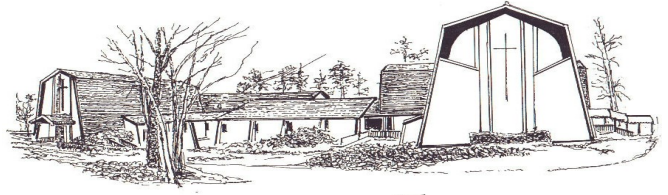


THE WITNESS



The purpose of Eastminster Presbyterian Church is to
share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all.

EPC Mission Statement ~ Adopted by Session 2011

September 10, 2014

An Open Letter to the Congregation

I would like to introduce myself to you as the new Director of Eastminster Presbyterian Preschool. My background for the past nineteen years has been in education, where I have served in the role of classroom teacher, as well as more recently as a library media specialist at Lilburn Middle School.

As a Masters of Education graduate of Berry College, I believe in the educational philosophy that says all children can learn and that teaching involves the head, heart, and hands. It is my belief that kindness is one of the most important virtues there is in life. I work with the children at my church, Harmony Grove Methodist, teaching children's church on Sundays. I also sing in the choir. In addition, I am active in promoting wonderful community programs by serving as a hard-working member of the Lilburn Woman's Club.

My own son attends Eastminster and we have had a wonderful experience with the teachers and programs offered here. He has learned so much in the classroom as a student, as well as in the Spanish and music classes. As a parent, I am very glad that the preschool also offers ballet and tennis to the children. I have great respect and admiration for the teachers and staff at the preschool. I feel that I am following God's calling for me to work in this preschool, and I plan to devote myself to serving the children's needs.

I look forward to learning and growing in this new role, and reaching out to the church community as well. I am very excited and hopeful that this will be a wonderful school year!

With kindest regards,

Stacey Moura

Sympathy to...

- ♦ The family of Jung Oh, who passed away on August 18.
- ♦ Susan Spears on the death of her husband, Phillip, on August 24.

Congratulations to...

Jessica and Andy Williams on the birth of their son, Keegan Luke, on August 7. Proud aunt is Rachel Pendley, and proud grandparents are Ramona and Dick Warren.



Thanks!

- ♦ Thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards and concerns offered for our family during the time surrounding my cousin Louise's passing. We will be away this weekend for her service, but travel sensing the love expressed by this congregation through our Lord. Peace...

Lynn & Al Stacer

- ♦ I wish to express my gratitude to my church family for the many prayers, support and kindnesses shown to us during Phillip's long battle with cancer. I am overwhelmed by your generosity; so many prayers, the calls, the visits, the cards and notes, the dinners, and all that went into the beautiful service and reception afterward that truly was a day of celebration and thanksgiving for Phillip's life. Eastminster exemplifies the meaning of a community of the body of Christ and helped us focus on the constant loving presence of God. I am so proud to be a member of EPC and will be forever grateful for all you did in our time of need.

Susan Spears



October Birthdays

1 Rick Adle	14 Ted Kapsch	21 Hil Craig	27 Carol Burrell
2 Lydia Rivera	Bo Ramos	Mitch Dunn	28 Cathy Alexander
3 Charles Smith	15 Michael Gowland	22 Ruth Adams	Dominic Szathmari
4 Dick Warren	16 Francie McCormick	Andrew Smith	29 Chuck Gobba
6 Courtney Craig	17 Ray Hartsfield	23 Amy Carmichael	30 Kirk Alexander
Chris Gerard	18 James Brandon	George Mitchell	Parker Bennett
7 Barbara Garrett	19 Kelly Gunter	Wyatt Moore	Bunny Smith
Kathe Gowland	Rueleen Kapsch	25 Cooper Frank	31 Bill Hicks
9 Lila Smith	Betty Willis	George Nielson	
11 Charlotte Scott	21 Peter Boven	26 Pat Carmichael	
13 Sarah Lawley	Ashley Burger	Donna Kellogg	



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.



Outreach Blood Drive - Sunday, October 19

The month of October is Mission Emphasis and Outreach. Make plans to join us Sunday, October 19 for our Fall Blood Drive and renew your personal commitment and outreach through your "Gift of Life".

Jesus, in the book of Matthew, said to his disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few". Come and let us all give our "Fall Harvest" which is both free to give and so greatly needed. Help us reach our goal of 20+ units of donated blood.

The LifeSouth Van will be here Sunday, October 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex but all last minute donors are welcome. The only requirements are that you be at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and have a picture ID.

Be a part of this very special ministry of EPC. Donate Blood - knowing that your generosity will save many lives.

The Outreach Committee

YOU hit it out of the park - let's celebrate!

"Sundaes on Sunday"

Sunday, September 14

following the 11:00 service

Menu: pizza, salads and sundaes (of course)



Five months ago, we threw out the "first pitch" for our Capital Campaign. Now it's time to celebrate. Everyone is invited for food, fun and an update on paying off the loan on the roof, installation of a new security system, and sign - plus the other proposed projects.

PW Connection

- **PW invites all women** at Eastminster and friends/neighbors in our community to come and enjoy Bible study, spiritual enrichment, encouragement, and fellowship throughout the following months. Opportunities available include: Circle of Blessings: meets first Tuesday 9:30 a.m. in Adult Center; Bible Moderator is Susan Adle; Facilitator is Marjory Crawford. Evening Stars: first Thursday 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor; Bible Moderator is Jeanne Simpson; Facilitator is Janet Uthlaut. For September only, the meeting will be on the 2nd Thursday, September 11. This year we will be following Paul through 2 Corinthians. Study books can be obtained from Janet Uthlaut for \$8.50.
- **Come join us for the PW Fall Luncheon** on Sunday, Sept. 28 following 11:00 worship in Founders Hall. Please bring a salad if you wish (congealed, marinated, layered, tossed, chicken, taco, etc.). Bread, beverages, and cookies will be provided. More details concerning our speaker will follow shortly. All women of any age are encouraged to attend this luncheon as well as other PW events throughout the year. These include: assistance with Christmas ornaments, winter fellowship, regional workshops, assembling Valentine boxes, touring Columbia Seminary and Mission Haven, and our annual Spring Luncheon.



Round Robin

The first Eastminster/Rivercliff Tennis Round Robin was held on August 9th. There were 25+ participants and thanks to Charlene Smith for organizing this event. We look forward to having another tennis event soon and hope that more can participate.



“WEAR IT FIRST” HALLOWEEN COSTUME CARNIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2-4
EASTMINSTER GYMNASIUM
PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY AGES



FUN GAMES AND PRIZES
MINI-PUMPKIN DECORATING
FACE PAINTING

ADMISSION 1 CAN OF FOOD,
1 BAG OF CANDY FOR CO-OPS

All are invited to attend and dress-up for the "Wear It First" Halloween Costume Carnival. Volunteers are needed to help set-up and lead the games. Please contact the church office or Janice Wilmot at gwilmot@comcast.net to volunteer. We had over 100 kids attend last year from the preschool and afterschool programs and church members! ****If anyone has an inflatable bouncy house that we could use, please let Janice Wilmot or Rick Adle know. Thank you!



Success for Schools

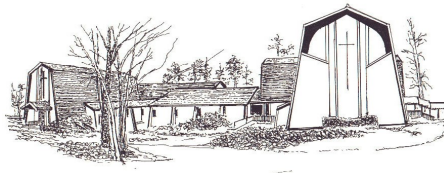
Kudos to everyone who donated school supplies for the Co-ops in our community. We delivered 30 bags to Stone Mountain and 23 bags to Lilburn. Your contributions will provide the tools for a successful academic year.

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Newsletter ~ 5 p.m. September 30
Sunday Bulletin ~ Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m.

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