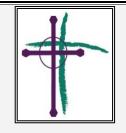
# **Eastminster Edition**



**Eastminster Presbyterian Church** 

May 2015

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# PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday May 24th

Join us on Pentecost Sunday for a very special service including:

Youth Sunday Confirmation

Celebration of this year's graduates All church cookout following the service



# Pastor's Corner- A Note from Pressley

Dear Eastminster Family and Friends-

This is truly a season of transition. Spring is in full bloom, so say the flower buds and pollen clouds. Students and their parents prepare for exams, and we have a bit of hope that summer might bring some much-needed rest. We'll see how that one goes...

But before summer, we have a full month of fellowship, worship and celebration ahead of us! I hope you will join in on the following events...

May 3- Stay after worship, enjoy a sub sandwich bar, and assist the Faith Formation team in exploring ways in which Eastminster can support your personal faith development, provide opportunities for family faith development, and create areas of intergenerational programs!

May 10- Support the children's music and drama ministry as they lead us in worship bringing the story of Jonah to life!

May 24- Pentecost Sunday and Cookout Not only will we celebrate the story of Pentecost, we will confirm youth, recognize our High School Seniors, and be led in worship by our Middle School and High School Youth!

Wow! We have a lot to celebrate and share throughout this upcoming month. I look forward to a great month with you!

It is such a joy to serve as your pastor-

# Pressley

# **May Worship Schedule**

# May 3 Communion

"Along the Way" 1 John 4: 7-21 Acts 8: 26-40

May 10
A Musical Drama by the children of Eastminster
"Oh Jonah"

# May 17 Two Cents a Meal

"The Lottery" Acts 1: 15-17; 21-26 Charlie Pratt preaching

May 24
Pentecost Sunday
Led by Youth

Acts 2: 1-21

May 31 **Trinity Sunday**Romans 8: 12-17
"Slanted Truth"

"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**

**<u>EPC Members</u>** Kippy Bridges, Dean Coleman, Jim Foote, Molly Gassner, Lynn and Sandy Ingram, Marilyn James, Ron and Barbara Mann, Rick Owens, Sandy Watkins

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

# **EPC Extended Family**

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

Susan Harrell (Lindy Landers' sister)

Cindy Herbert (Beverly George's sister)

Huff Family (family of Barry Campbell's sister-in-law)

Danny Kuzminski

Bill Mayer (Sandy Ingram's father)

Jean McAllister (Sande Schweir's mother)

Ruth Parks (Ben Cox's Aunt)

Caleb Riddle (Bob and Connie Gecy's nephew)

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

Awayn (Amy Campbell's mother)

Joyce (Bonnie McCourtie's aunt)

Michael (Eileen Osteen's brother)

Eli (Anita Harley's cousin's grandson)

Jason (Diane Hughes brother-in-law)

Jerry (Barbara Kurta's brother)

# **EPC Friends...**

Corky Becker

(friend and EPC nursery employee)

Patti Supry Cook

(friend of Lynn Moorshead)

Leslie Dully

(friend of Eileen and Mark Osteen)

Eddie Holman

(friend of Chuck and Lindy Landers)

**Lindsey Motley** 

(friend of Kimberly Lane)

Dave Ruquet

(friend of Ben Cox)

Bob Shaw and family

(friends of Amy Campbell)

**Tony Thornton** 

(Carlie Thornton's dad)

**Kristie Tompkins** 

(friend of Alison Morris)

**Roxanne Waling** 

(Eileen Osteen's friend)

Calleigh

(friend of Dan Harris & family)

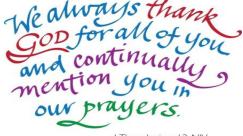
Susan

(co-worker of Ellen Cortright)

Sharella

(family member of a friend/colleague of Amy

Campbell)



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For additions or corrections to the prayer list, please contact

Network 6:2 Coordinator Syble Drake at 350-7637 or email <a href="mailto:network62@eastminster.com">network62@eastminster.com</a>

Eastminster's Administrative Assistant Ellen Irick at 284-0190 or email <a href="mailto:admin@eastminster.com">admin@eastminster.com</a>



- 1 Ava Norton
- 2 Jim Foote Sandy Watkins
- 3 Eileen Osteen
- 5 Brenda Willard
- 16 Craig Vial Kathryn Carlson

- 21 David Jacobs
- 23 Linda Sucher
- 24 Sam Taylor
- 29 Ashley Cortright
- 31 Clarie RandallSarah Moorshead

# **Children's Ministry News**

### **BLAST OFF!! VBS INFORMATION**

#### IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!!!!

VBS registration forms are ready and it's time to sign up yourself, your kids, grandkids, neighbors' kids, nieces, nephews, and anyone else ages K-4 through adult who wants to participate in VBS!! This year, we invite

families to attend together, but children can come unaccompanied. Registration forms are in the Commons Room. Please take one per family and don't forget all those other people we just mentioned too. This year, VBS is Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30-3:30, with a special VBS Celebration Service on Sunday, the 28th. Lunch will be served on Saturday. Please note that children must be 4 years old by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> to participate

unaccompanied by an adult. Any questions, please contact our VBS Director, Alison Morris: alisonemorris@gmail.com

# ITS'S TIME TO VOLUNTEER!!!!

VBS is a church-wide effort that requires volunteers to make happen. If you are available to help, please sign up on the poster board out in the Commons Room or

email Alison Morris (above). If you can't help out during the week of VBS, don't fret! We need people to assist in making and setting up all the decorations that we need before VBS takes place.

#### ITS'S TIME TO DONATE!!!!

Once again, we will not be charging a fee to participate in VBS. But, we need to purchase lots of supplies and food!! So, we are asking the congregation to donate money to be used for VBS. We have a small budgeted amount, but will need additional funds to cover everything

we plan to offer. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to VBS by putting a check in the offering plate marked "VBS" on the note line, or put cash in our donation container located in the Commons Room. This is a great way to participate in VBS if you're unable to volunteer your time. Thank You!!





#### CHILDREN'S PERFORMANCE ON MOTHER'S DAY!!

Don't miss church next Sunday!! It's Mother's Day and our children have been practicing hard on a production that they will perform for us during the service. No Sunday School will be held during the service so that the kids not in the musical play can enjoy it as well. Happy Mother's Day to all our moms and grandmoms!! (see pg. 12 for more information)

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!!

This year, Eastminster Youth are a Duck Adoption Team!! You can continue purchasing them online through May 1<sup>st</sup>. For every duck sold, our youth group gets \$2. All proceeds go to charities that actively support children in our community: GAIHN, Early Act First Knight, Mauldin Miracle League, Shriners Hospitals, and Defenders of Children, just to name a

few. First prize is a year's worth of groceries from Publix and second prize is a playhouse for your backyard! Many more prizes will be given away!! And please take extra adoption certificates for family and friends. For more



information, or to purchase a duck online (go to "Duck Adoption Teams" section then select "Adopt From Your Favorite Team Now" to have it count for EPC) go to: www.greenvilleeveningrotary.org **Buy a duck, help a child!** 

# YOUTH SUNDAY PRACTICE



Youth should plan on staying after the service on May 17th until about 3 PM to brainstorm and practice for Youth Sunday, on May 24th. We need all our Youth to make this a wonderful, energetic, meaningful service!! Bring a bag lunch and come prepared to write the best Youth Service EVER!!

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# Parents of 2015 Youth and College Graduates!!



Send in your graduate's information: where they are graduating from, what degree, where they are headed after graduation. Submit to the church office by calling or emailing admin@eastminster.com so they can be recognized during the service on May 24<sup>th</sup>!

# 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: @EastminsterYouth or search EPC Youth.





# News and Notes

MAY 3<sup>rd</sup> FAITH FORMATION LUNCH Stay after church for lunch and fellowship followed by table conversation to help guide the Christian education opportunities for 2015-16. Your input is greatly needed as we develop ministries, Bible studies, classes and events for the upcoming year.

A special thank you to Amy Campbell as she was the driving force to replace our parking lot lights. We now get more light on the parking area, less maintenance cost as the bulbs last much longer and the cost of the lighting will be less. Great job Amy!



### Eastminster.com

Eastminster.com has gotten a new look! We have recently updated our EPC website and we are ready to show it off. Lynn Ingram has worked tirelessly to make this transition happen and all of his work has paid off. The new web host has a lot of new bells and whistles that we are just now beginning to uncover. Aside from the new look; you will notice that we are now 'mobile friendly,' meaning that you can view all of our content on-the-go from your smart phone or tablet. We are trying to keep the site updated weekly in hopes that it



can become a 'traveling bulletin,' allowing EPC members to easily stay in touch with Church events. As you browse the site notice the weekly calendar of events, Network 6:2 information, and even catch up on past Sermons with streaming audio. We are excited with the progress thus far and look forward to expanding the site to better meet the needs of our EPC Family. If you have an interest in this type of technology or any ideas for improvement, please contact Lynn Ingram (lynningram@yahoo.com) or Heath Cobb (heathcobb15@gmail.com)

Not only is this a valuable resource for our members, but a great tool to reach out to the community as well. It is our hope that the EPC Website will be yet another avenue to attract those seeking a new church home. Our official web address is www.eastminster.com but you can also find us by searching: EPC Simpsonville, Eastminster Simpsonville, etc.



<u>NURSERY ATTENDANT NEEDED:</u> Eastminster is searching for a Nursery Attendant who loves children, has the ability to plan activities for them, and has good communication skills. Applicants must also have good organization and administration skills. This is a part-time position and the job description is available in the church office. Anyone interested in applying or who knows someone who might be interested can submit a resume to Ellen Irick in the church office or email to admin@eastminster.com.



**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!

# Small Group Ministry Opportunities



Covenant Bible Study creates a learning experience where scripture meets every day experience – within and beyond the sphere of church life. It builds trust in others as well as confidence in scripture. And it provides an exciting new opportunity to better understand God's call, God's love, and God's unexpected favor. The group will be exploring the topic of trusting the Covenant, looking at the crises that sometimes call Covenant life into question, and how we are restored to trust in God when troubling things happen. For more information contact Pressley at pressley@eastminster.com. Covenant Bible Study Dates: May 3, 17, 24, 31



Ladies' Circle will meet Thursday May 14 at 10:00 for our annual luncheon meeting at the home of Carol Irick. She and Betty Taylor will be co-hosting our last gathering

before summer break as we conclude our study of Paul and 2 Corinthians. Ladies are reminded to bring their donations for Place of Hope. If you ever thought of joining us, this would be a great time to do so. Newcomers are always welcome! For more information, please contact Carol Irick at 962-2492 or carolirick@charter.net

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)

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

**Mom's Coffee Talk Group** Come refresh Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 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 once a month. This month, join us at 11:30 am on Tuesday, May 26 at Mary's Cottage, 615 S Main St, Greenville, SC 29601. 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 All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Dorr. The club will meet on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. 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. There will not be a scheduled time in April or May, but if you



would like to get together to discuss the readings; please contact Bonnie McCourtie or Diane Hughs. If you would like a copy of the guide, you can get the latest newsletter on the EPC website or

contact the church office.

# ~ News from the Session ~

- Session held its annual Spring retreat, Friday, April 10th, where several topics were discussed
- The 2014 EPC Session Minutes were audited and approved at a meeting at 4th Presbyterian April 16.
- Session sponsored a CPR certification class for elders, staff and the congregation at EPC Saturday, April 11th.
- Session is in the process of updating the EPC Ministry Handbook to better align with the restructured committees.
- Ownership of the cell tower on EPC property has been transferred to another cell provider with the same contractual agreement in place.
- Session approved the job description that has been created for the Nursery Attendant position that had previously been approved.
- There will be a car wash in July as a fundraiser for painting the game room.
- Cathy Parrish was elected commissioner for EPC to the Foothills Presbytery Stated meeting on April 28 in Anderson, SC.
- There will be a Pentecost Sunday Picnic/Lunch on May 24. Fellowship will be grilling hotdogs using the newly donated grill from Grangers.
- Youth Sunday will be May 24, where senior students will be honored and Confirmation class students will be presented with gifts.
- Allison Morris graciously volunteered as VBS Director this summer.
- ❖ 17 EPC members volunteered to become Shepherds for the congregation.
- The Children's Music and Drama program was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from Union Seminary!

# Nepal needs your help

The death toll from the massive earthquake in Nepal is continuing to rise. Nearly 4,000 are known dead and more than 6,000 were injured when the quake struck just west of the capital of Kathmandu on April 25th. India and Bangladesh have also had damages due to many serious aftershocks.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas. Financial assistance is needed greatly at this time to help them develop recovery plans and provide needed food, water, supplies, and medicine to those affected.

# PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Be sure to pray for those affected by this horrible disaster. If you would like to make a financial donation, you can drop it by the church or you can send a donation to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**S**cripture – Read the passages of Scripture.

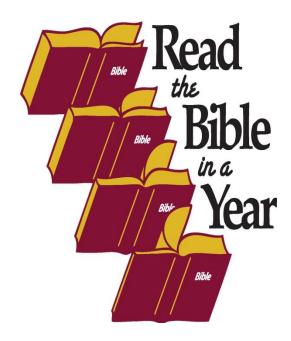
Observation – Write down what stands out to you.

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

**P**rayer – 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!



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# Pentecost Building faith-filled futures

What is the Pentecost Offering?

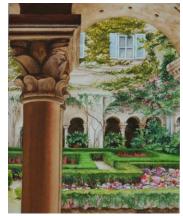
Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. With the Spirit's coming, we no longer need to settle for business as usual but can know the transforming, redeeming love of God that makes the impossible, possible.

The Pentecost Offering is one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Gifts to the Pentecost Offering unite young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Presbyterian congregations are finding new ways to minister to children at risk in their own communities. Congregations keep 40% of the collected fund to support local youth-focused programs they are most passionate about!

General Assembly programs are advocating for children and developing youth and young adult leaders. Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised more than \$11 million for ministries that benefit younger members of God's family. We believe we are called to do even more to support and care for young people. They are the future of our faith and world.

# DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?





"Garden at St. Remy" Watercolor by Karen A. Foote

# Original Art Created by Karen A. Foote

Original watercolor paintings and photographs created by Karen Foote will be on display during the summer months.

All works will be for sale. Interested individuals may talk to the restaurant

manager or contact the artist at 864.399.6584. If you are interested in commissioning a painting, please contact the artist at jkfoote@charter.net

# **Summer 2015**

# Mary Beth's Restaurant in the Banquet Room

500 East McBee Ävenue, Greenville, South Carolina Breakfast and Lunch Daily: 7:00 am – 3:00 pm Dinner: Thursday through Saturday: 5:30 pm – 9:00pm

3	9:15 a.m.	Sunday school
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Music and Drama Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
		Faith Formation Lunch following Service
	12-3:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class Session 3
	4:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
	6:00 p.m.	Covenant Group
4	6:00-9:30 p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
5	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
6	6:00 p.m.	Handbells
	6:30p.m8:00p.m.	Boy Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
9	10:00 a.m12:00 p.m.	Children's Music and Drama Rehearsal
10	9:15 a.m.	Sunday school
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Music and Drama Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting
11	6:00-9:30 p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
	7:00p.m.	Faith Formation Meeting
12	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
	7:45p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
13	6:00 p.m.	Handbells
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
14	10:00a.m.	Ladies' Circle
15	10:00 a.m.	Mom's Coffee Talk
	6:00p.m10:00p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
16	9:00a.m5:00p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
17	9:15 a.m.	Sunday school
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Drama Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship – Two Cents a Meal
	12:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
	12:00p.m3:00p.m.	Youth Sunday Planning Meeting
	4:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
	6:00 p.m.	Covenant Group
18	6:00-9:30 p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
	7:00p.m.	EPC Book Club
19	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
20	6:30 p.m8:00p.m.	Boy Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
24	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Drama Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship – Youth Sunday
25		Cookout following worship
25	44.00	Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day
26	11:30 a.m.	L.O.L. at Mary's Cottage
27	7:00 p.m.	Choir
31	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30a.m.	Worship
	12:00p.m.	F.U.N. Group
	2:00-6:00p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00p.m.	Covenant Group

# Oh Jonah!

The Children's Music and Drama class has been working for the past few months on putting together a musical production titled *Oh*, Jonah! by Allen Pote and Carole McCann. The play centers around, you guessed it, the story of Jonah, and the performance will take place during worship on Sunday, May 10. It features lots of songs, some sassy angels, and even a singing whale! Most of the children involved began learning the music starting in February. In early April, they helped me choreograph some dance moves for several of the songs. Last week, I assigned them different

character parts to portray. For the next two weeks, we'll be working on integrating all the pieces of acting, singing, and dancing to tell a complete story. As you can

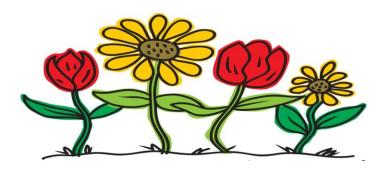


tell, even a half-hour musical takes a great amount of time and commitment to prepare.

At its heart, the message of *Oh*, *Jonah!* is that it is our responsibility to listen for God's voice in our lives. In this story, God goes to some pretty amazing lengths to get Jonah to listen. Jonah first runs away onto a boat that is sailing across the sea, but God sends a storm. When the sailors discover that God is angry with Jonah, they throw him overboard. Then he is swallowed by a giant whale. Only after these trials does Jonah finally listen to God's command and go to Ninevah to

preach God's word.

I think that, when God speaks to us today, the circumstances are not always so dramatic. But, we can all benefit by remembering Jonah's message—that it is our responsibility to be listening.





#### 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: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/eastminsterpresbyterianchurch?ref=hl">https://www.facebook.com/eastminsterpresbyterianchurch?ref=hl</a> click on the LIKE button so you will receive information and news feeds from us regularly.

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