

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

TODAY: Sunday, September 25	NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday, October 2
Lay Leader Anita Harley	Lay Leader Peg Lawhorn
Head Usher Rick Owens Gil Kraemer	Head Usher Tom Harley Chris Gassner
Greeters Anne Vickers Ann Broom Lisa Ferney	Greeters Anita Harley Kim Gassner Sharon Daugherty
Time with Children Libby Cheek	Time with Children Steve Vance
Children's Worship 2 nd – 5 th Kim Gassner Chris Gassner	Children's Worship 2 nd – 5 th Brian Norton Stephanie Norton
3 year olds – 1 st Children's Worship Melinda Finney	3 year olds – 1 st Children's Worship Jennifer Ellis

FOR THE RECORD:

Last Sunday's Attendance	137
Received for Program & Mission	\$ 3,262
Receipts Necessary for Budget	\$ 6,080
Given Year to Date:	\$200,927
Program & Mission Needs (year to date)	\$200,640

PASTORAL CARE NEEDS

If you should have an emergency or someone you know needs pastoral care, please contact the church office at 284-0190 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you need assistance after office hours please contact Pastor Steve Vance, at 864-414-0276. You can also send an email to Katie Keller, Elder in charge of Congregational Care, at network62@eastminster.com. Prayer request forms are available each Sunday morning on the welcome table in the Commons.

DURING WORSHIP

Please turn off all cell phones upon entering the sanctuary. If you find it necessary to leave the sanctuary, please try to time this to occur during hymns, offering, or before/after you have communed. In accordance with our church's **Child Protection Policy** please accompany your child at all times to and from the worship space. Thank you for helping to limit distractions during worship.

EASTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 25, 2011

Welcome!
We're a Singin' Prayin' & Shoutin'
Church

Join Us for Our 6:30 Healing Service
You Won't Get Better!

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ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*The 15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 2011*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGIST ANITA HARLEY

Leader: In the name of Christ, you are welcomed into the presence of the Lord.

PEOPLE: How shall we be worthy to kneel before our Lord?

Leader: What is required of you but to do justice?

PEOPLE: How shall we be worthy to kneel before our Lord?

Leader: What is required of you but to love kindness?

PEOPLE: How shall we be worthy to kneel before our Lord?

Leader: What is required of you but to walk humbly with your God?

ALL: Teach us, Lord, how to fulfill your commands, that we may dwell in your presence forever.

* HYMN #455

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If we claim to have fellowship with Christ, yet walk in darkness, we are liars. If we claim to possess the light, but hide it under a bushel, of what use is such wisdom to the world? If we rest secure in our abundance, while all about us others go hungry and their lives are imperiled, what had become of our call to share the good news? You know our inmost selves, O God. We cannot hide from you. Forgive our betrayal of your Son, and restore us to fellowship with him...(silent & personal confession)

DECLARATION OF GOD’S FORGIVING LOVE

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

LAUDA ANIMA

**Praise my soul, the God of heaven,
Glad of heart your carols raise;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who, like me, should sing God’s praise?
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

LIBBY CHEEK

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1st Corinthians 1:1-17

SERMON

“The Medium and the Message”

The Reverend Stephen R. Vance

* DECLARATION OF FAITH

from Colossians 1

**We affirm that Jesus Christ is the visible likeness of the invisible God. He is the first born of creation, for through him God created everything in heaven and on earth; through him and for him God created the whole universe. He is the head of the body, the Church; he is the source of our life as a community. Through him God has reconciled all things, both in heaven and on earth, making peace, through his sacrifice on the cross. Thanks be to God!
Amen!!**

THE OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

Call for the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Musical Offering: "Beautiful Savior"

ANNA LAURA PAGE

Michaela Myers, Flute

TOULON

*Response

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
Use them your holy purpose to fulfill;
Tokens of Love and pledges brought anew,
That our whole life is offered to your will.**

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

* HYMN #343

“Called as Partners in God’s Service”

BEECHER

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

TALLIS’ CANON

**Go with us Lord, and guide the way,
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true,
Our lives may be our gift to You.**

* POSTLUDE

CHURCH STAFF

Stephen R. Vance svance@eastminster.com	Interim Pastor
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Sherry Hirt sherry@eastminster.com	Administrative Assistant

Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm
Office Closed on Mondays

Ministry Teams & Elder Leaders

Clerk of Session Media Communications	Bonnie McCourtie Bonnie McCourtie
Internal Ministry Council Worship Team Fellowship Team Membership Team Congregational Care Team	Sharon Daugherty Ann Coleman Sharon Daugherty Carol Stewart Katie Keller
Vision Council Stewardship Team Strategic Planning Team	Rob Ellis Mike Ferney Robb Ellis
Educational Ministry Council Children's Education Team Youth Education Team Adult Education Team	Melinda Finney Anitha Samuel Rick Owens Chuck Landers
Operations Council Building & Grounds Team Finance & Administration Team Personnel Team	Mark Sucher Mike Armor Mark Sucher Ed Irick
Outreach Council	Craig Winebarger

ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS AT EASTMINSTER

TODAY

9:15AM	Sunday school – Children/Youth/Adults
10:00AM	Called Session Meeting/Mew Members
10:30AM	WORSHIP
10:30AM	YOUTH-Triune Mercy Soup Kitchen
11:30AM	Session stated Meeting and Luncheon

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, September 27

6:45AM	Men's Bible Study-Clarke's Kitchen
7:00PM	MPR- reserved Scout Pack Meeting
7:00PM	Outreach Team Meeting-Resource Room

Wednesday, September 28

9:30AM	Angel Ministry-Clarke's Kitchen
6:00PM	Fellowship Meal-"Mexican Fiesta"
6:20PM	Hand-bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30PM	Game Night (<i>No Devotional</i>)
6:30PM	No Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:00PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 30

5-9:00PM	Parents Night Out
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Saturday, October 1

9:00AM	EPC Workday
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NEXT SUNDAY: October 2

9:15AM	Sunday school – Children/Youth/Adult
10:30AM	WORSHIP-Communion
12:00PM	Walk for the Homeless-Fluor Field

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NITE @ EPC: Join your church family this Wednesday for a Community Meal (pitch in: bring a covered-dish/sides/salad/dessert; The theme is **“Mexican Fiesta”** and game night. Children’s choir and midweek devotions will resume next Wednesday. (See the weekly calendar for schedule) Please use the sign-up sheets in The Commons and at the door to Clarke’s Kitchen.

WALK FOR THE HOMELESS: On Sunday, October 2, 2011 United Ministries will host their 22nd Annual Walk for the Homeless. The youth of EPC have participated in this event the past five years and want to extend an invitation to everyone to join us. I would love to see a group of 30+ from EPC representing our wonderful friends and family. As time is running short for registration, please let me know on or before Monday, September 26, 2011 if you will be joining the walk or if you would like to make a donation to the Walk. We will have a sign-up sheet in the lobby through Monday, September 26th and accepting donations through Sunday, October 2, 2011. Please refer to the article in the weekly newsletter to obtain the walkers packet. *Contact; Amy Campbell 979-1673.*

OUTREACH TEAM: Will be meeting at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 27 to organize the Outreach efforts of EPC and plan for the Alternative Gift Opportunities during Advent. If mission and outreach are your passion and your calling please join us here at EPC. *Craig Winebarger 979-6246*

CHOIR REHEARSALS: **Children’s choir** 6:30-7:00 p.m., **Hand-bell choir**, 6:20-7:00 p.m., **Chancel choir**- 7:00- 8:00 p.m. Everyone is Welcome! Questions! E-mail Luke Browder at luke@eastminster.com.

ANNUAL BUILDING & GROUNDS WORK DAY: Time to spruce up EPC- Saturday October 1 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. We will spread mulch and pine straw, trim the crepe myrtles, weed and clean up around the building. The more help we have the faster the job will get done. Mike recommends bringing the following tools if you have them; wheelbarrows, mulch pitchforks, rakes, long handle lopping shears, pole saws, limb saws, step ladders and gloves. *Mike Armor at 423-1111*

FOOTHILLS PRESBYTERY NEWSLETTER: If you would like to stay informed with opportunities for growth & activities around the presbytery call or email Sandy Sharpe at ssharpe@foothillspresbytery.org and ask to have your email address added to the distribution list.

GROWING IN FAITH OPPORTUNITIES

From the Director of Christian Education:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:15 a.m.

3 yr olds – Kindergarten
1st – 3rdth Graders

4th & 5th Grades

Mid High 6th – 8th Graders
Sr. High Youth
Adults- Seekers Forum,

Faith and Life Class

“Walk with Me”, from Faith Alive Publishing
“DWELL curriculum”

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“Akaloo” from Augsburg Fortress

“Feasting on the Word”

“The Seven Deadly Sins”

And their corresponding virtues

“The Prodigal God”

Finding your place at the table.

CHILDRENS CHURCH: 10:40 a.m.

3 yr olds to – 1st Grade
2nd – 5th Grade

After Time with Children

Education wing-1st classroom

Upstairs last classroom on left

SUNDAY: 10:30AM

Triune Mercy Center Soup Kitchen

Class descriptions can be found on the website at <http://www.eastminster.com>.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, October 2, 2:00 pm **“Walk for the Homeless”**

Sunday, October 2, **“Confirmation Class”**- 6th through 8th grades.

Sunday, October 9, 5-7:00 pm, Second Sunday Club Children’s Ministry,

“Hayride and Bonfire”

Sunday, October 9, 11:30 am **“Child Protection Class”**

Sunday, October 16, 4:00 pm, Youth to **“Corn Maize”**.

Sunday, October 23, 4:00 pm, **“Fall Festival and Chili Cook-off”**.

Youth will begin setting up at Noon.