

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

October 10, 2012

A STEWARDSHIP PHILOSOPHY

Stewardship season is a time of reflection and commitment of our time, talents and resources. Quiet time and time spent in prayer have made me realize and conclude that stewardship is not the weeks between mid-October through mid-November; rather stewardship is a way of living.

Stewardship is not a law – it is an offer. God enters into our world and offers us a partnership with Him. We do not have to accept this partnership; however, when we do accept and acknowledge Him, stewardship takes on a whole new meaning. Stewardship involves self-image. It involves reconciliation with the need of the giver to give. Stewardship involves far more than money – it involves worship, study, serving and giving.

Stewardship is truly a choice on a way of living. It is what we do and who we are. We do, however, set aside some weeks during the year to talk about the resources necessary to accomplish our church's ministry goals. I ask you to please pray for our church, our church leaders, for one another and for our world. I ask that you prayerfully talk to God about your commitment for the upcoming year. It says in Proverbs 11:24 "The world of the generous gets larger and larger" (The Message). When we commit ourselves to doing the Lord's work diligently and joyfully, God expands our world, blesses us in unimaginable and amazing ways and, most importantly, our relationship with our God grows and strengthens.

God has blessed all of us with gifts we cannot repay. He simply asks ordinary people like you and me to lead an extraordinary life filled with generosity. As we embrace our call to be His disciples, our faithfulness fills us and spills over in ways that resonate far beyond the walls of Eastminster Presbyterian Church.

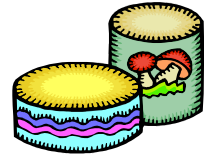
The needs are great. The possibilities are great. I ask that you prayerfully consider your commitment. I am confident that your prayer and meditation will lead you where God calls. Stewardship is a matter of faith, not a matter of finances. We give so that we can share – we give so that we can grow. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this important matter in the life of Eastminster. The joys of being a faithful and trustworthy steward await you . . . ***FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS.***

Blessings,

Barbara Hinkle

Coop Food Needs

The Stone Mountain Co-op is sponsoring a Food Drive during the month of October. Please bring the following items to church by Sunday, October 28 to assist in feeding the hungry in our community.



Thank you, Outreach Committee

Canned Fruit/Jello	Salmon	Tuna	Cereal
Soap (face)	Dish Soap	Pasta Sauces	Dried beans
Soup	Toilet Paper	Grits	Stuffing Mix
Feminine Products	Jelly	Kleenex	Oatmeal
Small bags of flour	Dry Pasta	Macaroni and Cheese	Laundry Detergent
Small Vegetable Oil	Peanut Butter	Tea/Sugar/Splenda	Canned Green Vegetables
Boxed Noodle and Rice Mixes			



Presbyterian Women Christmas Ornament Workshop

Looking for another meaningful opportunity for fellowship and service at Eastminster? Come join us on Monday, October 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Adult Center to begin assembling our 2012 Christmas ornaments. All supplies are provided. Smiling faces, willing hands, and cheerful hearts are always appreciated. These special ornaments are given to our children during the Christmas Eve service and become cherished treasures to adorn family Christmas trees each year.



November Birthdays

1 Shelley Lee	11 Vicki Watchulonis	17 Dumas Kisseih	22 Hugh Weimar
2 Karen Hicks	14 Griffin Boven	Allen Sumner	Jim Willis
3 Marilyn Dunn	Paige Lord	18 Matt Adams	23 Tricia Swift
Lauren McManus	Pat Patterson	Beverly Hutchinson	25 Jane Sumner
5 Denise Roberts	Patty Swift	19 Kori Deal	26 Jimmy Meers
Riley Weyher	Linda Weaver	20 Bernie Blackwell	27 Steve Roberts
6 Kay Bennett	15 Julian Wade	21 Joyce Chittick	28 Christa Gordon
8 Lawer Kisseih	16 Don Burrell	22 Susan Adle	Mattie Malloy
9 Ken McMillan	Rachel Warren	Kristyn Saroff	Brett Wilmot
Lindsey Ramos	17 Bella Acosta	Pat Swomley	29 Larry Thompson
10 Hannah Deal	Mark Hartle	Ramona Warren	30 Patrick Robbins

The Power of a Simple Gift

A simple shoebox filled with toys, hygiene items (toothbrushes, comb, mirror, nail clippers, etc. - no liquids), and school supplies can bring joy to a hurting child in over 130 countries. A booklet sharing the love of God for them will bring hope to the child. Over 57 languages are used. This year Eastminster Presbyterian will be participating in this "Samaritan's Purse" ministry headed by Franklin Graham. Flyers with suggestions for box inclusions will be located in the Narthex and other locations around our church campus. Shoeboxes can be supplied if you need one. A large collection box will be located between Founders Hall and the gym. The boxes will be picked up on Nov. 11 to be delivered to the collection point in Atlanta. If your group would like to see a video, or get more information, contact Mary Bentley 770-921-7220 or email, mchbentley@gmail.com.



New address!

Catherine Simpson Dutton
107 Newton Rd. NE
Apt. 30
Calhoun, GA 30701
678-704-5105

Found

Gold bangle bracelet



Leftover paint? Donate to worthwhile charity!



Rony Delgarde followed a dream and implemented a nonprofit organization "Global Paint for Charity" in 2010. He collects leftover latex or oil paint free of charge. It is recycled to use in third world countries like Haiti and Kenya to paint schools and churches. For more information please call: 678-314-3521 or 855-853-7772 toll free. You may also access the internet: www.globalpaints.org and print out a Paint Donation Request Form.



Come and join us this month!

Thursday, October 18, 10:30-12:30, Adult Center: Bible Trivia and Brunch

Bring a brunch item to share, and we will try our hand at Bible trivia concerning trees, plants and animals of the Bible.

Saturday, October 20, 9 am –12 pm: Eastminster Health Expo, gym

Health screenings, immunizations, giveaways, educational material and more. See immunization sign up in the Narthex or call the church office.

Monday, October 22, 9:30-1:30: The Monastery of the Holy Spirit, Conyers

Tour the Heritage Museum and view a short documentary on the history of monasticism. Visit the bonsai collection and bookstore. Noon prayer 12:15-12:30. Lunch following on the return. Please make a reservation with the church office.

Saturday, October 27, 8:30-4:30: Apple pickin' and lunch in Elijah.

Dessert following lunch at the Willis' home.

And in November . . .

Thursday, November 8, 9:30-1:30: Delta Air Lines Heritage museum tour with lunch following. (Note date change.)

Please make a reservation with the church office.

Saturday, November 10, 3 pm: Stone Mountain Barbershop Chorus

Gwinnett Performing Arts Arena. Advance tickets are \$18. Please make a reservation with the church office.

Monday, November 12, 12:15: DBE's out to lunch

Location TBA

Thursday, November 15, 10:30-12:30 Adult Center: Bible trivia and brunch.

Bring your favorite brunch item to share.



You're invited!

We are honored to invite you to the Court of Honor celebrating the Eagle Scout rank of Morrison Nolan on Saturday, October 20 at 7 p.m. at Eastminster Presbyterian Church. Please RSVP by October 14 lestrow@msn.com or 770-717-0360.



"My health is my biggest asset..."

If this is the case, join us for the

2012 HEALTH EXPO

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 20, 2012

9:00 a.m. - noon

DeKalb Medical Center will provide:

- Blood pressure screenings
- Blood Glucose screenings
- Educational materials
- Give-a-ways

Other vendors on hand:

- In home older adult care services
- AARP
- Local CO-OP
- Assisted Living Facilities
- Dekalb County Fire and EMT services
- Children's activities
- GA Dental Association
- Seniors on the Go Travel

DeKalb Board of Health will provide:

- Flu shots: \$20.00, covered by Medicaid and Medicare. Check (o a Georgia Bank), cash, Medicaid and Medicare (part B) accepted. You must present your Medicaid or Medicare card. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 200,000 people are hospitalized and about 36,000 people die each year from flu complications. If you have asthma, diabetes, heart disease, or certain other chronic medical conditions, you're at risk for flu complications that can lead to hospitalization and even death. For more information, visit www.flu.gov or www.dekalbhealth.net
- Shingles vaccine: \$195.00, people over 60, not covered by Medicaid or Medicare
- Pneumonia vaccine: \$70.00, covered by Medicaid and Medicare

Tartans

On February 10, 2013 EPC will celebrate the Kirking of the Tartans. Last year seven families purchased a tartan as a gift to Eastminster and we have already had five others ordered. I will place a final order for tartans this year on November 1, 2012. If your family would like to have their tartan represented in our next Kirking please contact me with your order. The tartans are \$150.00, this will include the material, poles, and the fabrication of the tartan and eventually a specially designed space at the church to store them, and this will be a gift to Eastminster.

Please send your checks to Jan Zabarac with the notation that it is for a tartan. You can access tartanonline.com and look at the many tartans available.

Cynthia Heckman
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November 7...

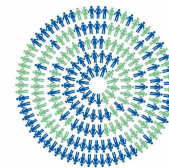
On Wednesday, November 7, we will be joined by Dr. Jami Wise as our guest speaker for our Wednesday night program. Dr. Wise loves to talk about money and she has worked in ministerial fundraising for ten years. She has a very special presentation on 'Spiritual Generosity'. Plan to come as Dr. Wise shares with us, inspires us and challenges us as we reflect on God's generosity to each of us. She is a delight and you will not want to miss this wonderful and very special program. Mark your calendar for November 7th.



Stewardship

In this season of Stewardship we thought it a good time to review the various ways you can present your tithes and offerings to God and Eastminster Presbyterian Church. Our financial secretary is diligent in keeping confidential and accurate records of your gifts. Some of the ways you can complete your pledge and make gifts are as follows:

1. Checks
2. Cash
3. Pay on line by setting up Eastminster as a vendor on Bill Pay
4. Redemption of stock



We are not currently set up to take credit card payments. We hope to offer that option sometime next year.

Also, for your consideration is the inclusion of Eastminster in your estate planning. If this is something you would like to consider, an estate planner and/or attorney could help you prepare the necessary documents. Another way to leave your legacy is including Eastminster in your Last Will and Testament. Naming Eastminster as a beneficiary is yet another way to gift the church.

As always, we are grateful for your faithful support to the ministry and mission work of Eastminster. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to speak with our financial secretary, Jan Zabarac, at the church office or by emailing her at eastpresfinsec@bellsouth.net.

Thanksgiving: time to be grateful and give to others

Think about the bounty you enjoy when you feast on turkey and fresh fruits and vegetables at your annual Thanksgiving table. We have an opportunity to share our blessings with others at the Lilburn and Stone Mtn. Co-ops this year to provide the same pleasure and delight. Please consider donating some fresh produce (apples, oranges, grapes, squash, green beans, potatoes, yams, etc.). All items should be brought to the church the week of Nov. 4-8. If collections need to be kept fresh, please place them in the downstairs preschool refrigerator or the upstairs refrigerator adjacent to the Adult Center. Kroger gift cards (\$10) are also requested to purchase turkeys. You may include the gift cards in an envelope and place them in the offering plate or drop them off at the church office no later than Nov. 11. "Let him give generously." Romans 12:8



Outreach Committee



Wednesday Night Programs

The programs for Wednesday night are themed around the part of THE STORY for the following Sunday. Here are the topics for upcoming weeks:

October 17 The Faith of a Foreign Woman, Chapter 9

Immigration Issues....What is required of us as people of faith? Sue Colussy, retired immigration lawyer with Catholic Social Services and active elder at Covenant Presbyterian Church will share stories about her work and the clients she helped over the years.

October 24 Standing Tall, Falling Hard, Chapter 10

This story begins with Samuel as a small boy and ends with the fall from power of King Saul. We will combine the child aspect of Samuel and the music aspect of Saul as Marilyn Dunn leads Ms. D's Cherub Choir in concert in Founders Hall.

October 31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN – NO SUPPER

Treat the neighbors so you don't end up with a trick played on you!



November 7 Special Stewardship Theme

Dr. Jamie Wise will share her enthusiasm and joy about generous giving! (See details in this *Witness* on page 6).

November 14 The King Who Had It all, Chapter 13

Solomon was known for his wisdom; in fact, the book of Proverbs is attributed to him. Do these wise sayings have any influence on culture today? Bring three or four of your favorite "Wise Sayings" from whatever source to compare with those given by the wisest king of Israel.

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DEADLINES

Newsletter ~ 5 p.m. **Wednesday, October 31**
Sunday Bulletin ~ Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

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