

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

May 21, 2014

Great Faith

By now each and every member of EPC has had an opportunity to find out all they might want to know about the 2014 – 2017 Capital Campaign. Over the last few weeks we have been offered any number of events which included presentations of the proposed projects and a full explanation of the needed repairs, updating and enhancements for Eastminster. The Teams of the campaign have all done a marvelous job with a lot of hard work and effort. I want to thank the Team Leaders and all those Team members who have gone so far beyond that which we could have ever expected. THANK YOU!

The pledge packets have been mailed to each household and I hope you will read it and prayerfully consider your level of participation which God is placing on your heart. In that regard I want to suggest that the prayer which the Prayer Team wrote for the Campaign is a good guide for your consideration.

In that prayer we are asking God to open our hearts and minds to receive as our guide, His Spirit. Jesus said that the Holy Spirit is the spirit of Truth (John 15: 26) and that truth will be what actually inspires us to pledge at God's intended level. It would be easy to analyze our own current financial situation and pick a level of participation we are comfortable with pledging; but inspiration, which comes through the Spirit, could demand quite a different level. It is not reasonableness we have been praying for but that we might each **BE INSPIRED!**

Abraham did not leave his homeland and journey to places unknown because he thought it the reasonable thing to do. He **WAS INSPIRED** to risk stepping out in faith because he knew his God was much bigger than his reasoning capacity. Moses didn't lead a bunch of slaves on a 40 year journey across the desert because he thought it to be a reasonable thing to do. He **WAS INSPIRED** to risk it all just because his God called him to do it. The Apostle Paul didn't risk life and limb to spread the gospel because he thought it the reasonable thing to do. He did it because he **WAS INSPIRED** by God to go.

So as we all consider our generous gift, I would encourage you to allow the Spirit of God **INSPIRE YOU** to give even if it means stepping out in faith like Abraham or risking it all like Moses, or simply because you know God is really telling you to be different and make a difference.

Ester, that great woman of faith, risked her life to save God's people from annihilation. She did it because she understood her dignity and possessions were divinely given to her creating the opportunity to risk it; not avoiding it. So like Ester and countless others down through the ages I urge you to listen to that small, still voice of God as he beckons you to make a difference for "such a time as this".

Blessings,

Caleb

Older Adult Ministries Sunday

POAMN - Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network - designated May 4 as Older Adult Ministries Sunday. See www.poamn.org. Because of other activities in May, Eastminster will celebrate seniors on Sunday, June 8 at the 10:30 worship and evening vespers services. All ages should plan to be there.

Found!

2 pair of prescription glasses



A Privilege to Give

This year our Eastminster Presbyterian Women collected \$500.00+ toward our annual 2014 Birthday Offering. Contributions will provide a variety of services to the Blue Corn Mothers Alliance located in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This program reaches out to Native American women and children in the local area who have experienced domestic violence. An array of services include: advocacy, crisis intervention, health, counseling, education, and referrals. For more information please contact: Cindy Goodman, 888/728-7228, ext. 5387 or cindy.goodman@pcusa.org, or visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday. Thank you for supporting this vital ministry with your generous donations and heartfelt prayers.



June Birthdays

1 Linda Richardsen	11 Susan Spears	15 Carolyn Johnson	27 Steven Weimar
2 John Brieske	12 Susan Bentley	19 Olen Duncan	28 Kelly Gobba
3 Cassidy Nix	Joshua Williams	Annie Flynn	Paul Wade
5 Nene Kisseih	Malanie Hicks	Rebecca Streich	29 Anne Dean
Robert Smith	Benjamin Kapsch	21 Benjamin Smith	Katherine Gordon
6 Howard Ripley	14 Jennifer Alff	22 Jacque Ripley	30 Dickie Bowes
8 Tim Matthews	Teresa Hartle	23 Lei Norman	
Jessica Williams	Bill Norman	26 Pete Craig	
10 Lawrence Garrett	Chris Uthlaut	27 Tom Grissom	

Results: Feinstein Challenge

During our annual March-April Food Drive Eastminster collected 51 bags of food/nonfood items for Stone Mountain Co-op and 20 bags for Lilburn Co-op. Thank you to everyone who donated so generously for this campaign. You have made a difference and provided nourishment/care to many in our local community.



Stock the shelves!

June is a time when school is closed for the summer months and children are eating all of their meals at home. Some families need extra assistance this time of year to feed their sons and daughters. Please consider purchasing a few extra items at the grocery store each week and placing them in a cart for the Stone Mtn. and Lilburn Co-ops: peanut butter, jelly, soup, cereal, canned fruit, macaroni and cheese. We are requesting these particular staples, but you may feel free to include what you wish as well. You may deposit your bags of food in the narthex and designated containers at the preschool entrance and the 3rd floor adjacent to Founders Hall. Thank you for your contributions.

Outreach Committee



Man for all Seasons

Those who had the privilege and pleasure of attending our annual PW Birthday spring luncheon had the opportunity to witness a special surprise presentation. This year Rick Adle received the "Life Membership Award". He is only the second man to be chosen since its inception in 1973. Rick has touched the lives of so many at Eastminster, in our local community, nationally and internationally. The Lord has blessed him richly with an abundance of gifts he willingly shares for the glory of God. His numerous leadership and service endeavors include: Elder, Chairman of Outreach, In Touch, Stewardship, Youth Sunday School teacher (20+ years), choir member, willing/cheerful server for Wed. night suppers, handyman/worker bee for Mission Haven, and tireless volunteer for mission trips to Pearlinton, MS "Hurricane Katrina", Mustard Seed project in North GA, building homes in Piedras Negras, Mex., renovating buildings at Thornwell, and this year's Appalachian Project. He is definitely a "beacon of light" at Eastminster and an inspiration and encouragement for all of us to emulate. Please take a few moments to congratulate Rick with a hand shake, pat on the back, smile, and/or sincere words of thanks and appreciation.

Capital Campaign Photo Highlights from Wine & Cheese



Capital Campaign Photo Highlights from Biscuits & Beignets



Dine Around the World!

Be sure to put these dates on your calendar and join your Eastminster friends on Wednesday nights at 6:30 for dinner over the summer months.

This is a time for great food, friends and fellowship!

June 4	Enzo's Pizza
June 11	Greater Good Barbecue
June 25	Imperial Palace
July 2	Las Colinas
July 16	Hush Puppies
July 23	Cookout at the Adles'
July 30	Mai Thai
August 6	Matthews Cafeteria



Ice Machine Update

The Building and Grounds Committee wishes to inform the members that the ice machine in the gymnasium remains out of service. We do not anticipate replacement in the near future but continue to explore alternatives. In the meantime, please consider using bagged ice for any functions that might call for ice. There are ice trays located in the Adult Center refrigerator for general use. Please refill any trays that are used in consideration for the next person or group. We thank you for your patience and regret any inconvenience this may cause.



Eastminster Sings...and Rings!

Please plan to join us on Sunday, June 1 at 4:00 p.m. for a celebration of Eastminster's music program as our Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Youth Choir and Handbells present a concert of musical highlights from the past year. Join us afterwards for a reception in Founders Hall. Your attendance will be a meaningful way to show support and appreciation for all those who contribute so much to our church's worship life through their dedication to music.

This is also a great opportunity to reach out into the community and introduce a friend, neighbor or co-worker to Eastminster. Please consider who you could invite to this celebration...and then take action! Invite them. Really do it! Let's make it a goal to have our church family outnumbered by guests for an afternoon of great music. I look forward to seeing you and all your friends on the first Sunday in June!

Sincerely,
Andrew Meade
Director of Music



Summer Sunday Vespers

Last year's summer schedule was so well received that we are using it again! "Sunday school" is moving from morning to the evening for the three months of summer. Vespers will meet from June 8-August 24 at 7:00 p.m., with singing and prayers; then instead of a sermon there will be an interactive Bible lesson. After the lesson, we will have social time – with the refreshments coordinating with the theme of the service! This will be for all ages!

This year's theme is ***Tell Me the Old, Old Stories That I Have Never Heard: Lesser Known Bible Characters.*** Do you recognize any of these names? Eldad and Medad; Shobi, Machir & Barzillai; Michaiah; Shiphra & Puah; Rhoda; Joash; Lydia; Tertius; Eliab; Elishama; Ebed-Melech; and five siblings: Mohlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah & Tarzah.



Coming June 2-6

FROZEN WEEK!

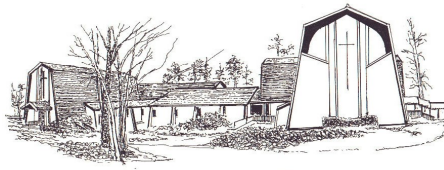
Vacation Bible School starts the summer with a wintery tale of frozen land and frozen hearts. What can break the ice? Only love – a very special kind of love. Children who have finished Pre-K through fifth grade are invited to join us for a joyous week as we learn how to thaw our minds and hearts through the greatest love there is – the love of God shown to us through Jesus.

The time will be 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., which will allow the summer camp program to join church members and guests for the entire week. Registration forms are available in the church office or on the website.

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Newsletter ~ 5 p.m. May 31
Sunday Bulletin ~ Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m.

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