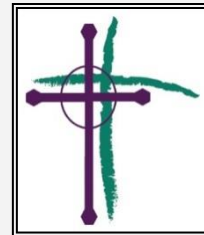


# Eastminster Edition



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

February 2017

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As the professional football season finishes up another year with Super Bowl LI, let's not forget that Sunday, February 5 also marks the 27th Annual Souper Bowl of Caring. Youth across America will take up collections at churches in their communities to support hunger relief programs locally. This year, all funds collected will support Eastminster's Stop Hunger Now Packing Event on Saturday, February 11 at 8:30 a.m. In addition, we will also be selling pre-packaged 5-Bean Soup Kits for \$10.00 each. Enjoy this vegetarian soup on its own or add a ham hock and transform it into Ham and Bean Soup. The proceeds from this sale will also support our efforts with Stop Hunger Now.



## STOP HUNGER NOW.



The EPC Bistro will take place February 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Sign up and get your tickets in the Commons Area!

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

*Love* the LORD your God...  
and hold fast to him.



DEUTERONOMY 30:20, NIV

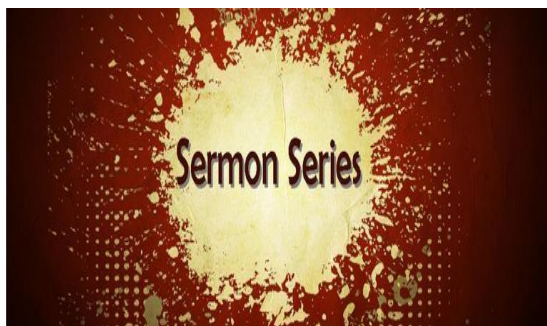
Our resolutions fade, but God's promises last forever. During this time of uncertainty, God's Word constantly reminds us that God's promises to us do not change. We will spend the month of February resting in God's promise of guidance, freedom and love.

### **Matthew 5:43-48 (from *The Message*)**

"You're familiar with the old written law, 'Love your friend,' and its unwritten companion, 'Hate your enemy.' I'm challenging that. I'm telling you to love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a

hard time, respond with the energies of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves. This is what God does. He gives his best—the sun to warm and the rain to nourish—to everyone, regardless: the good and bad, the nice and nasty. If all you do is love the lovable, do you expect a bonus? Anybody can do that. If you simply say hello to those who greet you, do you expect a medal? Any run-of-the-mill sinner does that.

"In a word, what I'm saying is, *Grow up*. You're kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you."



### **February 5**

Psalms 112:1-10

Matthew 5:13-20

"God's Promise of Guidance"

### **February 19**

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

"God's Promise of Love"

### **February 12**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 119:1-8

"God's Promise of Freedom"

### **February 26**

Exodus 24:12-18

Matthew 17:1-9

"Glory on the Mountain"

"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

**The Hub Team Meeting**  
**Sunday, February 19, 12:15 pm**

Would you like to be involved in the communications of EPC, helping to ensure that all ministry teams work together? If so, join us for the FIRST meeting of the Hub! This new team will be working with key leaders of session ministry committees in planning upcoming events, brainstorming new events and programs, and creating a clear path of working together. For more information, contact Chair Eileen Osteen or Co-Chair Robb Ellis.

## **“One Church, One Book” aims to jumpstart discussions about race**

Office of the General Assembly                      January 23, 2017  
 Eva Stimson, Correspondent, Office of the General Assembly

It's been called “one of the most important books on race in recent memory.” And now the Reverends Denise Anderson and Jan Edmiston, Co-Moderators of the 222nd General Assembly (2016), are urging Presbyterians via their “One Church, One Book” project to read and discuss *Waking Up White*, by Debby Irving.

In the book—*Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race*—Irving tells how she stumbled into troubling and even shocking revelations about racial inequities after what she describes as “a blissfully sheltered, upper-middle-class suburban childhood.”

Irving believed herself to be a good person and even tried to use her career to help people of color. But the book describes her gradual discovery of her own “white privilege,” which led to the realization that good intentions alone cannot overcome centuries of racial injustice.

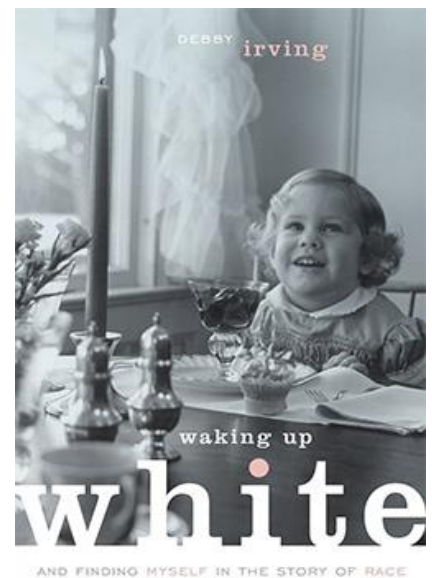
“Her story resonates with a lot of Presbyterians,” Edmiston said in a workshop at the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Polity Conference in October. “Our hope is that it would start conversations. But it's not just about reading the book. My hope is that we would be somewhat changed.”

“The conversations we've been having about race have been in silos,” Anderson said at the Polity Conference workshop, adding that she hoped those conversations would broaden to include groups of different backgrounds and races.

The Co-Moderators' “One Church, One Book” project invites people over the next couple of months to read and discuss Irving's book where they gather.

If you would like to join in this book discussion at Eastminster, we will engage in a 4 session discussion beginning in February. Please sign up to ensure we have enough space and materials.

[Pressley@eastminster.com](mailto:Pressley@eastminster.com) or text 864-517-9781



Tuesday, February 21	7:00 pm
Tuesday, March 21	7:00 pm
Tuesday, April 18	7:00 pm
Tuesday, May 16	7:00 pm

## Congregational Joys & Concerns

**EPC Members** Norton and Suzanne Cater, Harry George, Tandy Gilliland, Marilyn James, Anne Stockman

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

### **EPC Extended Family**

John Borth (*Maureen Cobb's Uncle*)  
Paul and Susan Burks (*Cathy Parrish's sister and brother-in-law*)  
Richard Calloway (*Jerry Calloway's brother*)  
Sandy Eastman (*Sharon Daugherty's sister*)  
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*)  
Susan Manuel (*Syble Drake's sister*)  
Barbara McCoy (*John Taylor's sister*)  
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*)

### **EPC Friends...**

Judith Cartisano  
(*friend of Mike Randall*)  
Barbara and Tom Hendricks  
(*former members of EPC*)  
Charlotte Knowles  
(*friend of Sandy Watkins*)

We always thank  
GOD for all of you  
and continually  
mention you in  
our prayers.

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)

### February Birthdays!

2/1 – Isabel Ellis  
2/2 – Jeff Palmer  
2/3 – John Taylor  
2/6 – Christian Calloway  
Amelia Kennington  
2/12 – Anita Harley  
2/13 – Lucie Svatonova-Hughes  
2/14 – Sande Schweier  
2/15 – Lydia Collett  
2/16 – Ryan Owens  
Sarah Palmer  
2/17 – Jim Stewart  
Bonnie McCourtie  
Chris Gassner  
Roshni Samuel  
2/20 – Ken Hughes  
2/22 – Maureen Cobb  
2/23 – Jared Pierce  
2/24 – Hannah Kuzminski  
2/27 – Barbara Kurta  
2/28 – Josh Ford





## News from Session

Session met on Sunday, Jan 22 for a retreat to welcome new elders and make plans for the coming year. We are reading and discussing the book Shift by Mark Tisdale as we examine the role of the church in the changing world and what changes, if any, we may need to consider making at Eastminster in order to "keep up."

### 2017 Session and Committee Assignments

**CLERK OF SESSION** *Beverly George*  
**ASSIMILATION AND MEMBERSHIP** *Cyndi Lichoulas*  
*EPC Website- Lynn Ingram and Ellen Irick*  
**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**  
*Congregational Care – Kimberly Lane*  
*Fellowship – Audra Pierce*  
**FAITH FORMATION**  
*Co-Chairs – Elaine Campbell and Mike Moorshead*  
*Safe Place Policy Sub-Committee – Susan Carlson*  
**FINANCE and STEWARDSHIP** *Chair- Mark Sucher*  
**OUTREACH** *Chair - Gil Kraemer*  
*Youth Elder - Will Brandenburg*  
**PROPERTY AND GROUNDS** *Chair - Heath Cobb*  
**PERSONNEL** *Chair – Jerry Callloway*  
*Session Liason – Ed Irick*  
**WORSHIP AND MUSIC** – *Bruce Nolan*  
*AV Team - Jim Parrish*

### Session

#### Class of 2017

Heath Cobb  
 Beverly George  
 Ed Irick  
 Kimberly Lane

#### Class of 2018

Will Brandenburg  
 Jerry Calloway  
 Elaine Campbell  
 Gil Kraemer  
 Cyndi Lichoulas

#### Class of 2019

Mike Moorshead  
 Bruce Nolan  
 Audra Pierce  
 Mark Sucher

## "Barbershop through the ages"



Presented by:

**Palmetto Statesmen**

Men's Barbershop Chorus

The Byrnes High School Singers

Staring:

The Sweet Adelines International

2016 Quartet Champions

**Speed of Sound**

Fine Arts Center

150 E. Main Street Duncan, SC

**February 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

For tickets and information contact Jim Foote

864.399.6584 or [jefoot@hotmail.com](mailto:jefoot@hotmail.com)

Or: [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) (local events)  
 search/barbershop through the ages

## Surprise her on Valentine's Day



With a Singing Valentine from

**Palmetto Statesmen**

Men's Barbershop Chorus

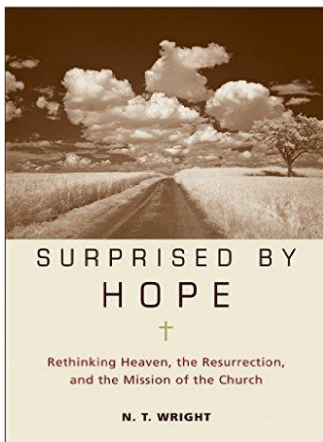
For information contact Jim Foote 864.399.6584  
 or [jefoot@hotmail.com](mailto:jefoot@hotmail.com)

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

### Bible Study: Continuing the Conversation

*(This class meets in the conference room in the church office.)*

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.



### “Surprised by Hope” by N.T. Wright

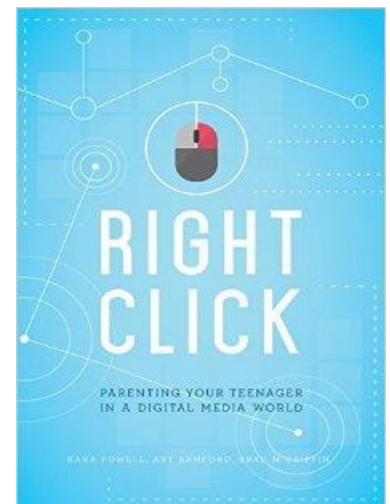
*(This class meets in the Presbytery building.)*

"If you died tonight, do you know where you would go?" Christians for many years have been asking this question. As award-winning author N.T. Wright points out however, the answer isn't heaven. Wright convincingly argues that what we believe about life after death directly affects what we believe about life before death. For if God intends to renew the whole creation--and if this has already begun in Jesus's resurrection--the church cannot stop at "saving souls," but must anticipate the eventual renewal by working for God's kingdom in the wider world, bringing healing and hope in the present life.

### “Right Click: Parenting you Teenager in a Digital Media World”

*(This class meets in the Adult Sunday School Room.)*

The cry of every parent and church leader in this generation is "How do I help create media-safe homes?" Right Click is a wonderful resource that gives practical answers to the most-often asked questions about how to handle social media.



## Small Group Ministry Opportunities



**WOMEN'S CIRCLE** EPC Women's Circles will meet in February to discuss Lesson Five in our Horizons Bible Study *Who Is Jesus?* We will be looking through the lens of Paul whose portrait of Jesus is different from the Gospel writers who focused on the life and teachings of Jesus. Paul's lens is a lens of the cross, and his portrait is focused on the risen Christ.

**Morning Circle** will be co-hosted by Cathy Parrish and Karen Reese on Thursday February 9 at 10:00 at Cathy's home. Ladies are invited to bring or wear special crosses to our meeting and, as always, 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 February 13 at 7 p.m. in the church conference room. For more information, contact pressley@eastminster.com.



**Ladies Out to Lunch (L.O.L)** We will meet on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. Call or text Pressley by Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> to reserve your spot: 864-517-9781. This month we will eat at Adam's Bistro at 221 Pelham Rd. Suite #110 Greenville, SC 29615



**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.

**March 27<sup>th</sup>** – Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates



**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@ceconstructionllc.com

**F.U.N. GROUP** The Fifty and Up Network will take a meet for lunch on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at the Epicueran on Woodruff Road. For details please contact Jane Couch at randjcouch@gmail.com.

**Mom's Small Group** will meet on the first Sunday at noon in the youth Sunday School room. Our study journeys through First Corinthians: Living Love when We Disagree. With more and more ways to communicate in a culture that encourages sharing the details of our lives, there exists greater and greater opportunity for disagreement. Our differences seem more pronounced. Our words sound more divisive. Even as Christians, we struggle to get along. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Christians living in Corinth about this very thing, encouraging them to not ridicule one another but to work together to show the love of Christ. If you'd like to join us, bring \$11 for a book, a lunch and meet after the Education Hour in the Youth Sunday School room on Sunday, December 4 and Sunday, January 8.

### **Prayer Shawl Meeting - February 16, 2017**

The deep, heartfelt "thank you" from the 21 recipients of an Eastminster prayer shawl has been wonderful! In November, 3 of the shawls were given in support and Christ's love to last year's high school graduates who are currently in college. Any and all interested members of Eastminster are invited to come to a gathering on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 in the church for fellowship, information, help to get started knitting or crocheting a shawl or help with a shawl in progress. Contact Carolyn Uprichard (864438-1935) [upricharde@bellsouth.net](mailto:upricharde@bellsouth.net) or Carol Irick (864 962-2492) [carolirick@charter.net](mailto:carolirick@charter.net) with any questions and RSVP if you are coming.

## 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 5th 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.

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### **It's time to register for summer camp!**

This summer, children and youth Foothills Presbytery will come together and connect in the outdoors for a week at Camp Fellowship in Greenwood, SC. If your young person has enjoyed Camp Buc over the past few summers, they will love a week at Camp Fellowship.

Pressley will be there to serve as the Chaplain for the week of July 9-14.

When you register, be sure to register for the week of July 9-14 in order to be there with others from Foothills Presbytery.

<https://www.campfellowship.org/summercamp/>





# Youth Ministry



## **February 5<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.** **Souper Bowl of Caring** **and** **Mandatory Bistro Training!**



### **SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

**SUNDAY, FEB 5-** TIME TBA- SUPER BOWL PARTY AT THE RANDALLS WITH GRACE COVENANT

**SUNDAY, FEB 12-** 11:00 AM BISTRO SET UP... ALL AFTERNOON AND EVENING BISTRO!!

**SUNDAY, MAR 5-** 5:30 PM YOUTH FELLOWSHIP AT EPC

**SUNDAY, MAR 19-** 5:30 PM YOUTH FELLOWSHIP AT EPC

**SUNDAY, APR 2-** 5:30 PM YOUTH FELLOWSHIP AT GRACE COVENANT

**SUNDAY, MAY 7-** 5:30 PM YOUTH FELLOWSHIP AT EPC

**SUNDAY, MAY 21-** END OF YEAR PARTY TBA

### **Calling all Youth for Montreat!**



***Senior High Youth***  
***June 10-17, 2017***

*Cost \$275 per youth (\$500 for 2 youth from same family)*

***Middle School Youth***  
***July 19-23, 2017***  
*Cost \$225 per youth (\$375 for two youth from the same family)*



**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)**



**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

**THE OVEN IN CLARKE'S KITCHEN:** On a few occasions the pilot lights on the gas oven range have blown out. With this in mind we have shut off the gas to the oven when not in use. If you know that you will need the oven in the future please contact Heath Cobb (803) 984-1181. We will do our best to have it re-lit and ready in advance.

### **New Communications!**

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)

# WELCOME

The Membership Committee is looking for someone who enjoys decorating to take over the Visitor cart. Responsibilities would include: filling the visitor bags and changing the cart decorations with each season.

*Please contact Heather Taylor at 864-350-5373 if you are interested.*

### **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.

Membership is also looking for someone who enjoys taking pictures to assist Carol Stewart with taking photos of our church members for our new directory.

Please contact Carol Stewart at  
864- 915-6162.



### **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.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1  6 p.m. Handbells 7 p.m. Choir	2 11:30 a.m. F.U.N. Group 6:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation	3  5-7 p.m. Scouts	4 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Scouts
5 10 a.m. Worship – Scout Sunday & Souper Bowl of Caring 11 a.m. Education Hour & Youth Bistro Training 12 p.m. Mom’s Group 4:30-5:30 p.m. Scouts TBA Youth Super Bowl Party at the Randall’s *End of GAIHN Host Week*	6  6:30-9 p.m. Greenville In Harmony	7	8  6-8 p.m. Scouts  6 p.m. Handbells 7 p.m. Choir	9 9a.m.-3 p.m. Pastor Cohort  10:30 a.m. Women’s Morning Circle	10	11 8:30 a.m. Stop Hunger Now Packing Session
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26 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Education Hour  3-6 p.m. Scouts	27 6:30-9 p.m. Greenville In Harmony	28				

### **Newsletter Information**

***February 13<sup>th</sup> - Deadline for February mid-month newsletter***

***February 20<sup>th</sup> - Deadline for March newsletter***

***\*Please send all mid-month and monthly newsletter articles to  
[admin@eastminster.com](mailto:admin@eastminster.com)***