



# EASTMINSTER EDITION

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## *Upcoming Special Worship Services*

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

Last day of the Alternative Gift Fair!!!

10:00 am Lessons and Carols Worship

11:00 am Education Hour

12:15 pm Session Lunch (Confirmation Class examined)

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

10:00 am Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship

Hunger Offering

11:00 am Education Hour

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

4:00 pm Communion and Candlelight

Christmas Eve Worship

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 5**

10:00 am Epiphany Worship

11:00 am Education Hour

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**

10:00 am Baptism of the Lord Worship

Confirmation Class confirmed during worship

11:00 am Education Hour

There will be an Adult and Senior High youth study on Christianity and World Religions Study during the months of January and February.

See page 5 for more details.

# Narrative Lectionary Winter 2019-20

The narrative lectionary respects the traditional seasons of the Christian church year- Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. It also respects the rhythms of the school year. Beginning in January, we will explore the gospel of Mark . These same texts will be used in Preschool, Elementary, and Middle School Sunday School classes.

## December 15

Lessons and Carols Worship

*Join us for a beautiful worship of word and song  
led by the Eastminster Music Ministry.*

## December 22

"Repeat the Sounding Joy: Loving Joy"

Luke 1:5-25, 57-80

*An angel came to the priest Zechariah and promised that he and his wife Elizabeth will soon have a son. Zechariah proposed that his son would become a prophet. The son would grow up to be John the Baptist.*

## Tuesday, December 24

"The Lord is Come: Incarnate Joy"

Luke 2:1-20

*The promised Messiah is born in Bethlehem. Angels appear in the sky to announce this good news to shepherds. The shepherds then find the infant Jesus. They go out and announce the good news to others!*

## December 29

"Wonders of His Love: Compassionate Joy"

*Join us for a special worship service telling of the birth and early life of Jesus through word and hymns.*

## January 5

"Jesus Heals Many"

Mark 1:21-45

*Jesus brings God's kingdom to earth through his words and deeds as he teaches with authority and heals the sick.*

## January 12

"Baptism of the Lord"

Mark 1:1-20

*John the Baptist preaches at the Jordan River, calling on people to repent and be baptized.*

## January 19

"God's Kingdom Announced"

Mark 4:1-34

*Jesus preaches to large crowds about the kingdom of God using parables while explaining everything in private to his disciples.*

## January 26

"The Power of the Kingdom"

Mark 5:1-20

*Jesus meets a man who is possessed by demons and casts them out into a herd of pigs. Jesus tells the grateful man to share his experience of God's mercy with his friends and family.*



"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**

# New Members



Mark and Brenda Smith are both originally from Virginia, but have lived in the Greenville area since 1990. Their son (29) lives in Fort Mill and works as a business analyst for Novant Health Systems. Their daughter (32), who holds a PhD in Chemical Engineering, worked last in Japan on a post-doc, and is currently living with them while she finds her next opportunity.

Both Brenda and Mark spent their entire careers in the chemical industry. At the time they retired, they were both plant managers, working for different companies. They both felt burned out, so they retired early, and have never looked back!

Mark volunteers for LibriVox.org, which produces audio books from the public domain and makes them free, online. Many hundreds of hours of his voice are available there! Brenda has read to young children through the Early Reading Intervention non-profit Ready4Reading since retiring in 2004. Both Mark and Brenda read to over 80 children ages 1-4 every week at Early Head Start and Head Start students at Golden Strip Head Start Center.

Mark also joined a local board gaming group and discovered he has a knack for inventing them himself. He normally has them professionally published in editions of one, just to play with his gaming group. But as his game chest is up to 38 of them, he is interested in discovering how to commercialize some of them. With the right partner...

In addition to reading to young children, Brenda has spent her retirement years working with GAIHN at Advent UMC, Messiah Lutheran and Simpsonville UMC. She is happy to now be part of the GAIHN program at EPC. Brenda has also been active in women's programs in the United Methodist Church for decades and likes to cook for church functions and for charity fundraisers.

Brenda and Mark both love to sing and have joined the EPC Choir and expect to lend joyful noise to church services.

## Youth

6TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH!!!

Mark your calendar for Youth Fellowship dates!



Saturday, January 5- Epiphany Party at Joan's

Sunday, January 12- 5:30-7:30

Sunday, January 26- 5:30-7:30

Sunday, February 2- 12:00 pm Bistro training

Sunday, February 9- BISTRO!!

Sunday, February 23- 5:30-7:30

Sunday, March 8- 5:30-7:30

March 20-22- 9th-12th Mini Montreat

Sunday, April 5- 5:30-7:30

Sunday, May 3- 5:30-7:30

Sunday, May 17- 5:30-7:30

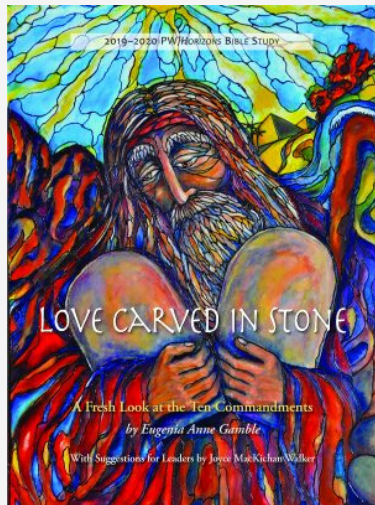


## Women's Groups

**Women's Morning Circle** meets the second Thursday of each month at 10 am. Women of all ages are invited to join us as we seek to nurture our faith through worship, study, friendship, and outreach. Our Horizon's Bible Study this year is *Love Carved in Stone...A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*. Non-perishable food items and toiletries are collected each month for United Ministry's Food Bank and Place of Hope. For more information, contact [carolirick@charter.net](mailto:carolirick@charter.net).

**Thursday December 12 at 10 am** - Our meeting will be co-hosted by Sally Horton and Claire Steed at Sally's home. Ladies are asked to bring socks for Place of Hope. We will discuss Lesson Four.

**Thursday January 9 at 10 am** - Our meeting will be co-hosted by Ann Coleman and Syble Drake at Ann's home. We will discuss Lesson Five.



## Connect Group

The Connect Group is a study group that meets on every other Tuesday at noon in the office conference room. On Tuesday, December 17, we will wrap up our study of "How the Bible Works" and will choose a new book to begin in 2020. Come join us and help choose the next book!

Now is a perfect time to join this group!  
To find out more, contact Susan Carlson  
[susantcarlson@gmail.com](mailto:susantcarlson@gmail.com) or  
Jennifer Ellis [jennifer@ellisdigital.com](mailto:jennifer@ellisdigital.com)



## The Art of Fellowship

Join us on Thursday, **January 9 and February 6 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 artwork 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.



## Men's Groups

### Men's Breakfast



### *Men's Breakfast*

*Wednesday Mornings at 6:45am*

*Panera Bread*

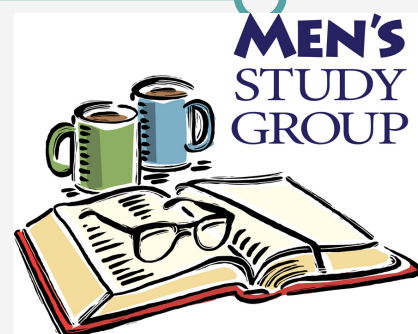
*1125 Woodruff Rd, Greenville*

Join in fellowship with other EPC men at Panera Bread.

For more information please contact Mark Osteen.

### Men's Devotional 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.



## Adult and Senior High Youth Study

All Adults and High School youth are invited to join in an 8-week study on Christianity and World Religions. The class will be led by Rev. Pressley Cox.

January 5- Introduction

January 12- Hinduism

January 19- Buddhism

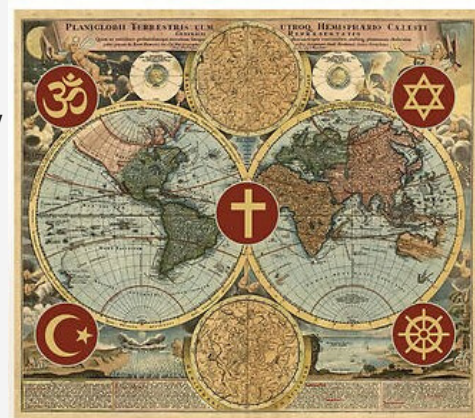
January 26- Judaism

February 2- Islam

February 9- Chinese Religions

February 16- Smaller Religions

February 23- Christianity



QUESTIONS WE ASK ABOUT OTHER FAITHS

## FUN Group

The FUN Group will attend a Swamp Rabbit's hockey game on **Friday January 10**. Game starts at 7:05 against the Florida Everblades at the Bon Secours Wellness Arena. Group tickets at \$156 and each will be purchased in advance. Please RSVP to carolirick@charter.net. Money for the tickets needs to be turned in to Carol no later than January 6.

## DECEMBER AND JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

12/1	Terri Davidson	12/15	Karen Reese	1/8	Heath Cobb
	Lynn Owens	12/16	Alan Calloway	1/9	June Granger
12/10	Will Carson		Mike Moorshead	1/19	Stephanie Brandenburg
12/11	Lynn Ingram	12/23	Adam Calloway	1/23	Gregg Campbell
12/12	Mark Osteen	12/25	Ethan Lane	1/26	Amy Campbell
12/13	Ward Carson	12/29	Georgia Carson	1/27	Jackson Lane
	Emily Cox	12/30	Devon Cortright		Olivia Lane
	Sara Cox	1/4	John Eberstein	1/31	Bud Granger
12/14	Alex Winebarger		Sudhir Samuel		
			Carolyn Uprichard		

## Prayer Requests

**Home-bound/Nursing Homes:** Emily Phillips.

**Eastminster Members:** Norton and Suzanne Cater; Ann Coleman; Billy and Becky Dunn; Marilyn James; Richard Owens; Maryanne Torris; Carolyn Uprichard.

**Eastminster Extended Family:** Newt Anderson (father of Amy Campbell); Randy Cornwell (brother-in-law of the Cortrights); Ralph Cox (father of Ben Cox); Bryan Deitke (Sharon Daugherty's brother); Allison Hnatsyhyn (Kim Gassner's sister); Julia James (aunt of Karen Reese); Ron Kainec (The Kurta's brother-in-law); Robin and Chris King (Linda Sucher's brother and sister-in-law); Katie Landry (Kim Gassner's mother); Jean Lasher (Cyndi Lichoulas' mother); Jerry Magyar (Barbara Kurta's brother); Lane Miller (cousin of Karen Reese); Haven Moore (The Cortright's niece); Carolyn Walton (sister of Diane Hughes).

**Eastminster Friends:** Sadie Bradley (student of Lucie Svatonova-Hughes); Judy Fillpot (friend of Bill and Maggie Taylor); Ruth Gardner (friend of the Lanes); Morgan Jackson (daughter of Kimberly Lane's friend); Patreese Kimball (friend of the Brandenburgs).

Mark your Calendar for the  
Annual Bistro

Sunday, February 9

