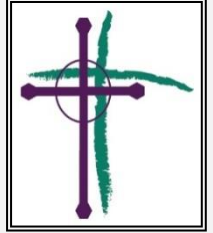


Eastminster Edition



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

November 2017

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Alternative Gift Fair

November 19th, 26th

December 3rd

**Shop before & after
Worship!**

The dates for the alternative gift fair are Sundays from November 19th continuing through December 3rd.

Ten Thousand Villages will participate again this year.

We would like to encourage members of the church or friends to participate as well, bringing items to sell or promote.

We ask that a minimum of 25% of the proceeds to go a charity of their choice or an outreach of the church. This is a chance to think differently about gift giving and to support others in a unique way!

Dear EPC family-

This month each of us will celebrate Thanksgiving by gathering together with family, sharing a meal, remembering our blessings, and enjoying one another's company. We will do that same thing as a church this coming Sunday, when we share a meal to celebrate four members of our family. We come together to give thanks for the ways in which the Stewarts and Parrishes have given their time, talent, and gifts to the many ministries of Eastminster. While it is never easy to say goodbye, we are grateful for the many ways in which we have been blessed by being part of this family of faith.

Sometimes, we search too hard for blessings for which we are thankful. This year, I'm taking the advice of poet Mary Oliver when she says:

"¹⁰ Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. ¹¹ Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! ¹² Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home."
-Romans 12:10-13

"Sometimes I only need to stand wherever I am to be blessed." For me, that place is Eastminster, as I witness the way this family cares and loves each other. I encourage you to join me this Thanksgiving to give glory to God for all your blessings, simply by blessing someone else.

With Thanksgiving for this family of faith,
Pressley

Living a Compassionate Life



November 5

1 John 3: 1-3

"Building God's Kingdom on Earth"

November 12

Micah 6: 1-8

"It's Not that Complicated"

November 19

Luke 10: 25-37

"The Other Side"

November 26

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24
Matthew 25: 31-46

"For the Health of All"

"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

Sympathy Expressed: To the Cox Family in the passing of Ben's uncle Bob Frans.

EPC Members Norton and Suzanne Cater, Ann Coleman, Syble Drake, Harry George, Tandy Gilliland, Marilyn James, Gill Seal, Maryanne Torris, Tonda Vial

Homebound/Nursing Home Sylvia Meyer, Emily Phillips

EPC Extended Family

Richard Calloway (*Jerry Calloway's brother*)
 Kenny Couch (*Karen Reese's brother*)
 Michael Curley (*Eileen Osteen's brother*)
 Bobbie Deitke (*Sharon Daugherty's mother*)
 Evelyn Dodenhoff (*Ken Hugh's aunt*)
 Susan Harrell (*Lindy Landers' sister*)
 Katie Landry (*Kim Gassner's mother*)
 Jean Lasher (*Cindy Lichoulas' mother*)
 Roger Osteen (*Mark Osteen's brother*)
 Theresa Sautner (*Lisa Cuppett's Mother*)
 Sandy Stewart (*Jim Stewart's sister*)
 Betty Jo Steed (*mother of Louis Steed*)
 Jitka Svatonova (*Lucie Svatonova-Hughes' mother*)
 Jerry (*Barbara Kurta's brother*)



EPC Friends...

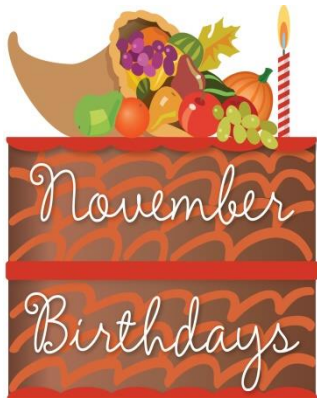
Judith Cartisano
 (*friend of Mike Randall*)
 Ned Manry
 (*friend of Ben Cox*)
 Jeff Rogers
 (*friend of Anita Harley*)
 Susan Romba
 (*friend of Kim Gassner*)
 Grant Voyles
 (*friend of Kim Gassner*)
 Richard
 (*co-worker of Devon Cortright*)

Military

Kasey Cornwell (*Devon and Ellen Cortright's nephew*)
 Kenneth Endicott (*Harry and Beverly George's nephew*)
 Phillip Goeckel (*Sandy Watkins' nephew*)
 Ryan McGuckian (*son of Kimberly Lane's friends*)
 Jared Pierce (*son of Audra Pierce and Syble Drake*)
 Matt Renbarger (*Roger and Jane Couch's nephew*)
 Sean Renbarger (*Roger and Jane Couch's nephew*)
 F. Tyler Rymer (*Devon and Ellen Cortright's nephew*)
 Heather Cortright Sinda (*Devon and Ellen Cortright's Daughter*)
 Matthew Sinda (*Devon and Ellen Cortright's son-in-law*)

For additions or corrections to the prayer list, please contact

Network 6:2 Coordinator Ann Stockman and Shirley Nease at network62@eastminster.com
 Eastminster's Administrative Assistant Ellen Irick at 284-0190 or email admin@eastminster.com



Happy Birthday!

11/3 – Bryant Shetler

11/4 – Ed Uprichard
 Jan Barto

11/11 – Dan Harris

11/18 – Kate Brandenburg

11/20 – Megan Keller

Small Group Opportunities



EPC Women's Circles meet monthly for Fellowship and Bible Study. Our 2017-2018 Horizon Bible Study is entitled *Cloud of Witnesses: A Community of Christ in Hebrews*. 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 November 9 at 10:00 at the home of Patty Mitcham to discuss Lesson Two. Ladies are reminded to bring toiletries for Place of Hope and/or canned corn for the Food Bank at United Ministries. For more information, contact carolirick@charter.net.

Evening Circle will meet Sunday November 12 at 5:30 at church to discuss Lesson Three. For more information, contact pressley@eastminster.com.

F.U.N. GROUP OPEN HOUSE

The F.U.N. (Fifty and Up Network) Group will have a Christmas Open House next month. Join us on December 10th from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at the home of Harry and Beverly George. For details or directions please contact Jane Couch at randjcouch@gmail.com

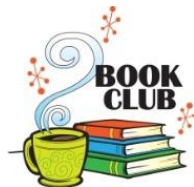


MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join the Men's group as they meet for breakfast every Wednesday at Panera Bread on Woodruff Road at 6:45 a.m.

EPC BOOK CLUB All are welcome to join the EPC Book Club. The next meeting is November 27th at 7 p.m. to discuss *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.P.

Vance. For more information contact Shirley Nease at shirleynease@yahoo.com.



Music Ministry

Come join our choir! We are starting a brand new season so the fall is great time to come join in the fun. Grab a friend and join us in the Choir Room at 7 p.m. every Wednesday night. Contact Choir Director, Lucie Svatonova-Hughes at lucie@eastminster.com with any questions.



Adult Ministry

Adult Sunday School Class

Do you wonder why there are so many different denominations? Why some baptize babies, others baptize teens or adults? Who is invited to the Lord's Table? All these differences began 500 years ago this October when Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of the church at Wittenberg. Come join the adult class this fall for ***Reformation Roots***, a video series exploring just what happened in 1517, events that led up to it, and why this still matters to us today. A series of church historians will put the events and issues in context, and we'll explore how the 21st century church is dealing with some of the same themes. We hope you'll join us!



Families In Faith Sunday School Class

The Families in Faith Sunday School class will be studying a 7-session Adult Faith Formation Course called ***Animate: Faith***. The session topics include:

God: Faith is a Quest
Religion: Spirituality Is Not Enough
Jesus: The Revolution of Love
Salvation: Abundant Life Now
Cross: Where God Is
Bible: A Book Like No Other
Church: An Imperfect Family

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.

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 his 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.

Children's Ministry



Special thanks to each of our amazing volunteers who help out in so many ways! We are thankful for you and the ways you help Dawn and Riley each and every Sunday.

Parents and Friends, I hope you have all noticed the new communication area outside of our nursery space. There are instructions for signing in and out as well as information about our children and worship. Your children are invited to worship with us each Sunday morning.

Also included on the bulletin board are children's books and bibles that would be great to add to your collection at home. These could make wonderful Christmas gifts that you and your children will enjoy each and every day.

Volunteers for November

November 5- Alan Calloway

November 12- Jennifer Ellis

November 19- Mo Cobb

November 26- Kim Gassner

Children and Youth Sunday School

Many thanks to Ann Broom and Lynn Moorshead for their continued dedication to our children and youth! They work so hard to prepare and teach our young people and it is a gift to us all!

November Volunteers

Date	Children	Youth
11/5	Mo Cobb	Sara Randall
11/12	? can you help us?	Sara Randall
11/19	Linda Sucher & Sara Randall	Jennifer Ellis
11/26	? can you help us?	Kim Gassner

As you can see, there are spaces for YOU to join us as a Sunday School volunteer. If you would like to help out with our elementary school class and be a support to Lynn, please let Joan Jones know! You can email her at joan@eastminster.com



Youth Ministry

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events & Opportunities to Volunteer

Each Sunday evening that our youth meet, we have volunteers provide dinner for us! Volunteers should arrive by 5 and have dinner ready for us to eat at 5:30. This is a great way to spend time with our youth and to enjoy fellowship and conversation around the table. The meals can be as simple as ordering pizza, hot dogs, tacos, chicken tenders and side, soup and sandwiches, just to name a few. IF you would be willing to provide dinner for our youth, please let Joan Jones know!
joan@eastminster.com

Upcoming meal schedule-

November 5- Anitha Samuel
 November 19- The Carlsons and the Cobb's
 December 3 will be our Advent Festival with a meal for our EPC family

January 7- Moorsheads
 February 4- ?
 January 21- ?
 March 4- ?
 March 18- ?
 April 15- ?
 May 6- ?



Sunday, November 5, all middle school are invited to a night of painting fun! We will gather for dinner at 5:30 and will be painting individual canvases to hang in our Sunday School classroom! Wear clothes that can get a little messy and come ready for a great time!

Sunday, November 19, all middle school and high school youth will gather for dinner at 5:30 and we will work with Linda Sucher in creating cards for the Alternative Christmas Market. We will have several stations set up and many activities to choose from.



Youth Christmas Progressive Dinner

December 17- Our youth will be having a Christmas Progressive Dinner. We will travel to three homes, one for appetizers, one for the main dish and one for dessert. One family will host each part of the meal and one family will help in providing that part and helping the host family.

- Appetizers: Carlsons and ?
- Main Dish: Samuels and ?
- Dessert At the Moorshead's Home: Moorshead's & Cobb's

Youth should be dropped off at Eastminster at 4:30 and we will travel to our first home for appetizers. We will end the evening at the Moorshead's for dessert and a fun game of "Secret Santa". All youth will be picked up at the Moorshead's. More details will be coming closer to our Progressive Dinner! We are looking forward to a day of food, fun, friends and fellowship as we celebrate the Advent season.

Middle School Sunday School

During the 11:00 am Education Hour, all 6th-8th graders will meet in the Youth Room. Fall Topics include continuing the hard "Can I Ask That?" questions, 5- week Reformation study, and an Advent class. If you would like to assist with Middle School Sunday School, please contact Joan Jones at joan@eastminster.com or sign up on this [google doc](#)

Senior High Sunday School

All 9th-12th graders are invited to join in a special Sunday School class on Worship, Drama, and the Arts beginning on Sunday, August 27. We will meet in the Conference Room next to Pressley's office. The class will include Bible study, painting, prayer, and lots more depending on the interest of the participants. If you would like to assist with this class, please contact [Pressley Cox](#) or sign up on this [google doc](#)

Mark your Calendar

March 16-18, 2018

Senior High

Mini-Montreat Weekend

June 9-16, 2018

Senior High Montreat

July 18-22, 2018

Middle School Montreat

Advent Festival 2017
Sunday, December 3
5:30-7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join us for dinner and Advent activities that will help prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of the Christ Child.

There will be activities for our entire EPC family, from our very youngest to our oldest. We will be creating items for you to take home as well as items to be used here at EPC and items to be shared with others.

Each person/family will have the opportunity to create a Reverse Advent Calendar! Each day during Advent, you will place one of the items listed in your bag. All these items will be returned to EPC on Christmas Eve or the Sunday after Christmas and will be shared with United Ministries.

We will create advent chains, Christmas cards for our homebound members, will sing the hymns of the season and so much more.

A sign up sheet will be in the welcome area for you to let us know you plan to attend. It is our prayer that you will come and join us as we seek ways to help us all focus on the coming of the Christ Child during this busy, hectic time of year.



OUTREACH

Thank you



Eastminster Presbyterian Church,
 We appreciate your donation of school supplies to our school. As the quote on the page says... Working Together is Success, we couldn't be successful without your generosity to Robert E. Cashion Elementary.
 Sincerely,
 Ryan Sheehan
 Principal

Session

Class of 2017

Heath Cobb-	Property and Grounds
Beverly George-	Clerk of Session
Ed Irick-	Hub Liaison
Kimberly Lane-	Congregational Care

Class of 2019

Mike Moorshead-	Children and Youth
	Faith Formation
Bruce Nolan-	Music and Worship
Audra Pierce-	Fellowship
Mark Sucher-	Finance and Stewardship

Class of 2018

Will Brandenburg-	Mission and Outreach
Jerry Calloway-	Personnel
Elaine Campbell-	Adult Faith Formation
Gil Kraemer-	Mission and Outreach
Cyndi Lichoulas-	Assimilation and Membership

News and Notes

Lessons and Carols, December 10th

If you'd like to join the Chancel Choir for Lessons and Carols, we'll be rehearsing Christmas music at the beginning of each Wednesday rehearsal at 7 p.m. We can give you music to work on at home if you can't attend Wednesday night rehearsals.

There will be a dress rehearsal on Saturday December 9th at 10 a.m. with a holiday lunch following. Come and join the fun!

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

Membership
Committee is looking
for some new people to
join! Please contact
Cyndi Licoulas if
interested at
864-423-0734

FallBack

Don't Forget to Set Your Clocks

Sunday, November 5th



The Church office will be closed for Thanksgiving
on Wednesday November 22nd and
Thursday November 23rd

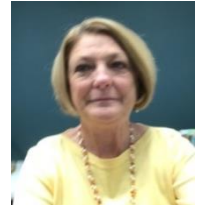
Class of 2020 Elder Nominees

The CNC has nominated these EPC members for the class of 2020. There will be a Congregational Meeting on November 19th following Worship for approval. Elder training will be held in January and February and the next class of Elders will be ordained in March 2018.



Maureen “Mo” Cobb grew up in Marietta, GA. She graduated from Clemson University in 1998 with her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Health Science. Then she went on to the University of Tennessee where she obtained her Master of Science in Social Work in 2000. After marrying her husband, Heath, whom she met at Clemson, they moved to the Charlotte area in 2000 where she worked at the mental health center as a counselor for teenagers, and later as the Assistant Manager of their 24 hour psychiatric and substance abuse Call Center. Since then she has worked in hospice and with children with developmental disabilities. Heath and Maureen moved to Simpsonville in 2011 with their 2 daughters, Audrey (13) and Madeline (10). Maureen chose to stay home with the kids 4 years ago but keeps her social work license active for the day she returns to the field. In the meantime, she stays plenty busy, spending her days trying to wear out their new puppy, Marley, so that he won’t dig up the flower beds; and spends her evenings driving Audrey and Maddie around to all of their activities. She also stays active volunteering at the girls’ schools and is a member of the Bethel Elementary and Mauldin Middle School Improvement Councils. Maureen enjoys exercising, spending time outdoors with her family, and crafting. The Cobbs have been members of EPC since 2012 and Maureen has been a member of the Children and Youth Faith Formation Committee for several years. She’s looking forward to helping Eastminster continue to grow and spread God’s Word.

Sharon Daugherty was born in Tennessee where her Dad was stationed at a nearby Airforce base. She, her Dad, Mom then moved to Ohio when she was 2 yrs. old and her Dad began his career in the steel industry. Sharon was raised with three siblings; two brothers and one sister. Her father and one brother are deceased, her sister and her family reside in Ohio where she helps care for their Mother who is 91. Sharon’s brother and his family live in Florida. She has lived in the Greenville area for about 45 years. One son, Jeff, and his wife, Stacie and granddaughter, Madison live in Greenville. Her other son, Chris and his wife, Ariane live in Augusta, Georgia. Sharon is currently employed with the South Carolina Judicial Department as an Administrative Assistant to Family Court Judge Thomas T. Hodges, a new opportunity which she finds very interesting. Sharon joined Eastminster in 2005 and has previously answered the call to Serve on the Session and welcomes the call to once again to serve.



Rick Owens and his family have been a members of Eastminster church since May 2006. Rick is married to Lynn Storch Owens and have three Children, Katie (Senior at Clemson University), Elizabeth (Senior at Brashier Charter High School) and Ryan (Sophomore at Brashier Charter High School). Rick served as an elder for Eastminster from 2012 to 2014. Rick is a structural Engineer and works for Clemson University.

Roshni Samuel and is a 10th grader at Riverside High school. She loves to play volleyball, the flute and piano. She would like to serve the church and become more involved. Roshni has joined the Montreat middle school planning team and has been to the Montreat youth conference 2 times. She’s learned a lot about her faith and hopes to continue to grow.



Sandy Watkins has been a member of Eastminster since 2005. She has two wonderful children, Noel and Hope, who are adopted from Guatemala. One day, she hopes to take the kids on a mission trip to their place of birth. The rich culture of arts and humanities are one of many reasons why Sandra feels at home in the upstate of South Carolina and she currently holds the treasurer position representing the Metropolitan Arts Council. Sandy’s professional roots run deep into financial reporting environments. As soon as being a high school student, she absorbed valuable experience and interest in bookkeeping. By working the closing shift at the local grocery store, her professional career as a business woman was only in the making. In 1990, Sandra graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Presbyterian College. Following the completion of her undergraduate degree, she worked as an internal audit trainee for Winn-Dixie. Moving on up, she worked as a tax manager with one of the largest regional accounting firms in South Carolina for nearly fifteen years. Given her outstanding accomplishments and work ethic, she made partner at Bradshaw, Gordon & Clinkscales, LLC in August 2007. Fun fact, her favorite task is still preparing 1040’s.

Vocal Matrix Chorus Presents



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For Scholarship
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Group Pricing available
For Information Call:

(855)7WE-SING (793-7464) or (864)757-1932



Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good; His love endures forever.
- Psalm 118:1



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast 6 p.m. Handbells 7 p.m. Choir	2	3	4 8 a.m. -9 p.m. Vocal Matrix
5 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Education Hour 12 p.m. Celebration Lunch 3-7 p.m. Scouts 5:30-7 p.m. Youth	6 6:30-9 p.m. Vocal Matrix	7 6:30 p.m. Scouts	8 6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast 6 p.m. Handbells 7 p.m. Choir	9 10 a.m. Ladies' Morning Circle	10	11
12 8:45 a.m. Outreach 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Education Hour 3-6 p.m. Scouts 5:30 p.m. Ladies Evening Circle	13 6:30-9 p.m. Vocal Matrix	14 6:30 p.m. Finance 6:30 p.m. Scouts	15 6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast 6 p.m. Handbells 7 p.m. Choir	16	17	18
19 10 a.m. Worship <i>Congregational Mtg. to approve Elders</i> following Worship 11 a.m. Education Hour 12 p.m. Hub Mtg. 3-5:30 p.m. Scouts 5:30-7 p.m. Youth *Alternative Gift Fair*	20 6:30-9 p.m. Vocal Matrix	21 6:30-7:30 p.m. Scouts	22 6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast Office Closed →	23 Office Closed →	24	25
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Newsletter Information

November 19th - Deadline for December/January newsletter
***Please send all monthly newsletter articles to admin@eastminster.com**