

EASTMINSTER UPDATE

A HOME FOR ALL - WITH A HEART FOR CHRIST

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Luke 10:25-42

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Dear EPC Family,

Wasn't it wonderful to have Ernest Thompson and Paul Eckel back at Eastminster this past week! This church's rich history of faithful service to Christ provides a strong foundation for our witness today. Those of us who are "newcomers" owe a debt of gratitude to the servant-leaders, both lay people and ordained clergy, who have responded to God's grace through the witness of their lives.

As Deuteronomy 6 reminds us, "we drink from wells we did not dig." Both as individuals and as a church family, let us humbly give thanks that God blesses us in ways that precede our awareness and understanding!

God has provided for us in the past, and in that confidence we can look to the future to which God is calling us now! In January, Eastminster's Officers adopted ten measurable areas of focus for 2010 that were shared at the congregational lunch on February 21. Five of them are below and the other five will be shared next week.

- 1. Offer intentional church-wide Bible study.** This is happening through our current, **"Lent Through the Lens of Luke"** study which includes: Sermons and Sunday School classes, as well as supplemental study opportunities on Monday morning, Wednesday lunch and Wednesday evening.
 - 2. Build our capacity to equip and mobilize members for greater discipleship by:**
Calling an Associate for Youth and their Families (Search Committee currently at work!)
Retaining a Parish Associate to help with Adult Ed and more (Dr. Jim St. John hired in Feb.)
Hiring an Interactive Communications Specialist (Search in process. See web site for description)
 - 3. Improve our communications and use of technology by:**
Significantly upgrading the Web site content and functionality
Installing flat Screens around campus to enable better communication/education/inspiration
Developing an Annual Review and Sharing information at Congregational Meals
 - 4. Member Involvement**
See worship attendance increase
Work to increase Sunday School attendance
Improve Congregation Care- Equip and enable members to care for others (shut-ins, meals)
Increase number of people touched via the Christian Life Center, Study, Meals and Retreats
Enable more people to respond to God's grace through service.
 - 5. Strengthen Eastminster's ministry to Youth and their families**
Call an Associate for Youth Ministry (see above)
Recruit 40-50 Youth to go on youth and family Mission Trips
Strengthen Junior and Senior high programs while exploring Senior Experience
Continue momentum to strengthen Children's Ministries
- As you read these, I hope you will pray about taking advantage of opportunities that will help you grow in faith and understanding.

In joy,

Brad



March 14

DAILY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

9:00 Worship & Children's Church
10:00 Preschool & Elem. Assembly
Inquirer's Class
10:05 Chancel Choir Sunday School
10:15 Called Session Mtg.
10:35 Chancel Choir Practice
11:15 Worship & Children's Church
12:15 Congregational Meeting
4:00 Tiger Cubs
4:30 Middle School Youth
5:15 Child Care
5:30 Jubilee
MS Youth dinner
6:00 Sr. High dinner
6:30 Sr. High Youth
6:30 Kerygma Classes

MONDAY, MARCH 15

7:00 Lenten Prayer Breakfast
9:00 Count Team
Sr. Adult Exercise Class
10:00 Senior Fitness Class
1:00 EDS Council Mtg.
1:30 Staff Mtg.
4:30 Youth band practice
Piano Lessons
4:45 Personnel Mtg.
5:30 Steve Bates B/B Games
Yoga for All Levels
Stephen Ministry Leaders
6:00 Stephen Ministers

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

7:30 EDS
9:00 Drop-In Nursery
10:00 Senior Fitness Class
Listening Session
11:00 Exercising with Arthritis
11:45 Tuesday Lunch
12:00 Finance Committee
NED Committee
12:30 Connections
1:00 Tuesday Bridge Class
4:30 Tai Chi
Stewardship Committee
5:30 Girls on the Run
Girls on Track
CLC Committee
7:00 Scottish Country Dance

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

7:30 EDS
8:30 Crossroads Ministry
9:00 Senior Adult Exercise Class
Drop-In Nursery
Moore-Bennett Women's Bible
Kerygma Classes
9:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry
11:30 EDS Chapel
11:45 Lenten Bible Study
4:00 Piano Lessons
5:00 Angel, Junior, Treble Choir
5:15 Fellowship Meal
6:00 Crossroads
Handbells
JESUS Small Group
6:15 Kerygma Classes
WE@EPC
7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

7:30 EDS
9:00 Drop-In Nursery
10:00 Senior Fitness Class
11:00 Exercising with Arthritis
3:30 Brownies Troop - Jenkins
5:30 Girls on the Run
Girls on Track
5:30 Leukemia/Lymphoma Society
6:00 Coordinating Council
6:30 Webelos Troop 202
7:00 Zumba Fitness
Eagle Scout Board of Review

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

7:30 EDS
9:00 Senior Adult Exercise Class

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

9:00 CHAMPS follow up
9:00 CHAMPS Parents' Council

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a congregational meeting to be held immediately following the 11:15 a.m. Worship service on Sunday, March 14, 2010. The purpose of the meeting is to act upon the recommendation to approve changes in the Terms of Call for Dr. Smith.

Lily Memorials

The Flower Guild is accepting memorials and honoraria for Easter lilies to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. Please write the wording you wish to have printed in the bulletin and enclose a check for \$13.00 made out to the Eastminster Flower Guild for each lily. Checks may be mailed to the church or placed in the Flower Guild box in the workroom. **The deadline for your order is Friday, March 26**. Lilies may be removed by the donor from the sanctuary after the 11:15 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.



Savvy Seniors to Hear About Health Care Reform

Confused about all the talk surrounding various health care plans facing Congress? So are the Savvy Seniors who, at their luncheon meeting on Tuesday, March 23 at noon, will hear Dr. Ron Dew discuss *"Health Care Reform From the Perspective of a Practicing Physician."*

Dr. Dew is an Eastminster member and a retired physician. All are invited to hear his enlightened view of the current health care debate. Make lunch reservations by calling Mary Baldauf at 256-1654 no later than Friday, March 19. Lunch is \$6. The menu includes Beef Stew with Vegetables, Rice, Strawberry-Pretzel Congealed Salad and Cherry Cobbler.

Baptism

Virginia Dreber Mann, daughter of *Anne & Coke Mann*, was baptized Sunday, February 28, 2010, at the 11:15 a.m. service by Dr. Smith.

Virginia Catherine Burns, daughter of *Olivia & Matt Burns*, was baptized Sunday, March 7, 2010, at the 11:15 a.m. service by Dr. Smith.

Youth Group- March 14

Middle School: Join us at 4:30 p.m. as we will finish up our study on Scrubs! Dinner follows at 5:30 p.m.

High School: Join us for dinner at 6:00 p.m. and we will watch Part 1 of a Scrubs episode following dinner to see where God can be found even amidst laughter at 6:30 p.m.! We will discuss the episode and then play games outside (weather permitting!)

Peanut Butter Sunday

Sunday, March 28 is Peanut Butter (PB) Sunday. Time to start stocking up your pantry and Harvest Hope's with peanut butter. Our February PB donation was 346 pounds with 151 of those contributed by the Frank Harden Sunday School Class. Remember to keep the donations coming.

Celebration of Faith - Save the Dates!

Celebration of Faith will be held on Sunday, April 25 and Monday, April 26 featuring Dr. Bob Pitman, President of Knox Fellowship in Burlingame, CA. Knox Fellowship models how to project a Christ-centered ministry, which reaches people at the deepest levels of their lives, by equipping leadership in churches in America and through partnership with a variety of church bodies across the world.

Dr. Pitman will lead our 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. services on April 25 and teach a combined adult Sunday School in Thompson Hall at 10:00 a.m. He will be back on Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. Make sure to save some if not all of the dates and times.

MONDAY LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFASTS

Thompson Hall - 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. (open to all)

Breakfast served for \$4.00

Reserve your breakfast on line at www.eastminster-pcusa.org

or call Mary at 256-1654

(Classes will discuss the passage for that date)

Mon. March 15 taught by Dr. Jim St. John

WEDNESDAY LENTEN LUNCH CLASSES

Christian Life Center 271-273 11:45 -1:00 p.m.

Box lunch available for \$6.50

Reserve your lunch on line at www.eastminster-pcusa.org or call Julie at 256-1654

Drop-In Nursery hours extended to 1:00 p.m. for childcare

(Focus on 2-3 selected passages from the week's readings, one of which will be the selected text for the upcoming sermon.)

Wed. March 17 taught by Rev. Amos Disasa

WE@EPC - 6:15 P.M.

Christian Life Center 271-273

Wednesday evening classes focus on 2-3 selected passages from the week's readings, one of which will be the selected text for the upcoming sermon.

Wed. March 17 taught by Rev. Amos Disasa

CARE & CONCERN

EPC Prayer List

Part of what it means to be a Family of Faith is to be in prayer for one another. Contact the church office at 256-1654 to be included on this Prayer List.

EPC Special Concerns

Walker Pearce, Joan Hancock, Arnold Markley, Boots Fuller, those serving in our military, Stephen Ministers & their care receivers and all those in need of God's special care.

In Extended Care

Mildred McLaurin, Frances Kropp, Margaret Zeigler, Mary Alice Lown, Shirley Daye.

Hospitalized this week

Sarah Bates

On weekends a minister is on call, wearing a beeper. If you have a crisis which one of the ministers needs to know about, phone the church at 256-1654 and leave a message to call you. No one can eavesdrop or intercept your call.

Births

Congratulations and love to:

Evelyn & Darren Knight, on the birth of their son, *William McClain Knight*, March 2, 2010.

Deaths

Congregational love and sympathy are extended to:

Molly & Frank Roddey, on the death of her mother, *Mary Beth Lawrence*, March 4, 2010. Grandchildren, *Frank IV, William & Elizabeth Roddey*.

Jesus Rocks (March 28) & Summer Camp 2010

Camp Fellowship and Camp Buc, a partnership of Foothills and Trinity Presbytery are now accepting summer registrations. If you are looking for a Christian camp experience for your children, check out their web site at www.bucandfellowship.org to help with your summer plans. ***Want to hear more?*** Join us for Jesus Rocks! Sunday, March 28, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Staff from Camp Fellowship will be here to play games, and have a time of devotion and music. Kevin Cartee will be available with brochures and to answer questions about camp. ***Don't forget that EPC will be taking buses of children to camp June 14 - 19. Sign up today!***

Preschool Mission Project on March 14th?

All Preschool children, all ages - and siblings welcome! We will be singing at The Agape Assisted Living, 4520 Trenholm Road. Please have your children there at 3:20 p.m. in the "main gathering hall." Parking available in the rear. Come sing for 45 minutes with your friends! We will practice the songs at the next Sunday Shine on March 14. We will also be making crosses to take to the elderly.

Habitat Mini-Blitz Build

Save the following dates to help in a partnership build with Trehnolm Road United Methodist, Shandon Presbyterian Church, Shandon Methodist Church and Eastminster. We will be building a house at 1042 Rockyknoll Drive

MINI-BLITZ BUILD - Wed.-Sat., April 14-17. Each day's morning shift (9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) we will need four EPC volunteers. Each day's afternoon shift (1:30-5 p.m.) will need four EPC volunteers.

FRI.-SAT. BUILDS - April 23-24, April 30-May 1, May 7-8, May 14-15, and May 21-22. One shift each day (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) will need four EPC volunteers. Keep watching for how to sign up.

Deadline for UPDATE

Don't miss out! Have your information to share with the congregation in to tcarter@eastminster-pcusa.org by Wednesday, March 17, for the March 28 newsletter.

Update for March 14, 2010

Eastminster 2010 Youth Basketball Awards Program

Another successful EPC Youth Basketball season was celebrated with a special event held in the gym on Saturday February 27th. Teams were recognized for their accomplishments and trophies were awarded.

This season, 265 Eastminster youth and nearly 60 adult coaches and assistants participated with one of the 28 teams sponsored by EPC in 3 different church leagues.

Many thanks go out to everyone involved. We are especially thankful to our coaches and the league officials that helped to make this a great year for Eastminster basketball.



Exercising with Arthritis

A new series of Exercising with Arthritis classes started on Tuesday, March 9, in the CLC. This 8-week series of classes is designed to help those suffering with arthritis learn new exercise techniques to help improve their condition is **FREE OF CHARGE!!!**. Classes will meet on Tuesdays and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in room C273. Again, **There is no fee for this series of classes.** Contact the instructor, Megan Wiegand at 743-0263 or megan7@sc.rr.com, or Bill Ketchin, 256-1654, for more information or to sign up.

For our loved ones . . .

- In memory of **Jack Chambliss**, given by Jean Humphrey, Barbara & John McArthur, Bob & Sally McKenzie, Carol & Joe Anderson, Sissy Dickerson, Laura Elleman, Charles Johnston, Errett Vanhook, Mae M. Coleman.
- In memory of **Elyssa Grace Hill**, given by Edward & Mildred Hill.
- In memory of **James Karpinos**, given by Emily Derrick.
- In memory of **Robert Bowen**, given by Dottie Owen.

SERVING ON SUNDAY

March 14

OFFICER'S PRAYER:

Deacon Tyler Hudson

Deacon John McCabe (5:30)

Elder Lindy Bramlett (5:30)

DEACONS: Steve Bryant & John Leighton

USHERS: Steve Searcy & John McCabe

GREETERS:

(9:00) Jim & Edith Hines,
Buz & Amy Teas

(11:15) David & Connie Chase,
Mandy & John McCabe

NURSERY ROOM 153

(9:00) Jennifer Branham

(11:15) Jon Robinson

NURSERY ROOM 161

(9:00) Tommy Boggs

(11:15) Cam & Carrie Smith

NURSERY ROOM 165

(9:00) David & Tiffany Beitz

(11:15) Billy & Shannon McGee

CHILDREN'S CHURCH 101 - 3K

(9:00) Ken & Heidi Carey

(11:15) Will Plowden

CHILDREN'S CHURCH 103 - 4K

(9:00) Steelman & Alysia Ketchum

(11:15) Jay & Sunny Philips

CHILDREN'S CHURCH 104 - 5K

(9:00) Perry & Suzanne Crosthwaite

(11:15) Matt & Catherine Radtke