

An aerial photograph of a church courtyard. A large group of people is seated in white plastic chairs, arranged in a semi-circle facing a long white-covered table. The courtyard is surrounded by lush green trees, and a building is visible in the background. The scene is bathed in bright sunlight, creating strong shadows.

Summer Worship

June 25, 2023

10 am • Courtyard



East Liberty
Presbyterian Church

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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)

JUNE 25, 2023 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TIME OF PREPARATION

Lord God, we thank you for all you reveal in your creation so that our lives may be fruitful. Reveal your wisdom and strength among people everywhere so that death and destruction do not have their way, but your will, your love, your mercy shall prevail. Let our age learn that power belongs to you, and that you will at last fulfill all your promises to all of creations. Your day of justice and holiness will break in, and all misery will be removed through your great mercy. Watch over us as you have done till this hour and keep us safe. Be present and carry out your will wherever there is misfortune. May your will be done on earth as in heaven. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC *(music printed in bulletin)*

#410
#730

“God Is Calling through the Whisper”
“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

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GRAND ISLE

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.
People: Y también contigo.

The Rev. Schoenewolf
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Melia and Paige McKenzie-Chandler

Leader: God cares for us completely and calls for our total commitment.
People: Christ gave his life that we might live and calls us to give our lives to him.
Leader: Through Christ, we have died to sin; in Christ we are fully alive to God.
People: Come, let us worship God together.

* OPENING HYMN #336 *(music printed in bulletin)*

KREMSE

“We Gather Together”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Melia and Paige McKenzie-Chandler

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Melia and Paige McKenzie-Chandler

Hear our prayers to you, O Lord: for our lack of compassion toward the poor, have mercy on us. For our failure to end the destruction of air, water, soil, and creatures on earth, have mercy on us. For our disbelief in your power to make us whole, have mercy on us. For all that we have done and have not done out of hardened hearts, have mercy on us. Forgive us and renew us. Guide us into ways that do not deny you but lead to peace. Amen.

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TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Melia and Paige McKenzie-Chandler

Leader: Do not be afraid. The one who was and is and is to come knows you through and through and has overcome death and sin to forgive you so that you might be delivered into joy that has no end. Your sins are forgiven. You are alive to God in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón.
¡Alaben a Dios!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Praise God!

RESPONSIVE HYMN #427 (*music printed in bulletin; please sing 3 times—refrain only*)
“Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart”

LOE DE ÍSA

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:1-4

Melia and Paige McKenzie-Chandler

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

Children of any age are welcome to come forward for Moments with our Children.

Children in preschool through grade 3 are invited to the Chapel for a time of learning together. Children younger than age 3 are welcome to attend, if accompanied by their parents. Parents and caregivers should meet their children in the back of the Chapel during the Doxology, when children will return to the worship service. The nursery is open to young children under the age of 3. Please note that attendance may be limited based on staff to child ratios, so we can only ensure participation on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents/caregivers must complete a registration form and sign children in and out of the nursery each day.

* HYMN #738 (*music printed in bulletin*)

MARYTON

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Darrell D. Knopp

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

The Rev. Dr. Knopp

SERMON

“He Humbled Himself”

The Rev. Dr. Knopp

ELPC GOOD NEWS

Doris Dick and Sharon Geibel

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

The Lord's Prayer can be found on pg. 35 (English), on pg. 40 (Español) or on pg. 45 (한국어) in the Glory to God hymnal.

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

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.

You are invited to use the QR code to the right if you would like to make a donation in support of ELPC. A donation box is also available in the Narthex.



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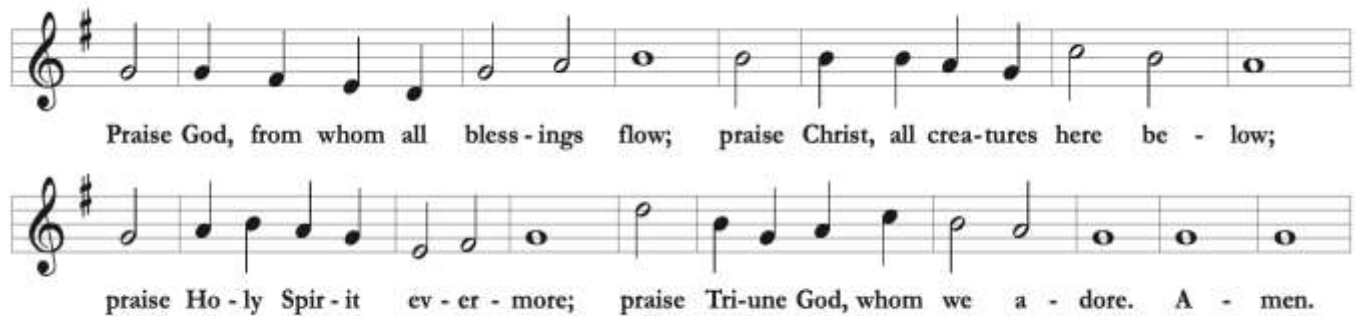
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“The Gift to Be Free”

arr. Rollo Dilworth
Based on the Shaker Tune *Simple Gifts*

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf
The Rev. Woodworth

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| Leader: | El Señor esté con ustedes. | The Lord be with you. |
| People: | Y también contigo. | And also with you. |
| Leader: | Levantemos nuestros corazones. | Lift up your hearts. |
| People: | Lo tenemos levantado al Señor. | We lift them up to the Lord. |
| Leader: | Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios. | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. |
| People: | Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios. | It is right to give God thanks and praise. |
| Leader: | Take our hearts, our hands, and these gifts we bring, Holy God. Mold us, shape us, send us so that we might be your body in the world you so love. | |
| People: | Amén. | Amen. |

* CLOSING HYMN #718 (*music printed in bulletin*)

BOURBON

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Knopp



As part of ELPC's mission to extend radical hospitality to all, our full worship service is now being livestreamed on Facebook and archived at www.ELPC.church.

This notice is to inform you that by being in attendance, you give permission for incidences where you appear within the video.

Should you have any questions, please see one of our pastors.

Please silence all electronic devices before the service begins.

◆ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Darrell D. Knopp
Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
The Rev. BJ Woodworth
Doris Dick and Sharon Geibel
Sara Hackett
Melia and Paige McKenzie-Chandler
Musicians: Ethan LaPlaca,
Guest Keyboard/Conductor
ELPC Summer Choir
Sound: Tim Benedict
Wayne Gaines

◆ SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Each Sunday morning, there is coffee available in the Narthex from 9 am to Noon.

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor flowers for our weekly worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, contact Frances Wilson (wilson.franr@gmail.com). The cost is \$100 during the summer worship schedule.

◆ SUNDAY WORSHIP

10 am..... Summer Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from piano and choir and soloists. The service is also livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook. Weather permitting, this service will be held in the Courtyard. Additional seating is available in the Garth Overlook Room if you prefer to sit inside.
July 2 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Taizé: Prayerful Song and Quiet Meditation
Chants and periods of meditative silence modeled after the Taizé community in France. Rev. BJ Woodworth leads this service in the Chapel.

Wednesdays, 7 pm

Prayer Room (*in Highland Ave hallway*)

Come to sit and pray in silence. Come to experience the quiet in the midst of the wonderful busyness.

Available everyday

◆ WEEKLY SPIRITUAL LIFE OFFERINGS

Meditation Hour

Join John Benedict, retired psychologist and practitioner of insight meditation, in the Chapel for an hour devoted to meditation, which includes an opening reading, silent sitting, and walking. All are welcome!

Tuesdays, 6-7 pm

Cathedral Yoga

Yamuna will lead yoga in-person in the Sanctuary.

Wednesdays, 6 to 7 pm (*before Taizé*)

Journey Dance

Enjoy an evening of healthy, energizing, funky and divine dancing on the 3rd Friday of every month.

July 21, Aug 18, Sept 15.

Oct 20, Nov 17

7-8:30 pm

WELCOME VISITORS!

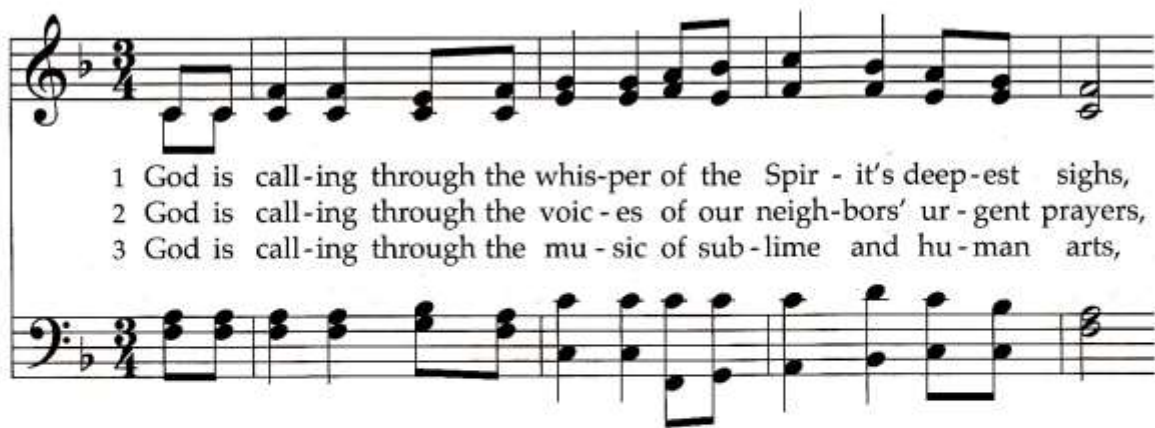
We are grateful to have you join us for worship this morning and ask you to register your name in our red Friendship Books.

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

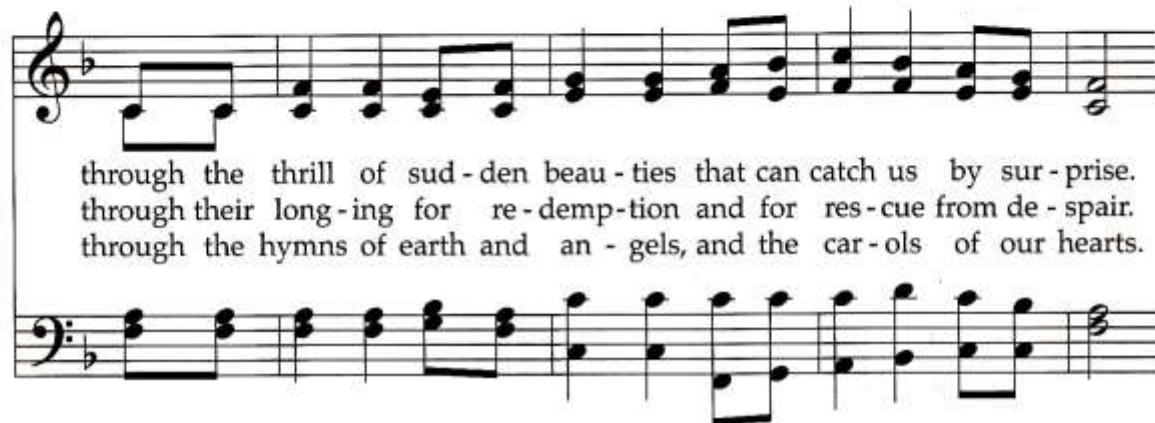
Pick up a copy of our newsletter, the *Reaching Out*, either in the Narthex or at the Hospitality Desk near the Highland Avenue doors.

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please contact Megan Leisher for more info on future classes (MeganL@coh.net).

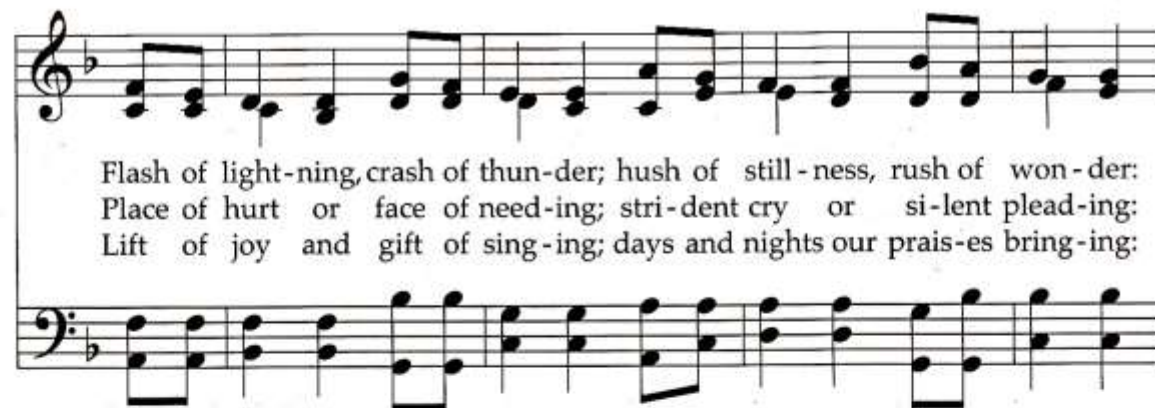
Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.



1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
 2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,
 3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,



through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.
 through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.
 through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.



Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:
 Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:
 Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:



God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?
 God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?
 God is call-ing—and we hear! God is call-ing—and we hear!

This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

#730 — I SING A SONG OF THE SAINTS OF GOD

1 I sing a song of the saints of God, pa - tient and
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are hun - dreds of

brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and
 made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus'
 thou - sands still; the world is bright with the joy - ous

died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a
 sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a
 saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in

doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd - ess
 sol - dier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a
 school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in

on the green: they were all of them saints of
 fierce wild beast: and there's not an - y rea - son,
 shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just

God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Despite the quaintness of some of the language in this text, it has an important message to communicate about the down-to-earth ordinariness of the holy people of God at all times and places. The tune name honors the island in Vermont's Lake Champlain where the composer lived.

#336 — WE GATHER TOGETHER

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

First published among songs celebrating the end of Spanish control of the Netherlands, this text's blend of patriotism and piety has made it popular at (often ecumenical) Thanksgiving Day services. The tune is named for the Viennese arranger whose male chorus popularized it.

#427 — JESUS KNOWS THE INMOST HEART (*refrain only, please sing 3 times*)

Refrain Bm Em D G Am7 Bm7 Em

Je - sus knows the in - most heart: noth - ing can be hid - den.

Je - sus knows the in - most heart: noth - ing can be hid - den. *Fine*

This text was originally created in Pashto, which is the national language of Afghanistan as well as a provincial language of Pakistan and is spoken by more than fifty million people. The refrain seems to be an adaptation of phrases in Psalm 51:6 applied to Jesus.

TEXT: Pashto hymn; trans. Alison Blenkinsop, 1995

MUSIC: Anon.; arr. Geoff Weaver, 1995

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7.7.7.7 with refrain

#738 — O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.
 guide them in the home - ward way.
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words.

#607 — DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Praise Christ, all creatures here below.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a melodic line with some rests, while the bass staff maintains the harmonic support.

Praise Holy Spirit ever more.

The third system of music continues the doxology. The treble staff has a melodic line that ends with a half note. The bass staff continues with chords and single notes.

Praise Tri - une God, whom we adore. A - men.

The fourth system of music concludes the doxology. The treble staff features a melodic line that ends with a half note. The bass staff continues with chords and single notes, ending with a final chord.

#718 — TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, THE SAVIOR SAID

1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and

you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your
let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -
calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -

will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

Written by a nineteen-year-old in Connecticut, this challenging text has been widely printed on both sides of the Atlantic. It is strengthened by its resolute repetition of the same four words at the beginning of each stanza and by the appropriately stark shape note tune.

TEXT: Charles William Everest, 1833, alt.

MUSIC: Attr. Freeman Lewis, 1814; harm. John Leon Hooker, 1984
Music Harm. © 1984 John Leon Hooker

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TODAY AT ELPC

Church Tour

Steve Evrard will lead a *Hidden Places* tour of ELPC today after the 10 am worship service. Please gather at the Highland Lobby to participate. All are welcome!

ELPC Connections Event

Join the ELPC *Connections Group* to see Billy Price with Gabe Stillman (Rhythm & Blues) in concert on Sunday, June 25 at 7 pm, at the Hartwood Acres Park Amphitheater in Allison Park. The concert is free. Bring a chair and your own picnic dinner or purchase from food vendors.

LGBTQIA+ Ministry Event

Join our faith family at the *People's Pride PGH March and Festival* on Sunday, June 25 at 11 am in Swissvale. Pride Map fliers are in the Highland Ave hallway. Come out and celebrate while we share God's love with all God's people! Please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net).



Today's Deacon-On-Duty (DODs)

Every Sunday, a DOD (*Deacon-on-Duty*) is available to assist with any emergencies that may occur during our services. The *Summer* service DOD is Nate Stephens



Sharing ELPC Good News

This summer, as part of our Sunday service at 10 am, we will be sharing ELPC GOOD News! Who is someone you've noticed quietly serving, giving, loving, or simply using their gifts and passion as an embodiment of the mission and vision of ELPC? As a person comes to mind, consider "telling" on them so we can see and hear God at work through our siblings as they live out the good news of the gospel, in our church and/or in their daily life. Email Pastors Patrice (PatriceFS@coh.net), Heather (HeatherS@coh.net), or BJ (BJW@coh.net) your ELPC good news.

Fridays in The Rain Garden —

The Environmental Team and Gardening Crew are hosting *Workdays in the Rain Garden* on Fridays again this summer. Please join them for a morning of weeding, mulching, and fellowship from 9 am to Noon on every second Friday through September. Green thumbs are not required—just bring your energy, curiosity, and commitment to our church and community. Contact Don Breitbarth for more info (don.breitbarth@gmail.com).

Calling All Graduates — Info due June 30

As school-years come to a close, many members of our church family are celebrating milestone graduations—and we want to celebrate YOU! If you are graduating from high school, vocational/technical school, college, graduate school, etc., send your name, degree earned, and the name of the institution from which you are graduating to Megan Leisher (MeganL@coh.net) by June 30.

Still Thinking About Doing a Mission Trip?

There's still time to register for our summer Mission Trips! Middle school youth in grades 6–8 are heading to Crestfield from July 5–8 for summer camp fun and volunteering. High school youth in grades 8–12 are serving with North Street Mission in Wooster, Ohio from Aug 6–11. Participants in the high school summer mission trip must meet certain requirements, including participating in three service projects with ELPC.

Register online at www.ELPC.church and contact Sara Hackett with questions (SaraH@coh.net).

Parking on Whitfield St — Aug 13

An outside group has applied for a permit to close Whitfield St outside ELPC on Sunday, Aug 13 to hold a mental health awareness event. If you typically park on Whitfield St on Sundays, please make alternate plans on that date.

Chapel Market: Expanded Hours and Donation Request

The Chapel Market has expanded its hours of operation! It is now open on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 5-7 pm, in addition to being open every Thursday from 10 am—Noon. The Chapel Market is also seeking donations of summer clothing, especially children's clothes. Donations can be left at the Highland Lobby, or dropped off at the Chapel Market when open.





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

Linda Benedict's sister's
husband and his sister,

Peta Harrigan Cole's friends Robert and Tracey.

Condolences to Doris Dick and family on her aunt's passing.

Take Climate Action: Electrify Your Home or Car

Home and transportation electrification—coupled with greening of the electricity supply—is the current best strategy on how we can collectively reduce our climate impact. The Biden Administration's *Inflation Reduction Act* provides many substantial incentives for homeowners and renters to do so. Visit www.Rewiringamerica.org/IRAguide for more info. Prepare by planning now, and don't waste an opportunity when an appliance of yours (or your car) needs to be replaced.

The family of Heather and Jim Eng are eager to do just that. After installing an electric heat pump for their space heating and cooling in 2022, they will tackle converting their electric panel to 200 amps to better support charging EV cars, plan on gas-stove alternatives in the kitchen, and prepare for a heat pump water heater and dryer when their appliances need replacement.

You can keep up to date with their journey by visiting the Environmental Team's bulletin board or view a presentation at tinyurl.com/42x548yj. For more info, contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).

Meditation Hour — Tuesdays

The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to join John Benedict in the Chapel each Tuesday from 6-7 pm for an hour devoted to meditation. John is a retired psychologist and a long time student and practitioner of insight meditation. No experience necessary, and all are welcome!

Download the ELPC App

ELPC published a mobile app to serve as a hub for all ELPC-related news, events, and digital offerings. On the app, you can stream live and archived worship services and concerts, watch sermons, listen to our Taizé podcast, download bulletins, browse events, connect with our social media pages, read up-to-date news, and more. The app is available for free on Google Play™ and the App Store®. Search for "East Liberty Presbyterian." Google Play is a trademark of Google LLC. App Store is a registered trademarks of Apple Inc.

In our

COMMUNITY



Trinity Youth Conference (TYC) — July 16 to 22

TYC is a regional Presbyterian leadership conference for youth who have completed grade 9 through college-age students in Shellsburg, Pennsylvania. The week consists of meaningful workshops, camp games, relevant worship, and refreshingly honest small groups; and is planned and led by a youth planning team. Rev. Ralph Lowe, associate minister for Justice Ministries at Pittsburgh Presbytery, is this year's worship leader and ELPC's Sonya Morley and Sara Hackett are teaching a workshop. Info about cost, workshops, and registration can be found at TrinityYouthConference.org.



Taizé Prayer

WEDNESDAYS AT 7 PM
AUDIO-STREAM AVAILABLE

PW Hosts Diaper Drive — July 30

Clean diapers are a basic need of every infant and toddler. Yet 1 in 3 families cannot afford enough diapers to keep their child clean, dry and healthy. Three in 5 parents miss work or school because they can't afford the diapers required to leave their baby in childcare.

The Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank (www.wpadiaperbank.org) has been helping families meet diaper need for more than a decade. The Diaper Bank began as an outreach at New Light Temple Baptist Church, serving families in Allegheny County through six partner agencies. Last year, the Diaper Bank provided over 2 million diapers to families in Allegheny, Washington and Westmoreland counties through 53 partner agencies. Members and friends of ELPC have generously supported this ministry for many years.

Presbyterian Women will host a *Diaper Drive* at the Highland Ave entrance on Sunday, July 30 following our 10 am worship, until 12:30 pm. Sizes 5 and 6 are most needed. For more info, contact PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

HELP SUPPORT THE EECM FOOD PANTRY

East End Cooperative Ministries is one of our partners in ministry to our neighbors. Among their many services, they maintain a Food Pantry, and provide lunch meals on a daily basis. We can each help by regularly donating non-perishable food items.

Please leave your donations in the Highland Lobby.

