

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

April 10, 2013

The Roof is Fixed

As most of you know, the church now has a new watertight roof. We must first thank God for leading us through a successful and safe project and for the wonderful weather provided, most of the time. Then there was the planning and oversight of the Building and Grounds committee, assistance from various volunteers in the congregation and the professional work of Findlay Roofing Company that resulted in the entire project being completed on schedule and under budget. Also appreciated are the heroic efforts of the church staff and school program leaders for accommodating the various interruptions to access, above normal noise and unique acrobatics on the roofs. The anticipated interruptions to building access from the north and south parking lots were accepted and handled by everyone in a professional manner.

We must admit the work did have its minor complications. We regret there was a surprise at the amount of debris entering Founders Hall and the sanctuary. Luckily, we discovered the concern in Founders Hall and were much more prepared by the time we reached the sanctuary. Interior clean-up was quickly performed by the church maintenance staff. We also had one incident where a decision to cut a replacement piece of roof decking resulted in a surprise cut to an air conditioner refrigerant line. The Findlay crew had the repair quickly and efficiently repaired (on a weekend) without any impact to church services on Sunday.

Our inspection team, consisting of Mark Hartle and John Hinkle, were present to ensure that the job was being performed correctly on a daily basis. They did discover some installation issues, discussed these issues with the Findlay supervisor and had them corrected as the job progressed. At one point in the project, a concern was raised about the basic correctness of the installation process. B&G personnel investigated the quality of the installation, adherence to manufacturer's design and installation procedures and the applicability of specific building codes to the process. Findlay personnel presented our concerns to the Owens Corning manufacturer of the shingles who assured us that they will fully warrant the roof as installed by Findlay.

Considering that approximately 50% of the shingle replacement was performed on roof sections with a pitch of 87.5 degrees, by workers swinging from ropes and harnesses, safety precautions, planned and executed, ensured that there were no injuries. Overall the professionalism and attention to detail of the Findlay installation crew and supervision was excellent and is applauded by those who worked them.

The new Owens Corning TruDefinition Duration Shingles now installed are superior to the old shingles in every category. The shingles have a completely new design, are manufactured using longer lasting combination of materials, have a lamination design that will not separate, will withstand up to 130 mph winds and are warranted for 40 years. The work scope and materials consisted of 36,500 square feet of surface recovered, more than 14,000 shingles, 84,000 nails, 38 pipe roof penetration boot seals, 365 rolls of fiberglass reinforced roof felt and 200 rolls of Weatherlock Ice and Water Shield. The newly installed flashing has a super hard powder coat painted finish. In addition, approximately 500 square feet of bad wood was replaced.

Finally, everyone will be interested to know the roof project estimated at \$125,000 to complete came to a final bill of \$110,000. In the grand scheme of things, I believe that in addition to the recent Easter celebration of Jesus and the Resurrection, maybe God gave EPC a little bonus for our struggles.

Skip Cloninger
Building and Grounds Committee



Work Day

Please plan to attend the Building and Grounds committee's annual Spring workday which will be held on Saturday, April 27 from 8 until noon. The plan is to concentrate on the grounds, but there will be plenty of inside chores as well. We hope to spread a LOT of pine straw, so donations of straw or money to be used for the purchase of bales of pine straw would be greatly appreciated. Eastminster is hosting the Presbytery meeting on May 2, and we want the church to look its best, both inside and out. We can't do it without your help! Bring your favorite yard tools. Call Pat Carmichael at 770-827-4369 or Ed Jones at 770-923-6981 with any questions.

Sympathy to ...

Marion J. Hannah on the death of her sister, Mary Cathryn Jordan Hannah, who passed away on March 18, 2013. Mrs. Hannah was also the aunt of Beverly Roberts and Pam Hohenstreet.



Congratulations to...

Will Norman (son of Bill and Lei Norman) and Christin Johnson who were married on Saturday, April 6th at Roswell Presbyterian Church. Will, who is a child of Eastminster, did an internship here during the later part of 2011, and will graduate from Columbia Seminary on May 18th with a Master of Divinity degree.



May Birthdays

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| 1 | Mary Beth Hamburger | 14 | Mardee Rightmyer | 20 | Elizabeth Aycock | 29 | Marjory Crawford |
| 3 | Zachary Wilborn | 15 | Larry Bentley | | Annalise Peters | | Kevin Hamburger |
| 6 | Kathy Harrison | | Kallan Sorenson | 24 | Richard Kellogg | | Andy Heckman |
| 7 | Lauren McCormick | 16 | Katie Kellogg | | Kris Lord | | Richard Staten |
| 8 | Felicia Szathmari | 17 | Barbara Delong | 25 | Bill Hutchinson | 30 | Ian Ferry |
| 9 | Cari Mitchell | | LaRue Gerard | | John Maly | | Caroline Thompson |
| 10 | Linda Chapman | 18 | Blake Staten | 27 | Gary Gaskill | | Rebecca Willis |
| 11 | Carolyn Coons | 19 | Thomas Brandon | 28 | Margaret Moseley | 31 | Taylor Boven |
| | Zach Weyher | | Andrew Conaway | 29 | Chris Agocs | | Wayne McCormick |

Volunteers Needed

Please consider donating a few hours of your time helping others in our community from May 13-31. Eastminster volunteers will be unloading items, stocking shelves, and packing bags for clients. A sign-up sheet with dates and hours requested is available in the narthex during April for the slots Mon., Wed., and Fri. from 9:45-1:30 (closed Memorial Day May 27). Two people per session are encouraged. For more information please contact Linda Chapman: (H)770-921-9538, (C)404-578-0610, or lin_rod_stmtn@bellsouth.net.

Outreach Committee



Eastminster Women - mark your calendars!

Please save Thursday, April 18 on your calendars now! Join us for our annual "Come See Columbia Day" at Columbia Seminary in Decatur. Please RSVP to your Circle Moderators so we can determine carpooling needs.



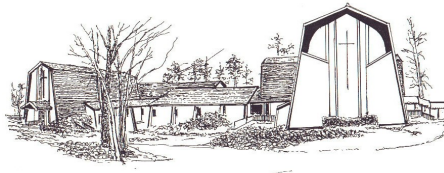
Annual PW Spring Birthday Celebration

Consider bringing a friend and/or neighbor to our annual PW Spring Birthday luncheon in Founders Hall on Sunday, May 5 following 11:00 A.M. worship. Please prepare a salad to share (congealed, tossed, marinated, layered, taco, oriental, etc.). There will be a brief program following our meal featuring recognition of 2012-2013 PW Council Officers and installation of 2013-2014 Officers, presentation of our yearly "Life Membership Award", and an inspirational message by Barbara Nagy, a medical doctor from Malawi. She is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Public Health from Emory University. A birthday offering will also be collected following the preceding events.

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DEADLINES

Newsletter ~ 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 30
Sunday Bulletin ~ Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

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