



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!**

**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 17 each year):

**2022:** \$ 181,177 **2021:** \$ 210,797

To give online: <https://bit.ly/eastridgegiving>.

**YOUR GIVING MATTERS!**

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.**

**NexTrex**

We would like to thank our EPC Village for all of the kindness you have shown our family during the last months of Harley's illness, his hospice stay, and during the celebration of life service. First we had amazing, timely and empathetic pastoral care for Harley, Rose, and our family from Melodie, Thomas, Kris, Brian, and Brent throughout the entire time. Patty and Tena provided the most wonderful afternoon of music on behalf of the hospice singers. Melodie worked her magic in helping us decide what to do for the service; thanks to: Vince for live streaming the service and playing the videos; to Brent for providing amazing music for the service; and to Kris for serving as a security blanket for the kids during the service. Thanks to Andy for setting

up chairs, and to the army of volunteers who always show up to work these luncheons--thank you. Thanks to Donna who continues to accept and document memorial money for the pantry. And we continue to receive numerous cards of sympathy from our EPC friends. We are so blessed to be a part of this congregation.

Sincerely, *Rose, Robby, Kris, Hope & Paul and the extended Shortridge family*

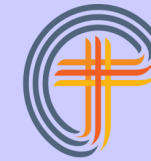
*thank you*

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**EASTRIDGE**  
 Presbyterian Church



*The weekly Lamp*

**TODAY AT EASTRIDGE**

9:00 am   Worship — IN PERSON

10:30 am   Worship — ONLINE & IN PERSON



**EASTRIDGE**  
**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.

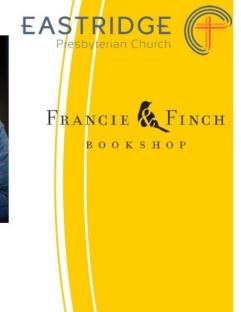
We also need **Food Pantry volunteers!** Please check out the sign ups below. Thank you in advance!

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>

**Sunday, June 26 at 3:00 pm at Eastridge**





## MATTHEW 25

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

A vital congregation is culturally relevant; they have figured how to speak to their mission field. They know who they are trying to reach and have the tools for reaching that population. Instead of being judgmental about the current realities, i.e. "Why don't families come

to worship together," we need to find creative ways to use the culture around us to attract participants. Blaming the culture because it has changed often becomes an excuse to give up and die. Yet, we still need to have standards as people of faith, not just be molded by the culture. Rather, it means we are willing to understand and use cultural doorways to help us reach out and be heard. We don't have to throw out the theological standards of our traditions. We allow the culture to inform how we make tactical decisions. Our theology gives us our large guiding principles; tactics allow us to speak to the culture around us. We can be mission-driven, but we need hands-on projects to engage folks in a culturally sensitive way. Reaching out into the variety of cultures in our community can include:

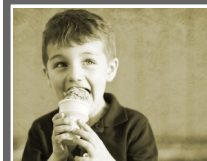
**Support the Sudan/South Sudan Mission Network Confer-**

**ence 2022, "Building Community: Celebrating the Diaspora & Educational Development."** Eastridge Presbyterian Church, August 3-4, 2022, Pre-register interest at [bit.ly/sssmnlnk2022](https://bit.ly/sssmnlnk2022)

Send a monetary gift to support the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance response** to the war in Ukraine:

<https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000156/>

Join author **Mary Pipher as she shares her memoirs collected in the new book, "A Life in Light: Meditations on Impermanence."** Tapping into a cultural moment to offer wisdom, hope, and insight into loss and change. June 26, 3:00 p.m., Eastridge Church. Pre-order book at: <https://bit.ly/marypipherbookorders>



### 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!

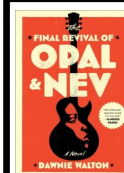


Over the next few months, we will be working on adding some of our worship elements back into our services. One of those elements is our acolytes at the 9:00am service. If you have a child in the 2nd grade or above, and they would like to participate, contact Kris Adler-Brammer at [kadlerbrammer@eastridge.org](mailto:kadlerbrammer@eastridge.org). We will schedule a training/refresher course to help them prepare and then get a schedule put together.



**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 signup.



**The Gathering Place in 2022:** The Gathering Place sign up for 2022 is available online!

Please read the instructions on the sign up before serving.

<https://bit.ly/thegatheringplace2022>