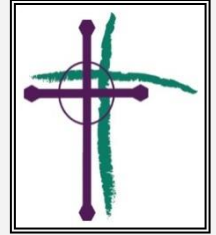


Eastminster Edition



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

March 2016

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Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday

March 20

Matthew 21: 1-17

A Turned Table

Maundy Thursday

March 24

Luke 22: 7-23

(7:00 p.m. at Advent UMC)

A Passover Table

Good Friday

March 25

(7:00 p.m. at Eastminster)

A Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday

March 27

Luke 24: 1-35

(sunrise and 10:30 a.m.)

An Easter Table

Pastor's Corner- A Note from Pressley

And the Table Will Be Wide

And the table
will be wide.
And the welcome
will be wide.
And the arms
will open wide
to gather us in.
And our hearts
will open wide
to receive.



And we will come as children who trust there is enough.
And we will come unhindered and free.
And our aching will be met with bread.
And our sorrow will be met with wine.

And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.
And we will turn toward each other without fear.
And we will give up our appetite for despair.
And we will taste and know of delight.

And we will become bread for a hungry world.
And we will become drink for those who thirst.
And the blessed will become the blessing.
And everywhere will be the feast.

– Jan Richardson

**March
Worship Schedule**

**March 6
Communion**
"A Table of Forgiveness"
Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

March 13
"A Wide Table"
Acts 11: 1-18

**March 20
Palm Sunday
Two Cents a Meal**
"A Turned Table"
Matthew 21: 1-17

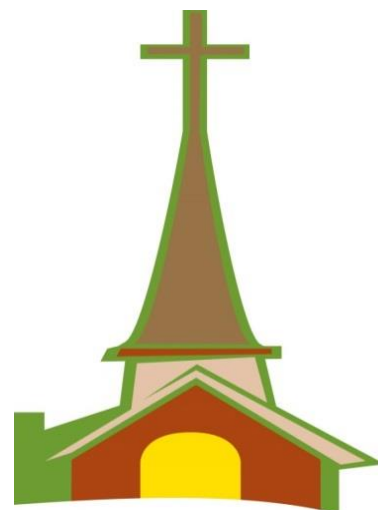
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Maundy Thursday**
"A Passover Table"
Luke 22: 7-23

**March 27
Easter**
"An Easter Table"
Luke 24: 1-35

"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, Lynn and Sandy Ingram, Maryanne Torris, Winebarger Family.

Homebound/Nursing Home Sylvia Meyer, Emily Phillips

EPC Extended Family

Paul and Susan Burks (*Cathy Parrish's sister and brother-in-law*)
 Eli Chavez (*Anita Harley's cousin's grandson*)
 Ray Curley (*Eileen Osteen's father*)
 Harper Frans (*Ben Cox's cousin's daughter*)
 Anne Furlong (*Stuart Lane's mother*)
 Susan Harrell (*Lindy Landers' sister*)
 Cindy Herbert (*Beverly George's sister*)
 Glynn Ingram (*Lynn Ingram's brother*)
 Allen Latty (*son-in-law of Jim and Cathy Parrish*)
 Andrew McCallister (*mother of Sande Schweir*)
 Jean McAllister (*Sande Schweir's mother*)
 Maureen McNally (*Maureen Cobb's mother*)
 Sandy Stewart (*Jim Stewart's sister*)
 Mary Lauren Tardif (*Lynn and Sandy Ingram's great-niece*)
 Joyce (*Bonnie McCourtie's aunt*)
 Michael (*Eileen Osteen's brother*)
 Jerry (*Barbara Kurta's brother*)

EPC Friends...

Terry Dietrich
 (*Noel Watkins' & Riley Lichoulas' art teacher*)
 Charlotte Knowles
 (*friend of Sandy Watkins*)
 Family of Lindsey Motley
 (*friend of Kimberly Lane*)
 Francine Murphy
 (*friend of Eileen Osteen*)
 Maridel, Cooper and Tucker Shaw
 (*friends of Amy Campbell*)
 Charlie Pratt and Family
 Roxanne Waling
 (*Eileen Osteen's friend*)
 Calleigh
 (*friend of Dan Harris & family*)
 Mary Beth and Jim
 (*friends of Beverly George*)
 Hannah and her family
 (*friends of Kim Gassner*)
 Tammy
 (*co-worker of Bonnie McCourtie*)
 Faith, Hope and Love Ministries
 (*Lynn Ingram's nephew Michael*)

*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



3/8 – Ben Cox

3/15 – Suzanne Cater
 Alex Morris

3/19 – Caroline Kennington

3/20 – A.J. Calloway

3/22 – Kippy Bridges

3/23 – Seth Talwar

3/27 – Sandy Ingram
 Matthew McCourtie

3/29 – Henrietta Gamble

3/30 – Cristina Kraemer

3/31 – Craig Bielek

Children's Ministry News

Palm Sunday:

You won't want to miss the fantastic Palm Sunday service we have planned this year! First, the children are invited to meet Lynn out in the Commons for the palm branch processional. Then, we'll hear them sing the song they've been practicing with Lucie. Finally, we will have light finger food and drinks after church, crafts and then our annual Easter Egg Hunt outdoors. It should be a fun and meaningful day for all!

EGG STUFFINGS NEEDED!!!

Palm Sunday, and our traditional Egg Hunt, is almost here! We need donations of small treats to stuff those eggs with: stickers, tiny erasers, hard candy (NO CHOCOLATE), small toys, and anything else fun and small you can think of! Please leave your donations in the church office on the bench.

Thank you!



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

- NO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ON PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 20 AND EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27. CLASSES WILL RESUME ON APRIL 3.
- WE STILL NEED SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSISTANTS FOR SOME SUNDAYS THIS SPRING. REMEMBER, YOU'RE ONLY REQUIREMENT IS TO HAVE A SUNNY ATTITUDE!! :0)

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!



Family Movie Night: Join us this Friday night, March 4th, for the movie, "Max," which will be shown upstairs in the Youth Classroom at 6:30 PM. Snacks and drinks will be provided and the theme for this year's VBS will be announced!! Kids are encouraged to wear pajamas and bring their sleeping bags. Please use the outside staircase located on the side of the building to access the second floor so we don't disturb the group using our sanctuary that night! See you there!

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.

Youth Sunday School Continues March 6th:

Join Pressley upstairs in the Youth Classroom for conversation and plastic egg stuffing! Ed Irick will be there to speak about his recent mission trip to Honduras and Kim Gassner will also share her family's Honduran history. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

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:

3/12 (Saturday) at 6:30 "Easy A" Location TBA

4/16 (Saturday) at 6:30 "To Save A Life"

Hosted by Pressley Cox: 356 Pimlico Rd., Greenville

Mid-Highs:

3/13 (Sunday) at 4:00 "Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs"

Hosted by Anne Vickers: 208 Teaticket Court, Simpsonville

4/17 (Sunday) at 4:00 "Diary Of A Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules"

Hosted by Lynn Moorshead: 118 Kingswood Circle, Simpsonville



LOOKING AHEAD:

**Hands on Greenville: Saturday, April 30,
8:15-11:30 AM**

Youth and parents: mark your calendars now for this annual Greenville event that we will be participating in for the first time! Volunteers from Greenville's corporations, places of worship, schools, and professional and civic organizations will spread throughout Greenville and surrounding areas to repair cabins at campgrounds for the disabled,



paint playground equipment and murals at our public schools, landscape the grounds of local shelters, and beautify nearby state and city parks. A list of potential projects will be available on the United Way's website on the morning of April 1st, so stay tuned to find out what our team will be doing! **ADULTS ARE WELCOME AND NEEDED TO PARTICIPATE!**

May: Helping out those within our congregation and/or community. Watch for dates and times!



Sunday Lent Worship Services

March 6 Luke 15:1-2, 11-32 *A Table of Forgiveness*
 March 13 Acts 11:1-18 *A Wide Table*

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Maundy Thursday (7:00 pm at Advent UMC)
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Good Friday (7:00 pm at Eastminster)
 March 25 *A Tenebrae Service*

Easter Sunday (sunrise and 10:30 am)
 March 27 *An Easter Table*

Adult Sunday School Lent Study
 Sundays, Feb 14-March 20

The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four gospels. It includes some of the loftiest and most loved verses in all the Bible: "And the Word became flesh...", "For God so loved the world...", "You who are without sin cast the first stone...", "I am the resurrection and the life...", "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." The writing is filled with rich images and profound truths, but John notes that his aim in writing the gospel is that his readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they "may have life in his name."

This Lent, join minister and author Adam Hamilton and experience a season of spiritual growth and life-changing renewal while reading the entire Gospel of John.

March 6 The Farewell Discourse
 March 13 Arrest, Trial, Crucifixion of the King
 March 20 Eternal Life



No Sunday School on March 27th
Happy Easter!

Small Group Ministry Opportunities

MARCH F.U.N. Don't forget to make reservations for the March F.U.N. Group Thursday, March 24th!



13 S. Main St.
Travelers Rest, SC 29690
(a 20 minute drive)
Meet Nancy & Joyce
McCarrell, 2 retired sisters

who bought *Williams Hardware*, opened a café and gift shop. We will sample their southern cuisine with hints of the delightfully unexpected, then browse their country gift shop. Sandwiches, salads, meals, etc. and homemade desserts (wow....the pecan pie)....reasonably priced.

- **Reservations to Jane Couch (244-0528) by Sunday, March 20th.**
- If you need transportation, contact Anne Vickers (297-4762) and we will find a fellow F.U.N. person to give you a ride.



Ladies Evening Circle will meet the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting is March 14th to discuss the fifth lesson in the 2015-2016 Presbyterian Women *Horizons* Bible Study, *Come to the Water*.

(see page 9 for Ladies Morning Circle information)

Young Families Discussion Group

Parents join together for fellowship and discussion at the church on **Friday, March 11th**

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.

March 28th – Circling the Sun by Paula McLain

May 23rd – Rosemary the Hidden Kennedy



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. We will meet at Sweet Catherine's (111 S Main St, Fountain Inn, SC 29644) on Thursday, March 17th at 12:30 p.m. (New Time!) at Sweet Catherine's in Fountain Inn. Visit <http://www.sweetcatherines.com/> to look at the menu.

Please call or text Pressley at 864-517-9781 by Tuesday, March 15th to reserve your lunch seat!

PASTOR'S STUDY

Bring a lunch and Pull up a Chair

February 10th – March 23rd

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Join Pressley in Clarke's kitchen on the following weekdays during Lent for an in depth look at the upcoming Sunday scripture passage. We will spend some time in fellowship and conversation while we eat and explore the many table stories from the New Testament.

Wednesday March 2 nd :	Luke 15: 1-2, 11-32
Wednesday March 9 th :	Acts: 11: 1-18
Wednesday March 16 th :	Matthew 21: 1-17
Wednesday March 23 rd :	Luke 24: 1-35

~ News from the Session ~

Session held a called meeting in February 7 to welcome new member, Karen Reece.

- ❖ Henrietta Gamble was ordained as Ruling Elder on February 14.
- ❖ Session welcomed visitors from Foothills Presbytery to their stated meeting on February 21 for the scheduled Triennial visit. Eastminster gifts and challenges were discussed along with possible ways to meet challenges and how we function as a part of the Foothills Presbytery.
- ❖ Session approved a policy for the use of restricted funds.
- ❖ Communion will be served on Easter at both the 7:00 a.m. sunrise and 10:30 a.m. services.
- ❖ Plans are being made for Eastminster to host the Presbytery meeting on April 24.

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
Henrietta Gamble
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*

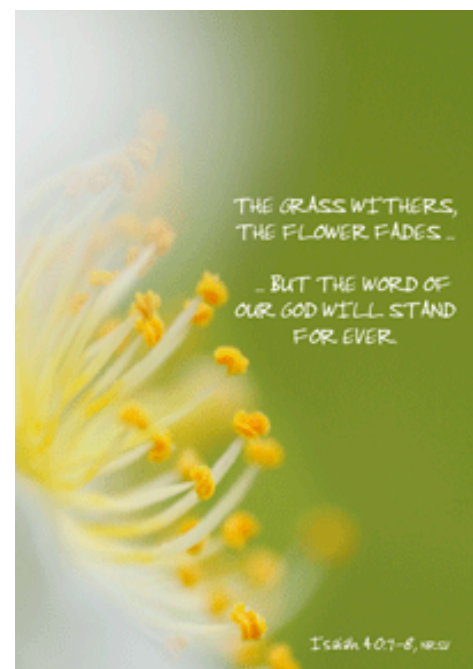
OUTREACH - *Ed Irick and Gil Kraemer*

PROPERTY AND GROUNDS - *Heath Cobb*

PERSONNEL - *Henrietta Gamble and John Taylor*

WORSHIP AND MUSIC - *Ann Coleman and Beverly George*

AV Team - Jim Parrish





New Voices Welcome!

Join the EPC Choir

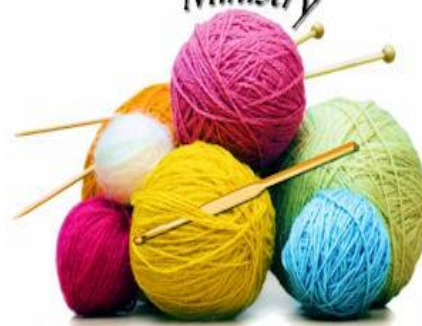
Chancel Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays
at 7:00 p.m.

Ladies' Morning Circle will meet Thursday March 10 at 10:00 at the home of Betty Taylor to discuss Lesson Five 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.

As part of our outreach mission, Ladies' Morning Circle has started a

Prayer Shawl Ministry, meeting on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 during Lent to knit and crochet. For more information, contact carolirick@charter.net or 962-2492.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



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

March 27th
Easter Sunday, No F³ on the 4th

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.

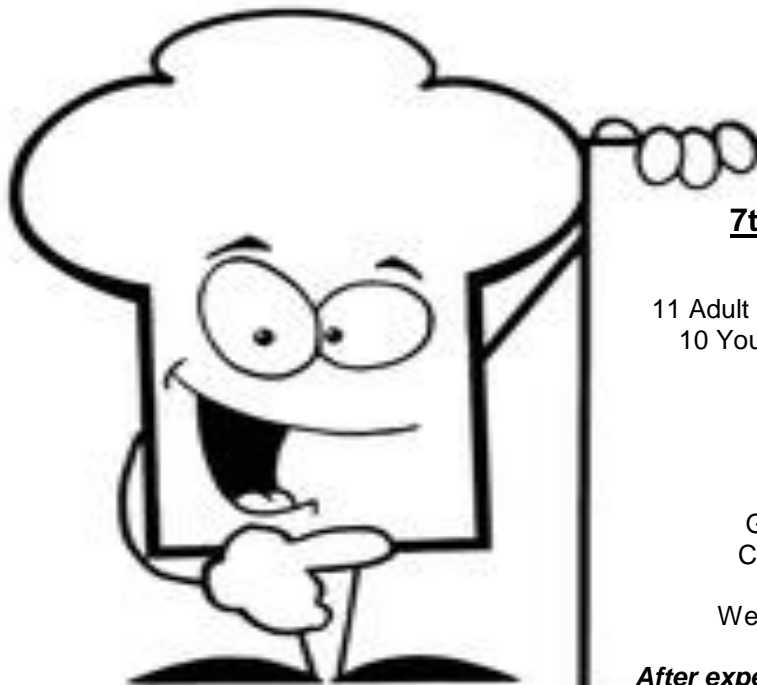
May 22nd
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Cookout and Games on the Lawn

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

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!



7th Annual EPC Bistro Results:

Approximately 140 attended.
11 Adult cooks/servers/set up/clean up/worker bees
10 Youth servers/set up/clean up/worker bees

Basket Winners:
5 pm seating: The Carlson's
6 pm seating: The Parrish's
7 pm seating: The Schafetz
Grand Prize Winner: The Ingram's
Chef Luigi (aka Barry) Cooks for You

We collected \$2027 between pre-sales,
walk-in's, tips and raffle tickets.
After expenses of \$740, we raised \$1287 for our Youth!

1	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
2	11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Pastor's Study
	6:00 p.m.	Long Range Planning Meeting
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	6:00 p.m.	Handbells
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
4	6:30 p.m.	Family Movie Nights
	6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
5	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
6	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
	5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Stomp the Stigma
7	6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
8	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
9	11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Pastor's Study
	6:00 p.m.	Handbells
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
10	10:00 a.m.	Ladies' Morning Circle
11	7:00 p.m.	Young Families Discussion Group
13	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting
14	6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Evening Circle
15	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
16	11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Pastor's Study
	6:00 p.m.	Handbells
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
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	7:00 p.m.	Choir
24	12:00 p.m.	F.U.N. Group
	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday service at Advent
25	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Tenebrae Service at EPC
27	7:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service
	8:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	10:30 a.m.	Worship – Easter Sunday & Communion
28	6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	Greenville In Harmony
	7:00 p.m.	EPC Book Club
29	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
30	6:00 p.m.	Handbells
	7:00 p.m.	Choir



2016 Montreat Women's Connection Conference August 12-14, 2016

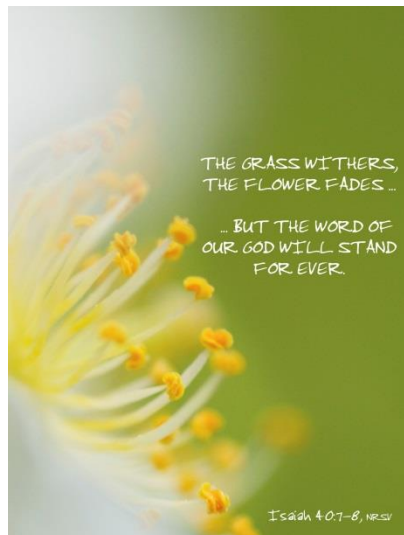
All Eastminster women are invited to join us for a weekend at Montreat! The cost for the weekend is \$182 (not including food and drinks), but SPACE is LIMITED! Email pressley@eastminster.com today to receive information on how to register. You don't want to miss this amazing weekend.

The 2016 Women's Connection presents **Momastery at Montreat: An Evening with Glennon Doyle Melton**.* Glennon will be with us on Saturday night, August 13, and will offer a discussion and Q & A session, followed by a book signing/meet and greet/photo op. Included in the cost of each ticket is a preordered copy of Glennon's upcoming book, set to be released and shipped to each participant in Fall 2016.

All Women's Connection participants will be **exclusively invited to a private reception with Glennon** before her presentation on Saturday evening. Plus, the first 300 women to register for the Women's Connection will be mailed a complimentary copy of Glennon's first book, *Carry on, Warrior*, prior to the conference. We encourage you to use the study guide in the back of this book with your women's circles, Bible study groups, clergy groups, book clubs, etc.

In addition, Women's Connection 2016 will include worship, fellowship, recreation, rest, and workshops. Workshops may include yoga, hiking, spiritual direction, grief, widow support, addiction and recovery, crafts, and blacksmithing. There will be time set aside to study and discuss *Carry on, Warrior* together as a conference community. *Stay tuned for a future announcement of the conference theme, preacher, and music leader.*

For more information, visit <http://www.montreat.org/women/>



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 14th - Deadline for February mid-month newsletter

March 20th - Deadline for newsletter

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