



Sunday Morning Services

** Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

Good Samaritan Worship • 8 am

Liturgist: Mary Alice Lightle; Clark Smith and Ray Anthony on Sept. 26

Sept. 5* Rev. Tami Hooker

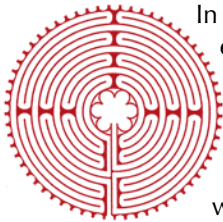
Sept. 12 Myrna Zelinitz, *Executive Director, East End Cooperative Ministries*

Sept. 19 To Be Determined

Sept. 26 Rev. Pat Frick, *Honorably Retired Presbyterian Minister*

Labyrinth Event

Sat., Sept. 11



In memory of the events of September 11, 2001, an ecumenical day of prayer and meditation will be held on **Sat., Sept. 11**, from 2–5 pm, in the main sanctuary of ELPC. It is open to all and visitors will have the opportunity to sit quietly, engage in the ancient Christian meditative practice of walking the labyrinth, and come together with others who wish to pray and work together for peace.

Journey Worship • 8:45 am

Sept. 12 Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

Sept. 19 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Sept. 26 Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Sanctuary Worship • 10 am

Sept. 5* Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Sanctuary Worship • 11 am

Sept. 12 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Sept. 19 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Sept. 26 Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Holy Ground Service

Returns on Oct. 17 with Father Kiel

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

Mondays • 9 am–1:30 pm

Wednesdays • 9 am–9 pm

Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesdays • 7 pm

Rev. Christiane Dutton

Celebrating Friends in Christ

On Rally Day (**Sept. 12**) and Visitor's Sunday (**Sept. 26**), we are anticipating a large number of visitors. The Membership and Outreach Committee is asking Church leaders to wear their pre-printed name tags, and is providing sticker tags for everyone else. Sharing names is a great way to strengthen our common life and welcome our visitors!

If you have any questions, call Pam Ferrante at **412.362.5269**.

Rally Day *Sun., Sept. 12*

Our Church School classes (pg. 4) and our regular worship schedule resume (detailed to the right) on **Sun., Sept. 12!** Please join us in the Second Floor hallway, at 9:30 am, for a light, continental breakfast sponsored by the Christian Education Ministry Team, before classes begin.

Visitor's Sunday *Sun., Sept 26*

With all the events happening this month, make a special effort to invite a friend to worship with you on **Sun., Sept. 26**. There are three services that day, and following the 11 am worship, we will have our Spiritual Life Sampler in the Social Hall (pg. 3). At that time, a simple reception and small gift will be provided to welcome our visitors.



Many people have not found a place to share in regular worship and re-discover how to give of themselves as part of the active body of Christ. Your invitation to worship at ELPC can be the opening to just such a faith experience!

Through our Sunday worship, our Wednesday Taizé prayer time, our educational programs and mission ministries, there are ways for everyone to discover how to put their faith into practice. You can best thank the Membership and Outreach Committee, who sponsor this event, by bringing a friend to church on Visitor's Sunday!

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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



September: the month when children go back to school and when church school classes for all ages start again. School teachers know that you do not begin the first day of class with new material, but that you go back and review material already covered. For us too, as we enter another season in the life of the church, it is good to review some material already covered.

“In the beginning...” So begins the famous opening to the book of Genesis (a word which means “origins,” as in the English word “genealogical”). The first line is a statement asserted without any compulsion to offer other proof: “In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth.” How it occurred, out of what materials, in what geological timeframe—none of those questions is addressed or felt to be a particular matter of concern. All that is important is the establishment of two actors in the grand drama of life—a creator, God, and a created stage for life consisting of heavens and earth.

Immediately, those few words cause people to part company. One group moves to the other side of the room, self-identifying themselves with a variety of titles: skeptic, scientist, rationalist, atheist, doubter...and then they insist that all that exists can be explained in non-religious terms. The universe has always been, or at least emerged on its own after the Big Bang. Human life evolved from simple life-forms. Human emotions and so-called spiritual inclinations (be they altruistic virtues or creative visions or instinctual, sacrificial love) are just the byproduct of hormones and genetic impulses. Smaller and smaller the conversational focus becomes, moving away from talk of heaven and hunkering down in lectures on genomes and pheromones and natural (“No God needed”) selection.

The other group self-identifies with their own variety of titles: believer, person of faith, trusting soul, churchgoer, religious philosopher...and in their own way, simply insists that all that exists cannot be explained in non-religious terms. While the other group talks about evolution and science and reason; this group nods approvingly and adds in talk about wonder, surprise and hope that is stronger than death. And the place where the scales tip in the direction of belief vs. doubt is that spot when we ask the question: Why? Why is there something instead of nothing? What is the “why” behind an atheistic, impersonal, chance-driven creation?

There is no “why” without God. But by going back once more to Genesis 1 and saying quietly to ourselves, “In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,” then a “Why” and a “Wherefore” emerges. It takes the shape of love, of hope, of a yearning guided toward a promised completion—all of which we humbly attribute to God and then happily spend a lifetime exploring what it means to say “Yes” to that beginning phrase in the book of Genesis.

It’s September. Time to review, to remember our foundations of faith, and then to continue the lesson plan set before us.

Randy Bush

Organist/Music Director Search Update

The Organist/Music Director Search Committee has completed some very important steps this summer, even amidst vacations by candidates and committee members alike.

The pool of candidates has been narrowed from 82 to 5! Telephone interviews with the candidates' references have been made, CD auditions of hymn playing and service music have been submitted, and each candidate supplied the committee with lists of music they would schedule for particular services throughout the church year. The next steps for the committee are to review all the submitted materials and decide who will be invited to the next stage in the process: in-person interviews. We are planning for these interviews to take place this fall.

We appreciate all the feedback we are receiving from the congregation and as always appreciate your prayers as we draw closer to selecting the next Organist/Music Director for ELPC.

Respectfully,

Laura Ristau and
the Search Committee

Palestinian Perspectives for Peace

On Sundays in July–August, the Peace Committee held classes and asked four church members to share their perspectives from their recent visits to Palestine, where they met with Christian-Palestinian Peacemakers. The classes used the *Steadfast Hope* curriculum and a video by the Presbyterian Palestinian Mission Network. Attendance reached nearly 40 church members, who discussed the “wall,” home demolitions, settlements, divestment and investment strategies, and peacemaking activities in light of Presbyterian and Palestinian theologies.

The Peace Committee continues to consider further initiatives regarding peace in Jerusalem. We all are encouraged by the ELPC Session to study the recent Palestinian Christian report, *Kairos*, available from the Peace Committee, and to assist the Committee in furthering the peacemaking process in the Holy Land. The report not only calls for international action to aid the peacemaking process, but recognizes the right of Israel to secure existence and promises to continue with hope to pray and work for peace and relief from occupation.

Note: Copies of the curriculum are available from the Peace Committee for \$7.

Spiritual Life

Dr. Lois M. Lang, Associate in Ministry for Spiritual Life

Sun., Sept. 26: Spiritual Life Sampler Following 11 am worship

All are invited to join us for our annual Spiritual Life Sampler during Fellowship Time in the Social Hall. Learn about our new and continuing small groups, workshops and classes! This year's event showcases a variety of opportunities, including:

- Ignatian Exercises,
- Toy Makers Group,
- Happy Wanderers, and more!

We hope this year's Spiritual Life Sampler will provide food for thought as well as an opportunity for fellowship. See you there!



Stewardship 2011: The Pony Express Rides Again

We've hit a big milestone! With over half of our members pledging their financial support, we can finally say that "Pledging is valued and part of the culture at ELPC!" These acts of stewardship are critical as the church prepares responsible annual budgets and works for a sustainable financial future.



Stewardship 2011 is asking every member and friend to make time for this year's stewardship message—and to pass it on. We want everyone to consider the ways they can faithfully respond through acts of service and commitments of financial resources.

Our goal is to meet with the congregation through brief Pony Express meetings. We ask that you welcome the “messenger” who calls on you, and once you've heard the message, share it with the next person on the list and you're done! Between now and Stewardship Sunday (Nov.

14), our hope is to share our thoughts, reflect on our common faith, and re-commit ourselves to the ministry God has entrusted to all of us here at ELPC. For “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21).

We will be creating a display of the faces behind the pledges, and their reasons for their giving. Pass on to us a simple quote and let our youth take your picture for our Stewardship Vision Board. As we embrace the challenge to tithe and get ready for the Pony Express, this year's stewardship campaign will be something to celebrate!

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, Young Adults on page 5. 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*.

Help Keep Our Kids Safe



Children pose at Vacation Church School 2010.

In April, Session adopted a set of policies to help ensure the safety of every child and youth who participates in programs at ELPC. Many of the policies formalize practices that have been

in place, but there are some new guidelines. We recognize that child safety is a collective effort, requiring the partnership of parents/guardians, volunteers and staff in order to be a success. Therefore, we will be holding informational sessions and several training sessions throughout the fall so that everyone can learn about our policies and how we can do our best to keep our kids safe.

Dates and times for the sessions will be in our Bulletin and posted on our website. If you have any questions, call Pastor Heather at **412.441.3800 x 21**.

Christian Education

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, Associate Pastor for Educational Ministries

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

Sept. 12: Self-Control is Really God-Control *Led by Joe Kennedy*

Some of the concepts that are inherent in self-control include moderation, self-discipline, willpower and restraint. In and of ourselves, we don't have the willpower, strength or virtue to exercise consistent self-control. However, when we put our self under God's control, then we find the power we need to exercise self-control.

Sept. 19: The Presbyterian Church in Iraq *Led by Carol Haeussner*

Carol's parents were Christian missionaries in Iraq for 30 years. They lived in Kirkuk, where her father started a Protestant church in 1930. Following the fall of Saddam Hussein, Carol reconnected with that church. Today, Kirkuk Presbyterian Church is the most active Presbyterian church in Iraq. Its programs include the Kirkuk Church Kindergarten and Child Care Center, which will share in the 2010 Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women. Carol is a member of Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church and a member in the Iraq Partnership Network of PC (USA).

Sept. 26: Arab Christians in the Holy Lands *Led by Dr. Leila Richards*

Join us as Dr. Richards speaks about Christian communities in Palestine, Lebanon and Iraq. She is a physician who has served in Lebanon, Gaza and other strife-torn areas. If you are interested in the Peacemaking Theology of the Presbyterian Church, helpful information may be obtained at www.pcusa.org/middleeastpeace/who.htm.

JOURNEY WITH SCRIPTURE *Facilitator: Jan Irvin*

Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth; for the Lord has spoken (Isa 1:2). The church is a "hearing" church. Even if you have heard scripture once or one hundred times, by the Spirit it speaks a fresh word. You are invited to read and reflect upon Hebrew and New Testament scriptures selected from the wider church's weekly readings. Journey to transformation and new homecomings!

Sept. 12: *Jer. 4:11–12, 22–28; Ps. 14; I Tim. 1:12–17; Luke 15:1–10*

Sept. 19: *Jer. 8:18–9:1; Ps. 79:1–9; I Tim. 2:1–7; Luke 16:1–13*

Sept. 26: *Jer. 32:1–3a, 6–15; Ps. 91:1–6, 14–16; I Tim. 6:6–19; Luke 16:19–31*

PARENTING CIRCLE *Facilitators: Frances Irvin and Yamuna*

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! By sharing experiences, resources, prayer and scripture, we explore how our faith builds and nourishes our family lives. We discuss ways to encourage our own, and our children's, spiritual growth.

Sept. 12: Sharing Summer Stories, Joys, and Concerns

Sept. 19–26: Involving Children in Worship and the Life of the Church

Join in discussion about how to best engage our children to participate in various aspects of our faith community. See the Sunday bulletins for weekly topics.

SEEKERS *Facilitator: Gwen Puza*

Sept. 12: The Beginning of a New Seekers Year

We will catch up on our lives and take a look at our 2010–11 schedule.

Sept. 19–26: Eco-Justice & Environmental Ministries *Led by Rev. Barbara McFarland*

"Environmental Ministries" includes all ministries designed to heal and defend creation. "Eco-Justice" includes efforts to assure justice for all creation and the human beings who live in it. The class will utilize resources from the PC (USA) Environmental Ministries Office and its Earth Care Congregations program.

Youth Ministry

The Rev. Brian Diebold, Coordinator

Our Wednesday Connection program includes *free* Hope Academy classes, snacks, homework help, a simple supper for families, and our Taizé service at 7 pm.

club one sixteen junior and senior Youth in grades 1–12

Join us for our first meeting of the year! We'll meet in the Ground Floor Youth Rooms at 6 pm, for a dinner prepared by an ELPC member, then split into age groups to enjoy an interactive Bible Study from 7–8 pm.



For details about **club one sixteen** and Wednesday Connection, please contact Pastor Heather or see our Youth Calendar.



Youth Basketball Saturdays, beginning Sept. 18, from 5–8 pm

Young men in grades 9–12 are welcome to join us in the ELPC gym for pick-up games, drills, and time with friends. ELPC Youth Worker Anthony Williams facilitates this *free* program.

Young Adult Ministry

Wil Forrest, Coordinator

We thank the Rev. Brian Diebold for the years of dedicated service he has given our group, as he begins to shift his focus to our Youth Ministry in the coming year. We also welcome Wil Forrest as our new Young Adult coordinator this fall.

The latest slate of programs and opportunities will be available soon. Get involved and join us in sharing Christian fellowship, serving, and enjoying God.

Hope Academy

Linda Addlespurger, Director

Sing a Song, Bust a Move, Act Up!

Our fall term begins on **Sat., Sept. 18**. Download a brochure and registration form at www.HopeAcademyArts.com. Return the registration form as soon as possible to reserve your spot!

New classes include **Boys Dance!**, a *free* class taught by Dance Alloy's Michael Walsh; and **Ballet for Teen Dancers**, taught by Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre teacher, Kerra Alexander.

Classically-inclined musicians—of all ages and abilities—are invited to participate in **EL CEO** (East Liberty Community Engagement Orchestra) under the direction of Alia Musica's Artistic Director and Conductor, Federico Garcia. Join us on **Sat., Aug. 28**, at 2 pm, to find out more.

There is something for everyone, from *free* Voices of Hope singing and drumming ensembles on Wednesdays after school, to Musical Theater Workshop and Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre dance classes on Saturdays, and private music instruction.

New Staff Member: Wil Forrest



As part of a commitment by ELPC's Session and Personnel Committee to strengthen our ministry to Young Adults and encourage volunteer involvement by congregation

members, it is a joy to introduce Wil Forrest as the new coordinator for our Young Adult Ministry and Volunteer in Ministry programs.

This part-time position will use Wil's gifts as he strengthens our Young Adult ministry and facilitates ways for every member to use their gifts for the worship, mission, educational and outreach goals of our community of faith. Here are some words from Wil:

In Wil's Words

Hello, my sisters and brothers in Christ. I have been around less the past couple years due to my role as the Youth Director at Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church in Green Tree. In this role, I serve as not only the Youth Director, but also coordinator of the Young Adult Fellowship program, staff to the Mission Committee and other various roles with worship and educational ministries. I will continue in this role at Wallace, as I excitedly embrace my new complementary part-time roles here at ELPC.

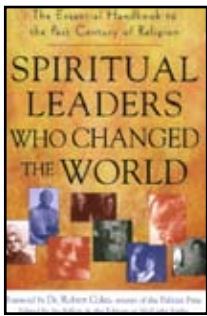
Becoming a part of the team at ELPC is a dream come true. I have been an ELPC member for several years, and I have a strong belief in the good work God is doing through our congregation.

For most of my time here, I have been a member of the Young Adult group, so I am excited to help lead this diverse, fun group. It is indeed a blessing to be able to identify, organize and channel the spiritual gifts of our congregation to bring glory to God, and a helping hand to our community as we implement the Volunteers in Ministry program.

I ask each of you to begin this journey with me and make sure our hearts, heads and hands are all doing God's work in our church and in our community. Soon I will ask you to examine your gifts and rededicate yourself as a ministry volunteer, but for now I simply and humbly ask for your prayers for me and for these new journeys I am taking with you.

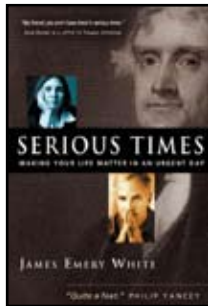
New In the Library

Two new books in the library may give guidance on how we can make a difference in the world around us.



Spiritual Leaders Who Changed the World, edited by Ira Rifkin presents 75 profiles written by various authors of diverse spiritual leaders over the last century who made far reaching contributions.

Serious Times by James Emery White focuses on seven men who made their lives matter. The author looks at history and culture to assess the contributions of these men.



Donations for Toymakers

ELPC's Toymakers' Group is making beanbags, and needs donations of **Styrofoam shipping peanuts**. Please put them to good use by bringing them to the church office, labeled "Toymakers". Thank you!

Christmas Cards for Jail Inmates

Each year, the Chaplain's office at the Allegheny County Jail gives inmates two Christmas cards to send to their loved ones. Secular or religious cards are welcome. Envelopes must be plain white. Oversized or odd-sized cards cannot be accepted.

Please leave your gift of Christmas cards in the marked box in the Church office by **Sun., Oct. 3**.

Classes After Taizé Prayer

The Rev. Christiane Dutton, Minister of Taizé Prayer

Note: Classes begin at 8:15 pm. We will not meet on **Wed., Sept. 1**.

Wed., Sept. 8: Music on the Labyrinth Led by Charles Anderson

Wed., Sept. 15: Sacred Harp/Shape Note Singing Led by Charles Anderson

Wed., Sept. 22: The Largest Possible Life Led by Laurie Arnold
Join us as we explore a sense of possibility in this writing workshop.

Wed., Sept. 29: Celebrations!

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

Presbyterian Women

Mary Alice Lightle, Moderator

Tues., Sept. 7: Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today

Although brimming with mysterious symbolism, *Revelation* is a book of hope. In the nine lessons of *Journeys Through Revelation*, author Barbara Rossing leads us to a renewed creation in which God comes to live with us on earth.



Please join us on **Tues., Sept. 7**, at 10 am, in the Second Floor Parlor as we begin our journey. Joan Heckel leads our lesson, "An Apocalypse, an Author, and a Witness" (Revelation 1). A potluck lunch follows. Please bring a salad or snack to share and your own place setting. Beverages are provided. Contact Diane Jackson for more information at **412.441.6021** or dnjcks@verizon.net.

Fri., Sept 24–25: Ready, Set, Serve: Fall Retreat for Women

In addition to leadership by Susy Robison, Manager of Outreach and Volunteer Services for the Homeless Children's Education Fund, we will prepare and serve breakfast at the Men's Shelter on Saturday. There also will be plenty of fun, including an optional overnight at ELPC, massages and more.

We begin on Friday at 5:30 pm, with a potluck supper and conclude on Saturday by 2 pm, after worship. Registration is **\$9** if paid by noon on Wed., Sept. 23 (\$12 after). Child care is available on Saturday, but must be reserved by noon on Wednesday. Pick up a flier and registration form on the PW bulletin board.

Birthday Offering

Since 1922, the Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women has enabled new and innovative projects throughout the world. This year's offering will support:

- Expansion of the Kindergarten and Child Care Center at the Kirkuk Presbyterian Church in Iraq. The center currently serves 150 students of all faiths.
- The R.I.S.E. (Reach-Improve-Strengthen-Empower) Project at Peace Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Ky. This program serves children, youth, adults and families who are at-risk or in need of support during a transitional period.

We will receive the Birthday Offering at our fall retreat. Celebrate life's blessings with a gift of 10 cents for each year you have lived (or \$10). Make checks payable to "Presbyterian Women in East Liberty Presbyterian Church."

Health Ministry

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



Health Resources Available

All are invited to browse the health resources located in the middle section of the ELPC Library. There are many pamphlets and diabetic cookbooks that you can check out by signing the card with your contact information, and placing it in the box on the desk. Other materials are for reference only, and must stay in the library. In addition to health topics, the bottom shelf has reference booklets detailing agencies that serve senior citizens.

If you'd like any other information or have suggestions, leave a note in the basket on the bottom shelf. We hope you find the materials helpful!

Exercise Classes Resume

- **Tai Chi** Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 14, from 10–11 am and 6–7 pm
Experience flowing movements and treat your body to a relaxing workout. The cost of this class is \$25 for 10 classes. Pre-registration is required.
- **Yoga** Thursdays, from 7:15–8:45 pm
Relax and renew your body, mind and spirit. Classes are led by Yamuna, a Kripalu-certified instructor. A donation to the instructors is appreciated.
- **JourneyDance** Second Friday of each month, beginning Sept. 10, from 7–8 pm
Use movement to celebrate your inner strengths. Classes are led by Yamuna. A donation from the heart is appreciated.

We encourage you to wear comfortable clothing that allows for a full range of motion. Call Kate Carlson at 412.441.3800 x17 for more information.

Listening: A Gift We All Can Offer *By Deborah Brower*

Have you ever been in a conversation where you couldn't focus on what the other person was saying because you were busy formulating a response or preoccupied with wanting to share some relevant tidbit about your own life? You are not alone. It happens to all of us at some point because we are cognitive beings who are regularly bombarded with technology, experiences, and perceptions that naturally bring about the desire for expression. Additionally, there is the added impetus to speak for fear of not remembering what we wanted to say.

Drawing from an article by Carol Hegberg called "A Listening Ministry," listening can be a health ministry for and by the whole congregation, right where the rubber meets the road. No committee to form, no meetings to schedule, just a few guidelines to keep in mind. This practice can heighten awareness and bring about satisfaction and joy in knowing we have spiritually supported one another.

Flying in the face of the proclivity to "fix" things, patience is probably at the top of the list of attributes of a sincere listener. Time is required to build trust and the recipient should never feel hurried. Concentrate on the individual's concerns and affirm their insights. Offer relevant examples, but make sure you are not the one doing most of the talking. Finally, as per Carol Hegberg, "Listening involves hearing and understanding not only all of what people are saying but also what they are afraid to say. To listen with your heart is to love another person."

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

ELPC People

Good News

Congratulations to the couples who were married this summer:

- **Eric** and **Amy** (White) **Stroud**
- **Rob** and **Carrie** (Gilmore) **Wagner**
- **Sal** and **Katie** (Confer) **DePasquale**
- **Carol** (Untch) and **Joann** (Rogers) **Chonoska**
- **Vivienne Bartman** and **Reese McClellan**
- **Nathan** and **Jennifer** (Woods) **Knopp**

• ELPC member **Tara Marks** was honored as one of the *New Pittsburgh Courier's* 50 Women of Excellence for 2010.

• Congratulations to **Bill Wade**, who has two photographs on display at the Associated Artists of Pittsburgh's 100th Annual Exhibition at the Carnegie Museum of Art, through Sun., Sept. 19.

Thanks

• Thank you for your cards, prayers and concerns in the loss of my brother, and my ill health. My spirit is energized. Restoration is in progress. I praise God, for Him and you!

In the faith,
Agnes Green

• Thank you to **Polly** and **Josh Mattila** for their work on the 2010 Vacation Church School CD.

Prayers

• Condolences to the family of former member, **Knox Motheral**, who died on August 7.

EECM

Food Pantry

The "Food of the Month" is **jelly/jam**.

Men's Shelter
Requested items are **XL underwear, tee-shirts, and deodorant**.



Please drop these items in the hallway baskets. Your support in the forms of donations and prayer is appreciated.



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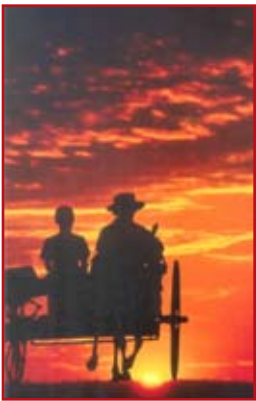
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Photographs: A Retrospective

From Sun., Sept. 12–26



Our first art exhibit this fall features images by Krista Reitz. Her photographs include: macro work, cultural studies, landscapes, special effects and abstracts.

The exhibit opens with a reception on **Sun., Sept. 12**, after the 11 am worship service, in Room 234 and the Second Floor Parlor. All profits benefit the ELPC Arts Committee.

For details, contact Rev. Phil Jamison at **412.462.4689** or philjr@gmail.com with “ELPC ART” in the subject line.

Church Picnic

Join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship and fun on **Sun., Sept. 19**, immediately following our 11 am worship service.

This year, our picnic will be in the Courtyard (covered seating will be available). The Christian Education Ministry Team will provide fried chicken, hot dogs and Italian ice. Everyone is asked to bring a cold side dish to share (we will not have warming facilities available). Games will be organized for children in the ELPC gym and bowling alley.

Connections Dinners

Do you want to have fun and get to know a few of your fellow church members? A new season of Connections Dinners starts this fall! Connections Dinners are small groups (7–10 people) who meet for fellowship and pot-luck.

To join or for more details, look for the sign-up table during Fellowship between now and the Church Picnic. Or contact Gil Hickman, **412.243.8837** (gil101@comcast.net) or Paul Outon, **412.322.1803** (paulouton@yahoo.com).



A group enjoys a Connections Dinner last season. Photo courtesy of Gil Hickman.

Offices Closed: Church offices will be closed all day and evening on **Mon., Sept. 6**, for the Labor Day Holiday.