



The **Crop Hunger Walk** is October 10. Like last year we will probably do a virtual walk, sometime the week before. We'll start at the church and walk, or you can do the walk when it works best for your schedule. Learn more about CROP Hunger Walk at: <https://bit.ly/EPCCROPWALK>

Help stock the Food Pantry!
Here is a list of needed items:

- Canned fruit – all types
- Canned peas
- Canned tomatoes – all types
- Canned mixed vegetables
- Canned tuna

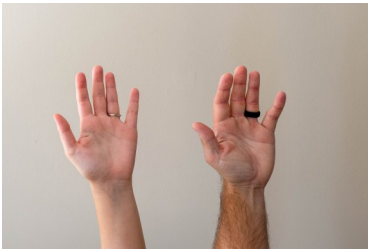
- Any and all types of breakfast items (hot or cold cereal, breakfast bars, pancake mix, etc.)
- Jam or jelly
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, etc.)
- Baking supplies (esp. flour and sugar)

If you have extra items from your garden, we would accept those also although it is best to bring them on Sunday just before distribution so that they do not spoil.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We have some wonderful opportunities in place for our children and youth coming this fall. In order for these opportunities to happen, we need volunteers! Our volunteer opportunities vary in commitment and preparation. We will need:

- Teachers – prepare and teach a lesson
- Youth Group advisors – lead recreation, prepare and teach a lesson/activity
- Snack/meal Providers – prepare a snack for the afterschool program or provide dinner for the youth group



If you would like additional information about what these opportunities mean or if you would like to volunteer, please talk with Lois Wies, Alinda Stelk, Jen Olsen or Kris Adler-Brammer.

Eastridge Church Staff

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The weekly Lamp

Today at Eastridge:

- 10:00 am Worship— IN PERSON
- 11:00 am Celebration Sunday Fellowship



Join us for Celebration Sunday! TODAY at 10 am in person and online. Celebration outside following worship. Join us for breakfast burritos, juice, and coffee following worship (on the east patio).



You may donate to the **Elementary Faith Connection** snack time! For children, we can use individually wrapped snacks - snack crackers, gold fish, fruit snacks, cookies, cereal, etc. These items can be dropped off at the church or you can make a donation and we will do the shopping. Grocery store gift cards are also an option so we can add some fresh fruits and vegetables.



Tabitha is in Need of Volunteers to Serve as a Family Visitation Assistant: This volunteer opportunity welcomes Tabitha visitors and assists with the screen in process. Also includes escorting visitors to their proper visiting location and help ensure that each visitor is following proper safety measures. Volunteers must be fully COVID vaccinated and willing to wear a face mask. Various shifts available Monday- Sunday. Please call Laura Bennett at 402-484-9712 to inquire more about this opportunity (or contact the EPC office).

Ladies Night Out event: We will meet at 2:00 pm on Sunday, September 26 at The Sunken Gardens for a stroll through the gardens, and then head to The Mill at Telegraph (330 S 21st Street) for a beverage/fellowship. Check out the Facebook page for more discussion, or contact the office.





several perspectives:

"Why So Many Black Business Professionals are Missing from the C-Suite." (CBS News, December 10, 2019) Black people account for about 12% of the U.S. population, but occupy only 3.2% of the senior leadership roles at large companies in the U.S. and just 0.8% of all Fortune 500 CEO positions.

<https://cbsn.ws/3gFKgk4>

"Barriers for Black Professionals." (SHRM (Society for Human Resources Management) Journal, Lisa Rabasco Roepe, February 6, 2021) While corporate America offers stable income, benefits, and opportunities to travel, many Black professionals aren't getting a sense of belonging, trust, and respect.

<https://www.shrm.org/pages/default.aspx>

"Black men make up less than 3% of physicians. That requires immediate action, say leaders in academic medicine." (AAMC (The Association of American Medical Colleges), Stacy Weiner, November 23, 2020) From systemic racism to economic disadvantage, Black men face numerous obstacles in their path to medicine.

<https://bit.ly/3kBKQ3b>

"What It's Like to be a Black Man in White Corporate America" (YouTube Flex, & min. 32 sec., May 21, 2019) Black men working in a corporate setting find themselves experiencing "double consciousness," existing in two different worlds. Each has its own way of interacting; its own way of speaking and behaving.

<https://bit.ly/3h2pBa7>

Bistro Theology goes to the Winery

Join us Thursday, September 30 at 7:00 pm

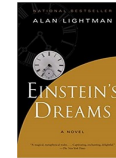
Deer Springs Winery, 16255 Adams Street

Bistro Theology
FAITH. DRINKS. DISCUSSION. QUESTIONS.

Prayers for: Todd Bennett, son of John Bennett, Sr.

Baptized today: Cash Sneed, son of Sam and Alysha Sneed, grandson of Mark and Kelly Sneed.

Flowers in the Sanctuary: If you are interested in providing flowers for in-person worship in the sanctuary, you may sign up here: <http://bit.ly/flowersworship>



EPC Book Club: For September, we will read *Einstein's Dreams* by Alan Lightman. Join us at 7:00 pm on September 13 in the conference room or east patio (in favorable weather). Contact the office for more information.

Sign up to serve a meal to the youth! We are looking for folks who are willing to provide and serve dinner. To accommodate our safety needs at this time, we will have dinner on the east patio serving out of the Huxtable Lounge. You might be interested in serving individually or you might get a group together to provide dinner. At this time, we will be serving around 25. You can use the following link for a list of dates available and to sign up. <https://bit.ly/EPCyouthmeal>



Food Pantry training: just a reminder for volunteers in the Food Pantry that training is scheduled for Saturday, September 18 at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Contact the office for the sign up link.

2021 Budget \$ 552,800

In the general fund, we have received \$ 303,966 year-to-date (September 3)

In order to make budget for the year, we should be at: \$ 372,076



Fall Bible Study! Led by Pastors Melodie and Thomas: *Lies My Preacher Told Me* by Brent Strawn. There are two ways to join! Zoom with us Tuesday mornings 11:30-12:30 and/or participate through the private Facebook Group. Books are available at the Welcome Desk. Sign up: <https://bit.ly/liesstudy>

Eastridge Presbyterian Women Gathering in September: Join us on Wednesday, September 15 at 1:00 pm in Huxtable Lounge. Our speaker will be Marcee Metzger, Executive Director for Voices of Hope.

