

EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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As a diverse community of believers, we strive to follow God – the Creator who calls us, Jesus who teaches us, and the Spirit who empowers us. We show God's unconditional love by providing a refuge for spiritual growth, ardently pursuing justice, and extending Christ's radical hospitality to all. (Strategic Vision mission statement, 2011)

JULY 24, 2016 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TIME OF PREPARATION

Praise me, says God, and I will know that you love me. Curse me, says God, and I will know that you love me. Praise me or curse me and I will know that you love me. Sing out my graces, says God, raise your fist against me and revile, says God. Sing out graces or revile, reviling is also a kind of praise, says God. But if you sit fenced off in your apathy, says God, if you sit entrenched in: "I don't give a hang," says God, if you look at the stars and yawn, if you see suffering and don't cry out, if you don't praise and you don't revile, then I created you in vain, says God. (Aaron Zeitlin, "If You Look at the Stars")

Who made the world? Who made the swan, and the black bear? Who made the grasshopper? This grasshopper, I mean the one who has flung herself out of the grass, the one who is eating sugar out of my hand, who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down—who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes. Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face. Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away. I don't know exactly what a prayer is. I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass, how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields, which is what I have been doing all day. Tell me, what else should I have done? Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon? Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life? (Mary Oliver, "The Summer Day")

GATHERING MUSIC

"God Is So Good" (songbook #1)

"All Creatures of Our God And King" (songbook #2)

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (songbook #3)

GOD IS SO GOOD LASST UNS ERFREUEN HYMN TO JOY

Welcome & Church News

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Callahan

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: Y también contigo.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 85, Nan Merrill, "Psalms for Praying")

Damon and Lora Bethea

Leader: O Beloved, how gracious you are to your people; you restore their souls time and time again.

You forgive their distractions when they wander far from you; you give them new life.

People: Yes, you bless them and raise up new hope; you awaken their hearts to love.

Leader: Restore us again, O Spirit of Truth; burn us with the refining Fire of Love! We cannot live

separated from you; cast out the demons of fear, doubt, and illusion.

People: Revive us again, we pray; may your people rejoice in you! Leader: Let us rejoice in the Lord, the Beloved! Let us worship God!

^{*} Indicates where you may please rise in body or spirit.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Damon and Lora Bethea

Leader:

Friends, God is certainly present in this place, loving us and calling us into ever deeper intimacy. Let us, then, each one in silence, offer to God those things which get in the way of our being fully present to this divine love.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN

"To You I Pray, O Lord" (songbook #4)

To you I pray, O Lord. I lift up my hands.

My body pines for you like a dry and weary land.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Damon and Lora Bethea

Leader:

Two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ came that we might know God's unconditional love, God's unconditional forgiveness. Friends, know in your hearts and believe the good news of the

gospel!

People:

EPISTLE LESSON

En Jesucristo tenemos perdón!

¡Alaben a Dios!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Praise God!

Colossians 2:6-15

The Rev. Mercy Chilapula

Pastor of Balaka CCAP Church of Central African Presbyterian

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Judith A. Menk

There is an Extended Session class available in the summer for children who have completed Kindergarten and younger in the Nursery Suite on the first floor near the Highland Ave entrance.

* HYMN

"O Savior, in This Quiet Place" (songbook #5)

ST. STEPHEN

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 11:1-13

The Rev. Callahan

SERMON

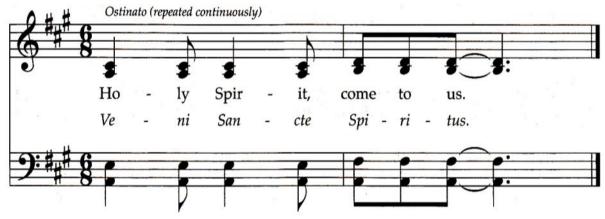
"Fish and Eggs and Snakes and Scorpions, Oh My!"

The Rev. Callahan

SUNG RESPONSE

"Holy Spirit, Come To Us"

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Callahan

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

We offer our gifts in response to God's love, and the grace of Jesus Christ, which we seek to make known through the ministries of this congregation.

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July 24 • 10th Sunday after Pentecost

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

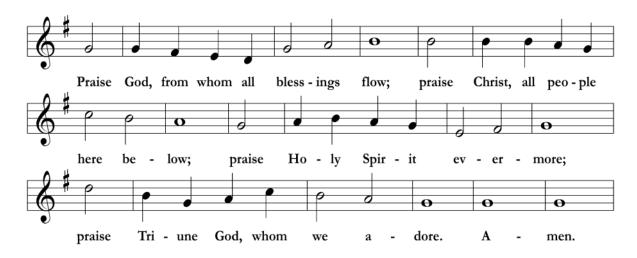
"O Lord, Increase My Faith"

attr. Orlando Gibbons

O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me, and confirm me in thy true faith, endue me with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience in all my adversity. Sweet Jesus, say Amen.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes.

People: Y también contigo.

Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.

People: Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.

Leader: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.

People: Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios.

Leader: In gratitude, O Beloved, in deep gratitude we offer to you all that we have and all that we are

and ask that you receive these tokens of our love and commitment to be used that your will be

done, that your kingdom might come, that your love might reign forever and ever.

People: Amén. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN

"Standing in the Need of Prayer" (songbook #6)

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Callahan

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy and Pamela Kimmel

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Lord be with you.

We lift them up to the Lord.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

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♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

> The Rev. Mercy Chilapula Damon and Lora Bethea

Pamela Kimmel Judith A. Menk

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,

Organist/Music Director

Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, Music Associate

Chancel Choir

Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the Narthex for our Fellowship Time. All are welcome!

If you would like to make a food or monetary donation in support of our Fellowship Time, please call Pam Kimmel (412.441.3800 x18).

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

If you would like to purchase flowers for our worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, please call Norma (412.441.3800 x11). The cost is \$50 a Sunday during the summer.

♦ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

During the summer, we adjust our Sunday worship schedule to enjoy the glory of the season.

8:45 am Journey Prayer. A service that includes singing, reading of scripture and shared prayer in the style of the *Journey Worship* service. This time of prayer will be alternately led by Pastors Randy, Patrice and Mary Lynn. In Social Hall.

July 31 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush.

10 am Courtyard Summer Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and gathering music prior to the service.

July 31 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

Extended Session

After the *Moments with the Children* during the 10 am Summer service, a children's ministry is offered with songs, Bible or mission stories, prayer, sharing and creative activities. A simple snack is served.

There is only one Extended Session class available in the summer for children who have completed Kindergarten and younger in the Nursery Suite on the first floor near the Highland Ave entrance. It is available every Sunday.

♦ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

A 35-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward; an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation.

Mondays, 7 am to 1 pm Wednesdays, 9 am to 9 pm

Taizé Sung Prayer

Chants and periods of meditative silence modeled after the Taizé community in France.

Wednesdays, 7 pm

Prayer Room (Room 135, in Highland Ave hallway)

Come to sit and pray in silence. Come to listen for the still, small voice of God. Come to experience the quiet in the midst of the wonderful busyness that is ELPC.

Open everyday

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are grateful to have you join us for worship this morning and ask you to register your name in our Friendship Book.

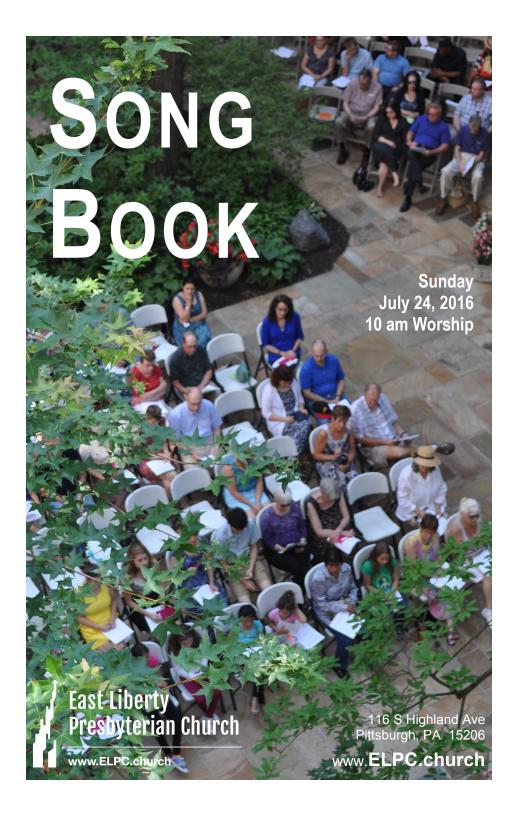
To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to:

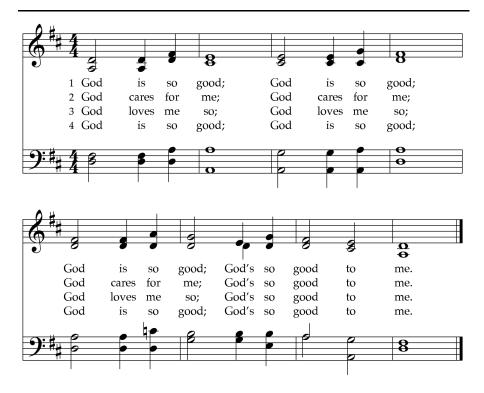
Stay after today's service for our Fellowship Time in the Narthex. Identify yourself as a newcomer, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have about ELPC.

Pick up a copy of our newsletter, the *Reaching Out*, either in the Narthex or at the Hospitality Desk near the Highland Avenue doors.

Attend a New Members and Friends Class on Sept 25 and Oct 2 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp to register or for more info (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x22).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.



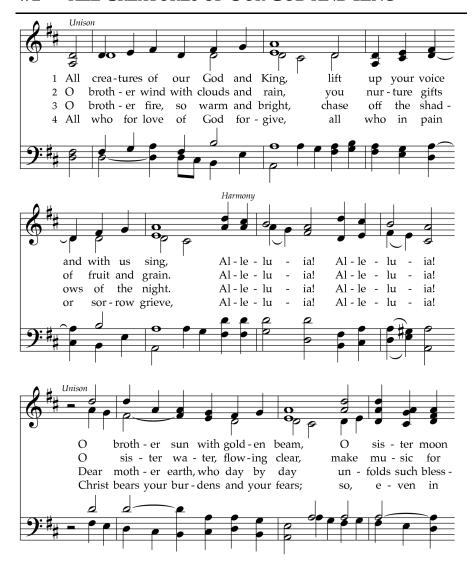


The exact origins of this chorus celebrating God's providential care are not clear, but it seems to have arisen during the 1970s. Because the text changes so little, the slowly rising four-note pattern of the tune provides the primary source of energy within its five-note range.

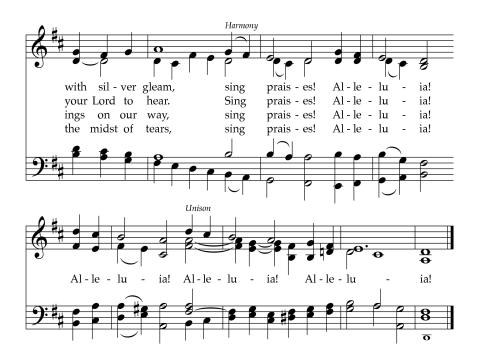
TEXT and MUSIC: Anon. GOD IS SO GOOD

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#2 — ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING



Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."



#3 — JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE



This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.



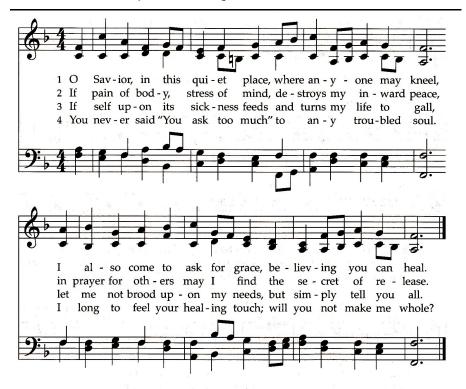
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#5 — O SAVIOR, IN THIS QUIET PLACE



- 5 But if the thing I most desire is not your way for me, may faith, when tested in the fire, prove its integrity.
- 6 Of all my prayers, may this be chief: till faith is fully grown, Lord, disbelieve my unbelief, and claim me as your own.

This prayer for healing was written for the ecumenical St. Barnabas Counseling Centre in Norwich, England. As hymns often do, it provides a model for how to pray honestly but not selfishly. It is set to a tune by an Anglican clergyman who wrote on scientific and musical matters.

#6 — STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER



Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals,

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International Partnership Gala

Sunday, July 31



A special gala celebration will be held at ELPC on Sunday, July 31 at 4:30 pm to celebrate 25 years of partnership between Pittsburgh Presbytery and Malawi Presbyterians well as more recent connections with the Presbyterian Church in South Sudan).

Please register online at bit.do/gala2016

or by contacting

Kate Carlson

(KateC@coh.net)
in the church office.

Tickets are \$25.

The gala dinner will be followed by a worship service at 7 pm in our Sanctuary, to which all are invited.



Church Events and Announcements

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TODAY AT ELPC

Welcome to Worship at ELPC!

We are thankful you have chosen to worship God this summer with us. Please note that while the location of our 10 am worship service is in the courtyard, seating is also available in the 3rd floor Music Room, and on the 3rd floor balcony overlooking the courtyard; where the service is projected onto a large screen, and the patio seating is shaded. For the safety and comfort for all worshipping, those arriving after seating in the courtyard is full will be directed to the 3rd floor for additional seating, which can be easily accessed by any staircase from the 1st floor, or by taking the elevator. Thank you!

Journey Prayer

A *Journey Prayer* time of sharing and gathering of the Journey worshipping community will be held each Sunday morning (through Sept 4) at 8:45 am in the Social Hall. *Journey Prayer* will include singing, reading of scripture and shared prayer in the style of the Journey Worship service. This time of prayer will be alternately led by Pastors Randy, Patrice and Mary Lynn. **Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!**

Special Fellowship Time

Please join us during today's Fellowship Time in the Narthex when Clara Gamalski will have an interview booth where you may try some foods and talk about your food preferences and food memories. She will be in the Narthex until 12:30 pm with six different foods for you to try. She can do interviews with individuals or groups of two or three. Clara is getting her Master's in Food Studies at Chatham University and today's work will be part of an exhibit of video conversations about what people in Pittsburgh like to eat. She is setting up interview booths at 30 different locations around Pittsburgh. Please help her with this project if you are able.

Soul Food Summer Session

The *Soul Food* class will hold the second of its three monthly summer sessions shortly after today's 10 am service in the Pastor's Conference Room. The final summer class will be on Aug 28.

Summer Film Series

ELPC's Mission Board invites you to attend their 2016 Summer Film Series. Hosted by the Justice Committee, the viewing of *The Imitation Game* in Room 234 after this morning's 10 am worship service will be the 3rd film in the series. The final film is *Making a Killing: Guns, Greed, and the NRA* on July 31, hosted by the Peace Committee.

Young Adult Ministry Event

This summer, young adults are exploring the intersections of Christianity with other faith traditions and other cultures. We are seeking how to interact with and learn from other traditions while concurrently respecting them and honoring our own beliefs. Each event includes time to explore but also time to reflect as a group. Young adults are invited to express interest in a selection of summer programs by RSVPing via Facebook (or via Wil if not on Facebook). Today at 10:30 am, young adults are invited to learn about and to worship with local Quakers at the Friend's Meeting House on Ellsworth Ave. Please see Wil Forrest for a ride or information.

Hand Fans

Keep cool while at worship this summer with the new hand fans available near each entrance to the worship area. Please leave them at the exit when worship is over.

Today's Deacon-On-Duty

The Summer service DOD is Mary Evrard.



Centering Prayer — Tuesdays

Jon Nelson will lead *Centering Prayer* on Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Prayer and Meditation Room. Please note the day and time changes from Wednesdays. All are invited.

LGBTQ Ministry Gathering - July 30

God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.

The next LGBTQ Ministry gathering is when we welcome Black Pride Pittsburgh's Family Affair on Saturday, July 30 from 1-4 pm at ELPC. All are welcome at this free public pride event full of family-friendly fun and games. To learn more about this event or the LGBTQ Ministry, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14). All allies and LGBTQ folks are welcome!

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The gala dinner will be followed by a worship service at 7 pm in our Sanctuary, to which all are invited.

As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Sue Bailey, Suzanne Bennett,
Jason Dauer, Mike Dillon's sister Carol,
Katelyn Haas's friend Kathleen,
Kathey Hackney's brother Kevin, Cathie Hajdu,
Jan Herzer's friends Bob, Sharon and Francine,
Ida Joiner, Sandy Kalsey, Pam Kimmel's niece Jen,
Mary Anne Kirby, Gloria Knopp,
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,
Jan Pressman's daughter Caryn, Judy Roberts,
Heather Schoenewolf's aunt Judy,
Pat Valoon's friend Kristen and
Jerry and Evie Wrzosek's daughter-in-law Jessica.

Our condolences to Gail Karkaria on her brother's passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

Centennial Fund	Monday, 6:00 pm (Pastor's Conf Rm)
Heritage	Tuesday, 6:30 pm (Heritage Rm)
Session	Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 234)
Peace	Thursday, 5:30 pm (Pastor's Conf Rm)

Feeling Crafty?

New helpers of all skill levels are always welcomed at these groups. Contact Diane Jackson for more info (412.441.6021; dnjcks@verizon.net).

- * Knitting Group Tuesday, Aug 2, 1–3 pm, Rm 244
- * Toy Makers Wednesdays, Aug 3, 17, 31, 9 am–Noon, Sewing Rm
- * Sewing Group Monday, Aug 15, 2:30–6 pm, Sewing Rm

Young Adult Ministry Event — Aug 5

Connect with the Divine and with each other as we join our voices in Hebrew Chant at ELPC in the Courtyard (weather permitting) on Friday, Aug 5 for the *First Friday* event. Led by David Goldstein, we will experience this form of meditation that opens the door of our heart.

Mission Trip Recaps — Aug 14

Join us on Sunday, Aug 14 as our youth mission trip teams share stories and pictures from their trips during worship at 10 am, and then help host Fellowship Time following the service. Youth and parents should plan to attend.

Summer Celebration of Service — Aug 18

All who have served in our church and community this year are invited to our 7th annual *Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers* from 6-7:30 pm on Thursday, Aug 18 in the Courtyard. Main dish and drinks will be provided, but you may bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please label any containers with your name if you want it back. No serving utensils are needed. Come for a few minutes or stay the entire time!

In our

Community



Farmers' Market — Mondays

The East Liberty Famers' Market is held every Monday from 3-7 pm in the parking lot between Station St & N Euclid Ave.

Donations to EECM

East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM) is in need of these donations: tooth paste, foot powder, deodorant. Their July food-of-the-month is macaroni and cheese. Please leave your donations in the basket near the Hospitality Desk.

Help Make Worship Happen — Aug 28

Each week, dozens of volunteers are needed to help make worship happen. You just need to be present and have a servant's heart to be one of these wonderful volunteers! Interested in learning how to help? Join us in the Chapel following the 10 am worship service on Sunday, Aug 28 for a brief informational meeting. We will review the ways in which you can volunteer on any given Sunday. Come learn and maybe serve.

Diaper Drive Need Does Not Take a Summer Vacation

One in three families struggles to provide diapers. If you can help with this need, please leave your gift of diapers in the church office (sizes 5 and 6 are needed most). Presbyterian Women thank you.

The Chapel Market

The Chapel Market is accepting donations of clean, gently used spring and summer clothing. Men's casual shirts and pants are especially needed. The Chapel Market is open for donations, as well as shopping, on Mondays from 10 am to Noon and Thursdays from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Sponsor Our Flowers for Worship

If you would like to purchase the flowers used in our worship service, please contact Norma (Norma@coh.net). A brief notation of your choosing will be included in the printed Sunday bulletin when you sponsor that week's flowers. The cost is \$50 per Sunday through Sept 4.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

♦ Food for Thought Meal Team Member ♦

Looking for a way to put your love in action?

Contact Wil (412.441.3800 x14). Visit the iSERVE webpage at www.ELPC.church/programs/iserve-2 to learn about other service opportunities.