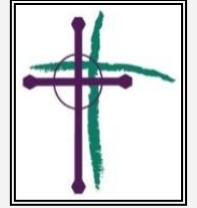


Eastminster Edition



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

April 2018

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

Sunday April 1st

E A S T E R

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service

10 a.m. Easter Worship

No Education Hour



The Upstate Senior Band will be playing a concert at the Eastminster Presbyterian Church on **Friday April 13th** from 2pm-3pm. The band, an average age of 74, will be playing a variety of music. The concert is especially planned for Alzheimer patients and their caregivers.

All are welcome.

Please join the Outreach Committee for lunch after service on Sunday, **April 29th**. We have invited Diane Hughs and Shirley Nease to speak about their recent Mission trip to Mexico and tell us more about the Cafe Justo Coffee Ministry. This is a program Eastminster Presbyterian has supported in the past and we'd like to give it a kickstart. \$10.00 bags of coffee will be available for sale and orders can be placed for more. We will also hear more about the other ministries Eastminster supports such as United Ministries, GAIHN, Robert Cashion E.S. and the Center for Community Services. A sign-up sheet with details will be in the Commons Area after Easter.

CHURCH



LUNCH



April Worship

April 1 - Easter

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; Mark 16: 1-8
"The Women at the Tomb"

April 8 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

John 20: 19-31
"In Defense of Doubt"

April 15 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Luke 24: 36b-48
"Was Jesus Born to Die?"

April 22 - 4th Sunday of Easter

Psalm 23; John 10:7-18
"Listening"

April 29 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8: 26-40
"Go, Join, Listen, Ask"



EPC Nursery and Childcare Help Needed

Did you know that our youngest children are not only being loved and cared for by the most amazing staff but are also learning a bible story each Sunday morning? We are so thankful to Dawn, Sandra, Riley and our amazing volunteers for loving and caring for our children!

April 1	<i>Could you help us today???</i>
April 8	<i>Could you help us today???</i>
April 15	Kenny Hughes
April 22	Anne Vickers
April 29	<i>Could you help us today???</i>

When volunteering in the nursery, please arrive by 9:45. Check in with our nursery staff and they will let you know how you can assist. The nursery is available during worship as well as during the education hour. One room of our nursery is used for our preschool-1st grade Sunday School class during the education hour. You may be able to assist with that sweet group during that hour. We couldn't do all we do without our amazing volunteers! Thank you for helping. You can sign up to help by emailing Joan at joan@eastminster.com or by signing up on our sign up genius at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4daea628a7fe3-nursery>

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.



"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 and Suzanne Cater, Ann Coleman, Syble Drake, Tandy Gilliland, Valeen Goodreau, Marilyn James, Jonathan Kraemer, Kaylee Osteen, Gill Seal, Maryanne Torris

Homebound/Nursing Home Sylvia Meyer, Emily Phillips

EPC Extended Family

Joe Brandenburg (*Paul Brandenburg's father*)
 Kenny Couch (*Karen Reese's brother*)
 Carol Cox (*Ben Cox's mother*)
 Bryan Deitke (*Sharon Daugherty's brother*)
 Susan Harrell (*Lindy Landers' sister*)
 Robin & Chris King (*Linda Sucher's brother and*
 Katie Landry (*Kim Gassner's mother*)
 Juliana Lind (*Gassner's cousin*)
 Gert McNally (*Maureen Cobb's mother*)
 Haven Moore (*Devon & Ellen Cortright's niece*)
 Roger Osteen (*Mark Osteen's brother*)
 Jennifer Pierce (*Jared & Mallory Pierce's stepmother*)
 Jerald Burnett (*Audra Pierce's father*)
 Betty Jo Steed (*mother of Louis Steed*)
 Jones Sucher (*Mark & Linda Sucher's grand-nephew*)
 Jitka Svatonova (*Lucie Svatonova-Hughes' mother*)
 Jerry (*Barbara Kurta's brother*)



EPC Friends...

Miranda Allen
 (*friend of Anitha Samuel*)
 Katie Collura
 (*friend of the Gassner Family*)
 Bella Muntean
 (*friend of Roshni Samuel*)
 Don Poynter
 (*friend of Kim Gassner*)
 Redfearn Family
 (*friends of Cox Family*)
 Steve Samoya
 (*Stuart Lane's friend*)
 Sandy Sygan
 (*friend of Sharon Flesch*)
 Vijay Williamraj
 (*friend of Sudhir Samuel*)
 Smith Family
 (*Friends of Audra Pierce*)
 Families of Gambrell & Cara Smith
 (*friends of Audra Pierce*)
 Richard
 (*co-worker of Devon Cortright*)

Military

Kasey Cornwell (*Devon and Ellen Cortright's nephew*)
 Kenneth Endicott (*Harry and Beverly George's nephew*)
 Phillip Goeckel (*Sandy Watkins' nephew*)
 Ryan McGuckian (*son of Kimberly Lane's friends*)
 Jared Pierce (*son of Audra Pierce and Syble Drake*)

Matt Renbarger (*Roger and Jane Couch's nephew*)
 Sean Renbarger (*Roger and Jane Couch's nephew*)
 F. Tyler Rymer (*Devon and Ellen Cortright's nephew*)
 Heather Cortright Sinda
 (*Devon and Ellen Cortright's Daughter*)
 Matthew Sinda
 (*Devon and Ellen Cortright's son-in-law*)

For additions or corrections to the prayer list, please contact

Network 6:2 Coordinator Ann Stockman and Shirley Nease at network62@eastminster.com
 Eastminster's Administrative Assistant Ellen Irick at 284-0190 or email admin@eastminster.com



Happy Birthday!

4/5 – Rick Owens
 4/16 – Kelly Carson
 4/18 – Nicholas Cuppett
 4/19 – Anne Vickers
 4/20 – Stella Winton

4/22 – Marilyn James
 Kim Gassner
 4/23 – Katie Owens
 4/27 – Craig Winebarger
 Pressley Cox
 4/30 – Audra Pierce

Small Group Opportunities

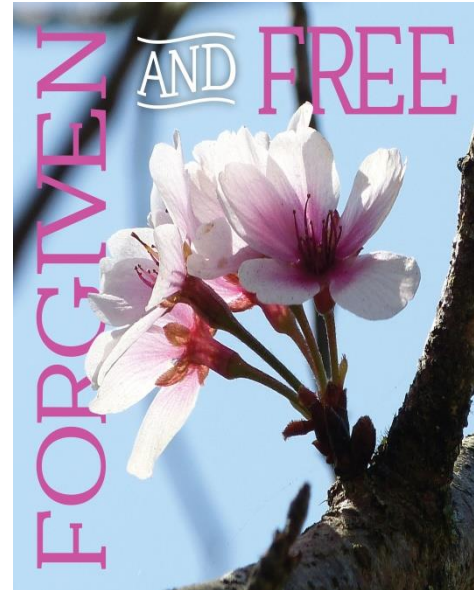


EPC Women's Circles meet monthly for Fellowship and Bible Study, and it is never too late to join us! Our study this year focuses on Hebrews and the community of faith that supports and surrounds each of us. Women of all ages are invited to join us as we seek to nurture

our faith through worship, study, friendship, and outreach.

Morning Circle will meet Thursday April 12 at 10:00 at the home of Beverly George to discuss Lesson Seven. Ladies are reminded to bring toiletries for Place of Hope and/or canned corn for the Food Bank at United Ministries. For more information, contact carolirick@charter.net.

Evening Circle will meet Sunday April 8 at 5:30 at church to discuss Lesson Seven. For more information, contact pressley@eastminster.com.



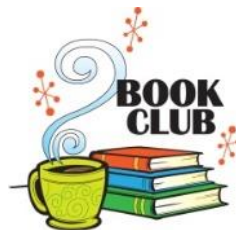
MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join the Men's group as they meet for breakfast every Wednesday at Panera Bread on Woodruff Road at 6:45 a.m.



EPC BOOK CLUB

All are welcome to join the EPC Book Club. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 29th at 7 p.m. to discuss *Irregulars* by Jennett



Conant. We will meet again on Monday July 23rd at 7 p.m. to discuss *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. For more information contact Shirley Nease at shirleynease@yahoo.com.



Grab a friend and join us in the Choir Room at 7 p.m. every Wednesday night!

Contact Choir Director, Lucie Svatonova-Hughes at lucie@eastminster.com with any questions.



Adult Ministry



After our exploration of the resurrection, the Adult class will turn to our “Call to Mission.” We’ll consider what, why and how God is calling us to share God’s work in our community and our world. We’ll also connect with the work Eastminster is already engaged in outside our own doors. Come join us in the Adult classroom during Education Hour.

Families In Faith Adult Sunday School Class

The Families in Faith Sunday School class will be studying a 7-session Adult Faith Formation Course called ***Animate:***

Faith. The session topics include:

God: Faith is a Quest

Religion: Spirituality Is Not

Enough

Jesus: The Revolution of Love

Salvation: Abundant Life Now

Cross: Where God Is

Bible: A Book Like No Other

Church: An Imperfect Family



One Great Hour of Sharing

THE NEED IS GREAT
AND SO IS OUR CALLING.



April 1st

See <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs.html> for details.

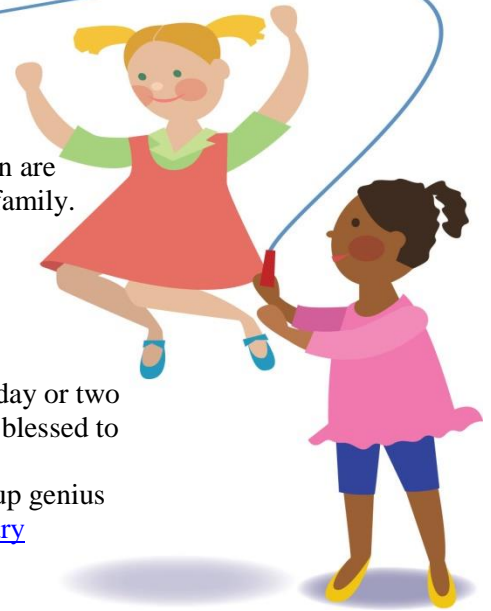
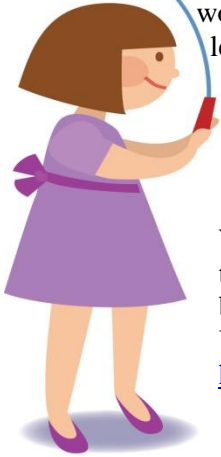
Children's Ministry

Special thanks to Lynn Moorshead for teaching our Elementary Sunday School class for the month of March. We are so blessed with wonderful teachers and assistants each and every Sunday! Our children are learning the stories of scripture as they grow in faith with their EPC family.

April 8	Anitha Samuel
April 15	Kimberly Lane
April 22	Anitha Samuel
April 29	Kimberly Lane

What a great group of children. Check your calendar and find a Sunday or two that you can volunteer. We still have openings in May. You will be blessed to be with our children as they learn and grow in their faith.

You can sign up by emailing joan@eastminster.com or by our sign up genius <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4daea628a7fe3-epcelementary>



Special thanks to all who helped make our Easter Egg Hunt so much for our young children. A little rain and mud cannot keep us down. We may be finding Easter eggs throughout the building for quite some time.

Happy Easter to you all!



This year, we will be joining with Fountain Inn Presbyterian, First Presbyterian of Simpsonville and will also welcome a group from the Thornwell Home for children as we gather at Eastminster on

Saturday, June 2 beginning at 9:30 am.

We will have a morning session, lunch, an afternoon session, a closing celebration and a cookout dinner! Our themes for the day are "I am a child of God" and "We are God's family." We will need many volunteers and are so excited about sharing in ministry with friends from other churches in our area! There are many ways you can help, so please see Joan Jones to volunteer. Registration forms will be available soon.

Youth Ministry



April 15, we will gather at 5:30 for an evening of food, fun and fellowship! Tonight, following dinner we will share in our favorite games. Bring your favorite board game or card game and get ready for a little healthy competition with friends!

Help Needed April 15- Would you be willing to come and provide dinner for our youth tonight? We share a meal at 5:30 and would be so grateful if you could prepare a meal for us. Please let Joan Jones know if you can help in this special way. joan@eastminster.com or 205-222-3732

April 29- Youth Mystery Afternoon
All Middle School and High School youth are invited to join Joan and Pressley for a mystery afternoon. We will leave Eastminster immediately following lunch and will return around 5. Stay tuned for more information! You don't want to miss this afternoon of fun and fellowship!



Montreat Youth Conferences are coming soon! We have big groups registered for both the Montreat Middle and High School conferences! You will receive detailed information about the trips as they get closer. We are looking forward to time spent with our youth groups as we learn, study, worship and play together this summer.

Middle School Sunday School

During the 11:00 am Education Hour, all 6th-8th graders will meet in the Youth Room. Our Middle School Youth will be using a curriculum "I Know My Bible". This curriculum will walk us through the Bible, how it is written and how to use scripture in our daily lives.

If you would like to assist with Middle School Sunday School, please contact Joan Jones at joan@eastminster.com or sign up on this [google doc](#)

Senior High Sunday School

All 9th-12th graders are invited to join in a special Sunday School class focusing on contemporary topics through the lens of Scripture. We will meet in the Conference Room next to Pressley's office. If you would like to assist with this class, please contact [Pressley Cox](#).

June 9-16, 2018

Senior High Montreat

July 18-22, 2018

Middle School Montreat



Welcome Winton Family!

Please join us in welcoming John, Jaime, Zoe and Stella Winton to the EPC family as they joined our congregation on March 25th!

OUTREACH

From Katie Preuss, Associate Network Director of the
Interfaith Hospitality Network:

Greetings from IHN. We want to thank each and every one of you for the many hours you put in this past year. We appreciate the hospitality you showed our guests in helping them move towards self-sufficiency. How many families you may ask? In 2017, 48 families were served in IHN including 65 adults and 145 children between the congregation emergency shelter and interim housing. Of those, 30 families moved into their own, permanent housing.



I could say more, but I think it is best you hear from our guests: the families you cooked for, made beds for, provided housing to, offered a hug or listening ear, and encouraged. These are words of gratitude, of lives changed. These are just a few of the families you have impacted this year.

As we look towards 2018, please know that we are in need of additional host congregations to run 2 networks on a more consistent basis. We are also always looking for additional homes to use in our interim housing. Please help us spread the word about IHN and the good work that is done to those who may be able to help with expanding our program. Here are some of their words of gratitude they have shared with us to share with you. *(See page 9 of this newsletter)*

The next Outreach Meeting will be Sunday,
April 8th at 8:45 a.m.



Foothills Presbytery Rise Against Hunger Packing Session

Where: EPC When: Saturday, May 19th, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Register and Donate at <https://goo.gl/5ydvys>

We need over 200 volunteers to make this one-day event a success!
All ages are welcome, there is something for everyone. Childcare is
available for children under 3 years old by reservation only.

Please contact Joan Jones at joan@eastminster.com

Session

Class of 2019

Mike Moorshead- Mission and Outreach
Bruce Nolan- Music and Worship
Audra Pierce- Congregational Care
Mark Sucher- Finance & Stewardship
Roshni Samuel – Children and Youth Faith Formation

Class of 2020

Maureen Cobb – Children and Youth
Faith Formation
Sharon Daugherty - Fellowship
Rick Owens – Property and Grounds
Sandy Watkins – Clerk, Personnel

Class of 2018

Will Brandenburg- Mission and Outreach
Jerry Calloway- Property and Grounds
Elaine Campbell- Adult Faith Formation
Gil Kraemer- Mission and Outreach
Cyndi Lichoulas- Assimilation and Membership

Feedback from GAIHN in 2017

"I thank God for all that IHN blessed me and my sons with. I as a parent learned that giving up is not an option. I successfully now have my very job with benefits (thanks to United Ministries Employment Readiness program) and have been there since July 2016. I am paying a mortgage and about to get married. I am so grateful! To ALL 8 churches from the Hawthorne family to yours, I know God will bless you 100 fold for everything you do. God Bless you all." ~Tamica, Jayvion, Semaj Hawthorne (In permanent housing)

"The Burgess family (Lucius, Wesley, Sonaiah, and Rick Rick) would like to truly thank each and every one that worked in the program that helped me and my kids. You guys are awesome! Your help really changed our lives more than you can imagine. You were so sweet and kind and I just know that God has great blessings for each and every one of you. Thanks to you that we're out of the motels and now in a beautiful home. May God bless all of you and thank you for very much and Merry Christmas!" ~Lucius Burgess and kids (In permanent housing)

"My family and I would like to thank all of the volunteers, donors, interns, employees, churches, and everyone else affiliated with IHN and United Ministries. This has been a very long, hard year for us, but God led us to the right place to feel His love for us through this program. God let us meet some AMAZING people, make some great friends, and even blessed us with a "bun in the oven" during this trying time in our life. A special thank you to GUUF and all the amazing people that have made this a GREAT Christmas for our children, including our unborn baby girl. Ms. Pat delivered presents and we were blown away! I never expected so much! The GUUF family has shown us so much love and we will forever be grateful!" -~Niccole Green and Bryan Welker (Currently in interim housing)

"Me and my children are beyond grateful for the hospitality United Ministries and partners have shown us. I went from working 3rd shift with two children, barely getting sleep due to our poor living conditions, to feeling more rested and relieved than I have in a while. I can't say you thank you enough! Love you all." Shankora Powers (In Network)

"Hi. My 5 children and I were blessed beyond words by your ministry. We were served, welcomed, and even loved by complete and total strangers. You all showed us literally the bible in action. You gave me a boost in faith and a new hope again. Each and every person we came in contact with made us feel loved. I will NEVER for as long as I live forget the love shown to us. I am 36 years old and had never been loved like that. So Thank YOU, thank you all. Thank you for being the example. Thank you for raising the standard and for living out the gospel of Christ." ~Monique Moss and kids (In permanent Housing)

"The Brown family would like to say thank you to all the volunteers and IHN staff that has helped our family in time of need. Your kindness has impacted our life in a special way and we will always carry that in our hearts and hope to pass the kindness on. Thank you to all the churches who allowed us to stay and to all the families who brought us a warm dinner. Thank you for reflecting Christ Jesus. The apartment looks amazing and we are so excited and grateful. Thank you all for everything ya'll have done for our family." ~Chad and Adriana Brown (interim housing)

"This family is very appreciative. I am in tears writing this text. WE do not take it for granted. We understand that we are very blessed to be in the program. My babies are going to have the best Christmas they have ever had. The expressions on their faces were priceless. Thank you!" ~Christine George and kids (Interim Housing)



News and Notes



Each Sunday morning, worship bags are available for our children. The bags contain an activity sheet to help them follow along in the service and write or draw about their favorite parts of the service. There are also coloring sheets and puzzles or word searches that are based on the daily scripture readings as well as crayons and pencils for them to use! We hope these will help our children participate in worship and allow them to worship with their EPC family. We love having them with us!

SAVE THE DATE! HANDS ON GREENVILLE DAY May 5, 2018

Please join the Outreach Committee in support of the United Way's Hands On Greenville Day of Service, **Saturday, May 5**. This is our third year of participation in this event and, this year, we will meet at the Concerned Citizens for Animals shelter on Fork Shoals Road in Simpsonville. We will be cleaning and adding gravel to the dog runs and cleaning cat litter from cages. This is a church-wide Mission event and all from ages 8 to 80 are welcome. A sign-up sheet will be on the table in the Commons Area. Anyone with children who wish to participate must also complete a waiver form.



COMMITTEE ON SHARED MINISTRY

SUMMER 2018
OPPORTUNITIES FOR Foothills PRESBYTERIAN
DAY CAMP AT PIEDMONT PRESBYTERIAN
Day Camp brings the experiential fun, fellowship and learning of Fellowship's Summer Camp to YOU!
This amazing opportunity for 1st through 5th graders enriches your summer faith-formation program and creates opportunities for evangelism and outreach in your local community at Piedmont Presbyterian Church.
June 11 – 15 9 am – 3pm \$45 Includes lunch & a t-shirt!
TRADITIONAL SUMMER PROGRAMS / CAMP
Foothills Presbytery's churches are invited to register for any week of summer camp.
Week long sessions run Sunday – Friday, beginning June 10 through the week of July 29th.
FOOTHILLS week is July 8th – 13th, 2018. Scholarships are available.
For more information on all of the summer camp programs we offer, please visit our website: www.campfellowship.org/summercamp
MISSION FOCUSED PROGRAM
NAIL & SAIL Middle School Mission Week!
August 5 - 9, 2018
Come for a week at camp focused on mission and service!
Make waves during our free time as we swim, sail and enjoy fellowship with one another! Campers will spend part of the day serving in our local communities. Evenings will include plenty of time for rest, relaxation and time for participating in camp activities and a special mission project.
For more information, please visit our website: www.campfellowship.org/nailsandsail
OUR 2018 CURRICULUM
This summer, campers will dive into discovering what faith is all about and what it means to be a Child of God. We've hand-picked passages that explore deep into what it means to be a confident disciple and leader in the community. Spend this summer exploring, connecting, and growing with us at Camp Fellowship!

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New Communications!

We are taking a break from the Flock/Shepherding program to try new ways to communicate. One will be a texting reminder using the Remind app.

The easiest way to sign up-Text to this number- 81010
Text this message- @epcsim

Can't text right now?
Use this link - www.remind.com/join/epcsim

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 7 a.m. Easter Sunrise 10 a.m. Worship	2 *Pressley out → 6:30-8 p.m. Scouts 6:30-9 p.m. Vocal Matrix	3 *Pressley out → 6:30-7:30 p.m. Scouts	4 *Pressley out → 6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast 6 p.m. Handbells 7 p.m. Choir	5 *Pressley out →	6 *Pressley out →	7 *Pressley out
8 8:45 a.m. Outreach Team Meeting 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Education Hour 12 p.m. Finance Team Meeting and 20 th Anniv. Meeting 3-6 p.m. Scouts 5:30 p.m. Evening Circle	9 6:30-9 p.m. Vocal Matrix	10 6:30-7:30 p.m. Scouts	11 6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast 6 p.m. Handbells 7 p.m. Choir	12 10 a.m. Women's Morning Circle	13 2-3 p.m. Upstate Senior Band for Alzheimer's Association	14
15 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Education Hour 12 p.m. HUB 3-5:30 p.m. Scouts 5:30 p.m. Youth	16 6:30-9 p.m. Vocal Matrix	17 6:30-7:30 p.m. Scouts	18 6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast 6 p.m. Handbells 7 p.m. Choir	19	20	21 5-7 p.m. Scouts
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29 10 a.m. Worship All Church Lunch 12-5 p.m. Youth Mystery Outing 5:30 p.m. Women's Evening Circle	30 6:30-9 p.m. Vocal Matrix					

*Pressley will be on vacation the week of April 2-7 and will have limited access to emails and phone.
She can be reached via voicemail or text at 864-517-9781.

Newsletter Information

Deadline for May newsletter is April 22nd

**Please send all monthly newsletter articles to admin@eastminster.com*