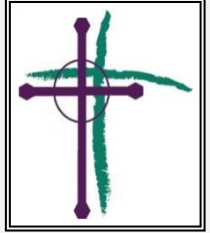


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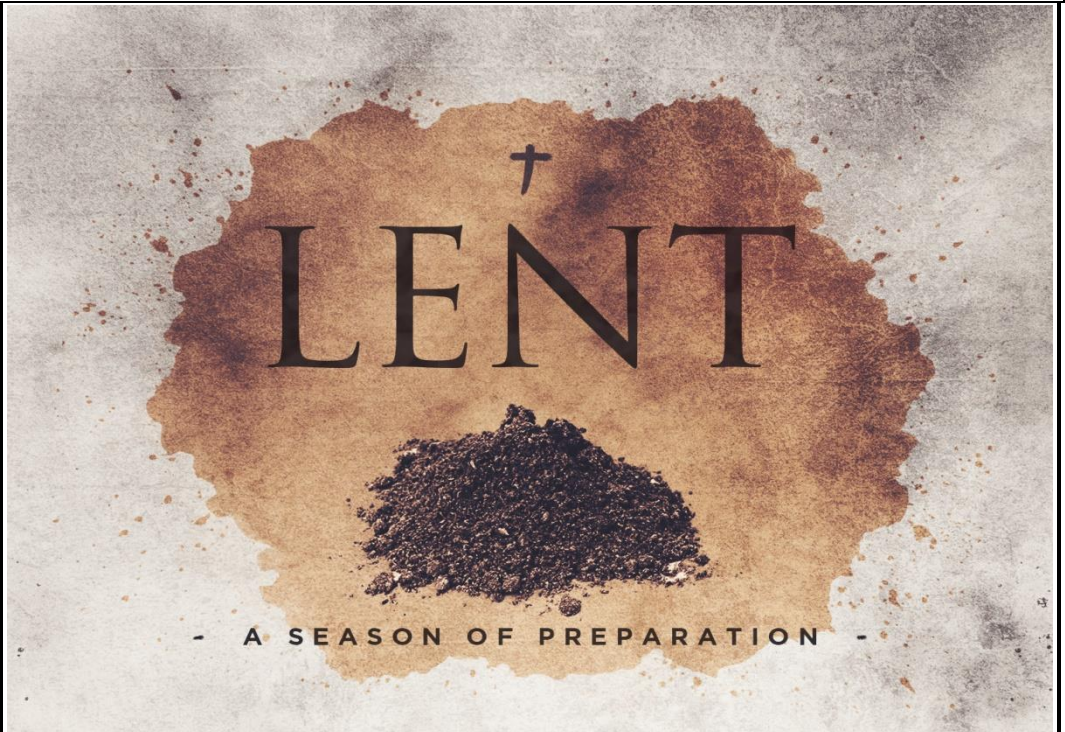
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March 5
Psalm 32
Matthew 4:1-11
“The Need for Change”

March 12
TBA
Guest Preacher, Rev. Joseph Gaston
Chaplain at Foothills
Retirement Community

March 19
Exodus 17: 1-7; John 4: 5-42
“Hydrate”

March 26
1 Samuel 16: 1-13
John 9: 1-41
“Redefined”

April 2
Ezekiel 37: 1-14
John 11: 1-45
“Dead End”

April 9
Psalm 118: 1-2; 19-29
Matthew 2: 1-11
“Celebrate and Wait”

*If you are not receiving a daily Lenten devotional, please visit
<http://eepurl.com/cb2puv> to subscribe.*

“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

“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.

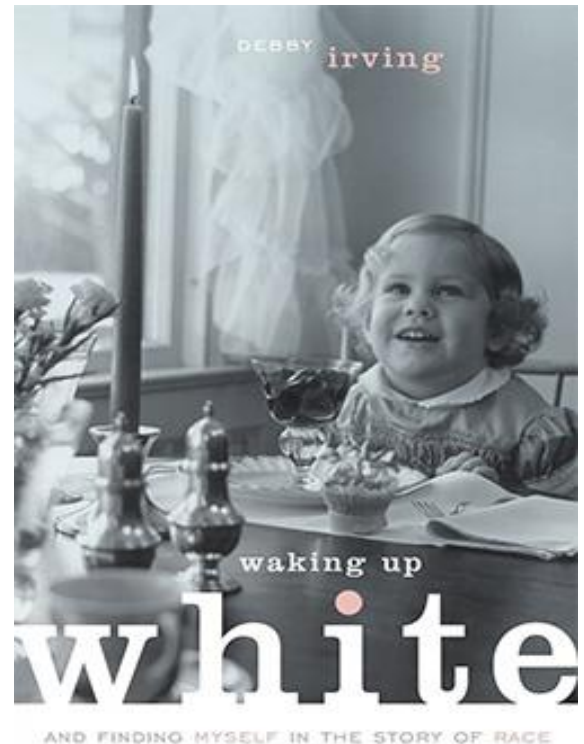
The Co-Moderators' “One Church, One Book” project invites people over the next couple of months to read and discuss Irving's book where they gather.

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 or text 864-517-9781

The remaining Tuesdays are as follows:

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, Carolyn Uprichard, Tonda Vial

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*)
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*)
Alex (*Syble Drake's Grandson*)

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

EPC Friends...

Tina Ballenger
(Ann Broom's friend)
Robert Bobs
(friend of June Granger)
Judith Cartisano
(friend of Mike Randall)
Genny Collins
(friend of June Granger)
Barbara and Tom Hendricks
(former members of EPC)
Charlotte Knowles
(friend of Sandy Watkins)
Grant Voyles
(friend of Kim Gassner)

1 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
Eastminster's Administrative Assistant Ellen Irick at 284-0190 or email admin@eastminster.com

March Birthdays!

3/8 - Ben Cox
3/15 - Suzanne Cater
Alex Morris
3/19 - Caroline Kennington
3/20 - A.J. Stewart
3/22 - Kippy Bridges
3/27 - Sandy Ingram
Matthew McCourtie
3/30 - Cristina Kraemer



News from the HUB team

The newly created HUB team met on Sunday, February 20. Those present included Eileen Osteen (chair), Pressley Cox, Lucie Svatonova-Hughes, and representatives from Fellowship, Faith Formation, Membership and Assimilation, Worship and Music and Mission/Outreach. This team is tasked with enhancing communications, creating shared ministries, and assist in the planning of the programs and ministries at Eastminster.

Highlights from the meeting:

- Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt on April 9 after the Education Hour
- Invite a Friend to Church and Picnic on Sunday, April 30
- Hands on Greenville mission day on Saturday, May 6
- GAIHN May 7-14
- Education Hour Summer Sabbatical May 28-August 13
- Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday on June 4
- Lemonade on the Lawn every Sunday during the summer
- Vacation Bible School on Saturday, July 29 followed by a church-wide celebration on Sunday, July 30
- Rally Day on August 20
- World Wide Communion and Stewardship Lunch on Sunday, October 1
- Reformation Sunday and Celebration on Sunday, October 29

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



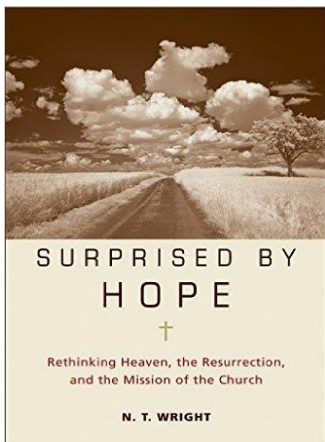
Special thanks to all who contributed to the food packing event and fundraiser in February. EPC was able to give a gift of \$3,733.12 to Rise Against Hunger. Because of your support thousands of children around the world have a chance. Keep up with Rise Against Hunger and their work to end hunger by visiting www.riseagainsthunger.org.

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

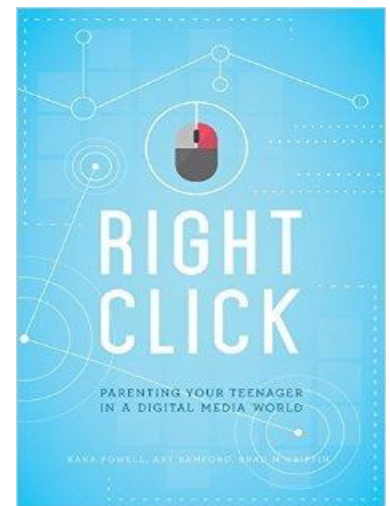
(This class meets in the Presbytery building.)

"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.



*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here!*

2 Corinthians 5:17

Small Group Ministry Opportunities



EPC Women's Circles will meet in March to discuss Lesson Six in our Horizons Bible Study *Who Is Jesus?* Having already looked through the lens of Paul and the Gospel writers, we will now turn to the Book of Hebrews for answers. Women of all ages are welcome to join us as we seek to nurture our faith through worship, study, friendship, and outreach.

Morning Circle will be co-hosted by Anne Vickers and Elaine Campbell at Elaine's home on Thursday March 9 at 10:00 at Elaine's home. 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 March 13 at 7 p.m. in the church conference room. For more information, contact pressley@eastminster.com.



Ladies Out to Lunch (L.O.L)

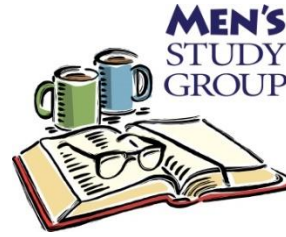
We will meet on Thursday, March 16th at 11:30 a.m. Call or text Pressley by Tuesday, March 14th to reserve your spot: 864-517-9781. This month we will eat at Firebird's at 1025 Woodruff Road, Greenville, SC 29607.



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 27th – 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

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, March 5th**.

Children's Ministry

Children's Chime Choir

During the 11:00 am Education Hour, children K5-5th 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.

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

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

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



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

ALL youth 6th-12th 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

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
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.





This year's Bistro was attended by just under 100 guests, where we raised \$1161 for Youth Ministries. Thank you all for your generous donations and participation.

Seven of our youth served 20 large tables over the two seating evening. Some were veteran's but many were new to this event, some filling in for sick family members. Thank you to Will, Roshni, Kate, Leah, Sarah, Megan and Molly.

Our raffles were another big hit this year. Here are the winners:

Gift Basket 5 Seating:	The Ingrams
Gift Basket 6:30 Seating:	Steven Flack (friend of the Osteens)
Cabela Cooler:	Stephanie Brandenburg
Cabela Multi-Tool:	Austin Campbell (kin to Barry)
Grand-Prize (Meal provided by Chef Luigi "aka Barry"):	Roxanne Waling (friend of Eileen Osteen)

We would like to also send a big thank you to all those behind the scenes that make this a great event each year!



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 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Svc.	2 7 p.m. Adult Faith Formation	3	4
5 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Education Hour 12 p.m. Mom's Group 4:30-5:30 p.m. Scouts 5:30 p.m. Youth @ EPC	6 6:30-9 p.m. Greenville In Harmony	7 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m. Scouts	8 6 p.m. Handbells 7 p.m. Choir	9 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pastor Cohort 10 a.m. Ladies' Morning Circle	10 5-10 p.m. SMMC	11 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Greenville In Harmony 9a.m.-12 p.m. Scouts
12 8:45 a.m. Outreach Mtg. 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Education Hour 12 p.m. Finance Team Mtg.	13 6:30-9 p.m. Greenville In Harmony 7 p.m. Ladies' Evening Circle	14 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6-8 p.m. Scouts	15 6 p.m. Handbells 7 p.m. Choir	16 11:30 a.m. Ladies out to Lunch	17 5-10 p.m. SMMC	18 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. Scouts
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Newsletter Information

March 12th - Deadline for March mid-month newsletter

March 26th - Deadline for April newsletter

****Please send all mid-month and monthly newsletter articles to
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