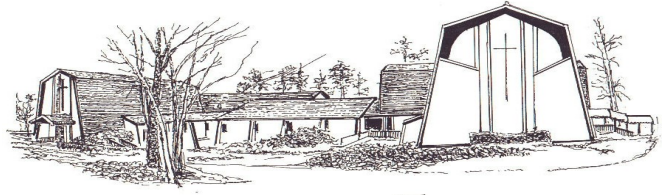


THE WITNESS



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

August 13, 2014

Let's go to Scotland!

The Church of Scotland traces its roots back to the beginnings of Christianity in Scotland, but its identity is principally shaped by the Scottish Reformation of 1560. At that point, the church in Scotland broke with Rome and adopted Presbyterianism, in a process of Protestant reform led by John Knox who had been greatly influenced by John Calvin when they had been together in Switzerland. That reform resulted in the Presbyterian Church as we know and love it with all the purity and polity we enjoy today.

Each year, on the second Sunday in February, Eastminster celebrates its Scottish heritage through tartans, bagpipes, and reformed worship. It is *The Kirkin of the Tartans*, a Sunday we all look forward to as we worship and a Sunday which reminds us of our **Scottish Roots**. This year is the 500 year anniversary of the birth of John Knox and throughout the Presbyterian denomination individual churches and members are finding ways to explore their sacred past.

Have you ever thought about exploring those roots? Have you ever thought about going to where it all began for us and see firsthand so many of the historic places? Now you can!

Eastminster is getting ready to 'Explore our Presbyterian Roots'

If you think you might enjoy a trip to Scotland to explore this land, please consider joining friends from EPC (and maybe other churches in the area) on a 10 day tour of Scotland in mid May 2015. So, mark your calendar and save your money as we are in the process of putting together the itinerary for a spectacular trip. We are working out the details and when it is complete, we will provide a time for all who are interested to gather, learn all about the details and have an opportunity to ask any and every question about the trip.

We hope that we can put together between 24 and 28 people for the tour which will take us to: Edinburgh, Inverness, Isle of Iona, Oban, Glasgow and points of interest along the way. We will see castles, cathedrals, palaces and distilleries; we will relive and experience history through battlefields and museums; and we will worship and play and enjoy an unforgettable experience.

Mary and I look forward to this opportunity and have heard from others that they are excited too. So we hope you will also consider joining with the folks at EPC as we explore our Presbyterian Roots in Scotland this Spring.

Blessings,

Caleb

Found!

- clip on sunglasses
- oval casserole dish white w/green leaves
- silver pot/lid
- black/gold/pearl earring
- pink stuffed horse
- "Norcross Electric" black jacket
- royal blue lightweight jacket
- red/white/blue folding umbrella



Thanks!

I would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" for all the phone calls, get well cards and prayers offered for me during the time of my recent surgery. Thankfully, I am now much improved.

John Morgan



September Birthdays

1	Catherine Dutton	5	Sue Chandler	11	Abigail Hamburger	21	Frances Fleck
	Jenny Hall Busch		Bob McWilliams		Jonathan Streich	22	Beth Brieske
	Courtney McCall		Leigh Ann Ramos	13	Keith Bentley	23	Rebecca Hartle
	James Willis	6	Sam McCoy		Janey Burrell	24	David Burrell
2	Blair Brown		Jane Smith	17	Cynthia Heckman	25	Paula Parkinson
3	Ella Smith	7	Mary Gobba		Anne Sorenson		Joshua Thomson
	Phillip Spears		Tim Meers	18	Karen Nielson	26	Hope Bentley
	Hannah Wilborn	8	Aaron Smith	19	Peggy McCurdy	27	Verle Mickish
	Olivia Wilborn	9	Andrew Meade	20	Rachael Abraham	28	Chris Petty
4	Mary Clarke	11	Jackie Lamb		Kelly Frank	30	Peggy Meek

Fall Workday

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, October 18 from 8 - noon, the date of the annual Building & Grounds Fall workday at EPC. One area of emphasis will be "curb appeal" along Hugh Howell Rd., but there will be plenty of other things to do both inside and out. Contact Pat Carmichael (770-827-4369) or Ed Jones (404-840-4210) with any questions.



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.



Sunday School
Sept. 7 – Dec. 21, 2014
 9:45 a.m.

Elementary Grades 1-5

...”as you have done it to the least of these, you have done it unto me.” Four different hands-on mission projects will direct the Bible lessons as the students learn about coffee beans, clean water, solar power, and children who do not have a safe home environment.

Led by a Team of Teachers

Youth Grades 6-12

Feasting on the Word –a Bible commentary series that explores the lectionary passages used each Sunday during the worship service.

Led by Rick Adle & Mark Sauls

Adults:

Bible Sampler

The Mighty Acts of God by Arnold Rhodes is a classic study of the overarching Biblical story of God’s steadfast love and sovereignty of all of life.

Led by Marty Hillman & Sally Jackson

Seasons of Faith

Forgotten God: Revising Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit by Francis Chan. This book is an invitation to understand, embrace and follow the Holy Spirit’s direction in our lives.

Coordinator: Peggy McCurdy

The Third Class

Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power by Marcus Borg. This study will look at traditional words of faith – such as salvation, redemption, mercy, sacrifice – returning to their original Biblical meaning to give them fresh insights for today.

Led by Mardee Rightmyer

Ginny Matthews’ Class

This class returns this fall! Study TBA (but you know it will be good so come and be surprised!)

Led by Ginny Matthews

Nov. 30 – Dec. 21

All classes will meet together in Founders Hall for an intergenerational Advent Study.

No Sunday School on Dec. 28th.

Wednesday Night Programs
Sept 3 – Dec. 17, 2014
 6:30 p.m. (dinner: 5:45 p.m.)

September:

3* Guest Speaker: Rev. Erica Durham

10**Mysteries of the Bible *Biblical Angels*

17 ***Book Club *A Prayer Journal - Flannery O’Conner*

24 Bible Study

October:

1* Guest Speaker: Dr. Mark Douglas

8**Mysteries of the Bible *Ten Commandments*

15***Book Club *John Knox for Armchair Theologians*

22 Bible Study

29 Outreach Committee - Mission Emphasis

November

5* Mysteries of the Bible *The Bible’s Greatest Secrets*

12**Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton

19 Book Club *Wonder* RJ Palacio

26 NO Dinner or Program Happy Thanksgiving!

December

3* Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence

10**Mysteries of the Bible *Jesus Holy Child*

17 Book Club *Moon Over Manifest* Clare Vanderpool

24 Christmas Eve Service 5:30 p.m.

31 NO Dinner or Program Happy New Year!

* The title of the guest speaker series is **One True Thing**. In this series, our guests will speak about one of their “*anchor truths*” – a God-breathed truth that has shaped his or her life practically, spiritually, ethically and/or relationally. All four speakers are from Columbia Theological Seminary.

** **Mysteries of the Bible** is an Arts & Entertainment Series filmed on location that utilizes scientific techniques and archaeological discoveries to reveal surprising facts and theories behind the stories of the Bible. Each episode stands on its own.

*** Copies of the first two book club studies are available from Mardee Rightmyer.

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Sunday Bulletin ~ Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m.

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