

# EASTMINSTER EDITION

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## *Summer Worship Series*

In a world that is bitter and divided, where is God at work?

In our lives, where do we find the Spirit moving?

When we see “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control”, we see God at work.

These fruit of the Spirit are tangible touch points for God’s work in the world and our lives. They are promises and gifts, but also can be cultivated among us. Join us for worship as we explore the fruits of the Spirit as found in Galatians 5:22-23.

August 4

Week 7: KINDNESS

August 11

Week 8: GENEROSITY/ GOODNESS

August 18

Week 9: FAITHFULNESS

August 25

Week 10: LOVE



## AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

August 18 Women's Luncheon featuring Beth Templeton (see page 4)

August 25 Visitor and New Member Lunch (see page 9)



## Giving Tree Thanks and Update!

Thank you for the amazing response to the the Giving Tree! The tree will remain up through the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the PCUSA Charter on September 8th. We have been able to purchase new toys, high chairs and supplies for the children's ministry. Scholarships for Montreat and youth mission trips have been funded. Your donations have helped fund curriculum, youth materials, property and ground updates, office supplies, and so much more!

If you haven't had a chance to donate or would like to give even more, please check out the tree or visit the Amazon wishlist below.



We have created an Amazon wishlist with items that will enable us to begin filming worship for livestream or youtube. You will find these items and more by visiting the link <http://a.co/3jyooqf>



### Envelopes for Youth Ministry on the Giving Tree

We are hoping to bring several workshops to Eastminster this fall to provide support for our youth, their parents, and all who support young people. We are working with neighboring church to host a viewing and panel discussion of the film Angst, Angst is a documentary designed to raise awareness around anxiety and mental health. It features kids, teens, parents, educators, and professionals. More information on their website <https://angstmovie.com>. Other workshops include a parenting and youth course on mindfulness, To contribute to this important work for our young people, please look for envelopes marked "Workshops for Youth Ministry".



"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."

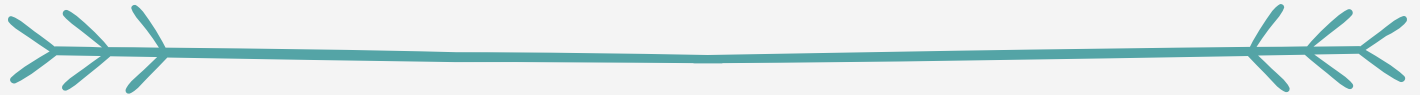
*Our Vision: To grow in God, make Christ known and serve with love.*

**Our Mission: Worship, Grow, Go and Serve**



## Summer Nursery Volunteers

It is hard to believe that summer is here! It has been such a busy school year here at Eastminster and I know that everyone is looking forward to summer. We are in need of one volunteer for each Sunday this summer. Beginning June 2-September 1 (14 Sundays), we need one individual to help our amazing childcare staff on Sunday mornings during the worship hour. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the commons area or you can email Joan at [joan@eastminster.com](mailto:joan@eastminster.com) to volunteer!



### POOL PARTY

Sunday, August 25

4:00-7:00 PM



Join us for an afternoon of fun in the sun at  
Barry and Amy Campbell's home  
on Sunday, August 25 from 4:00-7:00pm!

Be on the lookout for more information as the date gets closer!



### 6TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH!!!

Mark your calendar for Fall Youth Fellowship dates!

September 8-Youth Fellowship

September 15- Churchwide "Who is My Neighbor?" Night

September 22- Youth Fellowship

September 29- Angst: A Film on Anxiety in Young People

October 6- Youth Fellowship

October 19-20- Middle School to Bonclarken

November 3- Churchwide Dinner and Vespers

November 24- Mindfulness Workshop

December 8 -Youth Christmas Party



## Women's Groups



*Save the Date*  
*Women's Luncheon*  
*Sunday, August 18 at 11:30 am*

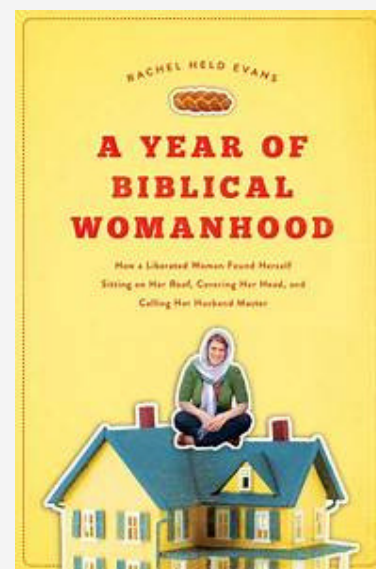


Guest speaker will be Beth Templeton, Founder and CEO of Our Eyes Were Opened, educator, PCUSA minister, and writer. She will discuss her most recent book, *The Sacred Year*, the emotional chronicle of the first year after her husband's death.

Chilcare available upon request.

## Connect Group

The Connect Group will take a break from bi-weekly meetings for the summer. Everyone is encouraged to read Rachel Held Evans' book "A Year in Biblical Womanhood: How a Liberated Woman Found Herself Sitting on Her Roof, Covering Her Head, and Calling Her Husband 'Master'". We will come together on Tuesday, August 27 at noon to discuss the book and make plans for the fall. The group will start back meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in September.



## The Art of Fellowship



Join us on Thursday, **August 1st at 7 pm** for an evening of Christian fellowship and creative expression at the home art studio of Jaime Winton at 23 Chestnut Springs Court, Greer. All women are invited to come create gifts for Meals on Wheels clients and get to know our church family better. Zero artistic skill is required, and child care is available upon request! All supplies provided. Please email [jaimewinton@gmail.com](mailto:jaimewinton@gmail.com) with any questions.

**(Mark Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7 for the next meetings!)**



## Women's Groups

### 11th Triennial Gathering of the Presbyterian Women

in the Synod of the South Atlantic

St. Simon's Island, GA

October 25-27, 2019

There are discounts for 1st time attendees as well as \$100 assistance from Presbyterian Women of Foothills Presbytery!

Please contact Carol Irick [carolirick@charter.net](mailto:carolirick@charter.net) if you are interested in going.



**LOVE**  
*carved in*  
**STONE**

*You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and fix them as an emblem on your forehead. --  
Deuteronomy 11:18*

We will examine the 2019-2020 Horizons Bible Study with author Eugenia Gamble. We will explore opportunities via mission displays, arts/crafts, leadership development, area tours, a marketplace, educational workshops, fellowship, and more.

## EPC WOMEN'S CIRCLES

EPC Women's Circles meet monthly and will be starting a new year of fellowship and Bible study in September. This year's Horizon Bible Study is entitled *Love Carved in Stone...A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*. Books will be available at the EPC Women's Luncheon on August 18 and are \$10 each. Women of all ages are invited to join us as we seek to nurture our faith through worship, study, friendship, and outreach. **Morning Circle** meets the second Thursday of each month at 10:00. For more information contact [carolirick@charter.net](mailto:carolirick@charter.net). **Evening Circle** meets the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. For more information, contact [pressley@eastminster.com](mailto:pressley@eastminster.com).

## Men's Groups

### *Men's Breakfast*

*Wednesday Mornings at 6:45am*

*Panera Bread*

*1125 Woodruff Rd, Greenville*

Join in fellowship with other EPC men at Panera Bread.

For more information please contact Mark Osteen.



## Bible Study

Men's bible study meets in Clarke's Kitchen at EPC on Thursday mornings at 7am. Please join us in fellowship on Thursday mornings. Please contact Ed Irick at 864-420-1052 with any questions.



## Session News

Highlights from the July 14th Session Meeting:

- The Session heard from Congregational Care on the importance of Stephen Ministry. Church members with previous Stephen Ministry experience shared their stories with session. Session unanimously approved the creation of a Stephen Ministry program once funding has been secured. Initial funding of \$6000 would cover enrollments and training 2 leaders. Additional expenses will be built into the budget. Session encouraged the team to promote the ministry to the congregation in worship, newsletters, bulletin, etc.
- Session heard from a proposal for a new cross to be built on the stage area in the sanctuary. Possible designs include wood and stained glass. Session commissioned a team to develop 2-3 prototypes to consider.
- A small group of church members presented the session with a large gift for a new roadside electronic sign. More information will be shared with the congregation as the details and plans are worked out.



# OUTREACH

## Summer Food Drive



Don't forget that our Summer Food Drive comes to an end on August 4th. Please keep others in mind as you shop and help us exceed our goal of 2,000 items. Remember Jesus said "...I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

## SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS

For many years, as part of Outreach ministry, we have been supporting Robert E. Cashion Elementary School by donating school supplies. On August 4 (the last day of the food drive!!), we will begin collecting these school supplies. A list of items needed by all grades will be on the table in the Commons Area. Please prayerfully consider picking up some supplies as you are out shopping during the month of August. Thank you!!

### Suggestions

GLUE STICKS

KLEENEX

HAND SANITIZER 80Z& UP

24 CT. CRAYOLA CRAYONS

DISINFECTANT WIPES

ZIPLOC BAGS- QUART&GALLON

#2 TICONDEROGA PENCILS

PINK ERASERS

PENCIL-TOP ERASERS

WIDE-RULED NOTEBOOK PAPER

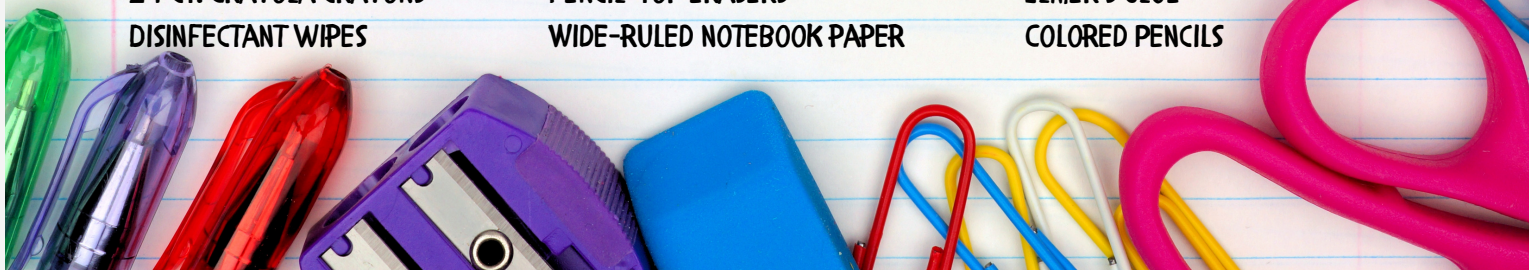
DRY ERASE EXPO MARKERS (4 CT)

BLUNT-TIP SCISSORS

HIGHLIGHTERS

ELMER'S GLUE

COLORLED PENCILS





# Stewardship and Outreach

## Trees for the Future

Greetings fellow members of EPC! The recent sermon from Pressley regarding the Fruit of the Holy Spirit was very inspiring. Galatians provides excellent guidance with respect to one's pursuit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Achieving these attributes not only provides a better sense of wholeness, but also serves to align one with the Will of our Creator, encouraging each of us to be better stewards of God's Creation.

Toward that objective, it is with great joy that we have commissioned the planting of 10,000 trees through Trees for the Future (<https://trees.org/>) in honor of EPC and its membership. In addition to all of the other numerous and important benefits that these trees will provide, each tree will also help clean Earth's atmosphere by capturing an average of about 50 pounds of carbon dioxide per year throughout the entirety of its life. Combined, these 10,000 trees will serve to sequester the carbon dioxide that is emitted by about 15 Americans as a result of their respective daily activities.

We also would like to encourage each of you, as members of EPC and as stewards of God's Creation, to consider planting trees (as many as you can) in order to help offset the impact that we have upon our environment. We hope that you will agree with us that it is our duty to "Try to leave the Earth a better place than when you arrived" (Sheldon).

With love and respect to all,  
Michael and Sara Randall



### Certificate of Support



*proudly recognizes the gracious support of*

## The Members of EPC

*who donated 10000 trees to be planted with  
our partner farmers in forest gardens throughout Africa.*

1989-2014  
**25**  
YEARS

Your support plants fast-growing soil rebuilding trees, fruit trees that diversify incomes and nutrition, and trees that can provide forage and fuel-wood. Most importantly, they promote the long-term health of land, families, and communities – breaking the cycle of generational poverty, and leaving a legacy of hope for the future.



*John Long*  
Executive Director

1400 Spring Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910  
[www.trees.org](http://www.trees.org)



**Genesis 1:12: The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.**

## Announcements

Café Justo is a collective of families that grow their coffee and sell it directly to the consumer. Café Justo coffee is Fair Trade and organic; in addition Café Justo keeps the farmers involved in the entire process of making coffee, particularly the roasting of the beans, where the majority of the profit is. Café Justo provides sustainable wages to the coffee growers and therefore prevents those families from poverty and migration from Mexico to the United States. Café Justo coffee will be available to purchase on the third Sunday of the month.



### *Visitors and New Members Luncheon*

We will have an educational luncheon for all EPC Visitors and New Members on Sunday, August 25th from 11:30am-12:30pm. Please come learn more about Eastminster Presbyterian Church as our Pastor and Elders discuss our history and Ministry Teams. This is especially good for those interested in making Eastminster their church home and provides a time for you to ask any questions you may have. Please RSVP to the church office (864-284-0190 or [admin@eastminster.com](mailto:admin@eastminster.com)) and also let us know if you will need childcare.



Join us for a... Screening of the New Documentary: Angst, Raising Awareness around Anxiety, its causes and effects, and what we can do about it. This film is recommended for all young people and those who love them. Post-film panel and discussion following the film.



## Announcements

### F.U.N. Group Pizza Party

The Fifty and Up Group will be having a pizza party on August 9th at 6:30 pm at the home of Shirley Nease, 140 Forest Lake Dr, Simpsonville. The cost is \$10 per person. Please RSVP by July 30th to Jane Couch at [randjcouch@gmail.com](mailto:randjcouch@gmail.com).



### August Birthdays

8/2 Sara Randall	8/19 Barbara Mann	8/27 Ed Irick
8/7 Stuart Lane	8/22 Lauren Landers	8/27 Kimberly Lane
8/7 Anitha Samuel	8/23 Suzanne Sawan	8/28 Sanjana Samuel
8/13 Chris Moorshead	8/24 Cynthia Sims	8/30 Gill Seal
8/18 Deb VanderVeer		8/31 Elaine Campbell

### Upcoming Dates

August 18	Women's Luncheon
August 25	Visitor and New Member Luncheon
September 8	20th Anniversary of Charter Worship Celebration
Sept. 29-Oct. 6	GAIHN
October 6	World Communion Sunday and Stewardship Lunch

