

# Reaching Out

newsletter of east liberty presbyterian church

April 2010

## Holy Week Worship Schedule

The events of Jesus' final days of earthly life are represented symbolically in the diverse worship services of Holy Week. There is the entry into Jerusalem, when Jesus was greeted by a crowd of palm-branch waving disciples and friends. There is the Thursday evening meal celebrated in the Upper Room, which became Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. There are Friday services remembering Jesus' trial before Jewish and Roman officials, as well as the hours Jesus spent on the cross and uttered his final words. On Saturday, the church recalls how Jesus lay in the tomb, and that our sacrament of baptism is a symbolic re-enactment of the descent into watery darkness followed by an Easter-like emergence into light and resurrection.

The various worship services scheduled for Holy Week are listed below. In order to experience the full drama of the passion of Christ, you are encouraged to attend some or all of them. Services using Taizé prayers and music will occur on Wednesday and Saturday. The Maundy Thursday service will include the sacrament of communion, and the Good Friday evening service will highlight the "I Am" sayings of Jesus and a series of "I Am Not" sayings spoken by those opposed to Jesus' ministry. Both these services plus the 11 am, Easter service, will be enhanced by special liturgical lighting, conceived for our church by students at Carnegie Mellon University. Journey with us as we move from the Upper Room to Gethsemane to Calvary to the empty tomb of Easter morning!

**March 28: Palm Sunday** 11 am, in the Sanctuary

**March 31: Wednesday Taizé Service** 7 pm, in the Chapel

**April 1: Maundy Thursday** 7 pm, in the Sanctuary

**April 2: Good Friday**

- **The Final Hours of Jesus' Life** 12 pm, in the Chapel
- **The Seven Last Words of Christ** 12–3 pm, at St. James AME Church  
The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush will preach the Sixth Word, "It is finished."
- **Tenebrae Service of Light and Darkness** 7 pm, in the Sanctuary

**April 3: Saturday Easter Vigil** 7 pm, in the Chapel



## Easter Sunday Worship Services

**Early Worship** 8 am, in the Chapel

**Easter Fellowship** 9–10:30 am, and 12–1 pm, in Room 234

**Sanctuary Worship** 11 am, in the Sanctuary

## Sunday Morning Services

\* Celebration of the Lord's Supper

### Good Samaritan Worship • 8 am

Liturgists: Leila Richards and Clark Smith

April 4\* Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

April 11 Rev. Shawn Drummond,  
Chaplain, Allegheny County Jail

April 18 Lydia's Place

April 25 Rev. Brian Diebold

### Journey Worship • 8:45 am

April 4\* Joins Good Samaritan at 8 am

April 11 Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

April 18 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

April 25 Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

### Sanctuary Worship • 11 am

April 4\* Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

April 11 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

April 18 Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

April 25 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

### Koinonia Service of Praise

Second Sunday of each month • 7 pm

April 11 Elder Kathleen Kyle

### Holy Ground Service

Third Sunday, March–November • 6 pm

Held in the Chapel

April 18 To Be Determined

### Labyrinth Prayer Walk

Mondays • 10 am–3 pm

Wednesdays • 10 am–9 pm

### Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesdays • 7 pm

Rev. Christiane Dutton

## Save the Dates

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**May 8:** Pittsburgh Gospel Choir's  
Mother's Day Concert

**June 28–July 2:** Vacation Church School

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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 Thursday of the preceding month.

## Pastoral Message

*The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, Pastor*



Easter Sunday is the highpoint of the church year and of our Christian faith, for it is when we remember the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The language associated with Easter has been built around the theme of hope ever since the days of the first disciples and the apostle Paul. For example, Paul wrote to the church in Corinth and said, “We rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead (and who) will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope” (2 *Corinthians* 1:9-10). And in a letter of the early church it says, “God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading” (1 *Peter* 1:3-4).

For this message to be truly good news, it is important that the word “hope” not simply be tossed around as a pleasant thing we like to hear but which has no concrete meaning in our daily lives. Hope is not wishful thinking, as when a child hopes for a pony as a birthday present. Hope is not superficial and pie-in-the-sky, as when we hope serendipitously to find the place we’re looking for while driving without a map, or blithely hope that all forms of violence and pain will magically disappear from the world overnight. Hope is grittier than that, grounded in the dirt of earth even as it extends upward to the heaven’s heights.

Earlier this year, I read an article on a difficult subject, namely, the mental and emotional profiles of people who choose to be suicide-bombers. In those cases in which a bomb malfunctioned and the person was not killed, researchers have had the opportunity to learn more about what motivates people to accept the role of being a suicide bomber. What I found interesting was that anxiety about death itself played a significant role in moving people to agree to kill themselves as a suicide bomber. In effect, there was this paradox that the very fear of death, the fear of leaving no legacy or feeling their life was without meaning, was a key factor in motivating someone to choose violent death by their own hand. It was built around a twisted hope that killing themselves and others would somehow give meaning to that person’s life exactly at the point of their own death.

This is the antithesis of Easter hope. While Easter hope does not shy away from acknowledging the hardness of life, it never seeks to make life harder or increase suffering here on earth. We too may have anxiety about the meaning of our life, but the answer from Christ is that the gift of grace, the guidance of God’s spirit, and the redemptive power of love give us the courage to overcome every anxiety. Added to this is the assurance that Jesus’ resurrection from the dead was done precisely to show us that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God that is for us and all people.

That is why “Easter people” find meaning in acts of compassion and showing love for others, not in acts of alienation, violence, and fear. That is why we are people of a hope that moves beyond life and death to a greater power, rather than ones who diminish life by violent death for the sake of a misguided power. As Dr. Martin Luther King said, “We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope.” In remembering that Christ is alive and has given to us new life that brings meaning and purpose to our daily work and play, may we remember to pray for all who are captive to ideologies and fears that would convince them to choose death and darkness instead. “Faith, hope, and love, these three abide...”

*Randy Bush*

## Session News

### Strategic Visioning Process Underway

After a successful launch in March, the Session's Strategic Visioning Process is well underway! The initial survey and "kick-off" event garnered a variety of comments and feedback concerning the present gifts and future challenges facing our congregation. A wide range of people offered their thoughts about what ELPC is passionate about and whose voices we need to hear as the church seeks to discern God's direction for the coming years.

Working with **Peggy Outen** and **Luci Dabney** of the Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management, the following people are part of the Strategic Visioning Planning Team: **Camden Copeland, Susan Gilmore, Gil Hickman, Kathleen Kyle, Jon Nelson, Bruce Pollock, and Fran Wilson.**



*Craig Cannon, Interim Choral and Music Director (left); Dr. Donald Wilkins, Interim Organist (right); and Beth Minnigh, Accompanist and Assistant Organist.*

## An Offering of Letters *By Dick Headley*

Food pantries are essential, but so are efforts to fight poverty at its roots. For this reason, the Poverty Committee and Bread for the World are sponsoring an Offering of Letters on **Sun., April 25.**

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice that advocates for changes in policies, programs, and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist across the globe.

You are invited to write letters to our Congressional Representatives. Materials and information will be provided. Experience has proven that the most powerful thing we can do to influence political leaders is to send them hand-written letters.

What are we writing about? In 2010, tax policies will be debated, as tax cuts enacted earlier this decade and tax credits passed in the 2009 Recovery Act are all due to expire. Bread for the World's Offering of Letters urges Congress to protect and strengthen key tax credits. Programs like the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit are critical to making sure that low-income working families have the resources they need to provide food and other basic needs.

Be on the lookout for more information, and plan to attend an informational meeting after the 11 am, Worship service on **Sun., April 18.**



**breadfortheworld**  
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER

## Carnegie Mellon University Lighting Project

The events of Holy Week are often linked with specific colors—deep blue or purple for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and gold for Easter. Traditionally, the use of color in the sanctuary has been restricted to banners, pulpit hangings, or the stoles the clergy wear. Working with CMU students in professor Cindy Limauro's lighting design class, creative use of colored lights will enhance our liturgy and worship experiences during Holy Week. Through subtle lighting added to the columns of the sanctuary, the balcony and archways of the chancel, as well as the altarpiece sculptures behind the main communion table, we will appreciate the architectural details and beauty of our sanctuary in a new way. Worshippers also will see the Last Supper sculpture, the stained glass windows and wood carvings, and the statue of Simon Peter with renewed appreciation.

We are grateful to the CMU team: Professors **Cindy Limauro** and **Doug Cooper**, and students: **Kendra Albert, Matt Bialek, Bart Cortright, Robert Figueira, Joe Israel, Teddy Sosna, Wyatt Tilka, and Catherine Wilson.**

## Music Director Search Committee

A wonderful group of ELPC members have been considering applicants for our open position of Organist/Music Director.

At this time, the committee is finalizing the job description, advertising for applicants, and reviewing resumes from interested parties. Please keep this search committee in your prayers in the coming weeks.



*Pictured left to right: (front) Nancy Miller Smith (vice chair), Tim Benedict, Phil Jamison, David Hart; (back) Sue Whitaker, Carly Riley, Ruth Henderson, Laura Ristau (chair), and Emma Johnson*

## Church School Classes

Sundays, 9:45–10:45 am

We rejoice that ELPC provides educational offerings for all ages. Adult options are detailed on this page. Senior High (grades 9-12) classes follow our denomination's *We Believe* curriculum. Junior High (grades 6-8) classes follow the *Seasons of the Spirit* curriculum to explore and apply biblical stories to their lives. Children's classes (by age) include *Godly Play* and *Seasons of the Spirit*.

**Note: Classes will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 4.**

## Race: The Power of An Illusion

Sat., April 17, at Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church

Our final discussion of the PBS documentary, **Race: The Power of an Illusion**. This cooperative forum between members of ELPC and Grace Memorial begins with a potluck supper at 5:30 pm, followed by a round-table discussion led by the Revs. David Thornton and Randy Bush, on the topic of faithful anti-racism work in today's society. For more information, call Michele Bossers at **412.241.5006**.

## Artwork is Requested!

The Arts Subcommittee of Worship, Music, and the Arts is planning an exhibit of photos, drawings and paintings from the children and young people of ELPC members and friends for Pentecost Sunday.

For more information, please contact the Rev. Phil Jamison at **412.462.4689** or [philjr@gmail.com](mailto:philjr@gmail.com).

# Christian Education

*The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries*

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

**April 11: For the Beauty of the Earth** *Led by Katherine Hackney*

Join us for a spiritual foundation for creation, and explore current topics pertaining to global warming and other issues. "Trees and Seas" will constitute a significant portion of this installment. God's Word will provide the guideline for this study, but we'll include suggestions to improve our discipleship in the ecological realm.

**April 18–25: Applications of the Belhar Confession** *Led by Rev. Dr. Randy Bush*

The struggle against apartheid in South Africa produced many documents of faith, including the Belhar Confession (September 1986). A product of the Dutch Reformed Mission Church, it's something that churches in our Reformed Church are considering for inclusion in the Book of Confessions. We'll discuss the dismantling of apartheid in South Africa and issues related to American social policies of injustice.

**JOURNEY WITH SCRIPTURE** *Facilitator: Jan Irvin*

**April 11:** Acts 5:27–32; Ps. 118:14–29, Ps. 150; Rev. 1:4–8; John 20:19–31

**April 18:** Acts 9:1–6, (7-20); Ps. 30; Rev. 5:11–14; John 21:1–19

**April 25:** Acts 9:36–43; Ps. 23; Rev. 7:9–17; John 10:22–30

**PARENTING CIRCLE** *Facilitators: Frances Irvin and Dawn Morgenstern*

Anyone involved in parenting (singles, couples, adoptive parents, step-parents, grandparents, guardians, mentors, etc.) are welcome to join us in the First Floor Harambe Room! We share experiences, resources, prayer and scripture, as well as explore how our faith builds and nourishes our family lives and helps nurture our parent/child relationships. We learn from one another ways to foster closer family relationships in the context of creating active faith communities.

**April 11–25: "365 Meditations for Families"**

We'll share in a devotion from the book "365 Meditations for Families," drawing out themes related to faith and family life. Copies of the devotion will be available.

**SEEKERS** *Facilitator: Gwen Puza*

**April 11: The Dangers of Christian Zionism for Israel, Jews, and Christianity**

From Argentina to Singapore to Zambia, Christian Zionists are singing in Hebrew, dancing in prayer shawls, celebrating Jewish holidays, and declaring their love for Israel. Underlying this "pro-Israel" frenzy is an ideology that threatens religious pluralism in the U.S. and serves as an obstacle to peace in the Middle East.

Class will be lead by Rachel Tabachnick. Raised a Southern Baptist who converted to Judaism, she has a unique understanding of Christian and Jewish perspectives. She is a researcher and writer who specializes in the end-times narratives of Christian Zionism, and published an "open letter" to Elie Wiesel asking him to reconsider participating in John Hagee's Christians United for Israel event (<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/5193092.stm>). She also presented at the Second International Academic Conference "Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Pathways to Peace."

**April 18: The Warm Heart of Africa** *Led by Elder Peta Harrigan Cole*

Hear about Peta's mission trip to our sister church, Balaka CCAP, in Malawi.

**April 25: The Dangers of Christian Zionism for Israel, Jews, and Christianity**

**SOUL FOOD** *Facilitator: Rev. Cynthia Jackson*

**April 11–25: "The Little Easter's"**

Joyce Rupp's "Fresh Bread" serves as a guide for reflection, prayer, and openings for the Spirit. April's theme is "The Little Easter's"...those moments when something that has died in me is raised to life again." Copies of "Fresh Bread" are available for \$10. Bring a journal and join us!

# Youth Ministry

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries

**club one sixteen junior and senior** Youth in grades 1-12

Our Wednesday schedule will shift for the month of April. Please join us for:

- **Homework Help** gather at 3:30 pm;
- **Open Gym and Bowling Alley** from 4–5 pm;
- **Simple Supper** from 4:30–5 pm; and
- **Bible Study** from 5–7 pm.

Join us for our last **club one sixteen** of the season on **Wed., May 5**, and enjoy a closing cookout!

**Youth Basketball** Saturdays, from 6–8 pm, in the ELPC Gym

Young men in grades 9–12 are welcome to participate in our basketball program.

**Sun., May 9: Youth Sunday**

ELPC Youth will lead us in worship during our 11 am, Worship service. If you are interested in serving as a liturgist, musician, prayer leader, etc., join us for Church School on **Sun. April 24** and **May 9**, to plan the service and practice your parts. If you're not available for Church School, please contact Pastor Heather.

**Sat., June 5–6: 30 Hour Famine**

ELPC Youth will fast for 30 hours to raise money for relief for our brothers and sisters in Haiti recovering from this spring's deadly earthquake.

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# Young Adult Ministry

The Rev. Brian Diebold, Coordinator, Youth and Young Adult Ministries

We welcome all adults in their 20's and 30's (married, single, partnered, with or without children). Find us on Facebook or come check us out in person!

**Small Groups**

Email Brian Diebold at [bdiebold@pts.edu](mailto:bdiebold@pts.edu) to see where you might fit in! Meet other people in your age group, and get involved with the life of our church!

**First Sundays at ELPC**

We will not gather during April as we celebrate the Easter holiday. Mark your calendars for our next event on **Sun., May 2**, at 5 pm!

**April Coffee Hours** Sun., April 18 and 25, at 7 pm

Come by to chat or to say hello and enjoy some coffee, ice cream, and waffles at Oh Yeah! (232 S. Highland Ave.)

# Hope Academy

Linda Addlespurger, Director

**Hope Academy in the News**

- Hope Academy student **Bethan**

**Neely** is one of the winners of the first Duquesne Young Artist National Competition and Piano Festival. This festival recognizes and honors the achievements of piano students ages 6–18.



- Congratulations to **Sam Gardner** who won an honorable mention in the 2010 Pittsburgh Public Theater Shakespeare Monologue and Scene Contest. His "Alas, poor Yorick" speech was filled with "infinite jest."



- **Suzanne Polak**, a Hope Academy teaching artist extraordinaire, recently released a new CD, *Unguarded Moments*. Listen to samples tracks at [www.suzanneupolak.com](http://www.suzanneupolak.com).



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## VCS 2010: Meet God on the Mountain!

June 28–July 2, from 9 am–3 pm

Children age 3 1/2 (potty trained) through Grade 5 are invited to **Meet God on the Mountain**. Together we will explore Bible stories of mystery, power, and truth that will take kids on an exciting journey to the mountaintop, and help them experience God's presence in their lives. Our days will be filled with worship, recreation, arts and crafts, service, and fun! We also will enjoy a mid-week field trip to Squaw Valley Park.

Registration forms are available on the CE Bulletin Board, the CE Table, and at [www.cathedralofhope.org](http://www.cathedralofhope.org). For more details, call Pastor Heather at **412.441.3800 x21**.



## Mendelssohn Choir to Perform at ELPC

Sun., April 18, at 3 pm

Near the end of his life J.S. Bach wrote the astonishing and mysterious *Mass in B Minor*. This monumental and virtuosic work was not commissioned and was too large to use in a church service—why did Bach bother to compose it? Did he write this for God?

Join the Mendelssohn Choir and celebrate perhaps the most revered composer of all time with one of his culminating works. Hear Bach at his finest and bask in this glorious music!

For tickets, please visit [www.themendelssohn.org](http://www.themendelssohn.org).



Courtesy Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh

## Knitting Group

Join us every third Thursday of the month from 1–2:30 pm, and/or the first Monday from 7–8:30 pm.

Call Diane Jackson at **412.441.6021** for more information.

## Classes After Taizé Prayer

*The Rev. Christiane Dutton, Minister of Taizé Prayer*

**Note:** Classes begin at 8:15 pm. Enjoy a supper at 6 pm, in the McKelvey Room.

**Wed., April 7: Writing Workshop** Led by Laurie Arnold

**Wed., April 14: Music on the Labyrinth** Led by Charles Anderson  
Join us as we listen to Charles play the flute on the Labyrinth.

**Wed., April 21: Sacred Harp/Shape Note Singing** Led by Charles Anderson  
Enjoy singing tunes in three- and four-part harmony from the oldest American song book in print. All tunes are taught one part at a time! Beginners welcome!

**Wed., April 28: Celebrations!**

Do you celebrate a birthday, milestone or anniversary in April? Write it down and put it in the collection plate! We'd like to celebrate with you!

## Presbyterian Women

*Mary Alice Lightle, Moderator*

**Tues., April 6: Horizons Bible Study** 10 am, in the Second Floor Parlor

Join us as Christine March, our seminary intern, leads our lesson, "The Place of Rest" (Joshua 21:43-22:9; Hebrews 3:1–4:11). A potluck lunch follows; please bring a salad or snack to share and your own place setting. Beverages and soup are provided. Call Mary Alice Lightle at **412.682.1504** for details.

### Mother's Day Project

Presbyterian Women are offering specially-designed Mother's Day cards to support Healthy Women Healthy Families, a program of the PC (USA)'s International Health and Development office. Your donations will help safeguard and improve the lives of women and children in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Malawi and southern Sudan. This project supports malaria prevention; family health education; primary care; health screenings and immunizations for children; and obstetrical care, fistula surgery and cervical cancer screening for women.

Look for more information on the PW bulletin board and in the church bulletin. Mother's Day cards will be available for purchase following 11 am worship during April, and from Kate Carlson in the church office during the week.



## PCSI Stimulus Projects Increase Employment Skills for Qualified Residents

The recession has limited the ability of some families and individuals to support themselves. Many go without proper food, shelter, and essential medical care due to a variety of factors including low wages, job loss, low-quality education, etc.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) has afforded increased capacity of Pittsburgh Community Services, Inc. (PCSI) to assist many of these families and individuals, not only by meeting essential daily needs, but working toward a brighter future through education-to-employment programs such as Modern Office Systems Training (MOST), Certified Nurse's Aid (CNA), Customer Service Call Center certification, and Class B–CDL training. For those with basic educational needs, PCSI offers Math Anxiety and English Skill Building, as well as GED Preparation and Testing.

The Specialized Drop-In Center offers an opportunity for self-directed study and instruction. This Center allows access to computers with internet connections and software that provides instruction in website development, Microsoft Office 2007, resume creation, keyboarding, as well as other basic technology needs. For details, contact Khalif Ali at **724.420.7163**.

# Housing Ministry

Emily Rosenthal, Chair of the Neighbors Mission Committee

**Mission Opportunities** Sat., April 3, May 1, and June 5

This spring we will serve with Open Hand Ministries and the Garfield Community Garden the first Saturday of each month! We hope you will be able to join us!

Our work in the early months of spring will focus on completing the rehabilitation of a house in Garfield for a single mother under the care of Valley View Presbyterian Church and preparing the Garfield gardens for summer crops. We will be joined by volunteers from other local churches so it will be a time of fellowship not only with our neighbors but with volunteers from across the city.

No special skills are needed and all ages are welcome! Tools are provided. If you are interested, call Emily Rosenthal at **412.963.0139** or the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy at **412.441.3800 x30**, or look for sign up opportunities after worship.

We have had two successful and fun work days so far in 2010. In January, we were able to help our brothers and sisters at Second United Presbyterian Church in Wilkesburg, as they continue to recover from a summer flood. Seven ELPC members and friends built custom radiator covers to protect people from hot radiators in fellowship and play areas of the church. Bruce Pollock created a versatile design and ELPC donated the materials. We also enjoyed a delicious ham barbeque lunch provided by Second UP.

Thank you to the ELPC volunteers who have been working on the rehab of the house on Fairmount St., in Garfield: **Mike Anderson, Michael Christ, Ty Ely, Becky Gloninger, Jack Jessup, Sharon Lee, Janet and Jordan Pollard, Bruce Pollock, Emily Rosenthal, and Jerry Swanson.** We hope to be finished by May!

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# Health Ministry

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy, Staff Representative

## Exercise Classes

**Yoga** Thurs., from 7:15–8:45 pm, in the Sewing Room

**Tai Chi** Tues., April 13–June 15, from 10–11 am and 6–7 pm, in the Sewing Room

**JourneyDance** Fri., April 9, from 7–8:30 pm, in the Harambe Room

Contact Amanda Nolan at **412.441.3800 x34** for more information.

# ELPC People

## Thanks

• There are no words to express my gratitude to all those who reached out to me after the death of my mother. For making every effort to let me know you cared, I can never thank you enough.

– Don Breitbarth

## Prayers

• Our prayers are with Nancy Speed and family. Nancy's mother recently passed away.

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# EECM

## Food Pantry

The EECM Food Pantry provides food for people facing hunger in Pittsburgh. ELPC continues to answer the call in the struggle against hunger, but we still need help. April's "Food of the Month" is **Pasta Sauce**.

## Men's Shelter

In ELPC's continuing commitment to the EECM Men's Shelter located in our church, the Deacons are collecting **Bar Soap** and **Shampoo** in April. While the need has remained consistent, donations have declined. We need your help!

Please drop donations in the hallway baskets. Your support in the form of donations and prayer is appreciated.

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# Thank You

By J. Richard Szeremany

"How to say 'Thank You.'" Elizabeth Barrett Browning's most famous sonnet begins "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways." In her masterful manner she casts a new light on the depth of love.

In addition to my love, I must find an adequate and meaningful way to express my thanks and gratitude to all of you—not just for the time of my retirement, but for the many years you expressed your support, deep appreciation and love of my work and me. But in particular, for all the tributes occasioned by my 15 years of ministry at ELPC. The cards and letters; gifts and remembrances; the gift of my three-month sabbatical; the Session's designation of Pastor Emeritus; the Worship, Music and Arts presentation of the Pipes of Glory supporters' plaque; the establishment of Hope Academy's Chair for Teaching Organ and Piano, and your support of that endowment; the gifts from the Chancel Choir; a Handbell from the ELPC Bell Ringers; the Staff celebrations; the hugs, handshakes, and kind words; and the musical tribute by David Goldstein and Jeffry Johnson!

If I were to replace Elizabeth Browning's question with "How do I thank thee? Let me count the ways." I find I am still counting, dear friends, and the counting of my thanks to each of you will know no end.

With deep love, affection, and gratitude, I say "Thank you!"



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## One Great Hour of Sharing



For over 50 years, Presbyterians have joined with Christians throughout the nation in supporting One Great Hour of Sharing, by responding to Christ’s love for all people by joyfully sharing that love with people in need. Your gifts support ministries of disaster

response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development. The hundreds of millions of dollars Presbyterians have given over the last half century have enabled a powerful witness to the love of the One who came so that all might have life more abundantly. Please give generously to this offering when it is collected on Palm Sunday, **March 28**, and Easter Sunday, **April 4**.

## Easter Lily Reminder

Following Easter Sunday worship on Sun., April 4, at 11 am, the flowers may be picked up by the donors for their own use. The names of those honored and memorialized will be printed in a special bulletin insert. The price is \$10/plant. Any donation amount can be designated to the Food Pantry.

## “Essence of Joy” Visits

*Sun., April 25*

ELPC is pleased to welcome the “Essence of Joy” gospel choir from the Pennsylvania State University on **Sun., April 25**, during Worship at 11 am. Under the direction of Dr. Tony Leach, this choir is well known for their musicality and their celebration of works from the African American vocal tradition. They will be in Pittsburgh performing at another conference, but have agreed to join us for worship. Invite your friends to hear this exceptional choral group!



Courtesy Gene Miller

**Office Closed:** Church offices will be closed on Easter Monday, **Mon., April 5**.