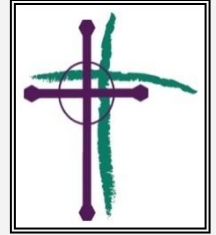


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GAIHN



EPC will, once again, be opening its doors to three Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (GAIHN) families **August 7-14**. As one of over 40 area churches participating in the GAIHN program, we have a chance one week every quarter to make a real difference in the lives of families experiencing homelessness by providing temporary shelter, meals, and hospitality. GAIHN is the only Greenville area shelter that focuses on keeping families with young children together and offers accountability and help in overcoming each family's hardships. Our part is simple . . . we make them feel welcome as we live out Jesus' command to love one another. In order to do this, we need volunteers to cook, host, and spend the night in the church with these families.

The last time we hosted GAIHN, many of you had an opportunity to meet and get to know two incredible teenage girls, Ashley and Alana. On the Wednesday night they were here in May, they joined in our choir practice and accepted Lucie's invitation to return in July for the vocal class she offered to the congregation. Their smiles were infectious as our members once again embraced them and offered them encouragement. When you volunteer to be a part of this outreach, you get back so much more than you give. Homelessness begins to take on names and faces, relationships are formed, and lives are forever changed.

There are many ways you can help the week of August 7-14. Please visit the sign-up board in the Commons Area or contact Valeen Goodreau valeengoodreau@gmail.com or Chuck Mitcham patriciamitcham174@gmail.com.

To learn more about homelessness and the GAIHN program, please visit www.gaihn.org



Pastor's Corner- A Note from Pressley

The psalms have kept me honest about life. John Calvin, the sixteenth century Reformer, taught that the "psalms contain all the anatomy of the human soul." And I'm bound to a spiritual tradition that teaches me to stay connected to God by staying connected to my soul through practicing the poetry of prayer in the Psalms.

Learning to live into this rugged "hymnal" of spiritual poetry we call the Psalms is what can help us become what St Ireneus envisioned: "The glory of God is a human being fully alive."

Fully alive that's what we all seek. And fully alive is what the Psalms want to make of us. I hope you enjoy these last four weeks immersed in the poetry of the Psalms.

Week Nine:

Monday, August 1	Psalm 101 & 102
Tuesday, August 2	Psalm 103 & 104
Wednesday, August 3	Psalm 105 & 106
Thursday, August 4	Psalm 107 & 108
Friday, August 5	Psalm 109 & 110
Saturday, August 6	Psalm 111
Sunday, August 7	Psalm 112

Week Ten:

Monday, August 8	Psalm 113 & 114
Tuesday, August 9	Psalm 115 & 116
Wednesday, August 10	Psalm 117 & 118
Thursday, August 11	Psalm 119 & 120
Friday, August 12	Psalm 121 & 122
Saturday, August 13	Psalm 123 & 124
Sunday, August 14	Psalm 125

Week Eleven:

Monday, August 15	Psalm 126 & 127
Tuesday, August 16	Psalm 128 & 129
Wednesday, August 17	Psalm 130 & 131
Thursday, August 18	Psalm 132 & 133
Friday, August 19	Psalm 134 & 135
Saturday, August 20	Psalm 136 & 137
Sunday, August 21	Psalm 138

Week Twelve:

Monday, August 22	Psalm 139 & 140
Tuesday, August 23	Psalm 141 & 142
Wednesday, August 24	Psalm 143 & 144
Thursday, August 25	Psalm 145 & 146
Friday, August 26	Psalm 147 & 148
Saturday, August 27	Psalm 149
Sunday, August 28	Psalm 150

**Summer
Worship Schedule**

August 7th
Montreat Youth Sunday
"A World of Difference"
Communion

August 14th- Psalm 113
Guest preacher
Elizabeth Jones

August 21st- Psalm 130
Two Cents a Meal

August 28th- Psalm 139

September 5th- Psalm 150
Communion



"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 Harriet Barnett, Norton and Suzanne Cater, Marilyn James, Cathy Parrish, Shirley Nease, Audra Pierce

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*)
 Richard Calloway (*Jerry Calloway's brother*)
 Russell and Rebecca Drake and family (*Syble Drake's son*)
 Jim and Sandy Eastman (*Sharon Daugherty's sister and brother-in-law*)
 Betty Erdhaus (*Ann Coleman's Aunt*)
 Susan Harrell (*Lindy Landers' sister*)
 Cindy Herbert (*Beverly George's sister*)
 Woody, Jennifer, Patrick, Claire, Rebecca and Maggie Houlihan (*Ben Cox's sister, brother-in-law and family*)
 Carolyn Ingram (*Kimberly Lane's sister-in-law's mother*)
 Frances Leeman (*Kimberly Lane's aunt*)
 Andrew and Jean McCallister (*parents of Sande Schweir*)
 Marianne Moorshead (*Mike Moorshead's mother*)
 Sandy Stewart (*Jim Stewart's sister*)
 Joyce (*Bonnie McCourtie's aunt*)
 Jerry (*Barbara Kurta's brother*)
 Michael (*Eileen Osteen's brother*)
 Jacque, Damian, Gianna and Bella (*Ron and Barbara Kurta's niece's family*)

EPC Friends...

Terry Dietrich (*Noel Watkins' & Riley Lichoulas' art teacher*)
 Charlotte Knowles (*friend of Sandy Watkins*)
 Francine Murphy (*friend of Eileen Osteen*)
 Shelly and Hannah Raynes (*friends of the Moorshead family*)
 Hannah and Family (*friends Kim Gassner*)
 Tammy (*co-worker of Bonnie McCourtie*)
 Emily (*granddaughter of Gary – friend of Sara Randall*)
 Pam (*friend of Winnie Brinck*)



I 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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| 8/2 – Sara Randall | 8/23 – Suzanne Sawan
David Ullmann
William Armstrong |
| 8/5 – Jim Parrish | |
| 8/7 – Stuart Lane
Anitha Samuel | 8/27 – Ed Irick
Kimberly Lane |
| 8/13 – Chris Moorshead | 8/28 – Sanjana Samuel |
| 8/19 – Barbara Mann | 8/30 – Gill Seal |
| 8/21 – Natalie Morris | 8/31 – Elaine Campbell |
| 8/22 – Lauren Landers
Sarah Talwar | |

Small Group Ministry Opportunities



Ladies' Morning Circle and **Ladies Evening Circle** are currently on a summer break. For more information about upcoming Circle meetings please contact Carol Irick at carolirick@charter.net or 962-2492.



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

DINE WITH NINE: (Adult Only Event) Get to know members of EPC and meet new friends. **How? Dine with Nine.** Over the summer, we've meet once a month to break bread and fellowship with one another. Each month we have strived to have nine different people dine together. Sign up to host and/or participate. (Kiosk) One more opportunity this summer!

Sunday, August 28

(Deadline for sign-up Sunday, August 14)

Names will randomly be selected for each host home and the names and contact information will be passed on to the hosts. The host home will contact each participant to bring a portion of the meal and decide on a time. The host home could also suggest a restaurant for all to dine together or a park to enjoy a picnic together. It is up to the host.

Ladies Out to Lunch (L.O.L) Join our pastor, Rev. Pressley Cox, and other ladies of the church for our next lunch on Thursday, September 22. Have an idea for a new restaurant, find Pressley and suggest! R.S.V.P. to Pressley by Tuesday August 23rd 864-517-9781.



EPC's Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to provide prayer shawls to those in need of comfort and solace. Ten shawls have been given to EPC members or someone in

their family, and friends of our congregation. Prayer shawls can be offered during difficult and joyful times, i.e., illness and recovery, in times of stress, after a loss, a special birthday, marriage, new baby, or graduation. If you know of someone who is having such a difficulty or special celebration, please contact Carol Irick (carolirick@charter.net), Carolyn Uprichard (upricharde@bellsouth.net), or Pressley Cox at EPC. There are a few shawls ready at the church. Thank you to those that contributed money and yarn for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Yarn has been purchased and 3 boxes are full with yarn!! After the warm, busy summer months, watch for an announcement in September about a get together for knitting or crocheting and fellowship. [@bellsouth.net](http://bellsouth.net) or carolirick@charter.net.



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.

September 26th – Leaving Time by Jodi Picoult



A Note From United Ministries

GAIHN coordinators, as we join together, we welcome you as a part of the collective team working alongside United Ministries' volunteers. Together we are seeking to serve and empower those in our community on the transformative journey to self-sufficiency. Volunteers with United Ministries interview participants and pack grocery bags in Emergency Assistance; hand out hygiene supplies and welcome homeless

participants to Place of Hope; teach soft job skills and assist participants in finding and keeping jobs in Employment Readiness; tutor adults in their journey to the GED test; and now we join with you, congregations who also work with the homeless in our community to offer hope and hospitality to families who are on their way to permanent housing and financial stability.

United Ministries maintains an email contact list of all volunteers so that they can be notified of upcoming events and to ask for help as needed. We would like to add you and volunteers within your congregation thereby creating a combined new list. Please forward this email to your volunteers or your congregation. A link is provided below my name at the bottom that is my email address at United Ministries. All who would like to be included may reply to me, and I will add them to the contact list.

Thanks for your help. And, again, welcome.

Claire Winkler, Volunteer Coordinator
 cwinkler@united-ministries.org
 335-2618

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

Jerry Calloway
 Elaine Campbell
 Gil Kraemer
 Cyndi Lichoulas

F.U.N. Group Dinner Please join us for dinner and fellowship!

- Date: Thursday, August 25
- For: BBQ dinner (prepared by Chef Barry Campbell), sides, dessert, and drinks will be provided.
- Where: EPC (Clarks Kitchen)
- Time: 6:00 p.m.
- Cost: \$8.00 per person
- Hosts: Lynn and Sandy Ingram
- RSVP: Please RSVP by Aug 16 to Randjcouch@Gmail.com
 Carry out is available from 5:45 to 6:15. Please RSVP for carry out.



News and Notes

Exercise Caution! Since the clearing of the property next door we have had reports of increased traffic of woodland creatures in the area. Please just be mindful of where you are walking and understand that children may require closer supervision when outside during this transition phase.

Thank you,
Property and
Grounds Committee



CHANGING THE WORLD
ONE PAIR AT A TIME

Thank you EPC for participating in the Soles for Souls program. The shoe drive ended July 31st, and your contributions were greatly appreciated!

Thanks to the efforts of this congregation, the Summer Food Drive was a great success. We collected 1039 items - that's double our initial goal - for distribution to United Ministries and the Golden Strip Emergency Relief Resource Agency. These items will feed between 50 and 60 families in our community. The Outreach Committee thanks all who participated by bringing in items and looks forward to another food drive next summer.



Eastminster Membership – If you are interested in joining Eastminster, we invite you to speak with the pastor or contact her at Pressley@eastminster.com or 864-517-9781. Members are received by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or by transfer of church letter.

Sunday mornings will have a new schedule this fall as we enhance our educational opportunities for children, youth, and adults. There is a place for everyone to grow in faith!

9:15-10:15 am	Lectionary Based Adult Sunday School
9:45-10:15 am	Adult Choir
10:30-11:30 am	Worship
10:30-11:10 am	Children's Sunday School (K5-5 th grade)
11:40 am-12:30 pm	Children's Choir and Chimes
	Youth Sunday School
	Adult Sunday School
	(2 classes will be offered for adults during this time)

Summer Office Hours
May 31st through August 11th

Monday through Thursday
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



Looking at Jesus through a Different Lens

The 10th Triennial Gathering of Presbyterian Women
in the Synod of South Atlantic

October 21-23, 2016

Epworth by the Sea

St. Simons Island, Georgia

Registration Fee—\$100 (PW Foothills will pay registration)

Room and Board - \$about \$150



2016-2017 Bible Study (Judy Siker)
Music/Choir/Dance
Moderator of PW Churchwide
(Carol Winkler)
PWStaff (still a mystery)
Mercado (Mission Partners)
Worships
An afternoon on St. Simons
Friends, nature, a time apart

Pre-Conference Workshops:

1:00 p.m. Friday

Leadership Skills

Or

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Preparation

Business Meeting:

4:00-5:00 p.m. Friday

Phone: 864-357-3590 – Jane Frost

Email: pwfoothills@gmail.com

Facebook: [foothillsPW](#)

United Ministries – Volunteers Needed at Place of Hope

Place of Hope, a day shelter for the homeless, is in need of volunteers on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Most of the volunteers work one shift – one day a week. The shifts are from 8:00 – 11:00 in the morning. Volunteers at Place of Hope greet the participants, sign participants up for showers and for appointments with the case managers. There is always a staff person present. Please email: cwinkler@united-ministries.org or 335-2618 for more information.



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.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 7 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm Stewardship Team	3	4	5	6 9 a.m.-5pm Greenville In Harmony
7 GAIHN at EPC through August 14 th 9:15 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship – Communion 11:30 am Adult Faith Formation Mtg.	8 6:30 -9:30 pm Greenville In Harmony 7:00 pm Youth Visioning meeting	9 7 am Men's Bible Study	10	11	12	13
14 9:15 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship – Elizabeth Jones Preaching 12 pm Finance Team	15 *Regular office hours resume 6:00-9:30 p.m. Greenville In Harmony	16 7 am Men's Bible Study	17	18	19	20
21 9:15 am Adult Sunday School 12:00 pm Stated Session Meeting	22 6:00-9:30 pm Greenville In Harmony	23 7 am Men's Bible Study	24 7:00 pm Choir	25 6:00 pm F.U.N. Group BBQ dinner	26	27
28 9:15 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Dine With Nine	29 6:00-9:30 pm Greenville In Harmony 6:30 pm Rally Day Meeting 7:00 pm Children & Youth FF meeting	30 7 am Men's Bible Study	31 7:00 pm Choir			

Newsletter Information

August 11th - Deadline for the August mid-month newsletter

August 25th - Deadline for September newsletter

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