



From the Pastor's Pen...

Highlights from the Huxtable Lounge Dedication

A Word of Thanks...

From its earliest days, the vision of this project has been met with desire to attend to issues of safety, security, and accessibility; as well as excitement for what could be.

Thank you to Bill Whiston for sharing excitement over every crazy idea, and allowing us to dream big dreams.

Thank you to Sandy Hilsabeck-Hastings and Alinda Stelk for their impeccable taste and attention to detail.

Thank you to Barry Stelk for his knowledge of construction and ability to negotiate.

Thank you to the members of the Trustees who have offered advice and consultation – Larry Graham and Carmen Kelle.

Thank you to the Session, Trustees, and Memorial and Endowments Committee, for agreeing to make this a top priority.

Thank you to Ray Schapman, whose precision and skill finished the room perfectly!

Thank you to Ayars and Ayars, Sam from Midwest Audio, and all the sub-contractors and suppliers who worked on the project, for helping us think through every possibility for now and into the future, as well as the skills to make it happen!

Thank you to all those who have given their financial support for the pro-

ject – in memorial gifts, pledges, and matching gifts.

And finally, to Bryce Hastings, whose donated time we could never financially compensate, whose knowledge of architecture, buildings, and codes is extensive, whose ability to find a way to accomplish the really cool ideas, whose wisdom is evidenced all over the building...

Thank you to Bryce, our circle would not be complete without his faithful dedication and service to the church overall. In honor of his faithful service, we have especially commissioned the artwork on the wall, completed by local artist Ann Williams. We believe it is appropriate for this occasion, and for its meaning into the future. Like his work, it completes the circle of making this entire building a safe, flexible, beautiful space for our church family, and neighborhood.

(Dedication service follows on page 2, including a photo of the artwork; more photos on page 3)





Not Just a Home: the Huxtable legacy

Rev. Tom Huxtable and his wife, Mary Jane, began their ministry long before actually arriving in Lincoln. The Pastor Nominating Committee knew they had found an excellent pastor for this new community when he actually refused to come! Tom and Mary Jane were excited about their new call, but could not leave their church at the time, as the town had just been affected by a tornado. Putting aside all personal desires, the dedication of Tom and Mary Jane to the people and community did not deter the PNC, rather it strengthened their belief that they had found the right team!

There is much to be said about the legacy of the ministry that formed houses into a neighborhood, and individuals into a community. Today, I will leave all of that to the official history books. Because more than anything today, we want to honor the things that often don't make it into the official records. That the true legacy of Tom and Mary Jane's ministry is that they are the father and mother of this family.

Our official history notes, "A manse for Rev. Huxtable and his family was built in 1954 at 900 Robert Road, also in the Eastridge subdivision. Because there was no church building yet, most church activities, other than Sunday worship, took place at the manse." Tom's personal remembrances include that a "large room in the basement could accommodate many activities – i.e. thirty plus Boy scouts [every] Mon-

day night, choirs, mariners, youth groups, Women's Association... Rummage sales, session, trustees, CE council, building fund kickoffs, Lenten Services, Evangelism Council, box socials, soup suppers, and Every Member Canvass meetings." Tom continues, "We kept asking the doctor why our children were having so many colds. He asked, 'when is everyone going to move into the church building? When they do, you'll have fewer colds!'"

The unofficial history remembers that through all of this, throughout decades of growth and change, Tom and Mary Jane were always hospitable and



gracious. No matter the event or occasion, their home was open to all, for many purposes, with one aim, that God would be glorified.

It is with that same feeling and desire that we re-dedicate this space in honor of Tom and Mary Jane's ministry, that God would receive all the glory. It is worth noting that like the manse, this is a multi-purpose space. It will be used for everything from worship to education to fellowship groups to counseling to meeting. But a multi-purpose space is not an every purpose space. It is with a strong foundation of the past that we look to the future and dedicate this space for the one purpose of glorifying God.

Prayer of Dedication

One: Lord, bless this room. We give you thanks for its beauty and loveliness, and celebrate the efforts of those who have labored over decisions of color and texture. We give you thanks for its safety, and those who have labored to make it so. We thank you for the skilled trades workers, architects, the construction supervisors, artists, and suppliers. We give you thanks for the donors, who have given resources to make this day possible. We give you thanks that this project is completed, and this room is ready for use.

All: Bless this place. May its doors be open wide in welcome, may its table have bread for the hungry, may its couches give rest for the weary, its discussions challenge the wise, may it be a friendly home for all – a place where neighbors and strangers become friends

and family.

One: Here let gossip cease, and our words build each other up. May celebration and comfort alternate to meet the total needs of life. Here let steadiness replace nervous haste, a desire to serve relieve the desire for selfish ambition. In this place may our faith and love for you be strengthened as we worship together, learn together, and serve together. May every use of this space give glory to your holy name.

All: Here may our neighborhood and community find a home. Here may the truth of the gospel embrace our faith family in undying bonds of love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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“Keep the Choral Scholars” Campaign!

From the very beginning, Eastridge has been excited to have a strong relationship with the colleges and universities in Lincoln. The first service on Mother’s Day in 1953 was led by University of Nebraska music students, as were many of the worship services that first year. Throughout our history, we have continued the tradition, inviting students and professors to share their gifts and talents with us in worship.

It was just over 10 years ago when we received a generous financial gift to enable us to offer scholarships to four students to sing in our Chancel Choir. We now (lovingly) call these students our choral scholars, and continue to have four - one in each section.

Choral scholars must have a declared major or minor in music, and be interested in a career in music. In addition to leading a section, each choral scholar is asked to sing at least one time each semester in a solo or duet. They are also each given the opportunity to conduct the Chancel choir, play the organ or piano for worship, or lead Children’s Music.

We are very thankful for the four scholars that have joined us this year, Madeline Noonan, Jimmy Lowe, Joel Brown, and Sarah Dyer. Sarah and Jimmy plan to return in the fall, while Madeline and Joel enjoy life after graduation.

We need your help to make this happen! This is the first year since this ministry began that we are opening it up to the congregation for financial support. The cost of this ministry is \$6,800 annually. We are happy to take pledges and designated gifts, but need the ministry to be fully funded before August 1.

Perhaps you’d like to give to the ministry in memory of someone. Eastridge member Charles Bachinski gave in memory of his late wife, Gail, who played violin and piano in orchestras and symphonies in Iowa, Missouri, and Nebraska, and Gail also performed vocally during her college days and in operettas.

Thank you for your support of this ministry!

(Pictured below are our current choral scholars)



Food Pantry needs: include these items on your shopping list for our Eastridge Food Pantry: Chef Boyardee, canned

beef stew, Spaghetti-os, Hamburger Helper, canned pineapple, canned mandarin oranges, cooking oil, sugar, flour, salt & pepper, mayo, mustard, pickles, laundry detergent, dish soap.

Dinner for Six groups: Last chance to sign up! Forms are at the Welcome Desk or online (on the calendar page). It’s a great way to meet folks from church that you may not already know. Groups plan their own meals and get together once a month for four consecutive months. More info to come once you’ve signed up!



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In May, Eastridge presented Tabitha Health with a check for \$65,000 from the June Lyman Endowment Fund. Additional funds will be designated for funeral lunches, Stephen Ministry and a speaker series.

Following is an excerpt from the letter that accompanied the gift:

Over the years, we have been proud partners in the ministry of Tabitha Health Senior Care. Not only have we been supportive financially, but many of our congregation members have been recipients of the services offered by Tabitha. As you and I have previously shared, it is a shared passion for our organizations as together we aim to meet the many needs of the aging population.

Every once in a while, we find the value of our ministry in story, instead of the bottom line. Today is one of those days. June Lyman, a member of our congregation, was passionate about the ministry of Eastridge and Tabitha. Through our partnership, she delivered Meals on Wheels, volunteered with hospice, volunteered in the building, went on deacon visits with the church, and participated in the adult day care program. As her Alzheimer's Disease took her independence, Tabitha was kind enough to let her "volunteer" well into the advanced stages of the disease. Her family also received respite care through Tabitha, enabling her family to keep her at home through her last days.

In short, together, our organizations made a significant difference in her life.

At her passing, Eastridge received a gift in June Lyman's name, at which time we established the June Lyman fund.

The family has requested that we share this gift with Tabitha, in deep appreciation for the work you do to support our aging loved ones, and their families, as they go through the final stages of life.

To my knowledge, this gift has not been designated for specific use. We simply request that upon hearing the value of the ministry Mrs. Lyman and her family received, that you would use it to continue the work that you are doing. Obviously, we understand that there are some areas of need that are known only within your organization. If there is anything we can do in partnership with Tabitha as these funds are used, please let us know. We would love to continue our partnership.



"My mom was a big believer in giving as an act of thankfulness and faith – sharing with others from what God has given to you – whether that's time or money." ~ Lori Snyder Sloan

News from The Gathering Place: Did you know that we served 27,535 meals last year? We could not have done that without your help. Thank you! One of my favorite things about The Gathering Place is working with so many volunteer groups that represent our community. Anyone new to The Gathering Place is quickly impressed with how many volunteers make this possible. ~Lisa Janssen, Gathering Place Program Administrator

Thanks
for VOLUNTEERING!

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Please remember the church in your giving/pledged giving this summer! Thank you for your continued stewardship!

The **Music Ministry** would like to thank everyone who helped lead worship this year by participating in Chancel Choir, Kirk Ringers, Eastridge Brass, and the Praise Band. All of your gifts help to create a special worship service each week and we are so thankful for your dedication! Kirk Ringers and Chancel choir will resume weekly rehearsals in August. Stay tuned for the August newsletter for more details!



Confirmation Retreat: Our confirmation students will be going on a retreat from June 13-14. Prayers for a time of learning and fellowship for these students and their advisors! Students are:

Emily Boden, Natalie Brady, Jimmy Cover, Will Hershiser, Elizabeth Kovel, Victoria McGee, Tre Nash, Maylena Olsen, Barrett Rodell.



MAKE music TO GOD

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE

- June 10—Kirk Ringers
- June 17 - Jimmy Lowe
- June 24 - Colton Whetstone and Charlie Schroeder
- July 1 - Kris Adler-Brammer
- July 8 - Krista Connelly
- July 15 - Liz Scharton and Tristan Hawk
- July 22 - Chancel Choir
- July 29 - Diane Worrell Eaton, Madeline Noonan and Sarah Dyer
- August 5 - Kris Brenneis, Hope Shortridge, Paul Shortridge and Carey Collingham
- August 12 - Diane Worrell Eaton and Patty Niemann
- August 19 - Ashley Joseph



SERMON IN A SACK: This summer, we are going to have a little fun with the children's sermon right along with our "I Can't Believe That's in the Bible!" series. Each Sunday, a child will be invited to bring an

item from home in a paper bag. They will bring that item up for the children's sermon. If your child(ren) would like to bring an item, please let me (Kris) know so we can arrange a certain Sunday for them to bring their item.



We're always looking for individuals willing to write for our **devotion ministry!** Contact the office if you are interested in writing, or receiving emailed devotions.

Eastridge 65th Celebration: If you'd like a DVD including photo files of all of the weekend's activities from May 12-13 (Saturday birthday party, Saturday night dinner, Worship and dedication on Sunday), please sign up at the Welcome Desk. They are \$5, payable to EPC. Slideshow is playing in the Welcome Center with a sampling of the photos (approx. 300 files will be on DVD).





Session Highlights for May 17, 2018

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the items on the consent Agenda:

Session Minutes for April 19, 2018

Special Session Minutes for April 14, 2018

Affirm that communion was served at the 9:00 and 11:00 AM services o May 6, 2018

Acknowledge that communion was served to 8 home bound members

Remove Paul Franey from member rolls, deceased 4-24-18

Remove Aaron Douglas from member rolls, deceased 5-8-18

Acknowledge that Rev. Dr. Melodie Jones Poin-ton officiated at the memorial service for Paul Franey on Friday May 11, 2018

Acknowledge new member Nyabuoy Chan through reaffirmation of faith on 4-29-18

Remove David and Susan Marx from member rolls, per letter of transfer to St Andrews Presbyterian Church in Tucson, Arizona dated May 10, 2018.

Motions:

It was moved, seconded and approved to have a congregational meeting on May 27, 2018 at 10:00 AM to elect Rinehart Kruse to the Nominating Committee.

Lefler Food Market 2017/18 by the Numbers

- 1,717 children were served during the school year (September-May) with a total of 8,102 families served.
- 28,477 lbs. of food which include 8,291 lbs. of produce was distributed during the school year.
- 1,607 lbs. of leftover food brought over to Eastridge Pantry after the Market.
- Eastridge Presbyterian Church members volunteered 65 hours of time to the Lefler Market.

Thanks to the church members that helped volunteer this past school year at the Lefler Food Market. If you would like to volunteer again next year or would like to become a new volunteer, please let Susan Budler (sbudler1@unl.edu) or Dave Wassung (fishflying673@gmail.com) know and we will contact you later this summer to get you on the schedule.





Eastridge Presbyterian Church Book Club has released the list of picks for 2018-2019! See below for the selections. We'll meet in Huxtable or the Conference Room each month, with discussion and refreshments. Current book club members, our final meeting for this school year is Monday, June 11, at 7:00 pm when we will discuss *A Warrior of the People* by Joe Starita.

Eastridge Vendor and Craft Fair: In addition to vendors, there will be a bake sale, silent auction, and lunch available. All proceeds will support this summer's mission trip to Florida. Here is a list of vendors:

(The) Basket Maven Plus

Bean Pod Creations (wood designs)

Boutique Clothes

Chloe and Isabel

Diva Beauty Boutique

doTerra

Eastridge Youth Nativity Sets

Elevate Smart Coffee

Happy Place Candle Company

Homemade Fishing Lures

Hot Lips by MD/Senegence

Mary Kay

Military Bags and More

Norwex

NuSkin

Pampered Chef

Pink Zebra

Red Aspen

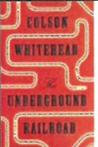
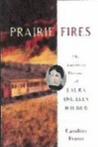
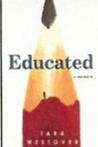
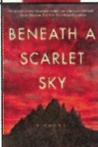
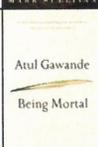
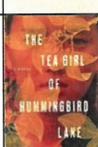
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Sweet Spot Bakery

Tastefully Simple fishing lures

Thirty One

West Door Studios

September 10		Lilac Girls , by Martha Hall Kelly
October 8		The Underground Railroad , by Colson Whitehead
November 12		Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder , by Caroline Fraser
January 14		The Rosie Project , by Graeme Simsion
February 11		Educated: A Memoir , by Tara Westover
March 11		Beneath a Scarlet Sky , by Mark Sullivan
April 8		Being Mortal , by Atul Gawande
May 13		The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See
June 10		Before We Were Yours , by Lisa Wingate





OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS:

In the April newsletter I reported that the Outreach Committee had begun to reflect on our congregation's involvement with Presbyterian mission work in Africa, and whether it was time to consider establishing formal mission partnerships with Presbyterian entities in South Sudan. We have been considering some of the "tough questions", and here is a summary of our responses...

"Why do we want to have an ongoing relationship with a church body in another country?" It would be a demonstration of our faith: that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, no matter where we live, and, in addition, it is a response to the question, "What can one person/one congregation do in the world?"

"What needs does our congregation have that might be met by having such a relationship?" A relationship with Presbyterians in Africa will reaffirm to us that faith in God does not depend upon abundance. It might provide us with a deeper understanding of the immigrant families we have in our own community, and would serve as an opportunity for us to experience the Global Village.

"What gifts (spiritual, personal, and material) do we have to share with a partner?" We have already shared financial resources that have provided the village of Maker with water pumps, wells, and a roof for a church. We have hosted a conference concerning Presbyterian mission in Africa. By electronic means

we can share video, art, and music with Presbyterian congregations in South Sudan, and they can share their culture with us. And of course we can pray for our neighbors in this part of Africa. Perhaps someday in the future members of our congregation might visit Maker.

Peter Dak, who was raised in Maker and served as facilitator for our projects there, and his daughter Nyalippe joined us for our most recent Outreach

Committee meeting. Peter reported that the villagers' reaction to our efforts has been to ask, "How do people give us these important gifts when they don't know us?" His response to them was that EPC realizes that we are all brothers and sisters, whether we know each other or not. Peter and Nyalippe highlighted the challenges they face communicating with friends and family in Maker, and how they have dealt with them.

We look forward to conferring with Presbyterian mission co-workers Sharon and Lynn Kandel, who are the Regional Liaisons for the Horn of Africa, when they join us for worship on August 19.

We invite you to be a part of this discussion. Please contact me through the church office or at www@NebrWesleyan.edu

Bill Wehrbein
Outreach Committee chair





School Days, School Days, They'll Be Here Before You Know It!

Last fall EPC entered into a neighborhood partnership with Lefler Middle School for the purpose of making the monthly mobile food pantry available to Lefler Students. You have read of the positive impact the pantry has had on students and families. Now, we have been made aware of another avenue for contributing to the achievements of Lefler students. New school supplies, a great backpack, fresh shoes, and personal care items can give students confidence and enthusiasm for learning and succeeding. The Outreach Committee is asking you to help stock the cupboard at Lefler so the counselors and school nurse can provide these basic items to students as needed.

Between July 1 and Aug 5, please bring the following items to church:

- Spiral notebooks
- Mechanical pencils
- Pens
- Backpacks
- 1 inch 3-ring binders
- Pockets folders
- Pencil bag

- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Sanitary pads
- Bar soap
- Lip balm
- New or gently worn tennis shoes (for both boys and girls)

The collected items will be delivered to Lefler on Aug. 6, so the counselors and nurse have them prior the start of the school year. Starting July 1 there will be a display of school items in the welcome center. You can check that out before making your purchases, if you are unsure of some of the school items.



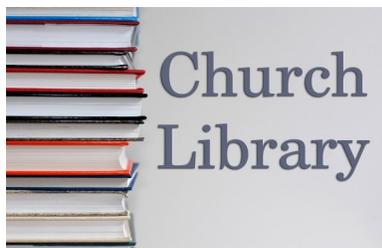


Ladies Night Out: Friday, June 22 – Eastridge Ladies Night Out enjoys a night at the vineyard. Please join us at 7pm at **Capital View Winery** - 2361 Wittstruck Rd Roca, NE (just South

of Lincoln on Highway 77). **Two Gals and a Guitar** will be playing live music and you can enjoy a glass of wine or buy a bottle to share (they will re-cork and seal your leftovers to take home). We will meet on the patio and relax – please bring your own lawn chair, sometimes seating is limited.

Friday, July 27 – Eastridge Ladies Night Out relaxes in the **newly remodeled Huxtable Lounge**. Please bring a game and a snack to share. We will visit, play games and celebrate the 3rd anniversary of this fellowship group!

Eastridge Presbyterian Church Library: Our library materials are all on the library computer catalog and ready to be checked out and used. There are over 3,000 titles/items on the shelves. The process for checkout is on the computer desk. Come in and explore what our library has to offer!



Planning for Next Year



Unfortunately, we were not able to get enough adult

volunteers for VBS this year so we will be canceling the activities for the week. The LEARN commission has had several conversations about VBS over the last months and weeks. We would welcome any "outside of the box" ideas you might have (or have seen) as we move forward in our planning for next summer.

Deacon Potluck: On June 14 at 6:00 pm we'll have our annual Deacon potluck & meeting, in the Huxtable Lounge. Please bring items according to this schedule:

Last names beginning with letter:

A-C: Bring a dessert

D-L: Bring a side dish or salad

M-Z: Bring a main dish

See you June 14 at 6:00 pm!



EASTRIDGE FOOD PANTRY IS MORE THAN

FOOD: Does your grocery list include only food items? Probably not. The same is true of the patrons of the pantry. During June, the Eastridge Pantry is requesting donations of non-food items from the following list:

Laundry detergent (often available at Dollar Tree and Big Lots), Dish soap, Personal hygiene products (all types and sizes), Toilet paper, Shampoo and conditioner (travel and hotel sizes are welcome), Body wash, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Poise/Depend products. Donations may be left in the grocery carts in the Welcome Center. Please help us replenish the pantry supply of these necessary items. Thank you for your donations.



"I Can't Believe That's in the Bible!" Following is the schedule for the June/July:

June 17: Ephesians 5:21

June 24: 1 Samuel 28

July 1: Revelation 14

July 8: Matthew 27:53

July 15: Judges 4:17-22

July 22: John 5



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