

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

April 8, 2015

Senior Adult Ministries

Most of you know that Eastminster is beginning an important and much needed ministry to senior adults. Some might think that we have had such a ministry in days gone by, but it is important that all of us understand that the vision for this ministry is much bigger than a few meals a month and some interesting places to go.

Fellowship is where we begin but it is our hope that the ministry will grow into a community wide effort. The energy behind the ministry is our own Rev. Jeanne Simpson. She has the vision and the desire for the ministry and Presbytery has validated and supports it. Her vision is described as follows:

“The Senior Adult Ministry of Eastminster Presbyterian Church seeks to provide senior adults in the congregation and surrounding community opportunities to remain involved as vitally important members of the body of Christ and to recognize their value in terms of wisdom, experience, knowledge, talents, and other God given abilities and gifts. At the same time, the Ministry seeks to provide pastoral care and related support for those adults who are facing health and welfare issues, as well as caregiver and end of life concerns. Ministry with senior adults includes spiritual enrichment, learning opportunities, socialization, service opportunities, and needed services for well-being.”

The good news is that Jeanne brings vision, desire and energy to this effort and we have already seen the beginnings of something really good. The other good news is that there are many folks in our congregation that want to be part of the exciting developments. Many have asked how they can get involved and the answer is simple and boils down to a few key items:

Pray for the ministry-Participate whenever possible-Provide the needed resources

First of all the ministry needs your prayers. Prayer is an important aspect of anything we try and accomplish in the church. If we try and do things on our own, we will ultimately run out of energy and tire from the effort. So make it a habit to pray for the ministry.

Secondly, Jeanne and the others need for all of us seniors to become active in the life of the ministry. We are a community of older adults. This ministry is for everyone but it becomes vitally important to the 55 and older bunch. When you hear of an activity or opportunity, participate.

Finally, Jeanne’s ministry needs your financial support. Right now the ministry is being funded outside of the Eastminster budget. There are a few people who have generously given to the ministry but just as prayer and participation is important, financial support is critical.

Jeanne can’t do all this by herself so partner with her in this ministry in every way.

Blessings,

Caleb

Coming up for OASIS

OASIS will meet on Thursday, April 23. Rev. Jack Vaiden will speak to us about the history of the Moravian Church, and Matthews Cafeteria will cater the lunch.



Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, April 25 from 8:00 till 10:00. Join us for a hearty breakfast and shop the Mountain Shadow Garden Club plant sale going on in the parking lot.



"Come see Columbia day"

Consider saving this special date, Thursday, April 16, and join us for a worthwhile experience of worship, spiritual enlightenment and fellowship at Columbia Theological Seminary. A lunch will be served and then we'll have an afternoon tour of the campus. Susan Adle may also lead us through missionary homes that Eastminster has refurbished with numerous hours of loving labor, as well as generous contributions of furniture and household items. Morning carpools may be organized. For more information please contact Rene' Boven or your Circle Moderators.



May Birthdays

1	Mary Beth Hamburger	11	Zach Weyher	19	Thomas Brandon	29	Marjory Crawford
3	Zachary Wilborn	14	Mardee Rightmyer	24	Richard Kellogg		Kevin Hamburger
6	Kathy Harrison	15	Larry Bentley		Kris Lord		Andy Heckman
7	Lauren McCormick		Kallan Sorenson		Charlotte Moore		Richard Staten
8	Felicia Szathmari	16	Joy Meade	25	Bill Hutchinson	30	Caroline Thompson
9	Cari Mitchell	17	Barbara Delong		John Maly		Rebecca Willis
10	Linda Chapman		LaRue Gerard	27	Gary Gaskill	31	Taylor Boven
11	Carolyn Coons	18	Blake Staten	28	Margaret Moseley		Wayne McCormick



Blood Drive - May 3

Summertime will soon be here, which means there is a seasonal increased need for blood donations. There are many good reasons to give blood, but the most important one is that You Will Save Lives!!

One out of every five people in a hospital need blood - this could be you, your child, parent, spouse or neighbor. Your "Gift of Life" will make a difference not only to that person or family, but will also enrich your spirit. Scripture says "Give and it shall be given to you. For whatsoever measure you deal to others, it will be dealt to you in return."

LifeSouth Blood Mobile will be here Sunday, May 3, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the church parking lot. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex but all last minute donors are welcome. To donate you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and bring a photo ID.

Come, give from your heart and share your blessings of health - Your "Gift of Life".

The Outreach Committee



Appalachian Service Project 2015

Last year Eastminster sent 20 people to Johnson City, TN for a week-long mission experience and we are going back this summer. We want you to go with us. We will be leaving on Sunday, July 5th and returning on Saturday, July 11th. Last year's trip was moving, inspirational and rewarding. We want you to share a similar experience this summer. The cost of the trip is \$400.00 and scholarships are available. Registration forms are available in the office or on line at eastminster.us/ministries/outreach. Come be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ working with and ministering to those in need. For more information contact Mark Sauls or Rick Adle.

Calling all food pantry volunteers!

The Stone Mountain Co-op is looking for cheerful and enthusiastic volunteers to assist them May 15-June 3. The Co-op is open on Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:45 A.M.-1:30 P.M. There is a sign up sheet located in the narthex. For more information please contact: Linda Chapman ~ Home: (770) 921-9538, Cell: (404) 578-0610, and lin_rod_stmnt@bellsouth.net.

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Sharing and caring with PW Mother's Day cards

Everyone wants to remember mothers, grandmothers, aunts, colleagues, friends, or a special lady on Mother's Day. This year you can extend your fondest wishes with a lovely cheerful card and make a contribution (\$5+) to Presbyterian Women worldwide. Every donation enriches our church, community, nation, missionaries, etc.

Please contact Janet Uthlaut Home: (770) 923-9762, Cell: (404) 408-7229, or jefuthlaut@bellsouth.net. She will have cards available following Sunday worship, during Wednesday Night Suppers, and at our PW Birthday Luncheon on Sunday, April 12.

Talent Show and Youth Auction



The 2015 EPC Talent Show and Youth Auction will be held on Saturday, April 25th. If you sing, paint, photograph, collect, draw, dance, tell jokes, or whatever your talent is, we need you to participate. The more the merrier!! If you have something you would like to contribute for the Youth Auction we really need that, also. Come join us for this fun filled evening of EPC's talent on display. For more information or to register your talent contact Rick Adle.



Thank you!

- ◇ Thank you so much for the ordination service and reception for me on March 22. The music was incredible, and the food was wonderful, as always. I especially appreciate the support of Caleb, the EPC family and the Presbyterian Women, in particular, over the last 5 years of my seminary journey.

Yours in Christ as we start a new journey together,

Jeanne

- ◇ Thank you for being a blessing and for all the positive encouragement and continuous support in times of good and bad. I would like to acknowledge all the positive deeds you have done and the hope you have brought to others.

Sincerely,

Emmanuel Hmar

- ◇ Thank you for the Valentine's Day gifts; some snacks and some pens an appreciative college student do make. I've enjoyed the club's letters and encouragement. I am glad to hear periodically from EPC. I always look forward to returning when I can.

Sincerely,

Morrison Nolan

- ◇ Thank you for the Valentine's box! I look forward to it every year. I changed my major from Marketing to Middle Level Education back in August and I am really enjoying the change so far and looking to the future. Thanks again for all the cards throughout the year and of course the box of goodies. Hope all is going well.

Sam Meers

- ◇ We sincerely appreciate all the calls and cards sent to us when my mother recently passed away. We feel lucky to be embraced by the love and support of our Eastminster family. Thank you so much.

Kathy and Doug Peters

- ◇ Thanks to the eleven members who came out on our frosty morning work day. They did some major pruning of shrubs and trees around the church campus to get plants off of the walls of the buildings, worked on a drainage issue, cleaned and reorganized the kitchen pantry, and straightened up materials in the sanctuary. These hard workers were Rick Adle, Larry Bentley, Marty Counts, Pete Craig, Rueleen Kapsch, Ron Lee, Lynn Maxwell, Scott & Janet Uthlaut, and Siena & Michael Watchulonis. Please thank them when you see them.

Sympathy to

Ralph Chandler on the death of his wife Sue on March 11.



PW Annual Birthday Luncheon

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Sunday, April 12. We will celebrate PW's "Birthday Offering" with a salad luncheon in Founders Hall following the 11:00 worship service. Janet Uthlaut will share information concerning the organizations that will receive our 2015 offerings and their contributions to spreading God's love in our world. Jeanne Simpson will install new officers for the 2015-2016 PW council. Eastminster's annual recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award will be announced. Our speaker will be Susan Adle. She will be informing us about Mission Haven and how Eastminster continues to contribute time, money, and efforts to provide for the nurture and comfort of numerous missionary families. Please feel free to invite a friend, neighbor, colleague, etc. and bring a salad of your choice (tossed, layered, marinated, congealed, taco, chicken, tuna, etc.). Bread, beverage, and dessert will be supplied.



Wednesday Night Programs

April 8 Spring Break – no dinner or program

April 15 Guest Speaker – Dr. Beth Johnson, J. Davidson Phillips Professor of New Testament, Columbia Theological Seminary, shares her *One Anchor Truth* – “In life and in death, we belong to God.”

April 22 Book Club - Emphasis on Earth Day – We will look at the interconnectedness of life on our planet through a delightful children's book “**All in One Cookie.**” Chocolate chip cookies for all who attend!

April 29 Great Mysteries of the Bible – Paul the Apostle – With the exception of Jesus of Nazareth, Saint Paul is the single most important figure in the history of Christianity, transforming from its bitterest foe to its most ardent advocate.

May 6 Guest Speaker –Dr. Martha Moore –Keish, Associate Professor of Theology, Columbia Theological Seminary, will share her *One Anchor Truth*.

May 13 Book Club - A preview of 10 books for engaging summer reading!

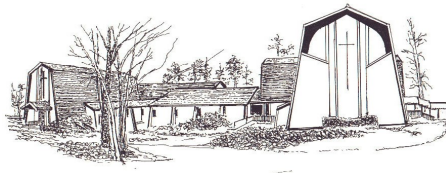
May 20 Last program of the spring - TBA



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DEADLINES

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

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