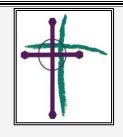
Eastminster Edition



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March 2015

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PERFORMING AT EASTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 11, 2015
7:00 PM





Pastor's Corner- A Note from Pressley

Dear EPC family and friends-

In the fall of 2014, I received an invitation from the Board of Pensions of the PCUSA to attend an eight day conference called "CREDO". With session approval, I accepted the invitation to attend the March 2015 CREDO conference at Mo Ranch, a PCUSA Conference Center in Texas (For more information on Mo Ranch, ask Diane Hughs sometime!)

In Latin, CREDO can be translated to mean "I believe". But its deeper meaning is "I give my heart." At that deeper level, participating in a CREDO conference becomes a work of mind, heart, and soul.

There are four main components that are addressed in each CREDO conference: Spiritual, Vocational, Health, and Financial. The Spiritual component offers a sacred space where each participant can reflect on their relationship with God. The Vocational component provides an opportunity for reflection, discernment and planning in career and work. The Health component encourages reflection on physical and emotional health, stewardship of the body and the development of a plan to address health needs; while the Financial component explores all aspects of personal financial management and encourages participants to reflect on their Godgiven resources and how best to use them in response to God's call. While at CREDO, an experienced faculty team guides participants in growing and changing in these key areas of their lives. Each conference becomes a true learning community, in which all participants share with one another their knowledge, experience, compassion, and care. In this way, CREDO helps participants to replenish their spirits and rediscover the passion that first animated their call to ministry.

The PCUSA Board of Pensions recognizes that these four components can directly and indirectly affect a person's holistic health and that by addressing these issues the Church can greatly increase clergy retention.

I will be gone on this amazing life experience from March 2-10, 2015. Please keep me in your prayers as I spend this time reconnecting, refocusing and reimaging my call into ministry and my call to Eastminster! I ask also for prayers for Ben and our kids while I am away for eight days (and perhaps check in on Ben to make sure he is okay while taking care of Sara, Emily and Henry)

Grace and peace-Pressley

March Worship Schedule

March 1 The Second Sunday of Lent Communion

"The Faith of Abraham" Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Romans 4:13-25

March 8 The Third Sunday of Lent Guest Preacher Tom Malone

"The Ten Commandments" Exodus 20:1-7

March 15 The Fourth Sunday of Lent Two Cents a Meal

"The Gospel in Miniature" Numbers 21:4-9 John 3:1-17

March 22 The Fifth Sunday of Lent

"Through the Valley of Lent" Jeremiah 31:31-34 John 12:20-33

March 29 Palm Sunday

"Blessed is the One" Mark 11:1-11

"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 Mary Breihan, Kippy Bridges, Marilyn James, Rick Owens, Sandy Watkins, Craig, Martha , Katie and Alex Winebarger

Homebound/Nursing Home Sylvia Meyer, Emily Phillips

EPC Extended Family

Paul and Susan Burks (Cathy Parrish's sister and brother-in-law)

Ruth Parks (Ben Cox's aunt)

Shirley Gassner (Chris Gassner's mother)

Susan Harrell (Lindy Landers' sister)

Cindy Herbert (Beverly George's sister)

Bill Mayer (Sandy Ingram's father)

Jean McAllister (Sande Schweir's mother)

Jim Neal (Pressley Cox's father)

Danielle Torris (MaryAnne and Bud Torris' daughter-in-law)

Gladys (Bonnie McCourtie's aunt)

Awayn (Amy Campbell's mother)

Joyce (Bonnie McCourtie's aunt)

Michael (Eileen Osteen's brother)

Eli (Anita Harley's cousin's grandson)

EPC Friends...

Corky Becker

(friend and EPC nursery employee)

Leslie Dully

(friend of Eileen and Mark Osteen)

Lindsey Motley

(friend of Kimberly Lane)

Dave Ruquet (friend of Ben Cox)

Bob Shaw and family

(friends of Amy Campbell)

Kristie Tompkins

(friend of Alison Morris)

Roxanne Waling

(Eileen Osteen's friend)

Calleigh

(friend of Dan Harris & family)

Susan (co-worker of Ellen Cortright)

Sharella (family member of a

friend/colleague of Amy Campbell)

Trey (Ron and Barbara Kurta's friend)



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For additions or corrections to the prayer list, please contact

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18 - Brian Norton

19 - Caroline Kennington

20 - A.J. Calloway

22 - Kippy Bridges

23 - Seth Talwar

27 - Sandy Ingram Matthew McCourtie

29 - Henrietta Gamble

30 - Cristina Kraemer

31 - Craig Bielek

Children's Ministry News

PALM SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT!!

If you're a child (or a kid at heart!), you won't want to miss our annual Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt!! We'll serve cookies and lemonade following the service on March 29th, and then head outside (weather permitting) to hunt down those eggs! And if you're a youth, please help us hide those eggs during the Sunday School hour that same morning (we'll stuff them the Sunday before). We look forward to everyone participating to make this a really fun event!





FAMILY MISSION/RETREAT TRIP TO CAMP BUC: We are in the planning stages of arranging a Mission trip/family retreat to Camp Buc for the beginning of Spring Break. The Mission part would include helping to clean up some of the trails and mark them better, and creating some more fire pits/rings around the property.

Enjoying the beautiful setting, canoeing, hiking and fellowshipping together would round out the Retreat part. The trip would begin on Sunday afternoon, March 29th and we would return either Tuesday evening or Wednesday, depending on consensus from participants. Cost will be determined by number attending and nights staying, so if you are interested, please let Lynn Moorshead know immediately so she can work out lodging and food details. lynn@Eastminster.com





DON'T FORGET!! Get Ready! It's time to register for summer camp. This summer, Pressley will be serving as Chaplain for the week of July 12-17, 2015. Eastminster children and families are encouraged to register for that week. There are several opportunities that week including Parent Child (K4-2nd grade), Pathfinders (2nd-5th grade), and Explorers (6th-8th grade). We'll swim, hike, make new friends and explore all that is around us in the beautiful mountains in Sapphire, NC!! Registration has begun! Visit campbuc.org to sign up!

Children's Sunday School education meets during our 10:30 worship service! Your child will begin worship in Sunday school class upstairs and come into worship following the sermon. The Sunday school curriculum is called "Whirl" and it follows scripture used in worship. Children will study the same scripture that is used for the sermon! Whirl brings worship and Sunday school together for families, and provides ideas for kids to explore their church building and experience the life of the church.

Youth Ministry News



DUCK DERBY YOUTH FUNDRAISER!!

Many of you are familiar with the annual Reedy River Duck Derby that takes place downtown the first Saturday every May. This year, our EPC Youth are an official Duck Adoption Team!! Help support our Youth and the many charities that benefit from this Rotary Club of Greenville fundraiser by purchasing your very own duck or ducks to put in the race! EPC will be manning the Rotary Club's booth at the Southern Home and Garden Show at the TD Convention Center on Friday, March 6th from 6-7 PM. If you're there, stop by to say, "Hi!" and purchase a few ducks. Keep your eyes open for more information as to where else you can purchase your duck for

this special race! And mark Saturday, May 2nd, on your calendar as Duck Derby Day!

DUCK DERBY SALES AT THE HOME SHOW

If you're a youth that would like to participate in the 1 hour shift EPC has been assigned to man the Derby booth at the home show, please let me know immediately! Again, its only ONE HOUR!! 6 to 7 PM this Friday, March 6th. I just need one person to help me!! You know you want to!!! lynn@eastminster.com





Youth Sunday school

9:15-10:15 am

All 6th-12th graders will continue to explore the entire Bible together using Echo the Story, overview of the Bible for youth. The complete Echo the Story experience helps participants discover meaning and identity in the biblical narrative using a DVD and participant Sketch Journal. The curriculum guides participants to explore 36 Bible stories from the beginning of the Bible all the way through the John's account of new creation in the book of Revelation.

Parents are invited to join this class.



The EPC Youth are officially Twitter-ized! Follow us to find out all the latest happenings and to connect with your EPC friends: @EastminstetYouth or search EPC Youth.



News and Notes

Welcome to the EPC Family!! In just eight short months, the Shetler family has enjoyed a whirlwind of change. Originally from Pittsburgh, they spent the last two years in Charleston, South Carolina. After completing her residency at the Medical University, Leanna found her "perfect fit", accepting a job at Ashby Park Pediatric Dentistry. Not long after, Bryant also received his graduate degree, finishing his MBA in finance at Charleston Southern. In October, Bryant and Leanna lovingly welcomed their first child, Cameron, into the world. With a new family and a new place to call home, finding a church was next on the to-do list. EPC was the first and last stop. "The moment we walked through the door, we felt at home. We look forward to raising Cameron in such a wonderful church."





<u>Easter Remembrances</u> If you would like to make a donation to the liturgical art fund in memory of or in honor of loved ones, please complete an Easter Remembrances form. They will be included in the bulletin on March 15th and 22nd. You can put the form in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Forms received by March 22nd will be listed in a special insert in the Easter bulletin.

AMETUER HISTORIANS NEEDED! We are seeking a few people who like to have some fun traveling down memory lane in order to preserve EPC history through photos. We have photos and albums that need to be put together. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Pressley Cox at pressley@eastminster.com.





1. **GOD'S PANTRY** Don't forget that Eastminster has been asked to stock the shelves of this local food bank with **tomato products**. So the next time you are at the store, pick up an extra can of pasta sauce, bottle of ketchup, (plastic or cans - no glass please!), diced tomatoes, tomato puree, tomato soup, etc. to help fill our bin in the commons area!



Maryville College Concert Choir Eastminster will be hosting the 2015 "Speak to Us of Love" Maryville Spring Choir Tour on Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 pm. After entertaining us with music, the 85 plus member choir will be hosted in homes throughout our congregation. We need you to open your home for a few students to sleep for a night. Please contact Barry or Eileen with Fellowship or Pressley for more information about what assistance will be needed while the choir is visiting us.



Draw Near- 2015 Lenten Devotion Presbyterians Today's new Lenten Devotional for 2015 invites you to journey with Jesus to his cross and resurrection with the help of the book of Psalms, often called the prayer book of the Bible. Along this journey, you'll sample a variety of spiritual practices and seek prayerful ways to draw nearer to God.

Draw Near, by Presbyterian minister, prolific author, and theology lecturer Lynne M. Baab, features a Scripture reading, meditation, prayer, and set of reflection questions for each day of the Lenten season. Beautifully-illustrated by Dave Baab, this devotional is a perfect Lenten companion, making it easy to grab a moment for quiet meditation. The Devotional will be available on the commons table in February.

Small Group Ministry Opportunities



Covenant Bible Study -

Covenant Bible Study will resume in April and May for the 3rd 8-week session



Ladies' Circle Ladies' Circle will meet at church on Thursday March 12 at 10:00 to discuss Lesson Six in our Horizon's Bible Study Reconciling Paul A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians. Following our

meeting, we will be going out to lunch to honor Hannah Smith who is moving to Spartanburg. We invite you to join us for lunch even if you don't attend Circle as we say farewell to this very special lady who has meant so much to EPC and Circle. Reservations are necessary, so please contact Carol lrick at 962-2492 or carolirick@charter.net to let us know if you can join us!

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 "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton. Contact Ed Irick or Jerry Calloway if you would like more information at edirick@charter.net or jerry@cecconstructionllc.com.

Young Families Discussion Group Parents join together for fellowship and discussion. Children are welcome! For more information contact Susan Carlson (susantcarlson@gmail.com or 292-8863) or Robb Ellis (robb@ellisdigital.com or 293-6727)

Mom's Coffee Talk Group Come refresh March 13th at 10:00 a.m. at Java Bistro. Everyone is welcome, text 517-9781 or email pressley@eastminster.com if you plan to attend!

Ladies Out to Lunch (LOL)



All ladies are invited to join Pressley and Lynn for lunch on the 4th Tuesday of every month. We will alternate months between downtown and Simpsonville/Five Forks. This month, join us at 11:45 am on Tuesday, March 23rd at ???. Please call/text 864-517-9781 or email pressley@eastminster.com to reserve your seat for lunch!



Everyone is welcome to join the EPC Book Club in reading Factory Man by Beth Macy. The club will meet on March 23rd at the church to

discuss. Contact Shirley Nease for more information at shirleynease@yahoo.com

<u>Food For Thought</u> The newsletter includes a



daily Bible reading guide that will help you read through the Bible in one year. On the fourth Sunday of the month (March 22nd), please bring a lunch and join

us following worship for a discussion of what we've read. Come one come all, whether you're

all caught up in your reading or if you've only read one day so far! If you would like a copy of the guide, you can get the January newsletter on the EPC website or contact the church office.



~ News from the Session ~

- Session gave approval for Charlie Pratt, a Union Seminary student in Charlotte, to serve EPC as a ministry intern. He will start this spring and go through the summer. Charlie is an Iraq war veteran who currently works full time for G.E. Charlie gave his testimony and faith journey to session members.
- The Spring Session retreat will be held the evening of April 10th.
- Rev. Pressley has been accepted to attend the CREDO conference, March 2-11.
- ❖ Ed Irick reported on the outcome of the voting that took place at the Jan. 25th Stated Presbytery, with all proposals presented being passed.
- Lynn Ingram will be overhauling the EPC website, which may include a mobile app and will have a mock-up ready for approval in the near future.
- The financial team reported that in 2005, EPC obtained a land loan from Foothills Presbytery and the team is looking to pay off the balance within three years.
- Session voted to begin a process, including writing a job description, for a second worker to be with the children in the nursery during Sunday services.
- Session approved replacing the materials and supplies in the nursery with newer items and to look into the feasibility for painting murals for two children's rooms.
- ❖ There is a need for the congregation to assist Session members to host members of the Maryville College choir after their EPC performance March
 - 11. This will entail taking approx. 85 choir members (in pairs) home after the concert, providing appropriate sleeping quarters, feeding them breakfast the next morning and bringing them back to church at 8 am for their bus ride to their next tour stop. Session will provide dinner for them prior to their concert at EPC.
- CPR training will be offered for Session members at EPC Saturday morning, April 11th. The class limit is 20 and slots will be made available to congregation members after Session Elders sign up. Cost will be \$45 per person.

New Member Class on Sunday, March 15 at 9:30 am

Eastminster is a growing church family. Our hope is that visitors will explore what it means to serve Christ through this fellowship. We hold occasional informational visitor classes during the Sunday School hour to help you in this process. This is a great opportunity to ask questions you have about our church and the Presbyterian faith in general. Our next class will be held on Sunday, February 15 from 9:30-10:15 am in Clarke's Kitchen.

At the end of the class, if you believe that God is calling you to this place, you will be invited to meet briefly with the session to affirm your calling to Eastminster. We have many people who worship with us for years before they decide to "join" the church. These people work and serve faithfully in responsible positions on the same basis as members except that they cannot hold an ordained office (such as elders or deacons) or vote in congregational meetings. Membership is not required to be an integral part of our church family, but all are welcome! If you are interested in being a part of the new member class on Sunday, February 15 please contact the church office at 864-284-0190 or admin@eastminster.com

Session

Class of 2015

Barry Campbell Ann Coleman Anita Harley Dan Harris Cathy Parrish

Class of 2016

Genaro Marin Eileen Osteen Sara Randall Jim Stewart John Taylor

Class of 2017

Heath Cobb Beverly George Ed Irick Kimberly Lane

Read through the Bible in 2015

Join us in our 2015 EPC Bible reading plan. We will be posting readings in the monthly newsletter. If you follow the suggested daily reading, you will have read the WHOLE Bible by the end of 2015! Don't forget to bring your lunch on the 4th Sunday of the month and join us for Food For Thought regarding these texts.

We recommend getting a journal or writing down observations from your reading. Consider using the **SOAP** method and finding a reading partner to keep you accountable.

SOAP method

Scripture – Read the passages of Scripture.

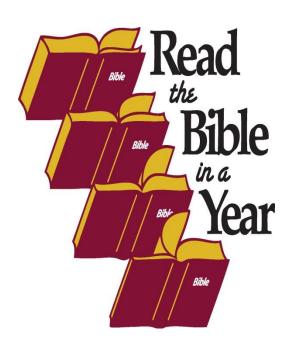
Observation – Write down what stands out to you.

Application – How does this apply to your life? What is God saying to you through this passage?

Prayer – Pray about what stood out to you from the Scripture and conclude your time by praying through the Lord's Prayer.

Reading Partner

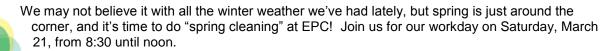
Find a reading partner or group to read with that meets on a regular basis (weekly or bi-weekly) to share what you are learning. We find that those who have a partner are more likely to follow through. Blessings on your year of reading!



Day	Scripture Readings	
March 1	Numbers 6, 7/ Psalms 26, 27	
2	Numbers 8, 9/ Acts 16	
3	Numbers 10, 11/ Acts 17	
4	Numbers 12, 13, 14/	
	Psalms 28, 29	
5	Numbers 15, 16/ Acts 18	
6	Numbers 17, 18, 19/ Acts 19	
7	Numbers 20, 21/ Acts 20	
8	Numbers 22, 23/ Psalm 30	
9	Numbers 24, 25/ Acts 21	
10	Numbers 26, 27/ Acts 22	
11	Numbers 28, 29/ Psalm 31	
12	Numbers 30, 31/ Acts 23	
13	Numbers 32, 33/ Acts 24	
14	Numbers 34, 35/ Acts 25	
15	Numbers 36/ Deuteronomy 1/	
	Psalm 32	
16	Deuteronomy 2, 3/ Acts 26	
17	Deuteronomy 4, 5/ Acts 27	
18	Deuteronomy 6, 7/ Psalm 33	
19	Deuteronomy 8, 9/ Acts 28	
20	Deuteronomy 10, 11/ Romans 1	
21	Deuteronomy 12, 13, 14/	
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22	Deuteronomy 15, 16/ Psalm 34	
23	Deuteronomy 17, 18/ Romans 3	
24	Deuteronomy 19, 20/ Romans 4	
25	Deuteronomy 21, 22/ Psalm 35	
26	Deuteronomy 25, 24/ Romans 5	
27	Deuteronomy 25, 26/ Romans 6	
28	Deuteronomy 27, 28/ Romans 7	
29	Deuteronomy 29, 30/ Psalm 36	
30	Deuteronomy 31, 32/ Romans 8	
31	Deuteronomy 33, 34/ Romans 9	



~News from Property and Grounds ~



There will be two groups:

- The Outside Team will plant monkey grass and azaleas; planting bulbs; and trimming front hedges; and moving picnic tables.
 - The Inside Team will be led by Pressley and Lynn and will clean and organize various rooms and closets.

"Many hands make light work" (as my mom used to tell us growing up), so the more of us who pitch in, the faster we will get done. Help us spiff up our church home and make it look great before Easter! There is a signup list on the table in the Commons Area.

SHEPHERDING EPC STYLE!

"Know well the condition of your flocks, and give careful attention to your herds." Proverbs 27:23

One of the reasons I love being a member at EPC is that we are a truly a family of shepherds. We care about one another like a shepherd cares for his sheep. We help each other through the difficult times and as families do, celebrate happy times together.

We are a growing family and have been blessed with many new members in the past few years. And as we grow, it is more important than ever to keep connected and try our best to be aware of the concerns and needs of our family members.

The Membership Team will be dividing the congregation into FLOCKS and is looking for SHEPHERDS to lead them! We pray that many of you will hear the call! The commitment will be small but the reward will be great. The duties of the shepherds will be simple:

You will be asked to contact those in your flock 3-4 times a year to just check in and make a personal connection. It will be a simple phone call or a greeting in church to just say hello... how are you doing... is there anything you need?

We will have a Shepherd Training session on Monday, April 6th at 7PM (more details to follow) at which time we will choose flocks and go over the responsibilities of being a Shepherd. The more shepherds we have, the smaller the flocks will be and our goal is to have one Shepherd for every 4 or 5 families.

You may be approached by one of our tem members to be a part of this important ministry. We have 15 Shepherds so far! If you want more information or want to volunteer, call Anita Harley at 286-6192 or ask any member of the Membership Team. It says in John 10:14: I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.

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.

Newsletter Information
March 8 - Deadline for March mid-month newsletter
March 15 - Deadline for April monthly newsletter
*Please send all mid-month and monthly newsletter articles to admin@eastminster.com

1	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Drama Class
	9:30 a.m.	Parent's Meeting for Children's Music and Drama
	10:30 a.m.	Worship – Communion
	4:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
	6:00 p.m.	Covenant Group
2	6:00-9:30 p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
3	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Meeting
4	7:00 p.m.	Choir
6	6:00-10:00 p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
7	9:00 a.m5:00 p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
8	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Drama Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship – Guest Preacher Tom Malone
	12:00 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting
	4:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
9	6:00-9:30 p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
10	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
11	7:00 p.m.	Maryville College Spring Concert
12	10:00 a.m.	Ladies' Circle & Farewell Luncheon for Hannah Smith
13	10:00 a.m.	Mom's Coffee Talk
15	9:15 a.m.	Sunday school
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Drama Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship – Two Cents a Meal
	??	New Member Class?
	12:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
	4:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
16	6:00-9:30 p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
17	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
18	7:00 p.m.	Choir
19	11:00 a.m.	Worship Team Meeting
21	8:00a.m12:00p.m.	EPC Workday
	3:00 p.m7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
22	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Drama Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Food For Thought
	4:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
23	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
	7:00 p.m.	EPC Book Club
24	11:30	LOL
25	7:00 p.m.	Choir
29	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Drama Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship – Easter Egg Hunt following Worship
	12:00 p.m.	FUN Group at Firehouse Subs