

THE WITNESS



The purpose of Eastminster Presbyterian Church is to
share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all.
EPC Mission Statement ~ Adopted by Session 2011

September 11, 2013

Mission Haven

Mission Haven located in Decatur, GA, adjacent to Columbia Seminary serves as residences for Presbyterian missionaries, while they are in the U.S. Three fully furnished houses and six apartments are owned and operated by Presbyterian Women in five states. A Clothes Closet is also operated for both missionary and seminary families. The clothing and housing are supplied free except for utility charges.

Mary Elizabeth and Bob Etheridge have volunteered as our Executive Director and Treasurer for over twenty years. Mission Haven has flourished under their devoted care. Truly they have both been good stewards for the Lord. They plan on retiring from their posts in October 2013.

Mary Elizabeth assisted the Board to understand the myriad of tasks she oversees. The Board has decided we will need a committee to replace her! The maintenance of the property will be under the Director of a committee of 3 to 6 volunteers. They will make sure the residences are ready for occupation. They will supervise the contractors needed for repair work and general maintenance of the homes and grounds. Monthly or bi-monthly committee meetings will review upcoming needs, but emergency repairs will also need to be addressed. Various skills from interior decorating to gardening to an understanding of mechanical systems to familiarity with telephone/internet contracts—all will promote the strength of a committee to oversee the care of Mission Haven.

Glenice Johnson, long time Presbyterian missionary and resident of Mission Haven, is willing to take over the booking of missionaries. She knows most of the families and is aware of their needs. She will take reservations and plan the use of the facilities.

The office of Treasurer should be filled by someone in the Atlanta area. Donations have to be recorded, bills paid, and reports to the Board prepared. Bob is currently using a computer bookkeeping program, and he has help from an accountant.

The work at Mission Haven is rewarding and fun as friendships with our missionary families are built. We are praying that God will call a group of men and women to help spread the Gospel by using their time and talents to provide housing for Christian workers. If you are interested in joining the team to help with the maintenance of the homes for missionaries or in serving as Treasurer of Mission Haven, please contact:

Glenice Johnson at 404 373 5252 or glenice@bellsouth.net

or

Susan Adle at 770 498 0532 (home) or 404 791 1363 (cell) or susanadle@hotmail.com

Calling all PW Women

Please don't miss this interesting and exciting opportunity to experience "Migration: Journey of Faith" at Epworth by the Sea in St. Simons, GA Oct. 25-27. This is the 2013 Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the South Atlantic (PCUSA). There will be worship, Bible Study, workshops, and even time for memorable leisure activities including a boat tour and trolley ride. Registration fee is \$95. For registration forms and more information please check the PW bulletin board located on the 3rd floor adjacent to the sanctuary and education building.



Older Adults Return to Preschool

READING TO KIDS MAKES YOU SMARTER.

Maybe, maybe not, but all the seniors and all the preschoolers who participated in World Read Out Loud Day last spring agree that it's fun. You have an opportunity to serve by signing up to read on any Friday(s) through November 22 from 11:30 AM to 12:15 at EPC Preschool. Contact Jan Zabarac in the church office or Al Stacer at alstacer@gmail.com to designate which days you would like to read. Let us know if you have questions.

The Preschool Director, Sarah Baldwin said, "The kids love it." You will too. Give reading to kids a try. Brighten your day and help put the service in OASIS. We hope to hear from you. The more the merrier.

Success with School Supplies

Thank you to everyone who contributed school supplies to the needy in our community for this 2013-2014 academic year. Approximately 42 bags were delivered to Lilburn Co-op and 42 bags to Stone Mountain Co-op. Outreach also wishes to extend appreciation to Janice Wilmot for donating two boxes of toothbrushes, toothpaste, and other dental supplies to the Stone Mountain Co-op.



October Birthdays

1 Rick Adle	14 Ted Kapsch	21 Hil Craig	27 Carol Burrell
2 Lydia Rivera	Bo Ramos	Mitch Dunn	28 Cathy Alexander
3 Charles Smith	15 Michael Gowland	22 Ruth Adams	Dominic Szathmari
4 Dick Warren	16 Francie McCormick	Andrew Smith	29 Chuck Gobba
6 Courtney Craig	17 Ray Hartsfield	23 Amy Carmichael	30 Kirk Alexander
Chris Gerard	18 James Brandon	George Mitchell	Parker Bennett
7 Barbara Garrett	19 Kelly Gunter	Wyatt Moore	Bunny Smith
Kathe Gowland	Rueleen Kapsch	25 Cooper Frank	31 Bill Hicks
9 Lila Smith	Betty Willis	George Nielson	
11 Charlotte Scott	21 Peter Boven	26 Pat Carmichael	
13 Sarah Lawley	Ashley Burger	Donna Kellogg	

Fall Work Day

Please make plans to attend the Fall work day on Saturday, October 19 from 8:00 - noon. We will have projects for inside and out. Our big outdoor project is to remove the juniper bushes from the bank in front of the Sanctuary building. If you have access to a back hoe tractor, please contact Pat Carmichael 770-827-4369 or Ed Jones 404-840-4210. As always, any donations of pine straw are greatly appreciated. Most of all we look forward to seeing you there for fun and fellowship!



Fall Chili Luncheon



The deacons invite you to mark your calendars now and plan to attend the annual Fall Chili Luncheon to be held in the gym on October 13 immediately following the 11:00 service. We promise you good food and good fellowship!



Attention: Important information regarding Stone Mountain Co-op

Supplies at the Stone Mtn. Co-op are beginning to dwindle. Please consider purchasing extra food/staples at the grocery store to share with the needy in our community. Canned fruits, vegetables, meat, hot and cold cereal, macaroni and cheese, powdered milk, juice, peanut butter, jelly, soup, bar soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper, Depends, and pull-ups are always needed. Has your Sunday School Class or Circle been contemplating a service project? How about packaging one pound bags of rice and beans to assist the Co-op? These staples are given out regularly to individuals and families.

Stone Mtn. Co-op is also searching for an individual to apply for and write grants. Experience is preferred, but there are also classes available at the Center for Nonprofits that can provide the skills you will need. If you are interested please contact: Linda Chapman: 770-921-9538 (Home), 404-578-0610 (Cell), or lin_rod_stmntn@bellsouth.net.

The amount of food received from the Atlanta Food Bank has diminished during the past few years. Without their assistance area churches and other organizations have been struggling to fill the gaps. If you are employed or know someone who is employed at a local corporation who may be willing to contribute to the Co-op, please contact the church office or a member of Outreach.

Outreach Committee

Vaccines Available

Congregation including pre and after school families, are you ready for winter flu season? Get flu vaccines and more on Wednesday, September 25 from 4 - 6:30 PM in the Adult Center before the Wednesday Night program. Flu, pneumonia and shingles vaccines will be provided by Walgreens for a fee (Insurance may cover all or a portion). Look for more information in upcoming Eastminster publications.

Thank you Paula!

A thank you luncheon was held on Wednesday, August 28, in honor of Paula McGill's 10 year anniversary as the secretary at Eastminster Presbyterian Church. Be sure to thank her for her service the next time you call or are in the Church office.



Welcome Back Potluck Picnic

Sunday September 22th

@ Lilburn Park in downtown Lilburn

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Bring a blanket / tailgate chair and a side dish to share.

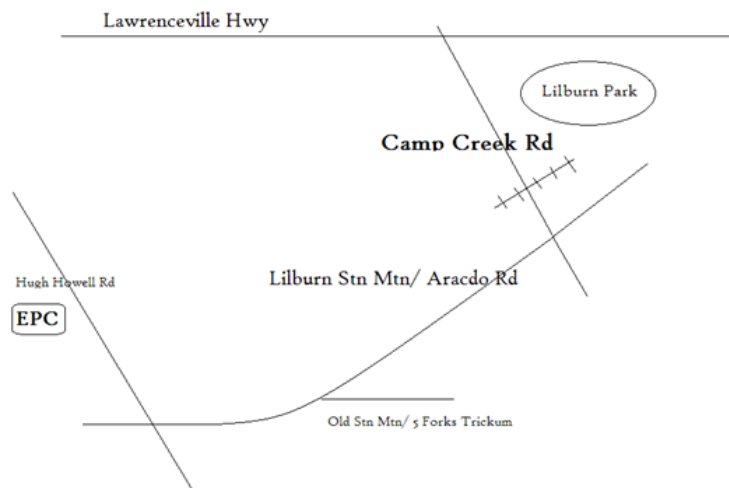
There will be games for the kids
and a playground for monkeying around. BBQ will be provided.

Sign Ups for side dishes (Last name alphabetical order):

A-G: *Desserts*

H-N: *Vegetables*

O-Z: *Starch*

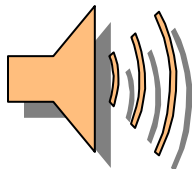


Join a PW Circle for Study and Fellowship

Beginning in September Eastminster Presbyterian Women are inviting all ladies to come and join a circle and/or our annual Fall luncheon, Christmas ornament workshops, Winter retreat, "Come See Columbia Day" and Spring luncheon. We currently have three Circles that gather monthly: Circle of Blessings meets the first Tues. morning (9:30 A.M.) at various homes. Bible Moderator is Susan Adle and Coordinator is Marjory Crawford. Circle of Love and Friendship meets the second Tues. morning of each month (10:00 A.M.) at the church. Ann Clements and Sally Jackson are Bible Moderators and Barbara Morgan is the Coordinator. Evening Stars Circle meets at the church Thursday evenings at 7:00 P.M. Dates are to be announced. Jeanne Simpson is the Bible Moderator and Janet Uthlaut is the Coordinator. Even if you have never attended a Circle or PW activity in the past you will always feel a warm welcome and enjoy spiritual growth through Bible study and discussion. Our Fall Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 29 following 11:00 A.M. worship in Founders Hall. Please bring a salad (congealed, chicken, taco, marinated, layered, tossed, etc.) to share. Please consider jotting down your recipe on a 3x5 index card and placing it next to your dish. Your presence will be welcomed and appreciated even if you forget or are unable to contribute to our meal. We always have enough to share. "Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves." "Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people." "He also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied." Mark 6:41-42.



You are needed!



With two worship services beginning again soon, more soundboard operators are needed and I'm sure you have the requirements. Henry Howard will teach you, and all attending each service will appreciate your help. Please contact Henry Howard, Barbara Garrett or Paula in the church office. Thank you in advance!



PW Bible Study for 2013-2014

AN ABIDING HOPE: THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN EXODUS AND DEUTERONOMY will be the Bible study for Presbyterian Women this year. Janice Cantron, who wrote our 1997 study of Job, returns with a challenging look at parallels between the redemption of believers into the fullness God intends for humanity. In the closing lesson we are assured "these marvelous books promise that, while we may give up on God from time to time, God never gives up on us. We are never abandoned, never unloved, never forgotten."

Interspersed in the study are insightful glimpses at migration stories of refugees around the world. As Eastminster PWs, we will be called to an awareness of the Burmese refugees living in Clarkston that have a growing connection to our church.

We will cover many familiar stories from new perspectives. Join us as we explore the poignant questions posed by Dr. Cantron as we sit together in circles of love and friendship and blessings of Christian fellowship.

You may purchase Bible Study books now from Janet Uthlaut or your Circle Coordinators. Cost is \$8.00.

Fall 2013 Christian Education

Sundays 9:45 a.m.

Nursery - 3 Year Olds - Room 222

Kori Deal and Marjory Crawford

Using **God Loves Me** Curriculum, this class provides a nurturing environment where the children hear Bible stories that invite them to wonder at God's love and care.

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade - Room 225

Mary Bentley, team coordinator

Kids Connect curriculum invites students to connect to Bible Stories in their every day life.

3rd - 5th Grades - Jerusalem Room 250

Alice Day, team coordinator

Workshop Rotation gives in depth learning of Bible stories through multiple avenues of learning, such as art, drama, games, computers, even cooking!

6th - 12th Grades - Room 132

Mark Sauls and Rick Adle

Feasting On the Word Commentaries direct this class as they look at the scriptures provided in the lectionary for Sunday's worship.

Adults

Bible Sampler - Room 323

Sally Jackson and Marty Hillman

The Mighty Acts of God picks up this fall with the books of Lamentations, Obadiah and Isaiah. Excellent in-depth study of the Bible, passage by passage.

Seasons of Faith - Room 324C

Matt Adams, Jenny Rankin & Peggy McCurdy

Our lives are constantly changing. It's hard to keep up, to keep our balance. It's hard to keep trusting in God. And it's especially difficult when the changes we're faced with are unwanted: the death of a loved one, a child leaving home, an illness, a frustrated dream. This class is for those who have known disappointment, bereavement or the shattering of faith. In **When God Interrupts** by Rev. Craig Barnes a sensitive, insightful pastor shows us how we can be found by God in the middle of unwanted change.

The Third Class - Room 324A

Mardee Rightmyer

Engaging an Adult Faith: Marcus Borg on What It Means to Be Christian This video based study invites conversation about deeper understandings of God, Jesus, Salvation, Practice and Community.

Wednesday Night Programs

Supper 5:45, Program 6:30

Sept. 11-Oct. 23 "Hearing From God"

A veteran of church work and ministry, Wendy Whaley has been working in and among churches in the metro Atlanta area for more than fifteen years. Most recently, she has co-authored and taught the "Hearing from God" curriculum, teaching hundreds of men and women how to deepen their faith, embrace the healing and wholeness that Jesus offers, and to live a life of listening closely to God's guidance in the midst of an ever-changing, post-modern world. She resides in Lilburn, GA, with her husband and two young children, with a third child expected in December.

Oct. 30-Nov. 20 "Christian Themes in Movies"

The Wizard of Oz is celebrating its 75th anniversary this fall! We will explore this movie, Superman, Harry Potter and The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe along with the books that inspired them.

Dec. 4-18 "Advent"

Three advent themed programs including a Children's Christmas Pageant on the 18th.

No programs on Nov. 27 or Dec. 25



Clerk's Corner

Excerpts from minutes of Session Meeting August 18

- ◆ Deacons Annual Chili Lunch will be Sunday, October 13 following the 11:00 service.
- ◆ Worship Committee – Mark Sauls approved to preach at September 15 services.
- ◆ Weekday Ministries – Pre-school has 50 enrolled to date with more expected. OASIS begins its reading program with the pre-school. Volunteers always accepted. Afterschool program has 58 enrolled to date and are serving 6 schools. Summer camp was a success.
- ◆ Building and Grounds – DeKalb Police met with staff and others on August 27 for a safety presentation. Church wide work day will be Saturday, October 19 from 8:00 – 12:00.
- ◆ Congregational Life and Care – Wednesday night dinners resume September 11. Church wide picnic will be Sunday afternoon September 22 at 5:00 PM in Lilburn Park.
- ◆ Christian Education: 2013-2014 CE year began Sunday, September 8 for Adult, Children and Youth. Wednesday programs will include a seven week series September 11 – October 23 on *Hearing from God*.
- ◆ October 30-November 20 – we will look at Christian themes in the classic movie *The Wizard of Oz*, which celebrates 75th anniversary.
- ◆ Ways and Means - Year to date EPC is in the black at \$31,528.25.



Outreach Blood Drive - Sunday, October 13

The month of October is Mission Emphasis and Outreach. Make plans to join us Sunday, October 13 for our Fall Blood Drive and renew your personal commitment and outreach through your "Gift of Life".

Jesus, in the book of Matthew, said to his disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few". Let's not hold back when our "harvest" is both free to give and so greatly needed. Help us reach our goal of 20+ units of donated blood.

The LifeSouth Van will be here Sunday, October, 13, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex but all last minute donors are welcome. The only requirements are that you be at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and have a picture ID.

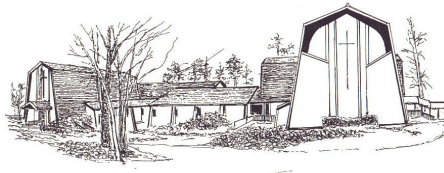
Come and be a part of this very special ministry of EPC, knowing that your generosity will save many, many lives.

The Outreach Committee

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DEADLINES

Newsletter ~ 5 p.m. Monday, September 30
Sunday Bulletin ~ Wednesdays at noon

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