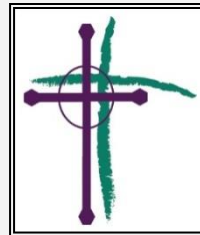


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Dear EPC Friends and Family-

This fall, we will have a 12 week sermon series on Compassion. Compassion is an interesting word. It comes from the root words that combine to mean "suffer with." Miriam Webster defined compassion as a sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it." It is different from empathy, which focuses solely on the awareness of another's suffering. Compassion includes a desire to do something with that feeling. This fall, we will consider what to do with the empathy we feel and how to be truly compassionate toward others.

We began Sunday, September 3 with the theme of Courage. Future themes include Hospitality, Kindness and Peace. The children will be studying the same theme in the childcare and classroom using a curriculum entitled *Illustrated Compassion*. If your family is unable to stay for the Education Hour, please pick up a children's packet from the Commons Table to explore the scripture at home.

No matter where you are on the theological or political spectrum, it is clear our world needs more compassion. Turning to scripture, we will look at examples of God's compassion explore and ask what it means to live a Compassionate life in today's world.

Grace and Peace-
Pressley



The week of **September 17th** starts our last week of GAIHN for 2017 and we need you! We have had a few people sign up, but we need more.

Each of you that contribute to this ministry, no matter what role, is a blessing to many.

Sometimes I don't think we realize the positive impact we have on our community. The last time we hosted, there was a young family who had just came into the program. We were their first host church. At the end of the week, I was saying goodbye to the dad, and he said initially he really didn't think his family would work out in this program. However when we were so friendly and helpful, he knew this was the right fit for them. He even commented about how great the food was, and he was a cook!

Take a look at your schedules and see if you can contribute some time to our struggling families as they enter our sanctuary.

Any questions? Please call or email me at
valeengoodreau@gmail.com or 864-616-2680

- Valeen Goodreau
EPC Assistant GAIHN Coordinator

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

Dear Eastminster Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your continued care and concern for Emily Phillips. She really appreciates her church family and all you do to reach out to her. She loves the cards she receives and asks me to save every one of them. We frequently re-read them and post them on a board in her room. Emily and all our family are truly blessed and very thankful for the loving support of Eastminster.

At this writing Emily is doing quite well and has made many friends at Brookdale. They always look out for her and she offers her support, advice and guidance to others.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

*Sincerely,
Linda Stone (Niece)*



"Just got back from picking up the food. It was exactly what we needed. Please extend our thanks to all the members of your congregation and let them know how much we appreciated the food."

Email from Johanne Puckett
Volunteer Food Coordinator
United Ministries



Compassion in the Hebrew Scriptures

September 3	Exodus 1:15-2:10	Shiphrah and Puah's Courage
September 10	2 Samuel 9:1-13	David Shows Kindness
September 17	2 Kings 6:8-23	The Feast that Ended the Attacks
September 24	Matthew 9:35-38	Jesus' Compassion

"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 Norton and Suzanne Cater, Lisa Calloway and family, Ann Coleman, Harry George, Tandy Gilliland, Marilyn James, Patty Mitcham, Tonda Vial

Homebound/Nursing Home Sylvia Meyer, Emily Phillips

EPC Extended Family

Richard Calloway (*Jerry Calloway's brother*)
 Kenny Couch (*Karen Reese's brother*)
 Bobbie Deitke (*Sharon Daugherty's mother*)
 Phillip Goeckel (*Sandy Watkins' nephew*)
 Susan Harrell (*Lindy Landers' sister*)
 Katie Landry (*Kim Gassner's mother*)
 Jean Lasher (*Cindy Lichoulas' mother*)
 Family of Tony Leeman
 Barbara McCoy (*John Taylor's sister*)
 Jim Neal (*Pressley Cox's father*)
 Roger Osteen (*Mark Osteen's brother*)
 Matt Renbarger (*Roger and Jane Couch's nephew*)
 Sean Renbarger (*Roger and Jane Couch's nephew*)
 Theresa Sautner (*Lisa Cuppett's Mother*)
 Sandy Stewart (*Jim Stewart's sister*)
 Jitka Svatonova (*Lucie Svatonova-Hughes' mother*)
 Jerry (*Barbara Kurta's brother*)
 Michael (*Eileen Osteen's brother*)
 Camden (*Jim and Cathy Parrish's grandson*)

EPC Friends...

Tina Ballenger
 (*Ann Broom's friend*)
 Judith Cartisano
 (*friend of Mike Randall*)
 Jeff Rogers
 (*friend of Anita Harley*)
 Gary Ruby, Sr.
 (*friend of Ben Cox*)
 Grant Voyles
 (*friend of Kim Gassner*)
 Richard
 (*co-worker of Devon Cortright*)
 Rebecca

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

For additions or corrections to the prayer list, please contact
 Network 6:2 Coordinator Cathy Parrish at network62@eastminster.com
 Eastminster's Administrative Assistant Ellen Irick at 284-0190 or email admin@eastminster.com



September Birthdays

9/3 – Shirley Nease
 Heather Taylor
 9/4 – Alison Morris
 Roman Morris
 Will Brandenburg
 9/5 – Lisa Cuppett
 9/7 – Valeen Goodreau
 9/9 – Susan Carlson
 9/11 – Max Gassner
 9/12 – Billy Dunn
 9/16 – Lewis Hughes
 9/18 – Jane Couch

9/19 – Molly Gassner
 9/20 – Norton Cater
 9/22 – Gage Keller
 9/23 – Lisa Calloway
 Audrey Cobb
 9/24 – Patty Mitcham
 9/25 – Taylor Bielek
 Betty Taylor
 9/27 – Sally Seal
 Syble Drake
 9/28 – Sylvia Meyer
 9/29 – Becky Dunn

Small Group Opportunities



EPC Women's Circles will be starting a new year of Fellowship and Bible Study in September. Our 2017-2018 Horizon Bible Study is entitled *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*.

The book of Hebrews is packed with theology, metaphor, comparison, and spirituality. We will explore nine major themes and relate them to our faith tradition and community. Women of all ages are invited to join us as we seek to nurture our faith through worship, study, friendship, and outreach.

Evening Circle will meet at our new time, Sunday, September 10th at 5:30 p.m. at church. For more information, contact pressley@eastminster.com.

Morning Circle will meet Thursday September 14 at 10:00 at the home of Betty Taylor. Anne Vickers will lead the introduction to our study. Women are reminded to bring canned corn and/or toiletries for United Ministries. For more information, contact carolirick@charter.net.



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 September 25th at 7 p.m. We are reading the book *Lilac Girls* by

Martha Hall Kelly. 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.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry celebrated its' first year of service in February 2017. At that time, 24 shawls had been gifted to Eastminster members, their family members or friends for comfort and support during difficult times and also for a time of celebration.

Since then, Sharon Flesch and Suzanne Sawan have joined the shawl prayer group of 8 "prayer shawl sisters". New members are warmly welcomed and much appreciated. Beginners are tutored one-on-one and celebrated for their effort and commitment. Today's life journeys often have new challenges or needs that require a new focus, so some of the "prayer shawl sisters" are on sabbatical, but still support the others with their love and prayers.

The Morning Women's Bible Circle shares in the Blessing and Dedication of new prayer shawls by the laying on of hands while thoughts and prayers for the Peace of Christ are expressed. As with all ministries to which Eastminster is committed, members and friends of the Eastminster congregation are a vital part of the ministry with their support of prayers, celebration of the love of God shared by the work of the ministry, time and money (for yarn, needles, tissue and gift bags).

Questions or interest in joining - contact Carolyn Uprichard (knitting) or Carol Irick (crochet or knitting). A **Prayer Shawl Social** is scheduled for **September 28th at 10:00am** in the church. Anyone interested in joining is welcome, as well as those who like to join in for some social time and enjoy supporting those knitting and crocheting. Please **RSVP to Carolyn Uprichard** (864 438-1935) or **Carol Irick** (864 962-2492) if you are able to come.

FIFTY AND UP NETWORK

F.U.N. Events:

Storytelling Concerts by CAST
(Clemson Area Storytellers)

McGee's Irish Pub

116 West Orr St.

Anderson, SC 29625

4th Thursday of the month through October

Jim Foote will tell:

9/28, 10/26

If anyone is interested in going in September or October, contact Jane Couch at randjcouch@gmail.com to arrange a car pool.

Adult Ministry

New 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

Dear Eastminster Presbyterian Family,

I want to thank each and every one of you for the warm welcome I have received since joining your staff as Director of Children and Youth Ministries. It is a gift to work alongside Lucie, Ellen and Pressley. They are incredibly creative and have such a heart for serving God's people in this place. I am in awe of you, as members and friends, and the many ways you "step up" to do whatever is needed! I am amazed at the number of you who are volunteering to serve in children and youth ministries! I couldn't do this alone! Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve with you as we seek to share the stories of faith and grow together as children of God.



Blessings,

Joan Jones

Director of Children and Middle School Youth Ministries

joan@eastminster.com

cell 205-222-3732

Help Needed

As you can see, we need help in our children's SS and Senior High 9/17.
Please let Joan or Pressley know if you can help.

Our Volunteers for September

Date	Nursery	Children's SS	Middle School	Senior High
9/3	Kenny Hughes	Anne Vickers	Kim Gassner	Sandy Watkins
9/10	Bryant Shetler	Jennifer Ellis	Mo Cobb	Heath Cobb
9/17	Alan Calloway	?????	Susan Carlson	????
9/24	Anne Vickers	Anitha Samuel	Sara Randall	Stephanie Brandenburg

If you cannot attend on the day that you volunteered, please find a sub to fill your spot. You can swap dates with another volunteer. If you cannot find someone, please let Joan know. Our Safe

Place policy states that we will have two adults in each area.

Thank you for your willingness to serve in this way.

Thank you, thank you, thank you...

Many thanks to all of you for volunteering to teach and assist with our children and youth and for sharing your love for children with our youngest children in the infant/toddler nursery and our preschool-1st grade class. Wow, you are all amazing and we couldn't do it without you.

Youth Ministry

All Middle School Youth Back to School Dinner Night at Pizza Inn September 12th from 6:30-7:30

You are invited to join Joan at Pizza Inn on Woodruff Road on Tuesday, September 12 from 6:30-7:30. We will meet and share a meal and spend time getting to know one another. Joan cannot wait to hear all about your first few weeks of school. The cost of dinner buffet is \$8.63 with water to drink or \$10.56 with tea of a soft drink. The middle schoolers and Joan will share a table and families are welcome to stay and eat. You can grab some table together and visit as well. Or you can drop your youth with Joan and come back at 7:30.

Save the Date October 8th at 4:00 Church wide Fellowship Event Stewart Farms Corn Maze

You don't want to miss this great opportunity for your whole family. We will meet at Stewart Farms and enjoy the corn maze, pumpkin patch and a delicious dinner around the campfire! Be on the lookout for more details in late September.

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](mailto:Joan.Jones@eastminster.com) at joan@eastminster.com or sign up on this [google doc](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jIhjOUWKmTr7WZchcdGspQAu1Nsf_4K66M1ereO79Y8/edit) https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jIhjOUWKmTr7WZchcdGspQAu1Nsf_4K66M1ereO79Y8/edit.

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](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nLEAgFiiO47L8IYOvIvSZDncbqo9HA15EUvJxBYoGM0/edit) <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nLEAgFiiO47L8IYOvIvSZDncbqo9HA15EUvJxBYoGM0/edit>.

Youth Fellowship

Be on the lookout for news about Sunday Night Youth Fellowship beginning Sunday, September 17. Youth will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday from 5:30-7:00 p.m. (5:30 pm, Dinner - 6:00 pm Middle School and Senior High will split for their own program)

Mark your Calendar

October 21-22, 2017

March 16-18, 2018

June 9-16, 2018

July 18-22, 2018

Middle School Retreat to Bonclarken

Senior High Mini-Montreat Weekend

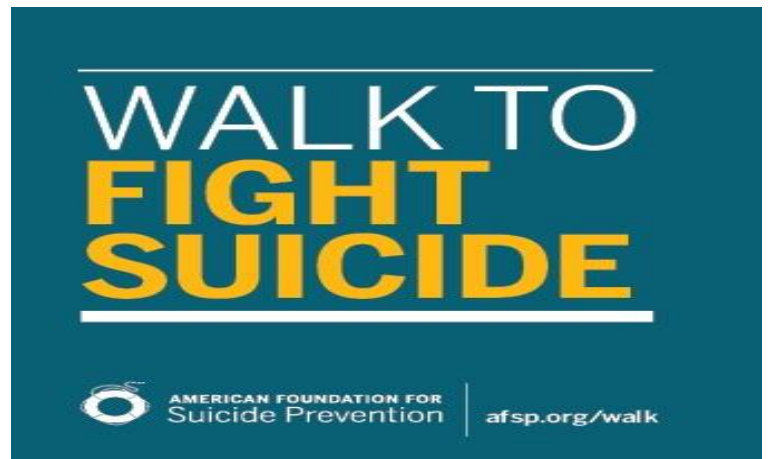
Senior High Montreat

Middle School Montreat

OUTREACH



United Ministries's Transformation Walk, "Take a Step, Change a Life" fundraiser will occur on Sunday October 1st starting at Flour Field. Over the three mile walk you will go by various services agencies in downtown Greenville. Great way to spend a fall afternoon and raise funds for United Ministries's missions. Use the link for more information. Go the Unite Ministries website to download a Walker Information Packet:
<http://united-ministries.org/>



Greenville, SC, OCTOBER 08, 2017— More than 1,000 people from throughout **the Upstate and the Midlands** are expected to participate in the **SC Upstate Area** Out of the Darkness Community Walk at **2:00 PM** at **840 Mauldin Road, Conestee Park**. This fundraising walk supports the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's local and national programs and its bold goal to reduce the annual rate of suicide 20 percent by 2025.

"Suicide affects one in five American families. I am walking to bring awareness to this leading cause of death and let people in the community know that they are not alone. There is help out there for those who live with a mental health condition and support for those who have lost a loved one to suicide," said Barbara Pressley, Walk Chairman. Register @ afsp.org/walk

Join EPC friends in supporting the Center for Community Services

Over the years, Eastminster has partnered with the Center for Community Services (CCS) in many ways - through Hog Day, food drives, our Christmas Angel Tree and sponsoring Hispanic families in attending summer parenting camps through Café Cultura.

On September 18, CCS is hosting their annual charity golf tournament at Fox Run Country Club and could use our support in making this a great fundraiser. Some of the ways that you can get involved include forming a team to play in the tournament, sponsoring a hole (sponsor names are placed on signs on one of the course's tee boxes), donating door prizes or volunteering the day of the event). This is a great opportunity for golfers to enjoy a day playing golf for a good cause, for small business owners to promote their business and for others to volunteer and enjoy a day helping an organization that plays an important role in our community.

Who to contact to get involved:

- If you are interested in being part of a team to play golf, please reach out to Barry Campbell
- If you would like to sponsor a hole, donate door prizes or volunteer the day of the event, contact Andrew Ross at CCS (864-688-2218, andrew@centercs.com)

News and Notes

WE WILL BE CLOSED LABOR DAY

Regular Office Hours Are:

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Monday -Thursday

8 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Church Office will be closed Monday
September 4th In Observance of Labor Day

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



CPR CLASS

EPC will host a CPR Class on Saturday, September 23rd from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. This class is open to all members, and all childcare, youth, and GAIHN volunteers, as well as Session, are asked to sign up. The class is limited to 16 so sign up now before space runs out! If you don't sign up in time to make it to this class, please contact Ellen Irick in the church office at admin@eastminster.com to let her know so we can schedule another date. The site to sign up is <https://mkt.com/empower-training-group/item/eastminister-presbyterian-cpr-aed>

FREE!

Clemson Area Story Tellers Present...

Andy Offutt Irwin Storytelling Workshop

Mark Your Calendar and Register Today

Saturday, September 16th from 9 a.m.-12 noon

Pendleton Campus of Tri County Technical College –In the library

7000 SC Hwy 76 Pendleton, SC 29670

Registration is required. Email: CASTworkshop2017@gmail.com

Include name(s), phone number and email address for each person.

Andy Offutt Irwin is a storyteller, arts educator, singer-songwrite and humorist from Covington, GA. He appears regularly at storytelling festivals across the country. Irwin says, "We will do exercises to explore ourselves as character. Then we will work on character-driven story creation...and we'll have a goofy-good time!"

Support Clemson Community Care and bring canned goods donations to the workshop.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Education Hour 3-4 Girl Scouts	4 Office Closed for Labor Day	5 9:15 a.m. Staff Mtg.	6 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 p.m. Handbells 7 p.m. Choir	7	8	9
10 8:45 a.m. Outreach 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Education Hour 12 p.m. Finance 4-6 p.m. Girl Scouts 5:30 p.m. Ladies' Evening Circle	11 6:30-9p.m. Vocal Matrix	12 9:15 a.m. Staff Mtg.	13 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 p.m. Handbells 7 p.m. Choir	14 10 a.m. Ladies' Morning Circle	15 5 p.m. Cub Scout Campout →	16 10 a.m. Cub Scout Campout ends
17 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Education Hour 12 p.m. Hub Mtg. 3-4 Girl Scouts 5-7 Youth Serve GAIHN dinner GAIHN Host Week Begins - →	18 6:30-9p.m. Vocal Matrix 7 p.m. Children & Youth Faith Formation GAIHN →	19 9:15 a.m. Staff Mtg. GAIHN →	20 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 p.m. Handbells 7 p.m. Choir GAIHN →	21 GAIHN →	22 GAIHN →	23 10 a.m.-12 p.m. CPR Class GAIHN →
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Newsletter Information

September 24th - Deadline for October newsletter

****Please send all mid-month and monthly newsletter articles to
admin@eastminster.com***