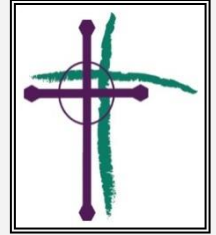


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Eastminster Presbyterian Church

April 2016

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

Attention all owners of rakes, shovels, wheel barrels etc.! You are formally invited to chaperone your equipment on **Saturday April 9th** for a morning of Spring Cleaning and Fellowship at EPC. Many hands make light work so make plans to help us brush off the cobwebs and give our beautiful EPC Property and Grounds a good Spring Cleaning. (8:30am until...) There will be a sign-up sheet in the Commons.



Saturday April 30th

**Hands On
GREENVILLE**

Hands On Greenville Day

(HOG Day) is the largest day of service for the state of South Carolina and it's big! This year EPC is putting together a team to participate:

PROJECT LOCATION:

Center For Community Services
(1102 Howard Drive, Simpsonville, SC 29681)

DATE / TIME:

4/30/16 from 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM

MATERIALS TO BRING:

Rakes, shovels, gloves, wheelbarrows

JOB DESCRIPTION: Help the Center spread mulch to improve our entrances and walkways! We need your help, so "chip in" and bring a rake and a friend. Mulch will be provided so all we need is your muscles.

WATER & GATORADE WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CENTER

*****DON'T FORGET TO EMAIL LYNN YOUR SHIRT SIZE BY THIS THURSDAY!!!!*****

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Pastor's Corner- A Note from Pressley

Dear EPC friends and family-

First, a word of gratitude: so many of you reached out to Ben and me following the recent loss of Ben's 16 year old niece Elizabeth. I am so grateful for the words of condolence through texts, cards and emails. Your prayers gave us comfort and strength in the midst of the pain and darkness of death. Death is never easy, but having just experienced the joy of Easter Sunday, we have been comforted in the promise of the resurrection.

After the celebrations and excitement of Easter Sunday, we often forget that Easter is not a day, but a season. The Great Fifty Days between Easter and Pentecost are a time when the church focuses on the practices of resurrection: living into the hope of new life that Easter offers us as individuals and as a Christian community seeking to share God's love and grace with the world.

I was recently reminded of the words of a hymn that I remember singing every Easter growing up in the United Methodist Church entitled "Easter People". The triumph of the Resurrection over death and evil is the theme of "Easter People." In stanza two, the poet reminds us that the "fear of death" cannot stop us from doing all we can to overcome evil "here below." The final stanza insists: "Every day to [Christians] is Easter" because our God is one who "rights the wrong." May we live every day as Easter People!

Grace and peace- Pressley

Easter People

(Written by Rev. William M. James)

Easter people, raise your voices,
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;
heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us
from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to
triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter,
with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster
To our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

Easter people, raise your voices,
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;
heavenly music let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing!

**April
Worship Schedule**

**April 3rd
Communion**
"Forgiving
and Restoring"
John 20: 19-31

April 10th
"Blinded By the Light"
Acts 9: 1-20

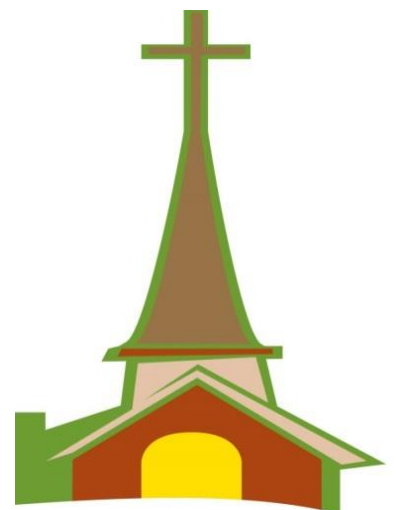
April 17th
Two Cents a Meal
"Why Tabitha?"
Acts 9: 36-43

April 24th
"A Better
World Coming"
Revelation 21: 1-6

"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, Ben and Pressley Cox, Lynn and Sandy Ingram, Maryanne Torris, Winebarger Family.

Homebound/Nursing Home Sylvia Meyer, Emily Phillips

EPC Extended Family

Barbara Brandenburg (*Paul Brandenburg's mother*)
 Paul and Susan Burks (*Cathy Parrish's sister and brother-in-law*)
 Woody, Jennifer, Patrick, Claire, Rebecca and Maggie Houlihan (*Ben's sister and brother-in-law*)
 Eli Chavez (*Anita Harley's cousin's grandson*)
 Ray Curley (*Eileen Osteen's father*)
 Jim and Sandy Eastman (*Sharon Daugherty's sister and brother-in-law*)
 Harper Frans (*Ben Cox's cousin's daughter*)
 Susan Harrell (*Lindy Landers' sister*)
 Cindy Herbert (*Beverly George's sister*)
 Glynn and Ginnie Ingram (*Lynn Ingram's brother and sister-in-law*)
 Andrew and Jean McCallister (*parents of Sande Schweir*)
 Sandy Stewart (*Jim Stewart's sister*)
 Mary Lauren Tardif (*Lynn and Sandy Ingram's great-niece*)
 Joyce (*Bonnie McCourtie's aunt*)
 Jerry (*Barbara Kurta's brother*)
 Michael (*Eileen Osteen's brother*)

EPC Friends...

Terry Dietrich (*Noel Watkins' & Riley Lichoulas' art teacher*)
 Charlotte Knowles (*friend of Sandy Watkins*)
 Francine Murphy (*friend of Eileen Osteen*)
 Roxanne Waling (*Eileen Osteen's friend*)
 Calleigh (*friend of Dan Harris & family*)
 Jim and Mary Beth (*friends of Beverly George*)
 Tammy (*co-worker of Bonnie McCourtie*)
 Faith, Hope and Love Ministries (*Lynn Ingram's nephew Michael*)
 Jeremiah (*classmate of Audrey Cobb*)
 Family of Bobby Black (*Ethan Lane's teacher*)

*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



April Birthdays

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| 4/2 – Heather Bielek | 4/22 – Marilyn James
Kim Gassner |
| 4/5 – Rick Owens | 4/23 – Katie Owens |
| 4/14 – Charlotte Jacobs | 4/24 – Julia Armstrong |
| 4/16 – Kelly Carson | 4/25 – Dianne Jacobs |
| 4/18 – Nicholas Cuppett | 4/27 – Craig Winebarger
Pressley Cox |
| 4/19 – Heather Cortright
Anne Vickers | 4/30 – Audra Pierce |

Children's Ministry News



Hands on Greenville!

Make sure you sign up your family to participate in Hands on Greenville, happening on the morning of April 30th! Project details are on the front page of this newsletter. Participants will get t-shirts and we must submit a count with sizes to the United Way on April 7th, so be sure to sign up by then on the sheet in the Commons, or email Lynn at: lynn@eastminster.com

Pets Unleashed VBS!!

Mark your calendar now for our wonderful VBS program on June 25th. It is a one-day event, with a lunch served in between two sessions. We'll be reinforcing the Bible point: Jesus Cares For Us by highlighting the key verse: "Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you." (1 Peter 5:7) Judging by the attendance at our recent "Blessing of the Animals," we know that there are a lot of pet-lovers in our congregation, so this theme is perfect for our church! Some special pet surprises are in store for those who attend!! A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be in the Commons soon.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

- WE STILL NEED SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSISTANTS FOR SOME SUNDAYS THIS SPRING. REMEMBER, YOU'RE ONLY REQUIREMENT IS TO HAVE A SUNNY ATTITUDE!!

PLEASE USE THIS LINK TO SIGN UP: <http://vols.pt/2Y5wLJ>



Just a Reminder...

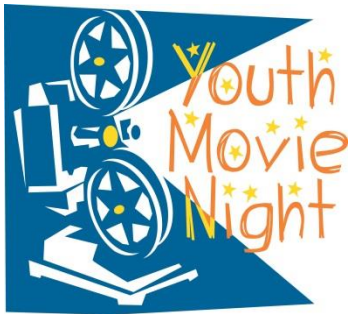
Get Ready! It's time to register for summer camp. This summer, Pressley will be serving as Chaplain and Kim Gassner will serve as the nurse for the week of July 17, 2016. Eastminster children and families are encouraged to register for that week. There are several opportunities that week including Parent 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!



Youth Ministry News



YOUTH SUMMER CAMP Think summer camp at Camp Buc is just for kids? Think again! This summer Camp Buc is offering a unique week designed specifically for Middle School and Senior Highs. There will be options including a week of mission opportunities in the mountains of North Carolina. Save the week of June 19 for this amazing week. Register at bucoutdoorcenter.org.



Film & Theology Nights

Come watch some great movies and participate in a group discussion afterwards. Pizza, drinks and snacks provided! Please RSVP to lynn@eastminster.com by the Thursday before each date.

Sr. Highs:

4/16 (Saturday) at 6:30 "To Save A Life"
Hosted by Pressley Cox: 356 Pimlico Rd., Greenville

Mid-Highs:

4/17 (Sunday) at 4:00 "Diary Of A Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules"
Hosted by Lynn Moorshead: 118 Kingswood Circle, Simpsonville

YOUTH SERVICE WEEKEND: APRIL 30-MAY 1

We have two great service opportunities coming up at the end of the month! Read below and then add them to your calendars! Don't forget to let Lynn know if you can attend!



Hands on Greenville!

Come on out Saturday morning, April 30th, to help EPC complete a service project somewhere in our county. The project details are on the front page of this newsletter, and you will need to RSVP your shirt size to Lynn ASAP if you can participate. Shirt orders are due in by Thursday, April 7th. This would be a great time to knock off some of those service hours before the end of the school year!

Bingo!!!! On May 1st, we will be travelling to The Foothills Retirement Community to lead a Bingo game for the adults living there! We'll meet in the church parking lot at 2:45 to caravan over to the home in Easley. Pressley will be leading the Vespers service at 5:00, so we'll attend that before returning to the church. Please let Lynn know if you can attend by emailing her at: lynn@eastminster.com



LOOKING AHEAD.....TO YOUTH SUNDAY!!! Youth Sunday will be May 15th. To prepare to lead the service that day, we will have a ***LOCK-IN*** on Saturday night, the 14th!! We'll brainstorm ideas for the service, play some games, run through a practice and then watch a movie before getting some sleep. This is for Mid-Highs and Sr. Highs alike, so mark your calendars and let Lynn know that you can participate!!

Small Group Ministry Opportunities

F.U.N. GROUP WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016



Greenville Upcountry History Museum Senior Adult Tour followed by lunch at "Tommy's Ham House"

Upcountry History Museum
540 Buncomb St. Greenville, SC 29601
10:30 AM– 12:00 PM

A docent will lead us through Greenville area history. Time travel takes us back to the early 1900's and beyond. **Benches and wheel chairs available for walking part of tour.**



Lunch at Tommy's Ham House 214 Rutherford St. Greenville, SC 29601 **12:00 PM**

Join Greenville's business men, Furman students, and politicians for "down home" good cooking – meat & veggies, salad bar, sandwiches and "all day" breakfast.

SIGN UP sheet at the church or EMAIL Jane Couch, randjcouch@gmail.com or CALL (Jane – 244-0528)



Ladies' Morning Circle will meet Thursday April 14 at 10:00 at the home of Sally Seal to discuss Lesson Seven in our Horizon's Bible Study, *Come to the Waters*. We meet the second Thursday of each month at 10:00 in each other's homes, and ladies of all

ages are invited to join us as we seek to nurture our faith through worship, study, friendship, and outreach. For more information, contact carolirick@charter.net or 962-2492.

Ladies Evening Circle will meet the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting is April 11th to discuss the seventh lesson in the 2015-2016 Presbyterian Women *Horizons* Bible Study, *Come to the Water*.



Young Families Discussion Group

Parents join together for fellowship and discussion at the church on **Friday, April 15th** bring a dessert to share.

Children are welcome! For more information contact Susan Carlson (susantcarlson@gmail.com or 292-8863) or Robb Ellis (robb@ellisdigital.com or 293-6727)



EPC Book Club Everyone is welcome to check out the following schedule and join in the book club! Meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m.

at EPC. Please contact Shirley Nease if you have any questions at Shirleynease@yahoo.com.

May 23rd – Rosemary the Hidden Kennedy



**MEN'S
STUDY
GROUP**

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@cecconstructionllc.com

Ladies Out to Lunch (LOL) All ladies are invited to join Pressley and Lynn for lunch once a month. We will meet on Thursday, April 28th at 11:30 a.m. Location to be announced – suggestions are welcome!

Please call or text Pressley at 864-517-9781 by Tuesday, April 26th to reserve your lunch seat!

~ News from the Session ~



Session was saddened by the passing of Ruling Elder Henrietta Gamble. Her gifts and talents will be missed. Our sympathies go out to her friends and family.

Romans 14:7-9 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Session

Class of 2016

Eileen Osteen
Sara Randall
Jim Stewart
John Taylor

Class of 2017

Heath Cobb
Beverly George
Ed Irick
Kimberly Lane

Class of 2018

Elaine Campbell
Gil Kraemer
Cyndi Lichoulas

~ New Committee Moderators ~

At the session retreat on Sunday, January 24, the Session Elders spent time reflecting on the ministries and committees of Eastminster. Some of our committees have sub teams, which are listed below each. While each Elder will serve on a committee, there are several teams/committees that are in need of volunteers.

Take a look at the committees below and consider where your gifts and talents may be used. If you feel called to a particular area, please contact the person listed.

CLERK OF SESSION - Beverly George

ASSIMILATION AND MEMBERSHIP - Cyndi Lichoulas

EPC Website- Lynn Ingram and Ellen Irick

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE - Kimberly Lane

Congregational Care - Syble Drake and Cathy Parrish

Fellowship – Sharon Daugherty

FAITH FORMATION

Adult- Elaine Campbell

Children and Youth- Sara Randall

FINANCE and STEWARDSHIP - Eileen Osteen

LONG RANGE PLANNING - Jim Stewart

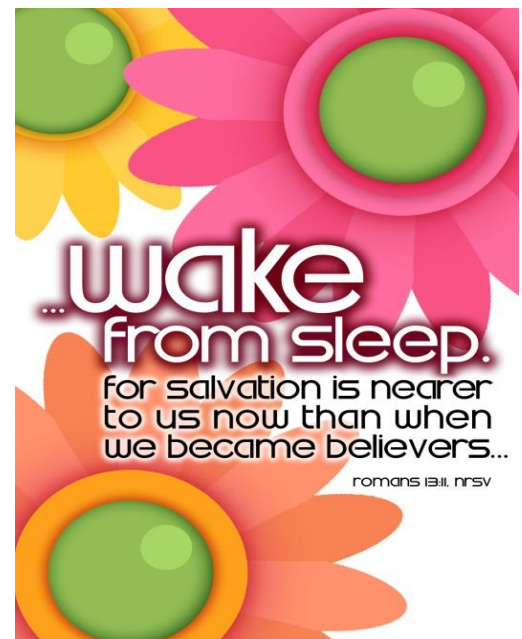
OUTREACH - Ed Irick and Gil Kraemer

PROPERTY AND GROUNDS - Heath Cobb

PERSONNEL - John Taylor

WORSHIP AND MUSIC - Ann Coleman and Beverly George

AV Team - Jim Parrish





New Voices Welcome!

Join the EPC Choir

Chancel Choir rehearsals are
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Through the work of their hands and the prayers in their hearts, members of the **EPC's Prayer Shawl Ministry** provide hope, comfort, and healing to those who most need a reminder of God's love for them.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE – Membership is open to anyone who knits or crochets, regardless of experience level. There are no time constraints for finishing a shawl and, even if you do not knit or crochet, you can be involved by providing yarn and delivering the completed items to recipients.



Please consider joining us for an informational meeting after church on Sunday April 10 in the Adult Sunday School Classroom. For more information, contact carolirick@charter.net or upricharde@bellsouth.net.

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming F³ on the 4th Special Events!

April 24th

11:45 a.m. – Creation Walk

Bring a bag lunch and join your church family for a creation walk. A creation walk is a worship service in the context of a hike, allowing us to give thanks to God for the goodness of God's creation while being immersed within that creation. The worship experience will include scripture, prayers, and Communion, and will be all family friendly. The April destination will be announced soon.

May 22nd

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Cookout and Games on the Lawn

Bring your favorite salad and dessert and join your church family on the lawn for hot dogs, hamburgers, and lots of fun! All are welcome to enjoy a beautiful afternoon of Faith, Food and Fellowship!

News and Notes

Medical Mission Program

Fountain Inn Presbyterian Church has a group of folks going to Peru in mid-June to continue working on a Medical Mission program they are a part of. This particular program is something FIPC has participated in for about 20 years, with leadership through some of their members. They are asking EPC friends to clean out any and all types of eye glasses that have accumulated and might be collecting dust in



their homes. FIPC is sponsoring a drive to collect these used prescription glasses, “dollar-store” readers, sunglasses; all to be taken on this mission trip. The poorest among the poorest are known to walk hours through challenging terrain along the Amazon River to get a \$1 pair of glasses. If you would be willing to help please turn in glasses by May 1st to the church office (marked that they are for this medical mission drive).

GOD'S PANTRY

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!



Our next host week for GAIHN begins on **Sunday, May 1st**. It takes a congregation-wide effort to make a host week a success.

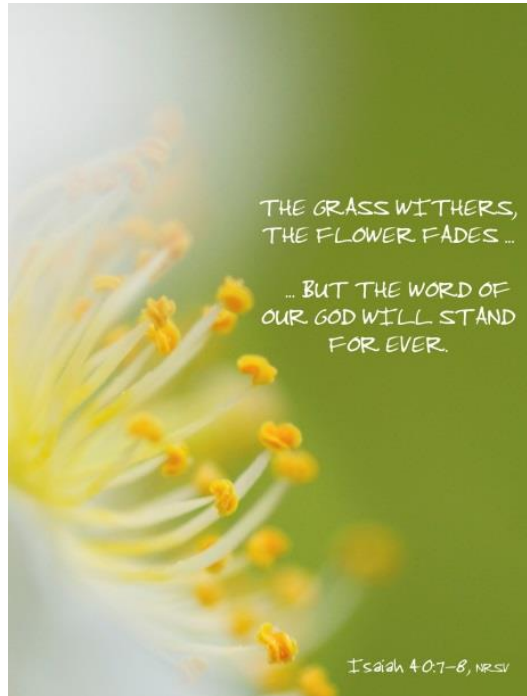
There are opportunities to serve this ministry for every member of EPC, from 8 months to 80 years and many hands are needed.

Be on the lookout for the sign-up sheet with volunteer opportunities in the Commons area! If you have any questions about the responsibilities of a host or want to learn more about GAIHN, please contact Mike Moorshead at mikem@rooferssupplyinc.com or Ed Irick at edirick@charter.net.



3	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship – Communion
	11:45 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Scouts
4	6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
5	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
6	6:00 p.m.	Handbells
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
9	8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	EPC Spring Clean Up Day
	3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
10	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting
11	6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Evening Circle
12	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
13	10:30 a.m.	F.U.N. Group tour of the Upcountry History Museum
	12:00 p.m.	F.U.N Group lunch at Tommy’s Ham House
	6:00 p.m.	Handbells
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
14	10:00 a.m.	Ladies’ Morning Circle
	6:30 p.m.	Fellowship Meeting
15	7:00 p.m.	Young Families Group
17	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship – Two Cents a Meal
	11:45 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
		Social Sunday
	12:00 p.m.	Stated Session Meeting
	3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Scouts
18	6:00 p.m.-9:30p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
19	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
20	6:00 p.m.	Handbells
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
24	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:45 a.m.	F3 on the 4 th
	2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	EPC Hosts Foothills Presbytery
25	6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
26	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
27	6:00 p.m.	Handbells
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
28	11:30 a.m.	L.O.L.
30	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Hands on Greenville Day

Our next GAIHN host week begins Sunday May 1st!



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

April 13th - Deadline for April mid-month newsletter

April 25th - Deadline for newsletter

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