

Dixieland Jazz to be Guest Musicians

Sun., July 27, at 10 am



As part of the 10 am worship on **Sun., July 27**, Dixie Doc and the Dixie Doc All-Star Dixieland Band will be special guest musicians. The music of spirituals and blues has long been a part of the American Christian tradition. It is a pleasure to welcome this talented ensemble back to ELPC. Invite a friend to join you for worship!

Sojourner House MOMS Partnership

Sun., July 13, at 11:30 am

The Education Team of the Poverty Task Force and the Women and Children's Task Force will host a meeting on **Sun., July 13** in Room 234 following the 10 am Courtyard Worship service to inform members about an exciting partnership between ELPC and Sojourner House MOMS. Ms. Joann Cyganovich, the program's executive director, will be with us to discuss this initiative.



S.H. MOMS is an award-winning, faith-based recovery program that provides permanent, supportive housing to homeless, single mothers who have been diagnosed with drug or alcohol addiction and a mental health disorder. S.H. MOMS is completing an expansion project that will add 10 apartments in three newly renovated facilities on Hays and Black Streets in East Liberty. By late summer, 40-50 children and youth up to age 18 are expected to be in residence with their mothers.

The initial focus of ELPC's involvement at S.H. MOMS will be to provide academic tutoring and "homework helper" support in a state-of-the-art Learning Center designed to provide age-appropriate educational resources for the children, youth and parents. This Learning Center has been designed and installed by the Homeless Children's Educational Fund.

All members of the congregation who are interested in helping to eradicate the blight of poverty in our community by improving children's education are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Contact Judy Menk at **(412) 798-8569** or Sel Whitaker at **(412) 681-0721** for more information.

Sunday Morning Services

* Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Good Samaritan Worship • 8 am

July Liturgist: Bob Sampson

- July 6* The Rev. David Else, Director of the Center for Spirituality in Twelve-Step Recovery
- July 13 The Lesli Dahl, M.S.W., L.S.W., Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute
- July 20 The Rev. Dolores Mitchell, Sojourner House and JoAnn English, Program Manager, Sojourner/MOMS
- July 27 Paul DeWalt, Manager of Homeless Hunger, EECM

Courtyard Worship • 10 am

- July 6* The Rev. Heather Tunney
- July 13 Dr. J Richard Szeremany
- July 20 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
- July 27 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Holy Ground Service of Wholeness and Healing

Third Sunday, March – Nov. • 6 pm

July 20 Father Kiel

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

Mondays • 10 am-3 pm

Wednesdays • 10 am-9 pm

Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesdays • 7 pm

The Rev. Christiane Dutton

Courtyard Worship

During the months of **July** and **August**, join us for worship at 10 am in the church Garth. This courtyard service lets us gather in a beautiful setting within the heart of our urban cathedral. We encourage you to come early to get a good seat. Overflow seating will be available in Room 51 and on the balcony outside the 3rd Floor Music Room.

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www.cathedralofhope.org

The "multimedia" link on our website provides access to sermon audio files, photo galleries, and videos of recent special concerts and worship services. We have over 40,000 weekly website downloads-so log on and check it out!



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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



Why does it take a fair amount of personal courage to admit publicly that one is a Christian? In a nation where polls routinely show that 90% or more of the population believes in God, why is it socially awkward to admit one is religious?

These questions aren't meant to provoke some diatribe about the "secularization of America" or to suggest there is some subversive plot afoot to take Christ out of Christmas, God out of the Pledge of Allegiance, and religion out of our daily life and practice. I am simply aware that we've recently seen a cottage industry emerge in "chic atheism" – over-hyped books composed by scholars arguing against God and religious faith (e.g., Richard Dawkins, *The God Delusion*). These exposés prompt rebuttals that argue the opposite side of the equation (e.g., Chris Hedges, *I Don't Believe in Atheists*), but this argumentative approach to apologetics strikes me as ill-serving.

Marilynne Robinson wrote an essay in which she acknowledged ways that friends let her know being religious is "uncool." They would make jokes about being born again or run through a litany of televangelist escapades and abusive practices in some churches. Robinson describes such social pressure as "little coercions," implying that the faith of Augustine, Bach, and Martin Luther King has been entirely eclipsed by Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, and Mike Huckabee. These coercions tell us to avoid acknowledging religion completely or risk being embarrassed by negative associations with others whose beliefs we do not hold. As Robinson puts it, "What sense does that make? What good does it serve?"

To admit you are religious is less a statement about dogma and more a statement about reverence before the face of life's mysteries (The mystery of the universe itself, love, healing, laughter, beauty and creativity in all its forms, life and death, etc.). It is an acknowledgment of a depth to life that is the foundation beneath everything we do today and everything we hope for tomorrow. It is that "know it in my guts" conviction that life is fundamentally good and trustworthy, despite frequent appearances to the contrary. It is the "feel it in my bones" confidence that all those saints and martyrs and prophets of generations past were neither delusional nor deceived about the reality of God. It is the "hope beyond hope" that leads us to trust that God's Spirit still moves over the face of the earth. It is the confidence that the phrase, "He is not dead; he has arisen" was not a lie.

In last month's Hope Academy showcase, the older youth performed monologues from Robert Fulghum's *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, including one that involved a student asking a professor about the meaning of life. The man pulled out a pocket mirror and said, "I am a fragment of a mirror whose whole design and shape I do not know. Nevertheless, with what I have, I can reflect light into the dark places of this world and change some things in some people. Perhaps others may see and do likewise. That is the meaning of my life."

To admit you are religious is to be willing to be a mirror reflecting an aspect of God's light/love/mystery/truth to someone else. We ourselves are not the light, yet it has come into the world and the darkness has not overcome it. There is no reason to be hesitant about admitting this. May you find opportunities this summer to say (by word and deed) "Credo - This I believe."

Randy Bush

Hope Academy

Linda Addlespurger, Director

Hope Academy Showcase: *Myths Fables and Realities*

Hope Academy's 2008 showcase performance of "Myths, Fables and Realities" was presented at the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater on Sat., May 31 and Sun., June 1. Over forty students, from 7-18 years old, hit the stage and dazzled the audience with their singing, dancing and acting.

Two Greek myths were turned into modern dance pieces by teaching artist and choreographer Staycee Pearl; the younger students took part in *Cupid and Psyche*, while the older students tackled the more complex *Orpheus and Euridyce*. *The Jungle Book* fable transformed the little ones into monkeys, tigers, panthers, vultures, elephants and a 25' long snake. Scenes from Robert Fulghum's "All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" allowed the teens to explore more adult themes and realities.



Thank you to everyone who

helped throughout the year, and to all the members who attended the performance. Videos of the Greek myth dance pieces can be viewed at www.YouTube.com/HopeAcademy.

Volunteer Spotlight: Nancy Klancher



Nancy Klancher with some of the Voices of Hope students outside of the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater.

Nancy Klancher volunteered as a parent monitor for Hope Academy's Voices of Hope choir throughout the year. If you are interested in volunteering during ELPC's "Wednesday Connection," beginning in September, please contact Norma at (412) 441-3800. Volunteer opportunities include: food and snack set up and serving, helping children with homework, monitoring Hope Academy classes, or food donations.

What was it like to be a volunteer for Wednesday Connection?

"So many memories come to mind...Paula and Don Addlespurger serving soup, bread, cookies and juice to everyone with patience and generous smiles, tirelessly; the moms and dads laughing and talking as their kids did homework and played games in the McKelvy Room; the shyness during the first few weeks when so many new families started coming and how it grew into friendships; practicing my Spanish with some new friends; the clamor and clatter of the littlest kids returning from "Sing and Dance to a Latin Beat;" women knitting rainbow stoles for Presbytery; the feeling of young and old together; Miss Suzanne's energy and endless generosity as she encouraged the younger Voices of Hope group; singing with the kids and trying to learn their parts with them; watching them spontaneously start to dance or clap hands, or jump around to the beat; cheering them up when they had a bad day; seeing Randy and Heather quietly close the doors to the adult Bible Study group and wondering how the study of Scripture was transformed by the background sounds of children's laughter and singing; Miss Linda's patient smile and warmth; quietly retiring to Taizé when my piece of helping was done...It was just GOOD. That's what it was like."

- Nancy Klancher

Congratulations, Isaiah!

Isaiah Wilson won 2nd Place in the 2nd grade category of the 2008 Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators Contest for this region. The winners received awards at WQED's celebration on June 8 at the Three Rivers Arts Festival. Read Isaiah's story at: www.wqed.org. Click on "Education" at the top of the welcome page, then click on the book under his name to open his story, "When Aaron Comes."

Congratulations, Isaiah!

Malawi Visitors Arrive in September

A delegation of 25 missionaries from Malawi will arrive in Pittsburgh on **Fri., September 19**, for two weeks as part of the ongoing partnership between the Synod of Blantyre and Pittsburgh Presbytery. ELPC will host a few of them, engaging them in our congregation's life.

Mark these dates on your calendars and look for details in the August *Reaching Out* and Sunday bulletin!

Do You Contribute to WQED or WDUQ?

At various times during the year, WQED and WDUQ have membership drives for public funding. One of the benefits of making contributions at certain levels is the opportunity for the contributor to place "public service announcements" on the air at no additional cost. Often, individual donors do not have an occasion to make use of this benefit. It's possible for you to transfer your "on air" announcement time to ELPC to publicize events and concerts we are sponsoring as a tag-on to your contribution to the station.

Next time you respond to the call or challenge to support these stations during their campaigns, please ask how to transfer your "on air" benefits to ELPC.

We thank you!

- Worship, Music and Arts Committee

Presbyterian Women

Dear ELPC,

Thank you for your great generosity in donating medicines and money for the people of Haiti. The collection exceeded my hopes! Thank you to the youth who so generously packed 366 packets of pain relievers and 277 hygiene kits during their 30-hour fast, and thank you as well to Justice and Global Concerns for their very generous monetary donation toward the building of a clinic in Haiti. Lastly, thank you to our Presbyterian Women, who once again took this project under their wing.

On June 16, 24 people ventured to Haiti, equipped with more than a ton of donated medicines and supplies, including ELPC's pain relievers. The medical team set up a series of one-day clinics in rural parts of the country, while another team conducted Vacation Bible School for Haiti's schoolchildren.

There are many more opportunities to feed those who are so hungry for food, for learning and for better health. Would you like to join in the work of this small but mighty Pittsburgh-based organization? To go on our next trip in January? To help create materials for the adult literacy centers? To help with fundraising? There are as many ways to help as there are individuals who step forward. Meanwhile, the collection box will stay in the office so that you can continue to donate medicine and supplies for the next trip.

Visit www.flmhaiti.org for more information, or watch a video about FLM-Haiti on YouTube.com (search for "Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti"). Or call me at (412) 421-7630.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Russ
Board member and treasurer of
Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti

Christian Education in July

Rev. Heather Tunney, Assoc. Pastor for Educational Ministries

CONTEMPORARIES CLASS Facilitators: Joe Kennedy and Mary Alice Lightle

July 6-27: Faith is the Answer, but What are the Questions?

Join us on Sundays, from 9:15-9:50 am, in the second floor parlor as Joe Kennedy and Mary Alice Lightle wrap up this seven-week series inspired by a line from one of Randy Bush's sermons, "There can be no right answers to a wrong question!"

James W. Moore guides the study. The gospel says to us, "Here is the One who can deliver you. Here is the One who can save you. Follow Him, and you can live. He will lead you to commitment, love, and life. I believe that with all of my heart, but I also know that there are still a number of tough questions we grapple with daily in these challenging times. How does faith help us when problems arise? How does the Christian faith strengthen us when suffering or tragedy or heartache explodes into our lives? How does the Holy Spirit help us? In this hectic world with so many things crying out for our allegiance and support, whom can we trust?"

Faith is the answer. What are the questions and how do we respond to them honestly, creatively, and redemptively? That is the adventure before us.

- July 6:** How Does Faith Help Us Rise Up Above Our Problems?
- July 13:** What Are the Dramatic Signs of a Healthy Faith?
- July 20:** How Do We Make Love Last?
- July 27:** When Is Losing Your Baggage a Good Thing?

Housing Ministry: Homeowner Support



Over 25 ELPC members and friends volunteered on May 24 and June 7 at the homes of our 2007 Blitz families. Working with Open Hand Ministries (OHM) and its trade skill professional partners, we installed four new windows and two exterior doors; removed a tree and landscaped a front and back yard; erected privacy fences at two homes; repaired a ceiling, wall cracks, and an ill-fitting door; and completed minor electrical and plumbing repairs. It was a wonderful two days where God's grace abounded.

These work days were a culmination of our year long commitment to our 2007 Blitz families and OHM. The trade skill professional partners, Rob Boone, John Hensley, Mike Carlin, and Garrett Smith, and the donation of a custom exterior steel door from Houston Starr Building Supply were instrumental to the success of these projects. ELPC will continue to support OHM's commitment to place first-time homeowners in quality rehabilitated housing and provide a caring community as the homeowner transitions into East Liberty and Garfield.

Thank you to our energetic and committed volunteers: **Don Breitbarth, Bruce Pollock, Paul Miller, Rev. Randy Bush, Richard Bush, Diana Armstrong, Jim Russ, Tim and Maria Englehardt, Jon Nelson, Enrico Novelli, Caterina Rosano and Cecelia and Samuel, David Egelston, Michael Stanton, Jerry Swanson, Dick Headley, Ron and Rebecca Cole-Turner, Pam, Jason and Chloe Ferrante, Becky Gloninger, Betsy Davis and Pablo Espinoza, Brian DeBolt, Jan and Micah Pressman, Rod Irvin and Emily Rosenthal.** Also, thanks to **Diane Jackson and Pen Lytle** for their donation of plants for landscaping projects.

Youth and Young Adult Events

Rev. Heather Tunney, Assoc. Pastor for Educational Ministries

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

As the Young Adults group continues to grow, all those in their 20's and 30's are invited to come join us for our July offerings.

July 6, 13, 20, and 27: 20/30s Church School Class

We will gather for a special Sunday school series, from 9-9:45 am, exploring *Prophetic Faith: Then & Now*. Looking at who and what prophets were in biblical times, we will discuss the ways in which our faith can become prophetic today. Join us at the intersection of Scripture, society, vocation, and faith.

July 26: Shelter Breakfast Service Project

On **Sat., July 26**, the Young Adults group will serve breakfast at the EECM Men's Shelter at the church. We will meet at 6:15 am to begin preparing the food and should be done shortly after 8 am. Please join us for this early, but rewarding, opportunity to put our faith into action! Transportation to the church can be arranged. Contact Brian Diebold at brdiebold@hotmail.com to sign up.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

July 13-18: Senior High Mission Trip to New York City

Youth in grades 9-12 will be participating in a Mission Trip to NYC from **July 13-18** where we will minister to those who are homeless, fighting HIV/AIDS, under-nourished and impoverished. We will also learn about NYC through the eyes of those who live there. The trip is being coordinated through the Center for Student Missions. Cost is \$200/person, due July 13. Scholarships are available.



July 27-August 1: Junior High Mission Trip to Camp Crestfield

Youth in grades 6-9, who are active in youth group, church school or special events and have completed two service projects, are invited to participate in Camp Crestfield's Mission Possible from **July 27-August 1**. We will enjoy camp fun in the evenings but work hard during the day helping those in need. Youth will get a taste of mission work by volunteering with organizations like EECM, Habitat for Humanity, and the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food bank. Cost is \$100/person. Scholarship help is available. Contact Heather by **Thurs., July 3** if you are interested.



NOTE: Senior High and Junior High youth interested in the Mission Trips must:

- attend worship on Sun., July 6 to participate in a Commissioning Liturgy during the 10 am Courtyard Worship service.
- attend pre-trip training immediately following worship on Sun., July 6.

Lunch will be provided for the youth attending the training. We will wrap up at 1:30 pm. Please contact Heather at **(412) 441-3800 x21** with questions.

July 27-August 2: Trinity Youth Conference (TYC): "Constant Thirst"



TYC is a week-long event for high school youth (at least 15 yrs. old and completed 9th grade by July 29, 2008) and college-age young adults. Participants will learn about God and themselves through workshops, small groups, worship and games. Workshop topics range from the arts to theology to relationships. TYC is not only a time for deepening your spirituality, it is a time to relax, be yourself, and have fun with friends, both old and new. TYC is held at Camp Living Waters in Shellsburgh, PA and runs from **July 27-August 2**. Cost is \$300/person, but don't let money deter you!

There are scholarships available for first-time TYC campers through the Synod and ELPC. Interested youth should contact Heather at **(412) 441-3800 x21**.

Seminary Graduations

At Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's graduation ceremony on May 22, three people from ELPC received degrees.

Jay Poliziani and **Guang Lou** both received Masters of Arts degrees. **Brian Diebold**, our Youth and Young Adult Ministry Intern, received his Master of Divinity degree and special awards in academic excellence, church music and biblical studies. Congratulations!

Calling All Graduates!

ELPC would like to celebrate the accomplishment of those in our church family who have graduated this spring from educational programs. If you are a recent graduate of high school or any post-high school program, please send your name, degree earned, and place from where you have graduated to Gloria Knopp at gloriak@coh.net by **Thurs., July 3**. We would like to recognize all of our graduates in our August *Reaching Out* Newsletter.

News From Our Educational Ministries Assistant

During July, our Educational Ministries Assistant and longtime member, **Ashley Birt**, will be traveling to Belgium with CISV International, an international organization



that focuses on exposing children to other cultures to promote multiculturalism and peace. She, along with four 11 year olds from Pittsburgh, will represent the U.S. at one of this year's international villages. From July 4-August 2, she and her group will work with children from 11 other countries (including Turkey, Brazil, Israel, Germany, and Algeria) to break down language and cultural barriers, learn about social and economic disparity, and promote cross-cultural friendship.

Learn about CISV at www.cisv.org.

Please keep Ashley and all of the students in your prayers!

Pipe Organ Encounters

Dr. J Richard Szeremany instructed as ELPC/Pittsburgh hosted the American Guild of Organists.

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) sponsors Pipe Organ Encounters for young people (POE) and Pipe Organ Encounters for Adults (POE+) in order to recognize and support individuals who have an interest in beginning study of the pipe organ.

AGO, through its local Pittsburgh Chapter, sponsored a POE+ at Duquesne University in June. Dr. Szeremany was one of a dozen musicians selected from around the country as faculty for POE+. In the mornings, students participated in classes focusing on the basics of organ playing, its history, registration, organ construction, historical repertoire and other related musical subjects. Afternoons were devoted to private instruction at organs in churches around the city, including the Chapel and Sanctuary organs at ELPC.

ELPC is pleased to have participated in this event and for its role in preparing musicians for tomorrow's worship.

New Bibles Update

The Worship Committee proposes that members and friends be given the opportunity to provide new Bibles in sufficient quantity, to meet the needs of those who desire to follow along.



Look in the Sunday bulletin for the Bible Flyer and form. The New Revised Standard Version edition Bibles cost \$8.

Checks should be made payable to "ELPC Bible Fund."

This project began in June with great support, and is expected to be completed by Rally Day in September.

Thank you for your consideration and support!

Classes After Taizé Prayer

The Rev. Christiane Dutton, Minister of Taizé Prayer

NOTE: All classes begin at 8:15 pm, following the Wednesday Taizé Prayer Service.

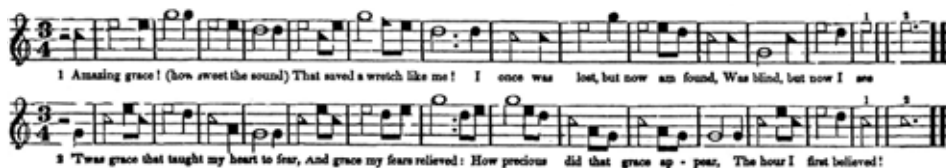
July 2: Midsummer's Dream

Laurie Arnold will guide us as we take a look at mid-life, mid-story, and the middle, where often there is a sense of lostness and renewed possibility. We will gather new vision for our journey through writing exercises and discussion.

July 9: Sacred Harp

Enjoy singing tunes from the oldest American tune book in continuous print. Joining in this joyful American singing tradition is easy and enjoyable! All tunes are carefully taught, one part at a time, by Charles Anderson! Beginners welcome!

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 part harmony. The first edition was printed in 1844, with 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.

July 16: Flute Circle

Guided by flutist and multi-instrumentalist Charles Anderson. The Flute Circle is an encounter for all levels of flute players and enthusiasts. If you have never played a flute before, the Flute Circle will give you a chance to try out an easy-to-play bamboo flute in a supportive environment. If you already play the flute, you may bring your own, or borrow one of our bamboo flutes.

July 23: Join Us in a New Song!

How deaf is stone deaf? With residual hearing declining, Pen Lytle is eager to share songs and chants that Rob Frankenberry has been creating with her! Come hear and join in newborn simple songs in the Spirit, some chants inspired by Taizé. We shall be led by Rob Frankenberry (if available) or Brother James Avant. Come sing a new song with us, or simply listen. Feedback is welcome.

July 30: Celebrations!

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

Like to sing but can't fit choir into your schedule?

Not to worry. Come out to Summer Choir on Thursdays at 7 pm in July and August.

Sure we sing on Sundays, but rehearsals are more casual than during the season. So if you are a soprano, an alto, a tenor, a baritone/bass, or are unsure, come on out beginning on **Thurs., July 3** and we'll place you where you sound the best!

It's as simple as that! Relax and have fun with like-minded friends and singers in an air-conditioned room. Call Richard at **(412) 441-3800 x24** for information or to say "Look for me, I'm coming along for the Summer Choir!"

Pittsburgh Organ Academy

Congratulations to **Jayla Griggs** (left) and **Bethan Neely** (right) who competed in the Pittsburgh Organ Academy auditions in May. Students can audition to receive scholarships for either beginning or continuing organ study with a member of the American Guild of Organists.



Level 1 auditioning students, beginners, must pass a written exam in musical theory and keyboard performance on the piano. Level 2 students take the written exam and perform required pieces on an organ. Both Jayla and Bethan were successful Pittsburgh Organ Academy Scholarship winners for the September 2007 - June 2008 season.

Jayla, who auditioned for Level 1, and Bethan, who auditioned for Level 2, are both students in ELPC's Hope Academy of Music and the Arts. Jayla is a piano and voice student and sings in the Voices of Hope Choir. Bethan studies organ, composition, is accompanist for the ELPC Joyful Noise Choir, sings in the Voices of Hope Choir, and studies both piano and oboe privately.



Congratulations to these two very gifted young people!

News from the Session

May Meeting

- Session approved **Nadine Banks** as Session Representative to the Centennial Fund Trustees (three year term).
- Following evaluation, the Session concluded that **Meagan Manas** would be an outstanding individual for Candidate Status for ministry of the Word and Sacrament. Therefore, Session concurred with the request of Meagan to the New York City Presbytery that she be enrolled as a Candidate for ministry of the Word and Sacrament. Meagan is presently a student at Union Theological Seminary in NYC and under our Session's care. She has roots in Pittsburgh, along with her ties and involvement with ELPC.

- Diana Armstrong, Clerk of Session

Update on Giving

Wondering how our pledges are coming in for 2008?

The 2008 budgeted amount for pledges, is \$484,000. Ideally, as the fifth month of the year closed, one would project received pledges to be \$201,667. Our reports show that the actual pledge total received through the end of May was \$189,000, representing a shortfall of \$12,667.

As we move ahead, we ask that members and friends:

- keep the financial giving of our people in your prayers
- keep working toward fulfillment of individual pledges
- maintain giving throughout the summer months.
- gifts of all amounts, large or small, are always welcome.

- C. Depperman and E. Harris, Co-Treasurers

Staying Connected

To help the pastoral staff provide the pastoral care you desire when you are hospitalized, please include the name of Rev. Bush or Rev. Chamberlain, Visitation Pastor, of ELPC on the list of people who may get information about you. Sometimes people are moved from one facility to another, such as a rehab center, and unless your family is connected to the church, we have no way of knowing where you are. With the privacy regulations that are in place, this information is only available to those designated by the patient. Thank you for helping us to stay in touch with you.

East End Cooperative Ministry Food Pantry

The East End Cooperative Ministry's Food Pantry provides food for many people facing hunger in Pittsburgh.

Our congregation continues to answer the call in the struggle against hunger, but we need your continued support. Donations may be left in baskets located throughout the church's hallways. July's "Food for the Month" is **peanut butter**.



Housed at ELPC, the EECM Food Pantry is open from 1-3 pm, Mon-Fri. Visit www.eecm.org for more information.

ELPC People

Good News, Thanks, and Prayers

Good News

Congratulations to our new members and friends who joined on May 25.

We welcome: **Derek Harrigan, Deena Hower, Liberty Hultberg, Eric Neumann, Connie Rankin, Lenore Williams** by reaffirmation of faith and **The Rev. Phil Jamison, Jr. and The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy** were received as friends.

Congratulations to **Megan Addison Iannone**, daughter of Elsbeth Gilmore Iannone and James Iannone, who celebrated her baptism on Sun., May 25.



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James Wetzel to Perform at ELPC

Sun., July 6, at 3 pm



We are proud to announce that ELPC will host a recital by Pittsburgh organist, James Wetzel.

James, a resident of Oakmont, is a senior at the Juilliard School of Music in New York City where he stud-

ies with Paul Jacobs, formerly of Washington, PA. He is currently the organist at St. Malachy's Church in Manhattan.

We are delighted that he has selected ELPC's newly renovated organ for his annual, summer recital. Please join us in welcoming him to ELPC on **Sun., July 6**, at 3 pm. Admission is free!

Inquirers' Class

The Membership and Outreach Committee will sponsor another Inquirers' Class on **Sun., July 27**, following the Courtyard Worship service. Lunch will be provided and childcare is available with advance notice. The session will run from 11:30 am-2 pm. Those interested in joining our congregation will be received as new members on **Sun., August 10**. Please call Gloria Knopp at **(412) 441-3800 x22** if you wish to attend this class.

Journey Worship

Our Journey worship service has wrapped up for the summer, as we have begun our summer 10 am Courtyard Worship service. Journey will return in the fall on **Sun., September 7** at 8:45 am.

Thank you to the music ministry team of **Moses Cheeks, Ashok Nayak, Suzanne Polak and Patrice Fowler-Searcy**, for your vibrant musical leadership during the Journey worship hour. We look forward to continuing our Journey together this fall!



Koinonia Service of Praise

The Koinonia service and potluck will break in July, but will resume in **August**.



Offices Closed

The church offices will be closed on **Fri., July 4**, in observance of the holiday.