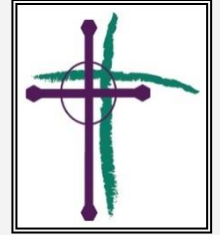


Eastminster Edition



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

August 2015

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Eastminster Presbyterian Church is a church of the Presbyterian Church, USA



Youth Group Car Wash

Saturday August 1st!
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Fundraiser to repaint and decorate the Youth Game Room!

Get your car sparkly clean and help out our fundraising efforts!*

Mark your calendar!

**a \$10 donation for each car washed would be greatly appreciated*



Pastor's Corner- A Note from Pressley

Dear EPC family and friends-

As I write this article, I am sitting on a bench at Montreat, listening to 1100 high school youth laugh and play at a recreation event. What an amazing sound!

The theme for all six Montreat youth conferences have been "This is our Story". Our own youth will share their Montreat experience- their Montreat story- with you sometime in worship in the upcoming weeks. For me, this theme has been a reminder that while I know lots of people, I may not know "their story". I invite you to consider the question that our young people have wrestled with this summer- "What is your Story?" We all have a unique and different story to share. We should take time to listen and hear each other's stories. I think we will be amazed at the way God has been and continues to work throughout the stories of our lives!

Grace and Peace-

Pressley



August Worship Schedule

August 2

"Everything Has a Price"

Charlie Pratt

Acts 8: 18-24

August 9 Communion

"Benefactor of All"

Romans 16: 1-2

August 16 Two Cents a Meal

"Being Christ like"

Acts 6: 1-15; 54-60

August 23

"Where Would We Go"

John 6:56-69

Blessing of the Backpacks

Social Sunday

Dine With Nine

August 30

"What Do We Do With Our Hands?"

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

"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 Cater, Molly Gassner, Lynn and Sandy Ingram, Ron and Barbara Mann, Winebarger Family.

Homebound/Nursing Home Sylvia Meyer, Emily Phillips

EPC Extended Family

Paul and Susan Burks (*Cathy Parrish's sister and brother-in-law*)
 Bill Gunter (*family of Syble Drake and Audra Pierce*)
 Susan Harrell (*Lindy Landers' sister*)
 Cindy Herbert (*Beverly George's sister*)
 Danny Kuzminski (*JoAnne Kuzminski's son*)
 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*)
 Mohini Talwar (*Sam Talwar's mother*)
 Joyce (*Bonnie McCourtie's aunt*)
 Michael (*Eileen Osteen's brother*)
 Eli Chavez (*Anita Harley's cousin's grandson*)
 Jason (*Diane Hughes brother-in-law*)
 Jerry (*Barbara Kurta's brother*)

EPC Friends...

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*)
 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*)
 Mary Beth and Jim (*friends of Beverly George*)
 Sandra and grandson Kyle (*friends of Ron and Barbara Kurta*)

*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 Syble Drake at 350-7637 or email network62@eastminster.com
 Eastminster's Administrative Assistant Ellen Irick at 284-0190 or email admin@eastminster.com



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| 1 – Leisa Shea | 23 – Suzanne Sawan |
| 2 – Sara Randall | David Ullmann |
| | William Armstrong |
| 5 – Jim Parrish | |
| 7 – Stuart Lane | 27 – Ed Irick |
| Anitha Samuel | Kimberly Lane |
| 13 – Christopher Moorshead | 28 – Sanjana Samuel |
| 19 – Barbara Mann | 29 – Luke Browder |
| 21 – Natalie Morris | 30 – Rosa Marin |
| | Gill Seal |
| 22 – Lauren Landers | 31 – Elaine Campbell |
| Sarah Talwar | |

Children's Ministry News



ATTENTION RISING THIRD GRADERS!!

If you are entering 3rd grade this year, we want to give you your VERY OWN BIBLE on Rally Day, Sept. 13th! We'll call you up during Worship to present it to you, Please email lynn@eastminster.com to make sure you're on our list of recipients and to let her know if you'll be in Worship that day!!

PAJAMA PARTY MOVIE NIGHT!! Its that time again, when we gather on our sleeping bags, in our pajamas, munch our popcorn and Twizzlers, drink our punch and enjoy an awesome movie together!! On **AUGUST 21st at 6:30 PM**, please join us for **BIG HERO 6!!!** Bring a friend and get a special treat!!



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS On **August 23rd**, please bring your child's backpack and/or lunch box to the church service for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks. We'll ask for God's grace and love for our children as they begin another year in school.

EASTMINSTER CAMP OUT On **Sept. 18th (6:00 PM)**, we invite all of you **DADS** out there to bring your kids, a tent, sleeping bags, flash lights and a happy camper attitude to our first EASTMINSTER CAMP OUT!! We'll pitch our tents on the lawn near the sanctuary, grill hot dogs, make s'mores and play some games. Then bed down for the evening and wait for dawn. **MOMS**: don't feel left out, 'cause we're gonna need your help making breakfast in the morning at 7:30 AM for all those sleepy campers!!

Please RSVP to lynn@eastminster.com by **Sept. 12th!!!** Each family is asked to contribute \$5 towards the food provided.



Announcing Crayon Corner! Children's Sunday school is taking a summer break. We will provide a coloring corner with art supplies beginning Sunday, May 31st. Please remember a parent must accompany their child to this area and help keep the noise to a minimum.

It is also important to remember that parents are responsible for their children and youth should they allow them to go to the bathroom or roam during worship. In order to uphold our child protection policy, no child or youth should be in any area unsupervised. Please help the Faith Formation team by creating safe spaces for our children and youth!

Youth Ministry News



ATTENTION ALL YOUTH!! Don't forget our Youth Car Wash on Saturday, August 1st, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Please bring any car washing gear your parents have: pails, chamois, old sweatshirts, etc, for washing the cars. And encourage your parents to support your hard work by **BRINGING THE FAMILY CAR** to be washed!! See you there!!!

YOUTH AND PARENTS MEETING/END OF SUMMER TUBING TRIP

On **August 16th**, I will be hosting a youth and parents lunch and conversation at noon following the church service that day. I'm looking for input from parents and youth on what they want from our Youth Program. Please plan on attending this important meeting which will help finalize our youth calendar for this Fall and beyond.

Afterwards, we will drive to Saluda River Yacht Club in Easley and go river tubing. With a Groupon or Living Social coupon, the trip will cost \$15 each (both websites offer 2 spots for \$30) and includes a tube and life vest (adult sized). **Please book your own 3:00**

reservation using either of these sites:

<https://www.groupon.com/deals/saluda-river-yacht-club-7>

<https://www.livingsocial.com/deals/1422506-tubing-experience-for-2?pos=0>



I NEED TO KNOW WHO IS COMING TO LUNCH AND HOW MANY HAVE MADE THEIR RESERVATIONS FOR TUBING, SO PLEASE **RSVP** to **lynn@eastminster.com** BY **SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH**. PARENTS AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME TUBING WITH US TOO!!



d365.org provides daily devotions online written especially for youth and young adults!

Students are led through a contemplative process, which will include scriptures, prayers and a fresh devotional thought for each day.

There is also a place for students to submit their own prayers or poetry, which may be incorporated into the devotions each month.

d365 is a safe place for students to own their faith through the practice of ancient spiritual disciplines re-imagined with modern, familiar technology.

Visit d365.org for more information OR download the app right to your phone!



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

RALLY DAY COMING SEPTEMBER 13TH!!! Mark your calendars now for RALLY DAY!! Plan on sharing a brunch with your church family before the service; then, you'll hear about all the wonderful opportunities available to us to grow our faith, interact with each other and reach out to others. More information will follow soon!



DINE WITH NINE: (Adult Only Event) Get to know members of EPC and meet new friends, Dine with Nine!

- Over the summer, we'll meet once a month to break bread and fellowship with one another.
- Sign up to host and/or participate. (Kiosk)
- Only one more time to participate this summer!
 - Sunday, August 23 (Deadline for sign-up Sunday, August 7)
- Members of the Fellowship Team will randomly select the nine participants and provide the contact list to each host home for each month.
- The host home will contact each participant to bring a portion of the meal and decide on a time.



As summer winds down we begin to shift our focus to the fall and things that we will commit our time to at church. We are in need of additional people to serve as ushers and greeters during our Sunday morning service.

This is an important ministry that requires nothing more than a friendly smile and the willingness to make visitors and members alike feel welcome as they enter our building. Many new members have said that one reason that they decided to return to Eastminster after their initial visit is because of the way they were greeted the first time they attended worship with us.

The time requirement to serve as an usher or greeter is minimal: 30 minutes before the service and 10 – 15 minutes after the service. You can serve as a single person, as a couple or as a family if you wish. If you are interested in helping, please speak to Tom or Anita Harley or email Tom at tharley72@yahoo.com. A training session is being planned for September. New and existing ushers and greeters are encouraged to attend. We will notify you of the date prior to that. Please consider becoming part of this important ministry.



NURSERY ATTENDANT NEEDED: 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.

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News and Notes (Continued)



The church office will be closed on August 3rd-6th! All messages will be returned when we re-open Monday August 10th. Summer office hours will be over starting August 17th and the office will be open Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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!

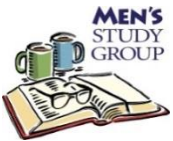


Small Group Ministry Opportunities



Young Families Discussion Group Parents join together for fellowship and discussion. Children are welcome! For more information contact Susan Carlson (susancarlson@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 1 Peter. Contact Ed Irick or Jerry Calloway if you would like more information at edirick@charter.net or jerry@ceconstructionllc.com



Ladies Out to Lunch (LOL)

All ladies are invited to join Pressley and Lynn for lunch once a month. The next date will be August 25th at 11:30 a.m. (place TBA). Please call/text 864-517-9781 or email pressley@eastminster.com to reserve your seat for lunch!



Food For Thought The newsletter includes a daily Bible reading guide that will help you read through the Bible in one year. There is not currently a scheduled time to meet, 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 approved membership into EPC by letter of transfer for Harriet Barnett, who will come before the congregation and be introduced during service Sunday, July 26.
- ❖ Pressley reported on Camp Buc where she served as Chaplain.
- ❖ Pressley will return to Montreat as the Jeremiah Project leader from July 25- August 7. Pressley also wrote the liturgy used for worship during the last two Montreat Youth Conferences this summer.
- ❖ Ed Irick gave a report on the Foothills Presbytery General Assembly on Reform and noted that Foothills is one of the few Presbyteries in the nation considered to be a leader in these movements.
- ❖ Approved personnel committee recommendation of Chelsea Rudisill as Director of Children's Music/Drama through May 2016.
- ❖ Session approved the recommendation from Finance Committee to continue receiving monthly payments from SBA Towers as opposed to a lump sum buyout for the cell tower located on EPC property.
- ❖ Ed Irick noted that Outreach is looking into hosting a Stop the Hunger Event this fall. This event will involve members putting together dry goods foods which members will pack and then ship to third world nations in need.
- ❖ Barry Campbell reported on Clarke's Kitchen – that after a cleanup and updating, there needs to be a more effective way to inform people who use the kitchen to keep it clean and it proper order.
- ❖ The under 50 group needs a younger member to help organize activities. This can be 1-2 x a year
- ❖ Session approved to have the EPC office closed during Ellen Irick's vacation August 3-6. The voice mail system will list emergency numbers to call.
- ❖ Session approved a request from Ellen Irick to change her start and end work times from 9-3 to 8-2.
- ❖ Ann Coleman volunteered and was approved to attend the Foothills Presbytery meeting in Anderson, August 9.

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

Personnel Team News

We are pleased to share that Corky Becker will be returning to the nursery on August 16. The Personnel Team is still actively seeking a second paid person in order to provide safe and consistent care for our children and toddlers. In order to abide by our safety policies, we will continue to need one adult volunteer per Sunday to provide extra care as needed. Please consider serving on a regular basis. We



would love to have around 8 volunteers who will rotate and serve once every other month. If you are interested, please contact Lynn Moorshead.

The Personnel Team has been working on updating the Eastminster Child Protection Policy. Once the updated version has been approved by session, all children and youth volunteers will need to go through safety training.

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!

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.

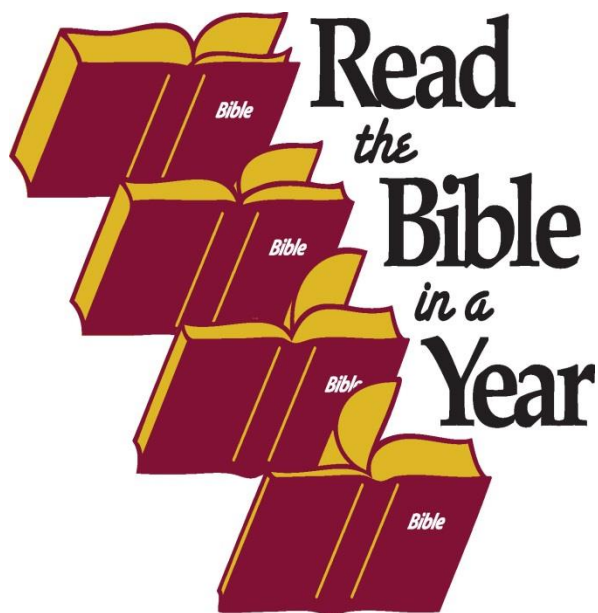
Observation – Write down what stands out to you.

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
August 1	Job 29, 30/Luke 23
2	Job 31, 32/Psalms 86, 87
3	Job 33, 34/Luke 24
4	Job 35, 36/Philippians 1
5	Job 37,38/Psalm 88
6	Job 39, 40/Philippians 2
7	Job 41, 42/Philippians 3
8	Proverbs 1, 2/Philippians 4
9	Proverbs 3, 4/Psalm 89
10	Proverbs 5,6/Colossians 1
11	Proverbs 7,8/Colossians 2
12	Proverbs 9,10/Psalm 90
13	Proverbs 11,12/Colossians 3
14	Proverbs 13, 14/Colossians 4
15	Proverbs 15, 16/1 Thessalonians 1
16	Proverbs 17, 18/Psalm 91
17	Proverbs 19, 20/1 Thessalonians 2
18	Proverbs 21, 22/1 Thessalonians 3
19	Proverbs 23, 24/Psalms 92, 93
20	Proverbs 25, 26/1 Thessalonians 4
21	Proverbs 27, 28/1 Thessalonians 5
22	Proverbs 29, 30/2 Thessalonians 1
23	Proverbs 31/Psalm 94
24	Ecclesiastes 1-3/2 Thessalonians 2
25	Ecclesiastes 4, 5/2 Thessalonians 3
26	Ecclesiastes 6, 7/Psalms 95, 96
27	Ecclesiastes 8, 9/1 Timothy 1
28	Ecclesiastes 10, 11/1 Timothy 2
29	Ecclesiastes 12/1 Timothy 3
30	Song of Solomon 1, 2/Psalms 97, 98
31	Song of Solomon 3, 4/1 Timothy 4

Outreach



ROBERT E. CASHION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE:
Eastminster has supported Robert E. Cashion School for a number of years by collecting and donating school supplies. This school has a high percentage of underprivileged students and parents cannot always afford to provide needed materials. With the start of the school year approaching we will be collecting items in the next couple of weeks. Items will need to be brought by August 23rd. A collection box will be placed outside the sanctuary for these dates. The website has a list at <http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/cashion/main.asp?titleid=supplies> or you can bring items from the summarized list below:

24 box of crayons
Dry erase markers
Ear buds/headphones
Composition notebook

Glue sticks
Hand sanitizer
Ziplock bags
Folder w/pockets

#2 pencils
Kleenex
Plain erasers

Blunt end scissors
Disinfectant wipes
Pencil top erasers
Wide ruled notebook paper



Due to recent office re-structuring/organizing, we have two desks available for purchase. Please contact the church office at 284-0190 or admin@eastminster.com for more details or to make an offer!



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

August 14 - Deadline for August mid-month newsletter

August 23 - Deadline for September newsletter

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

1	9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.	Youth Car Wash
2	10:30a.m.	Worship Reception for Charlie Pratt following the service
3		Office Closed
	6:00p.m.-9:30p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
4		Office Closed
5		Office Closed
	6:30p.m.	Choir
	6:30p.m.-8:00p.m.	Boy Scouts
6		Office Closed
9	10:30a.m.	Worship – Communion
	12:00p.m.	Finance Team Meeting
10	9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.	Office Open
	6:00p.m.-9:30a.m.	Greenville In Harmony
	7:00p.m.	Membership Meeting
11	9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.	Office Open
	6:30p.m.	Fellowship Meeting
	7:00p.m.	Boy Scouts
12	9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.	Office Open
	11:00a.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
13	9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.	Office Open
16	10:30a.m.	Worship – Two Cents a Meal
	12:00p.m.-5:00p.m.	Youth Lunch Meeting/Tubing Trip
17	8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.	Office Open
	6:00p.m.-9:30p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
18	8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.	Office Open
	6:00p.m.-10:00p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
19	8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.	Office Open
	6:30p.m.-8:00p.m.	Boy Scouts
	6:30p.m.	Choir
20	8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.	Office Open
21	6:30p.m.	Movie Night
23	10:30a.m.	Worship Blessing of the Backpacks Social Sunday Dine With Nine
24	8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.	Office Open
	6:00p.m.-9:30p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
25	8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.	Office Open
26	8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.	Office Open
	6:00p.m.7:00p.m.	Property and Grounds Meeting
	7:00p.m.	Choir
27	8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.	Office Open
30	10:30a.m.	Worship
	12:00p.m.	F.U.N. Group
31	8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.	Office Open
	6:00p.m.-9:30p.m.	Greenville In Harmony



**Summer hours end and regular office hours resume August 17th. Regular office hours are:
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.*

Foothills Presbytery GA Reform Task Force has been working on overtures affecting how decisions are brought to the floor of General Assembly.

Presbyteries across our nation have provided insight as these overtures have developed.

There will be 8 overtures presented and voted upon at Presbytery on Sunday, August 9.

GA Overture Forums



ENGAGE in GA Overture Reform Work: Opening the conversation of reform

Central Region:

Wednesday, August 5 at 5:30 p.m.

Fourth Presbyterian Church in Greenville
703 E. Washington Street, Greenville

We encourage all those interested to attend one of these forums. An RSVP will be helpful and appreciated. **Please respond** via e-mail to LeAnne White at lwhite@foothillspresbytery.org or call the office at 864-288-5774.