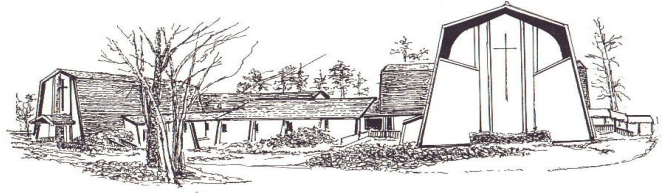


THE WITNESS



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

July 9, 2014

Capital Campaign Update

It has been a very exciting time here at EPC as we see the way God is moving us toward a very successful Capital Campaign. So I want to take this issue of the Witness to bring you up to date on where we are in the process. I also want to explain how we are going to handle the decision making process from this point forward.

First of all I want to tell you that this campaign, although filled with meetings and notices and updates, has been a campaign which above all else has sought God's guidance in all things. Now that we are at the point of discerning the best approach to its completion, we need God's guidance as much now as ever. So the Steering Committee will be considering the pledge amounts, the expected receipts of those amounts and the timing of payments of the individual elements of the campaign. In that this is a three year campaign, it will take discernment and wisdom to decide the appropriate use of funds over the next 36 months. It is to God that we look for such wisdom.

The Steering Committee will develop a plan for those items and the approximate time for their completion and they will make recommendations to session for the final approval. To date we have received 96 pledges totaling \$437,000; also, over \$90,000 of that has already been given. The congregation has responded to God's leading and I believe properly handled, these funds will supply our every need.

The committee will need to consider the urgency and expense of each item and develop a plan that can maximize the use of funds and at the same time facilitate the completion of the projects as soon as possible. The good news is that as we obtain competitive bids we are finding that many of the projects are coming in way under what we budgeted. This means that although we have not raised all we wished for, God is providing all that we actually need.

We are even now considering various options for the timing and expenditure of the funds we have received. These options take into consideration the urgency for security and need for signage and the retirement of the roof loan, along with the remaining. These options are all good and we look forward to discerning what God is saying about the "BEST" way forward. Further news is that there are additional funds that have been accumulating for the roof repair/loan retirement outside of the campaign funds which we can also utilize.

There have been expenses of the campaign and there will be more. There is a reserve for the possibility of unpaid pledges and we are allocating 10% of receipts for exciting and new mission activities. So, all of us need to continue in prayer that God: "Open hearts and minds to receive God's Spirit." It will be through God's inspiration that we have the wisdom to complete this campaign. In 1 Corinthians Paul urged the Church in Corinth to not rely on the wisdom of humans because it is sometimes foolishness to God; we need God's wisdom as it is revealed to the body here at Eastminster.

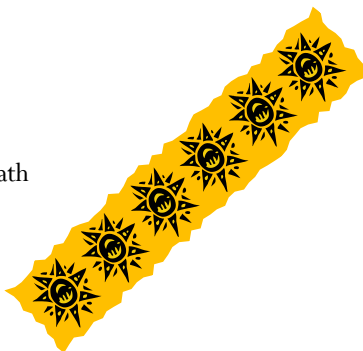
Caleb

Notice!

There will be a called Congregational Meeting Sunday, July 20 following the 10:30 service for the purpose of electing the Officer Nominating Committee and to approve a change in the terms of call for Reverend Clarke.

Sympathy to ...

the Zegel and Gordon families on the death of Art Zegel on June 20.



Ice!

Building & Grounds is pleased to report that a brand new ice machine has been installed and is up and running.

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!

July 9	Colossus Pizza
July 23	Cookout at the Adles'
July 30	Mai Thai
August 6	Matthews Cafeteria



August Birthdays

2	Ryan Nix	8	Benjamin Hamburger	16	Jung Oh	21	Rene' Boven
3	Marissa Hicks		Chip Wilmot	17	Nancy Gaskill	22	Tom Gordon
4	Bill Cook	9	Patti Willis		Bob Swift	24	Ron Lee
	Jessica Lamb	10	Malcolm McCoy		Janet Uthlout	28	Mike Swomley
	Zachary Petty	11	Patrick Gerard	18	Michael Hutchinson	29	Erica Meers
5	Missy Nix	13	Ed Jones		David Ramos		Douglas Peters
7	Ann Lee Bussey	14	Robin Gall	19	Erin Stacer	30	Alexandra Carmichael
	Michael Hartle		Charlene Smith		Merida Watchulonis		Brynn Carmichael
	Helen Wilborn	15	Lisa McManus		Jan Zabarac		Lynn Stacer

It's not too early!

The Lilburn and Stone Mtn. Co-ops are requesting the following school supply items. Please bring all contributions to the church and deposit them in the narthex, church office, or preschool entrance by Sunday, August 10. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Outreach Committee

3 hole dividers for notebooks with or without pockets
 3 ring notebooks (1 and one half inch, 2 inch, or 2 and one half inch)
 Graph paper
 College rule notebook paper
 Wide ruled notebook paper
 3X5 index cards
 Black ink pens
 Book bags (clear and mesh, no regular, please!)
 Color markers: washable
 Composition books
 Pocket folders with and without brads (plain only)
 #2 regular pencils: no Mechanical pencils please
 Scissors: blunt and sharp
 Primary pencils and fat crayons
 Writing tablets: K-1, K-2
 Thesaurus and dictionary
 Highlighters
 Flash drives



Christian Education Update

Sunday school will resume on August 10th!

Public schools resume on August 6 and 11 for DeKalb and Gwinnett schools so we will join this schedule, ahead of the traditional after-Labor Day start. (We will not meet on August 31 since it is Labor Day weekend and folks do go away for this.)
August classes will meet at 9:30 a.m.

Because Sunday school will start in August, **Vespers will meet for the last time on July 27th**. The final three topics are

July 13: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcal and Tarzah: Five siblings who were assertive in their request and were rewarded by God.

July 20: Eliab – The people's obvious choice – but not God's! (Mark Sauls will lead)

July 27: Michaiah – What happens when you tell truth to power?

Dear Eastminster Family,

- ◆ Our family was overwhelmed by the sweetness of so many individuals who gave us comfort through prayers, cards, sentiments, and a beautiful reception to honor our father, Arthur Zegel, Dorothy's husband, and a wonderful grandfather. How fitting that the reception was held in Founders Hall, where the Eastminster Presbyterian Church Members began to see the abundance of God's provision and to worship in the original Eastminster Sanctuary. Our entire family wishes to express our thanks for such a loving congregation.

Blessings,

Susan Gordon and Tom Gordon, Dorothy Zegel, Christa and Aaron Davis, Jennifer Gordon, Andrew McIntosh, Katherine Gordon, Robert Zegel, Lindsey Zegel, and John Zegel

- ◆ We wanted to thank everyone for the cards, calls and prayers after the loss of our niece. Our Church family has lifted us up with your love and support.

Peace,

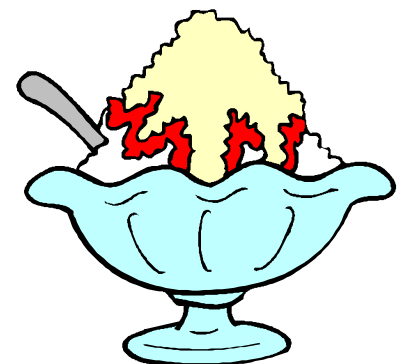
Chip, Janice, Andrew & Brett Wilmot



Capital Campaign Celebration "Sundaes on Sunday"

Please plan on attending a lunch with ice cream sundaes
following the 11:00 service on
Sunday, September 14th.

After lunch, there will be a presentation of the timeline for the various projects.



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DEADLINES

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

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