not reached the musical level to sing regularly in the Chancel Choir. These folks would like to “band” together to make music at their level of ability.

So this is your opportunity: You and all other such interested individuals are invited to meet with Dr. Szeremany in the third floor Music Room on Sundays at 12:15 pm (immediately following Sanctuary worship) to share thoughts and desires and expectations for the newest and latest musical (ad)venture at ELPC — the “All Heart Choir.” We will sing a song and make music.

*The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Szeremany,
Director, Worship, Music and The Arts*

Christian Education in Jan.

Church School for Adults: Sundays, 9:45 – 10:45 am

CONTEMPORARIES CLASS *Facilitators: Joe Kennedy and Mary Alice Lightle*

Jan. 6 and 13: On a Mission

Enter into a new year on a mission! Led by Wil Forrest, ELPC Deacon, we will examine how and why we do mission work in our lives and in the life of the church. On Jan. 6, journey to Haiti to discover service being done there in the name of Christ. On Jan. 13, listen to preparations for travel to Israel and Palestine.

Jan. 20 and Jan. 27: Holiness Is the Place to Be

Holiness may be defined as set apart for God or belonging to God. Many feel that this state is unattainable in a practical sense, but we need to understand that holiness is something that every one of us can strive to embrace. Leader Chuck Carson will help to de-mystify the process for us as we come to realize that our holiness before God depends on the work of Jesus Christ in our behalf.

JOURNEY WITH SCRIPTURE *Teacher: Jan Irvin*

This class reads selections of the Hebrew and New Testament Scriptures based upon the Revised Common Lectionary. Members reflect upon and converse about the selected texts with a goal of personal transformation and movement toward a community of vision, justice, and steadfast love.

Jan. 6: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Jan 13: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Jan 20: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Jan 27: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23



PARENTING CIRCLE *Facilitators: Frances Irvin and Beth Bush*

In January, the Parenting Circle will continue looking at the book *10 Principles of Spiritual Parenting*, by Mimi Doe. Open to anyone involved in parenting (singles, couples, adoptive parents, grandparents, step-parents, guardians, and mentors), the group has found that the topics always generate interesting discussion even if you have not had time to read. So please join us!

SEEKERS *Leader: Nancy Klancher*

The Seekers embrace the complexities of our faith within an open, supportive and accepting atmosphere. New friends are always welcome.

Jan. 6: Count Your Blessings and Thank God

Connect with God through thanksgiving and an attitude of gratitude. During this fun and interactive session, Chuck Carson will lead us in identifying, enumerating and finding joyful ways to share our blessings with the world as a form of worship.

Jan. 13: Activism as Prayer: Socially Responsible Investment and Divestment

The Reverend William Somplatsky-Jarman, Coordinator for the Mission through Responsible Investment Committee of the General Assembly, will join us to speak about the socially responsible investment-divestment work of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as a strategy for social reform.

Jan. 20: Worshiping God through Mission

Wil Forrest, Brian Diebold, and others will share their stories of connection with the holy through offering their talents toward mission.

Jan. 27: Communion with God through Sacrament

The Reverend Dr. Teresa Stricklen, assistant professor of homiletics at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, will join the Seekers in an examination of the liturgy and ritual action of the sacrament of communion. Dr. Stricklen will lead us to a new understanding of the deeper meanings of each word and motion.

Presbyterian Women

Mary Alice Lightle, Moderator

Horizons Bible Study: Tues., Jan. 8, at 10 am

Start the new year with Presbyterian Women's Horizons Bible Study, *Above and Beyond: Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth*. The Reverend Heather Tunney will lead our discussion of "God's Extravagant Grace" (Jonah 4). Lunch follows. Soup and beverages provided; please bring a salad or snack to share. Call Mary Alice Lightle at 412-682-1504 if you have any questions.

ELPC People

Good News, Thanks, and Prayers

Prayers

Our prayers and sympathies are with the family and friends of **Norman Bole**, who died on the morning of Wed., Nov. 28. A funeral service was held on Fri., Nov. 30.

Thanks

Nicole Molinaro would like to say a giant thank you to everyone at ELPC for their prayers, thoughts, well-wishes, cards, gifts, and support during her recovery from brain surgery. She is feeling fantastic and very happy to be back at church.

Church Library Reorganization

The library committee, Mary Alice Lightle, Carol Kirkpatrick, Joan Heckel and Bobby Egelston, would like to thank the congregation for their patience in awaiting the library's reorganization. The wooden box which contained the cards that cataloged the holdings in the library has been replaced with a computerized listing (thanks to Reed Williams who set up the program). The printed list is available in a white three-ring binder in the library. At the front of the notebook are pages containing information on how to sign-out books, as well as an explanation of the codes used in the computerized listings.

Sections in the notebook classify books by author, subject, title and collection in the library. The collection is the area where the books are shelved. Special collections are named for the ministries of ELPC, or committees or task forces, e.g., Spiritual Life, Health Ministries, Full Inclusion Task Force, etc. These collections are identified with shelf labels and are found beyond the magazines on the shelves to the left as one enters the library. The majority of books are in the General Collection which consists of the shelves on the far wall to the right as one enters the library.

New books are often displayed in the special section of shelves identified with the label "New Arrivals." Recent additions to the library include: *Introduction to Modern Theology*, by John T. Wilson; *The Voice, The Word, The Books*, by F.E. Peters and *Thus Far on the Way*, by Eileen Lindner (our guest preacher on October 21, 2007). We encourage everyone to use this resource.

Save the Date for Mardi Gras: Tuesday, February 5

It's almost Mardi Gras time again! The celebration on **Tues., Feb. 5**, from 6 pm until 8:30 pm, will include delicious buffet food, games and crafts for adults and children, a costume parade, line dancing, visitation by a couple of circus friends and generally a fun-filled evening for families, singles, adults and kids.

Watch the weekly bulletin announcements for reservation information — but mark your calendar now and save the date.

Chef J's Cathedral Catering



As of this month, our own Chef Jay Ritter will begin expanding his dining service offerings beyond ELPC. While continuing to provide for our fellowship and church event culinary needs, Jay will be branching out as an independent caterer. Doing business as "Chef J's Cathedral Catering," he will be available to provide a full menu from entrees to award-winning desserts for individuals, non-profit, business or special events. He will continue to offer our Cathedral Café four days a week, Tuesday through Friday, with expanded lunchtime hours. For more information, talk to Chef Jay by calling 412-441-3800, ext. 27.

Looking Ahead

Sun., Jan. 6: Winter Rally Day
Heather Tunney Ordination/Installation

Fri. and Sat., Jan. 18 and 19:
Young Adult Retreat at Camp Crestfield

Sat., Jan. 26: Black & White Reunion

Tues., Feb. 5: Mardi Gras

Wed., Feb. 6: Ash Wednesday

Fri., Feb. 15: "Love & All That Jazz"
Hope Academy Benefit Concert

Sun., Feb. 24: ELPC Annual Meeting



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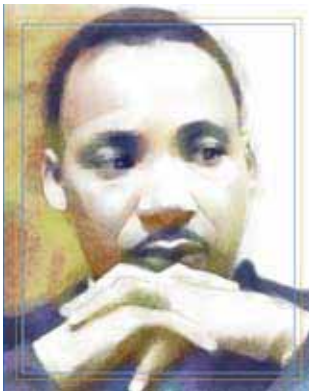
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EECM's 2008 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Comes at an Historic Time

Sunday, January 20, at 3:30 pm



The EECM Council of Congregations presents its Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, **Sun., Jan. 20**, at 3:30 pm. The Congregation of the Lincoln Avenue Church of God will co-host this year's event, which will be held at The Tree of Life Synagogue, located at the corners of Shady and Wilkins Avenues.

The country is truly in the midst of an historic Presidential election cycle that Dr. King would have wanted to witness. Change has emerged as a major theme of this election, and the theme for this year's celebration — Political Participation: 2008 — promises to provoke stimulating discussion.

The Reverend Dr. Ron Peters of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Metro Urban Institute will be the featured speaker for this “don't miss” event. Refreshments will be served.

Office Closed

Reminder: The church offices will be closed on **Tues., Jan. 1**, in observance of New Year's Day, as well as on **Mon., Jan. 21**, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

Black and White Reunion Summit Against Racism

Sat., Jan. 26, 8 am – 4 pm

On **Sat., Jan. 26**, the Black and White Reunion will hold its 10th annual Summit Against Racism at East Liberty Presbyterian Church. Held from 8 am to 4 pm, the Summit is a rousing day of workshops, art, discussion, food and networking. Forums and workshops focus primarily on four timely and intertwined themes: police brutality and racial profiling; the criminal justice system's response to this; how to appropriately harness grassroots outrage to best affect social reform; and youth participation and protection.

Registration is \$20 for adults (\$25 at the door) and includes all-day admission, a commemorative program book, continental breakfast, lunch, and one-year membership in the Black and White Reunion. For more information, visit www.blackandwhitereunion.org or call 412-441-3800, ext. 32.