



The mulch on the southwest corner of the parking lot is available for Eastridge members to help themselves! For more information on the **Sunrise Road Property Project** check out the front page of this bulletin and the May newsletter. Garden Wish List: Ivory Silk tree lilac \$250 (2); Taylor juniper \$150 (7); Autumn Brilliance \$130 (1); Miss Kim lilac \$125 (5); Autumn Jazz viburnum \$35 (3); Cornelius cherry \$190 (2); Royal Star magnolia \$150 (1); Strolling path \$50 per section or sprinkler system contribution. **Thank you to those who have already done much work on the area next to the Food Pantry! Your efforts are appreciated!**

Today we recognize our **High School Graduates** at the 9:00 am worship service. Check out their photos and a little bit about each of them posted in frames on the Welcome Center columns.



Update on giving: It is the end of the first quarter, and here is a comparison to where we were a year ago (as of May 12 each year): **2022:** \$ 173,091 **2021:** \$ 196,161

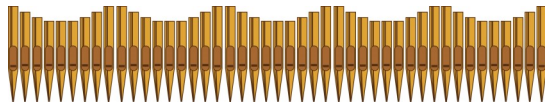
To give online: <https://bit.ly/eastridgegiving>. First quarter statements were sent out earlier in April, or contact the office if you would like to have one sent via email.



Eastridge is collecting plastic bags through the **TREX program!** We will be able to furnish our new green space on the north side of the building with a TREX bench. For more information, check out the receptacles in the entry. **ONLY bags, NOT any other plastic recyclables accepted.**



Introduction to the Organ with Brent Shaw and students: Saturday, May 21 at 3pm in Eastridge sanctuary. You are invited to a presentation on how the organ works and how instruments in the Bible and different cultures led up to the modern church and pipe organ with Brent Shaw and some of his students. The class is for a local music group but all are invited. Brent and his students will share a few selections on the organ as well.



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The weekly Lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE High School Graduate Recognition

9:00 am Worship — IN PERSON
 10:30 am Worship — ONLINE & IN PERSON



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 FOOD PANTRY

The **Eastridge Food Pantry** is in need of the following items: hair conditioner, bar soap, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, canned tomato products, salad dressings, condiments: ketchup, mustard, mayo, breakfast items: oatmeal, cereal, Nutrigrain bars, etc., pasta, boxed dinners, beverages: coffee, tea, juice, ready to eat soups, ready to eat meals (i.e. spaghetti o's, ravioli, etc), pasta sides (i.e. pasta roni), canned mandarin oranges, dried fruit (raisins, cherries, etc), canned corn.

We also need **Food Pantry volunteers!** Please check out the sign ups below. Thank you in advance!

For filling: <https://bit.ly/FPMayFill> For distribution: <https://bit.ly/FPMayDist>

Join us as we welcome bestselling author Mary Pipher to Eastridge Presbyterian Church for a reading from her newest book, **“A Life in Light: Meditations on Impermanence”**.

Books will be available for purchase at the event and Mary will sign them. (We're getting a head start at Eastridge - this book won't be available to the general public until 6/28!) You can also pre-order with Francie & Finch and pick up your copy of *A Life in Light* at the event. This way you can be sure to get a copy. Call 402 781-0459 or order online at <https://bit.ly/marypipherbookorders>



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FRANCIE & FINCH
 BOOKSHOP

Sunday, June 26 at 3:00 pm at Eastridge



MATTHEW 25

Building congregational vitality...Dismantling structural racism...Eradicating systemic poverty

A vital church is committed to excellence; we know churches that have settled for mediocrity, but this is no longer good enough. We must be purposeful and believe that we can offer excellence, because God's love is excellent and extrava-

gant. We must model God's extravagant grace. Excellence inspires confidence, trust, and loyalty. A commitment to excellence leads our congregation to focus on our strengths—what we can do well. What is the signature ministry that allows our congregation to be known and recognized in the community? We sometimes believe that excellence means expensive, but the burning desire to do things well doesn't mean that programs or outreach ministries must be costly. Our God-given time and talents are meant to be shared. What will Eastridge be known for in our community? Several opportunities for you to help define our congregational mission are happening:

"Rethinking Justice: a citywide Bible study preparing to answer the call to justice." May 17, 6-8 p.m., Eastridge Presbyterian Church, RSVP <https://but.ly/rethinkingjusticeepc>

Food Pantry Volunteers needed. To volunteer for filling: <https://bit.ly/FPMayFill>, for distribution: <https://bit.ly/FPMayDist>

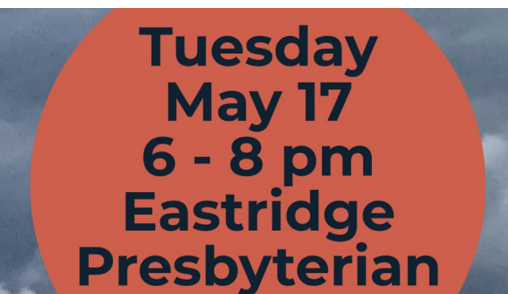
Contribute to G.R.O.W. a Garden. Separate your perennials to be planted in the garden north of the church (Call church office to record your offering). Make a monetary donation for an item on the WISH LIST (eastridge.org, "serve" tab, "give to" tab, "garden fund" tab). Save flat plastic items to be recycled into a garden bench (collection containers in Welcome Center).

Trailblazers for May: We will attend Lincoln Community Playhouse's production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" on May 20 (contact Susan Taylor for more information).



Condolences to Deb Stickney on the loss of her father, Frank Rezac.

Baptized today: Wyatt Cole Vonderschmidt, son of Cole and Nicole, grandson of Carl and Renae Oestmann.



Rethinking Justice:

a citywide scripture study for Lincoln/Lancaster area faith communities preparing to answer the call to do justice.

To sign up: <https://bit.ly/rethinkingjusticeepc> OR call the office.



G.R.O.W. a garden: Gather, Reflect, or Wander: We're announcing the next phase in the Sunrise Road Property Project! Last October we celebrated the completion of the addition to the Food Pantry and installation of an accessible ramp. Now we are developing a reflection garden immediately north of the church building. Plans include installing TREX benches (made from recycled plastic) and a strolling path surrounded by native shrubs and plantings to create a calming natural community space. Here's how to contribute: 1) Collect plastic bags and bring them to the collection boxes in the Welcome Center. 2) Divide the blooming and edible perennials in your garden and donate them to the garden; call the church office to add your name to the plant contributor list. 3) Fund an item on the Garden Wish List*; this would be the ideal honor for a Mother's Day or Father's Day gift. Go to the "Serve" tab on the Eastridge.org website menu to designate your gift. 4) Make a monetary donation designated to the Garden Project using the Eastridge.org website. 5) Volunteer your gardening skills to plant and nurture the Garden; call the church office to add your name to the volunteer list.



EPC Book Club:

Join us on June 13 at 7:00 pm to discuss *The Final Revival of Opal & Nev* by Dawnie Walton. Book club members, we will have next year's list of monthly picks available for discussion leader sign-up.



Ice Cream Social:

the Eastridge deacons will host an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 12 at 4:00 pm. Join us on the East Patio. More details to come!