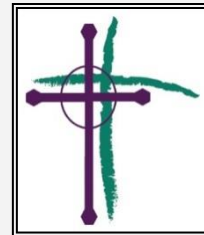


# Eastminster Edition



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

October 2016

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# Stewardship

## 2016



**All members are encouraged to stay for lunch following Worship October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ministry teams will share their hopes and dreams and Stewardship will present a first look at the 2017 budget.**

**Commitment  
Sunday  
October 16<sup>th</sup>!**

## FAMILY FUN

### AT THE CORN MAZE!

Come join your church family for our annual trip to Stewart Farms in Enoree, SC on Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>! Meet at the farm at 4:00 p.m. We will enjoy a meal and s'mores, sign up by Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup> at the round table in the Commons Area!

## F<sup>3</sup> on the 4<sup>th</sup>

Join your church for a Fall Fest themed event on October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Details Coming soon!

## **Pastor's Corner- A Note from Pressley**

Dear EPC friends and family-

Welcome to October! This month comes with many wonderful traditions.

The cool Fall air, great College football, family day at Stewart Farms Corn Maze, the EPC Stewardship Campaign and of course Fall Fest. However, as you may have noticed, we are starting to change some of the traditions in order to provide more opportunities of areas where we might live into our mission of "Worship, Grow, Go."

We begin October worshipping at table, celebrating World Communion, and learning about all the ministries of Eastminster, including a first look at the 2017 budget. This day will be focused on the things we have done well in the past and how we can move forward with our hopes and dreams for EPC.

On October 9, we will have our annual family day at Stewart Farms. If you have never been, we hope you will join us this year! Meet at Stewart Farms at 4:00 pm and enjoy an afternoon at the corn maze, pumpkin picking, and great food and fellowship.

Commitment Sunday will be on October 16. We will worship together and present our pledges for the 2017 Operating and Dream Budget.

We hope you will join us on the afternoon of Sunday, October 23 for our F3 on the 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 pm. We will be making cards to sell for the alternative gift fair, playing fall games and enjoy a time of storytelling and song around a bonfire.

Almost every October, we end with our Annual Fall Fest and Chili Cook-off. As we continue the process of assessing the many activities of EPC, we have decided to take a break from this event this year. Do not worry, it will be back in the future, although it may look different. And the Chili Cook-off may even show up after worship one day in the cold winter months! If you'd like to be a part of re-creating Fall Fest and/or the Chili Cook-off, contact me via email or phone. Volunteers are always needed to make these events possible.

This October, through events, scripture, sermons, and presentations you will discover the many ways God has blessed us and how we are learning ways to worship, grow and go together in ministry.

Be a part of First Presbyterian this Fall and you too will be blessed!

Grace and Peace- **Pressley**





## Fall Sermon Series: What Disciples Do

Although we as Christians are often identified by what we believe, Jesus seemed to care more about what he followers did. Faith practices, along with theological beliefs, are crucial to our lives as Christian.

Beginning with Rally Day on Sept 11, we will explore “what disciples do” through the weekly sermons.

Oct 2                                      2 Timothy 1:1-14  
 “Disciples Take Their Faith Home”  
*Pass on faith to our family*

Oct 9                                      Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7  
 “Disciples Make the Best of ‘Babylon’”  
*Redeem our current circumstances*

Oct 16                                    Genesis 32:22-31  
 “Disciples Wrestle with God”  
*Grapple with God and faith*

Oct 23                                    “Children’s Sabbath”  
*Celebrating the Gifts of Children*

Oct 30                                    Ephesians 1:11-23  
 “Disciples Affirm Resurrection Hope”  
*Celebrate All Saints Day*

Nov 6                                      Job 19:23-27a  
 “Disciples Live by Faith”  
*Practice Faith in Difficult Times*

Nov 13                                    Isaiah 65:17-25  
 “Disciples Take Their Faith Public”  
*Faith impacts both the personal  
 and the public realm*

Nov 20                                    Colossians 1:11-20  
 “Disciples Give Ultimate Allegiance to Christ”  
*Make Christ the center of everything*

### **Sunday Worship Beginning September 18**

**10:00 am      Worship**  
**11:00 am      Education Hour**

“We are one family in Christ, living in community, celebrating our faith, called, comforted and challenged by the Word of God, reaching out to all persons.”

#### ***Our Vision:***

To grow in God, make Christ known and serve with love.

#### ***Our Mission***

Worship GOD, GROW IN FAITH, GO AND SERVE





## Congregational Joys & Concerns

**EPC Members** Harriet Barnett, Ann Broom, her brother Billy and family, Norton and Suzanne Cater, Marilyn James, Cathy Parrish, Shirley Nease

**Homebound/Nursing Home** Sylvia Meyer, Emily Phillips

### EPC Extended Family

Josh Barlow (*son-in law of Jan and Rich Barto*)  
John Borth (*Maureen Cobb's Uncle*)  
Billy Broom (*Ann Broom's brother*)  
Paul and Susan Burks (*Cathy Parrish's sister and brother-in-law*)  
Richard Calloway (*Jerry Calloway's brother*)  
Jim and Sandy Eastman (*Sharon Daugherty's sister and brother-in-law*)  
Betty Erdhaus (*Ann Coleman's Aunt*)  
Susan Harrell (*Lindy Landers' sister*)  
Cindy Herbert (*Beverly George's sister*)  
Woody, Jennifer, Patrick, Claire, Rebecca and Maggie Houlihan (*Ben Cox's sister, brother-in-law and family*)  
Scott Larsen (*Kimberly Lane's brother*)  
Love Family (*Kimberly Lane's sister-in-law's family*)  
Andrew and Jean McCallister (*parents of Sande Schweir*)  
Marianne Moorshead (*Mike Moorshead's mother*)  
Sandy Stewart (*Jim Stewart's sister*)  
Jitka Svatonova (*Lucie Svatonova-Hughes' mother*)  
Joyce (*Bonnie McCourtie's aunt*)  
Gladys (*Bonnie McCourtie's Aunt*)  
Jerry (*Barbara Kurta's brother*)  
Michael (*Eileen Osteen's brother*)  
Jacque, Damian, Gianna and Bella (*Ron and Barbara Kurta's niece's family*)

### EPC Friends...

Elaine Carver  
(*friend of Cathy Parrish*)  
Johnny Davis  
(*friend of Ben Cox*)  
Charlotte Knowles  
(*friend of Sandy Watkins*)  
Francine Murphy  
(*friend of Eileen Osteen*)  
Shelly and Hannah Raynes  
(*friends of the Moorshead family*)  
Danny and Sheila Scruggs  
(*friends of Ben Cox*)  
Hannah and Family  
(*friends Kim Gassner*)  
Tammy  
(*co-worker of Bonnie McCourtie*)  
Emily  
(*granddaughter of Gary – friend of Sara Randall*)  
Pam  
(*friend of Winnie Brinck*)



I Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

For additions or corrections to the prayer list, please contact

Network 6:2 Coordinator Syble Drake at 350-7637 or email [network62@eastminster.com](mailto:network62@eastminster.com)  
Eastminster's Administrative Assistant Ellen Irick at 284-0190 or email [admin@eastminster.com](mailto:admin@eastminster.com)



10/2 – Cameron Shetler	10/15 – Sharon Daugherty Lindy Landers	10/24 – Leanna Shetler
10/3 – Ann Coleman	10/16 – Harriet Barnett	10/25 – Elizabeth Owens
10/5 – Dana Landers	10/19 – Katie Winebarger	10/29 – Cyndi Lichoulas
10/10 – Emily Taylor	10/20 – Carol Stewart	10/30 – Peggy Lawhorn
10/12 – Ann Broom Mike Ferney Scott Carlson	10/21 – Amanda Ullmann	10/31 – Sam Talwar
10/14 – Bud Torris	10/23 – Hans Meyer	

## News from Session

- ❖ Pressley will be attending the Worship and Arts Conference at Montreat Sept 26-30. She looks forward to bringing back new ideas to enhance worship especially during Advent and Lent.
- ❖ Finance and Stewardship requested a dream budget from each ministry team to help prepare for the Stewardship Luncheon on Sunday, Oct 2.
- ❖ 15 Elders are needed to serve communion on Oct 2.
- ❖ Session approved the staff position of Director of Children and Family Ministries. A Search Committee will be named by mid-October in order to start receiving resumes.
- ❖ Session approved the search for a 3<sup>rd</sup> paid childcare worker to provide relief to our current childcare staff.
- ❖ All of session is expected to go through the Safe Place Policy Training and encourages every member to go through the training.
- ❖ Session will have a retreat on Oct 21-22 to hear from the Long Range Planning Team and prepare for the future.

### Session

#### Class of 2016

Eileen Osteen  
Sara Randall  
Jim Stewart  
John Taylor

#### Class of 2017

Heath Cobb  
Beverly George  
Ed Irick  
Kimberly Lane

#### Class of 2018

Jerry Calloway  
Elaine Campbell  
Gil Kraemer  
Cyndi Lichoulas

### Session Retreat

October 21<sup>st</sup>

6:30-9:00 p.m.

October 22nd

8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

## EPC HOSTS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY: ALZHEIMER'S & YOU

We will learn about the physiological reasons that people behave the way they do when they experience dementia. We'll take that knowledge and learn how to communicate and interact with people with dementia. We will discuss the stages of the disease and talk about caregiving and how we have to love ourselves as well as those we are caring for. **Sessions are: October 20, 27 and November 3, 10, 17.** Each session will be 6:30-8:00 pm. at EPC. **RSVP: [admin@eastminster.com](mailto:admin@eastminster.com) or 864-284-0190.**

This program is presented by Karen Nichols, RN,  
Executive Director of Foothills Retirement Community.

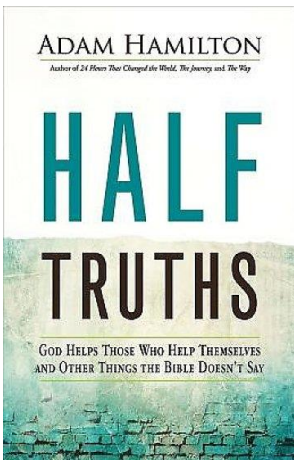
## Adult Education Hour 11:00 am on Sunday mornings

### Bible Study: Continuing the Conversation

In this Sunday School class, participants will have the opportunity to engage in a deeper exploration of the biblical texts used in worship. Using the Feasting on the Word Curriculum, this class will follow the lectionary and build upon themes lifted up during the sermon. This is an excellent opportunity to enhance your Sunday morning experience by spending time continuing the conversation.



### Contemporary Issues: Half Truths



During September and October, this class will be using the DVD study by Adam Hamilton called "Half Truths". They are simple phrases. They sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways.

Let's search together for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés to the message and ministry of Jesus. The clichés include:

- Everything happens for a reason.
- God helps those who help themselves.
- God won't give you more than you can handle.
- God said it, I believe it, that settles it.
- Love the sinner, hate the sin.

### Parenting Program: Sticky Faith

Have you seen how your children mirror your life and actions?

What influences do your kids face in the world and how are they shaping their lives?

What made you who you are?

What do you want to pass along and what do you want to change and avoid?



We all have success with our children as well as struggles. Life demands a lot from us each day and it is tough at times to provide the environment they need to thrive. This group will help provide support, discussion and stories to share and learn from using Family Resources from Sticky Faith.

## Small Group Ministry Opportunities



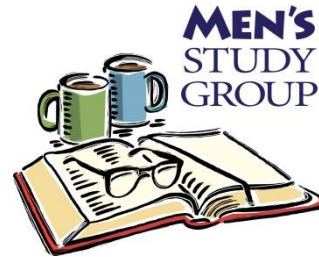
**EPC Women's Circles** will meet in October to discuss Lesson One in our 2017-2018 Horizon Bible Study entitled *Who Is Jesus?* In this study, we will look for answers through the lens of the New Testament Gospel writers, as well as, Paul and early Christian writers. We

will also explore Jewish and Muslim approaches to the identity of Jesus and consider how Christians of different cultural perspectives answer the question. Lesson One begins with the earliest Gospel, the Gospel According to Mark. Women of all ages are invited to join us as we seek to nurture our faith through worship, study, friendship, and outreach.

**Morning Circle** will meet Thursday October 13 at 10:00 at the home of Carolyn Uprichard. Anne Vickers will be leading the lesson. Ladies are reminded to bring toiletries for Place of Hope and canned corn for the Food Bank at United Ministries. For more information, contact carolirick@charter.net.

**Evening Circle** will meet on Monday October 10 at 7 p.m. in the church conference room. For more information, contact pressley@eastminster.com.

**Ladies Out to Lunch (L.O.L.)** Join our pastor, Rev. Pressley Cox, and other ladies of the church for our next lunch on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. We will meet at Biscuithead, 823 S. Church Street, Greenville, SC 29601. Call or text Pressley to RSVP by October 17<sup>th</sup> at 864-517-9781.



**Men's Small Group.** Are you interested in growing deeper in faith and exploring Scripture? Consider adding this valuable time of study, prayer and fellowship to your week. This group meets on **Tuesday mornings at 7:00 AM** and they are currently studying 1 Peter. Contact Ed Irick or Jerry Calloway if you would like more information at edirick@charter.net or jerry@cecconstructionllc.com



**ANGEL GROUP** Every year, a group comes together to make beautiful angel ornaments as gifts to the children of EPC. They will be meeting on Wednesdays in October to make these at 9:30 a.m.

in Clarke's Kitchen. If you would like to join in please contact Sally Seal at gillsallyseal@gmail.com

**EPC Book Club** Everyone is welcome to check out the following schedule and join in the book club! Meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. at EPC. Please contact Shirley Nease if you have any questions at Shirleynease@yahoo.com.



**October 17<sup>th</sup>** – *Leaving Time* by Jodi Picoult





## Children's Ministry

### Children's Chime Choir

During the 11:00 am Education Hour, children K5-5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet with our music director Lucie Svatonova-Hughes to engage in music in various ways. It will be great for those children who are a little shy to sing but want to be involved in music. Children will have the opportunity to learn handchimes, sing in worship and learn how to use other musical instruments. Even children who don't like to sing will be able to participate through rhythm, drama and speaking parts. All children are welcome!



**Handchimes**



### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IN SESSION!

Once again, children K5 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will go upstairs for Sunday school class at 10:00 and return to the service during the singing of the second hymn, which is right after the sermon.

We are using the Whirl Lectionary curriculum again this year, with the children reading and discussing the same Scripture as their parents will hear in church. Each child will be given their own bulletin to take home with discussion starters on the back to share with their parents. We hope that families use these questions to further faith conversations at home.



EPC will, once again, be opening its doors to three Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (GAIHN) families October 30<sup>th</sup>-November 6<sup>th</sup>. As one of over 40 area churches participating in the GAIHN program, we have a chance one week every quarter to make a real difference in the lives of families experiencing homelessness by providing temporary shelter, meals, and hospitality. GAIHN is the only Greenville area shelter that focuses on keeping families with young children together and offers accountability and help in overcoming each family's hardships. Our part is simple . . . we make them feel welcome as we live out Jesus' command to love one another. In order to do this, we need volunteers to cook, host, and spend the night in the church with these families.

When you volunteer to be a part of this outreach, you get back so much more than you give. Homelessness begins to take on names and faces, relationships are formed, and lives are forever changed.

**There are many ways you can help the week of October 30<sup>th</sup> – November 6<sup>th</sup>. Please visit the sign-up board in the Commons Area or contact Valeen Goodreau [valeengoodreau@gmail.com](mailto:valeengoodreau@gmail.com) or Chuck Mitcham [patriciamitcham174@gmail.com](mailto:patriciamitcham174@gmail.com).**



# Youth Ministry

## Sign up for communications and reminders!

text the message @8h2be to the number 81010

Or visit [www.remind.com/join/8h2be](http://www.remind.com/join/8h2be)

We will be combining with youth from Grace Covenant for our 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday meetings as well as other events like Lock-ins, retreats, mission and more.

On the Sundays that we host, we will need parents to volunteer to assist in leading or prepare a meal.

Please click this link to sign up to help.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1z\\_hFZoONivEDI2QeLVIXLpjd-2oHMYQ6qTz71S0Fk5c/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1z_hFZoONivEDI2QeLVIXLpjd-2oHMYQ6qTz71S0Fk5c/edit?usp=sharing)

Oct 9  
Corn Maze  
4-7pm at Stewart Farms

Oct 23  
F3 on the 4<sup>th</sup>  
5:30-7:00 pm



## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup> — YOUTH AT GRACE COVENANT  
5:30 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup> — YOUTH AT GRACE COVENANT  
5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.



## Youth Sunday School Sunday 11:00 am Education Hour

ALL youth 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade will meet together  
in the youth room upstairs.

## News and Notes



I am very excited to announce the start of our new choir season, which will be my first full season at Eastminster. I am delighted with the talent represented in our small choir and proud of what we have accomplished together thus far. We will continue to offer a variety of music during our worship service involving the Chancel Choir, the Hand Bell Choir and the children's choirs. In addition we plan to feature guest musicians and soloist throughout the season, and we especially look forward to the launch of our new children's chimes program on September 18. The new worship schedule will allow us to use the *Education Hour* for efficient practice with the children. We are always looking for extra singers and ringers, especially heading into the holidays.

I encourage those inclined to consider becoming involved in this ministry and

I welcome any comments or ideas for improving our music program.

~ Lucie

If your contact information has changed,  
don't forget to let us know!



Are you receiving email updates and other important correspondence from EPC? With exciting new changes and events coming up, you don't want to miss out! Call 284-0190 or email [admin@eastminster.com](mailto:admin@eastminster.com).

### **New Communications!**

For the Fall of 2016, we are taking a break from the Flock/Shepherding program to try new ways to communicate. One will be a texting reminder using the Remind app.

The easiest way to sign up-  
Text to this number- 81010  
Text this message- @epcsim

Can't text right now? Use this link -  
[www.remind.com/join/epcsim](http://www.remind.com/join/epcsim)



**Eastminster Membership** – If you are interested in joining Eastminster, we invite you to speak with the pastor or contact her at [Pressley@eastminster.com](mailto:Pressley@eastminster.com) or 864-517-9781. Members are received by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or by transfer of church letter.

### **Are you looking for a way to stay connected with Eastminster?**

EPC has a new and revised Facebook page online that will help keep you connected. This page allows the church to interact and share information with you online at your convenience. How do you get connected to this new page? Go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/eastminsterpresbyterianchurch?ref=hl>

click on the LIKE button so you will receive information and news feeds from us regularly.

facebook

# PAINTERS WANTED!

Do you love to paint or maybe just don't mind painting?  
 Are you detail oriented and love the sense of Accomplishment from completing a project?  
 Do you merely have a teenager that needs volunteer hours for a club or group? If you've said yes to any of the above then we may have a job for you!  
 One of our offices is in serious need of painting while it is currently unoccupied. If you are interested in helping out the Property and Grounds Committee please contact Heath Cobb via email at [heathcobb15@gmail.com](mailto:heathcobb15@gmail.com)



**Church Picnic**



## STEWART FARMS CORN MAZE/COOK OUT ON OCT. 9, 4:00-7:00 pm

Come join your church family on our annual trip to Stewart Farms in Enoree, SC! Meet at the farm at 4:00 PM and park near our picnic area at the top of the hill. We'll eat and wander through the corn mazes. Afterwards, we'll meet back at our campfire for s'mores and fellowship. You can also pick out a beautiful pumpkin from their bigger-than-ever patch or shop their country store. \$10 per person (\$40 max/family) includes admission to the corn maze, rental of the picnic area and lunch! Please sign up on the sheet in the Commons by **Oct. 2** to insure we have enough food!! What a great way to enjoy a beautiful fall day!





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 10 a.m. Worship (World Communion Sunday) and Children's Sunday School 11 a.m. Stewardship Lunch following Worship 4:30-5:30 p.m. Scouts 5:30-7p.m. Youth@Grace Covenant	3       6p.m.-9:30 p.m. Greenville In Harmony	4 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	5 9:30 a.m. Angel Group    6 p.m. Handbells 7 p.m. Choir	6	7       7p.m. St. Mary Magdalene Lock-In	8 7 a.m. St. Mary Magdalene Lock-In ends
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