

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

October 8, 2014

The first time I was asked, I just laughed. There is NO WAY I have time to chair the Stewardship campaign this year!! Tim was still in Oklahoma, I am still homeschooling the kids, all three kids are playing soccer with practice on different days, laundry, cooking, cleaning, etc. Not to mention it is football season.

The second time I was asked, I said maybe, but only if certain conditions are met, and if someone else will co-chair with me.

The third time I was asked, I said I didn't think I could as there were some things going on at church that I didn't quite agree with.

All of my reasons were valid, along with the reasons that others had for declining this service.

But late at night, in the silence of prayers, I was giving thanks. Thanks for the One who always has time to hear my prayers and sooth my weary soul. Thanks for the One who gives me love and forgiveness unconditionally. Thanks to the One who will never forsake me when I do things that He does not agree with.

So with a heart filled with thanks, I humbly say yes. I will serve as I am needed. I say yes because I am grateful for all I have been given that I have not earned. I say yes because of the sacrifice of Jesus for the likes of me. I say yes because I want to give back in response to the one who gave all for me.

This year, Tim and I are blessed to co-chair the Stewardship campaign.

We ask that in this stewardship season you remember John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." I pray that you will respond with thankful hearts. I hope you will find areas where you have said "no, I don't have any more to give; any more time, any more service, any more money, any more forgiveness, any more love, any more of myself" and say "yes, I will find more to give; more time, more service, more money, more forgiveness, more love, and more of myself".

In the Love of Christ,

Missy and Tim Nix

Sundaes on Sunday, September 14



November Birthdays

1 Shelley Lee	11 Vicki Watchulonis	18 Matt Adams	26 Jimmy Meers
2 Karen Hicks	14 Griffin Boven	Beverly Hutchinson	27 Stephen Gowland
3 Marilyn Davino	Paige Lord	19 Kori Deal	Steve Roberts
Lauren McManus	Pat Patterson	21 Joyce Chittick	28 Christa Davis
5 Denise Roberts	Patty Swift	22 Susan Adle	Mattie Malloy
Riley Weyher	15 Julian Wade	Kristyn Saroff	Brett Wilmot
6 Kay Bennett	16 Don Burrell	Patricia Baumann	29 Larry Thompson
8 Lawer Kisseih	Rachel Pendley	Ramona Warren	30 Patrick Robbins
9 Ken McMillan	17 Bella Acosta	Hugh Weimar	
Lindsey Ramos	Mark Hartle	Jim Willis	
10 Hannah Deal	Dumas Kisseih	23 Tricia Swift	



Fall Workday Update

With the emphasis at the October 18 workday, 8 a.m. – noon, on curb appeal along Hugh Howell Rd., any tools you can bring with you would be very appreciated, especially gas powered hedge trimmers, chain saws, blowers and pole saws. As always, donations of bales of pine straw are most welcome. Contact Pat Carmichael at 770-827-4369 or Ed Jones 404-840-4210 with any questions. See you on the 18th!



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



It's spooky to be hungry!!

The Stone Mountain Co-op is sponsoring a Food Drive during the month of October. Please bring the following items to church by Sunday, October 26 to assist in feeding the hungry in our community.

Canned fruit	Small bags of flour	Tea/sugar/splenda	Small vegetable oil
Jello	Grits	Salmon	Stuffing mix
Canned green vegetables	Jelly	Tuna	Dry pasta
Cereal (hot and cold)	Peanut butter	Soap (face)	Laundry detergent
Dish soap	Kleenex	Pasta sauces	Boxed noodle or rice
Dried beans	Macaroni and cheese	Soup	
Feminine products	Seasoning mixes	Toilet paper	

Update on ESL Tutoring

Pictured: David Enga, Si Zova, Lal Ro Puia, and Lal Ram Mauna



It has been over a year since a dedicated group of Eastminster members and friends took training at the Literacy Volunteers of Atlanta and prepared to provide ESL (English as a Second Language) tutoring to a group of Mizo men from Burma (Myanmar). Thanks to donations from the congregation "Side By Side" books were purchased and provided to the students. Contact with Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church provided us access to their facility and tutoring has been held every Monday and Thursday evening at 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

When we learned that 6 men were eligible to apply for US citizenship, Alice Day made plans to hold civics class on Thursday evening. Alice and Linda Redman found materials and lessons on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration website and reproduced learning materials and questions for the men. Si Zova received a date for his interview appointment and took his exam in August. He was successful in passing and will become a US citizen. His fellow students surrounded him with congratulations.

Becoming a citizen is a long process, and it requires a five year residency period before one becomes eligible. The application fee is expensive, and the other men have decided to wait until 2015 before applying.

Alice continues to tutor 2 men who have interview dates in 2014. The focus of the Thursday tutoring will be on conversational English with time spent on use of verbs, developing comfort level in speaking in sentences and expanding vocabulary for everyday conversations.

The men are very faithful in their attendance, and are eager to learn. This is a very special community outreach that benefits the volunteers as well.

The currently active volunteers are: Side-By-Side: Mimi Thurman, Jonathan Streich, Sally Jackson; Civics: Alice Day; Conversational English: Danice Eaton, Linda Chapman, and Linda Redman



Sympathy to...

The family of Dr. Bill Cook who died on September 26.

Congratulations to...

Kati and Andrew Hutchinson on the birth of their daughter, Augusta Grace, born September 3 in Birmingham, Ala. Bev and Bill Hutchinson are the proud grandparents!

“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!



PW Fall Luncheon Follow-up

"Pour Out Your Power & Love" was celebrated through food and fellowship at the PW Annual Fall Luncheon that was held on September 28 in Founders Hall. The program featured retired Presbyterian minister, the Reverend Carol Guilbert, and special guest, Doris Hoenig, Spiritual Growth Representative for AMIS -- Atlanta Ministry with International Students, Inc. The Hall was decorated with lovely fall florals, creatively and beautifully arranged by Susan Adle. Each attendee received a favor...a tea bag with the program's theme Bible verse (Isaiah 44:3-5) as a reminder of their day. The PWs brought delicious salads and delightful fall cookies and they were enjoyed by all. (Note: please submit your recipes to Rene' Boven.) The 43 attendees included all age groups of PWs including several of our youth gals and a few of our college gals too. Look for more PW programs coming soon including Christmas Ornament Workshops.

Wednesday Night Programs for October

- 8 **Mysteries of the Bible** *Ten Commandments*
 This month's Arts and Entertainment DVD segment will explore the question:
 "What is it about this simple code of ethics that has made it the bedrock of Jewish and
 Christian civilization for thousands of years?"
- 15 **Book Club** *John Knox for Armchair Theologians*
 John Knox was the founder of Presbyterianism during the Reformation in Scotland.
 Although he was not a very likable man, his invitations to dinner were coveted by all.
 His ideas were so powerful they became the foundation of both the Presbyterian
 Church and our national government. Reading the book ahead of time is not required
 but if you are intrigued, ask Mardee for a copy. Ask quickly, only two remain.
- 22 **Follow Up on "Biblical Angels"** – Guest Speaker Dr. Paul Smith
 We had such interest in our first Great Mysteries of the Bible DVD on angels that we
 are having a part two! Dr. Robert Smith, a retired surgeon and professor of surgery
 at Emory School of Medicine, who now lives at Park Springs will present a talk on
 angels. Special thank you to Tom Grissom for arranging this program!
- 29 **Outreach Committee- Mission Emphasis**
 Come hear inspiring stories (with pictures!) of the Appalachian Service project week
 from this past summer and learn how you can be involved next year!



You're Invited...

The Deacons invite you to join us for our annual Fall Chili Luncheon to be held in the gym on October 19 immediately following the 11:00 service. We promise you good food and good fellowship!



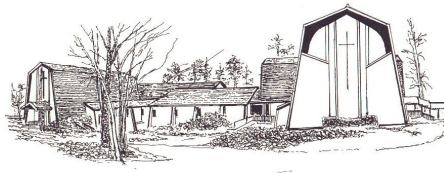
Christmas Ornaments!

Join us after Circle on Tuesday, November 4 for a workshop on making Christmas ornaments.

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

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