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Wednesday, Feb 26	6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
Sunday, March 1	10.00 am	First Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 8	10:00 am	Second Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 15	10.00 am	Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 22	10:00 am	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 29	10:00 am	Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sunday, April 5	10:00 am	Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 9	7.00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship (at Advent Methodist)
Friday, April 10	7:00 pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Sunday, April 12	7:00 am	Easter Sunrise Service
	10:00 am	Easter Worship

"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**

Narrative Lectionary Winter 2020

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.

February 9 "The Struggle is Real"

Mark 6:1-29 After being rejected at Nazareth, Jesus sends the twelve disciples out to spread the good news.

February 16 "What Makes you Unclean"

Mark 7:1-23

Jesus challenges the Pharisees about the need to follow their traditions and customs. He declares that a clean heart is more important than clean hands, and what a person does is more important than what a person eats.

February 23 "Transfiguration" Mark 8:27-9:8

Peter proclaims that Jesus is the Messiah. Six days later, Jesus is transfigured on the mountaintop. A voice from the heavens proclaims, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

Wednesday, February 26 (6:30pm) Ash Wednesday

Mark 8:30-37

As they walk with Jesus, the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus teaches them that the one who is greatest is the servant of all. Jesus will demonstrate this in his death and resurrection.

March 1 "Pretty Much Everything"

Mark 10:17-31

Jesus is questioned about what it takes to inherit eternal life. The answer is difficult for those who think it is about what they do, but Jesus reminds his followers it is God who provides salvation.

March 8 "How Would you React"

Mark 10:32-52 Jesus teaches his disciples as they walk toward Jerusalem. James and John ask for places of honor, but Jesus teaches that the kingdom of God is not about places of honor, but about service to others.

March 15 "Rejected Stone"

Mark 12:1-17

Jesus has arrived in Jerusalem and is teaching in the temple about what will happen to him. When he tells the Parable of the Wicked Tenants, the religious leaders realize that he is speaking against them and confront him with questions meant to trap him.

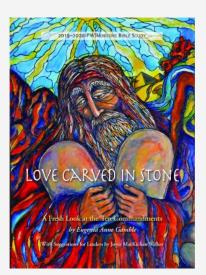
March 22 "The Widow's Gift"

Mark 12:28-44 Jesus teaches in the temple about loving God and loving neighbor. He then criticizes those who make a show of their giving and praises to widow who is willing to give all that she has to God's kingdom.

March 29 "The End of the Age"

Mark 13:1-8, 24-37 Jesus tells his disciples that the temple in Jerusalem will be destroyed; they should beware of being led astray. He speaks of an unknown time when the Son of Man will come and that they should stay alert.

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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*. Nonperishable 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.

Thursday February 13 at 10 am - Heather Taylor and Maggie Taylor will co-host at the church. We will discuss Lesson Six (the seventh commandment).

Thursday March 12 at 10 am - Marilyn James and Karen Reese will co-host at the church. We will discuss Lesson Seven (the eighth commandment).

Connect Group

The Connect Group is a study group that meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at noon. We are currently reading Anne Lamott's book "Small Victories". Now is a perfect time to join this group! To find out more, contact Susan Carlson susantcarlson@gmail.com or Jennifer Ellis jennifer@ellisdigital.com





The Art of Fellowship

Join us on Thursday, **February 6 and March 5 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 with any questions.

Breakfast

Men's

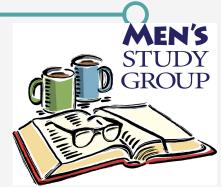
Men<u>'s Groups</u>

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 a weekly study on Christianity and World Religions.

February 2- Islam February 9- Buddhism February 16- Judaism February 23- Smaller Religions



QUESTIONS WE ASK ABOUT OTHER FAITHS





6TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH!!! Mark your calendar for Youth Fellowship dates!

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

2/1	Isabel Ellis	2/17	Chris Gassner	3/6	Rachael Eberstein
2/3	John Taylor		Bonnie McCourtie	3/8	Ben Cox
2/6	Christian Calloway Helen Roderick			Ethan Eberstein	
2/12	Anita Harley		Roshni Samuel	3/15	Suzanne Cater
2/13	Lucie Svatonova-	2/22	Maureen Cobb	3/20	A.J. Calloway
	Hughes		Tina Israel	3/22	Kippy Bridges
2/16	Ryan Owens	2/27	Barbara Kurta	3/27	Sandy Ingram
1					Matthew McCourtie
				3/30	Cristina Kraemer



Prayer Requests

Home-bound/Nursing Homes: Emily Phillips; Norton and Suzanne Cater.

Eastminster Members: Ann Coleman; Roger Couch; Bud and June Granger; Marilyn James; Richard Owens; Maryanne Torris.

Eastminster Extended Family: Newt Anderson (father of Amy Campbell); Jean Bush and family (aunt of Mike Randall); Leah Cadieux (mother of Carol Harris); Glenn Calloway (Jerry Calloway's brother); 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); Jerry Kurta (brother of Ron Kurta); Katie Landry (Kim Gassner's mother); Jean Lasher (Cyndi Lichoulas' mother); Jerry Magyar (Barbara Kurta's brother); Gert McNally (mother of Mo Cobb); Lane Miller (cousin of Karen Reese); Haven Moore (The Cortright's niece); Dorothy Randall (mother of Mike Randall).

Eastminster Friends: Ruth Gardner (friend of the Lanes); Morgan Jackson (daughter of Kimberly Lane's friend); Patreese Kimball (friend of the Brandenburgs); Dana Nairn (friend of Lucie Hughes); David Schofield (friend of the Lane and Eberstein children); Carolyn Smith (friend of the Kurtas).

Join us on Sunday, February 9 for the 11th Annual Bistro!

