



The church nursery has re-opened, and we welcome infants through Pre-K aged children. The nursery is available for both services. We have moved the location of the nursery to room L13. It is located at the bottom of the stairs using the west staircase (next to the parking lot entry).



We are so thankful for those of you who continue to give! You can give by going to www.eastridge.org or by mailing your donation. We are currently approximately \$ 30,000 under where we were at this time last year. To give online: <https://bit.ly/eastridgegiving>.

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.**



"Let Freedom Ring" Annual July 4 concert, 9 am in Omaha. Come hear some patriotic, popular, and classical favorites from the University of Nebraska-Omaha carillon (bell tower) played by Eastridge's organist Brent Shaw on July 4 at 9 am in Omaha.

30 minutes; parking and attendance is free. 6001 Dodge St. Omaha, NE 68182.



Bring a blanket or chairs and sit outside and hear some festive favorites to begin the holiday. Concert is about

The concert from 2 years ago can be viewed at: https://youtu.be/U-4PAwC7e_w.

The **Eastridge Food Pantry** is in need of **volunteers!** Please check out the sign ups below. Thank you in advance!

June Filling boxes: <https://bit.ly/FPJuneFill>
June Distribution: <https://bit.ly/FPJuneDist>



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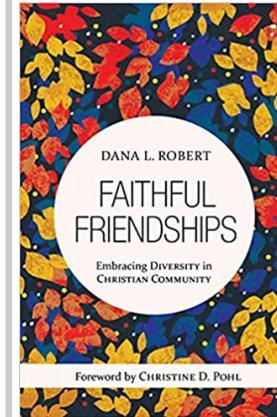
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The weekly Lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE

9:00 am Worship — IN PERSON
10:30 am Worship — ONLINE & IN PERSON
1:00 pm Special Musicians—Huxtable Lounge



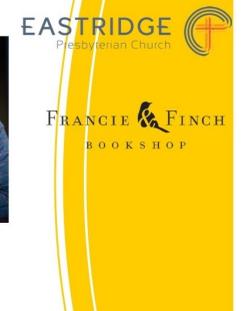
Summer Book Study: Faithful Friendships

Join Pastor Melodie as we explore Dana L. Robert's book, "Faithful Friendships; Embracing Diversity in Christian Community" Thursdays at 10 am this summer! Due to traveling schedules, this study will be held primarily at from 10am-11am on Zoom the following Thursdays: June 23, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 11, 18, and 25. However, in person (outside, weather permitting) gatherings are also planned! Please sign up in the church office by either calling the front desk or emailing office@eastridge.org.

Books available upon request.

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

Today is Father's Day and tomorrow, June 20, is World Refugee Day (WRD). The theme for WRD is "Whoever, Wherever, Whenever Everyone Has The Right To Seek Safety." When families are forced to flee their homes, parents put their faith in their ability to protect their children and provide a safer life than what is possible in their current situation. Sometimes, as we've seen in Ukraine, fathers are separated from their wives and children. They are needed to defend their country with the hope they will eventually be reunited

with their loved ones, either returning to their home country or joining them in a safe place. In other situations, families living in refugee camps awaiting transfer to a safer location are separated into a facility for men and another for women. Reuniting their family is a priority for those fathers. Prayers for families in these situations are desperately needed.

On World Refugee Day and in the weeks that follow, we need to keep joining our hearts and hands and voices to expand refugee welcome. As we rebuild and strengthen the refugee resettlement program and work to restore asylum protections, it is vital we hold the U.S. Administration and Congress accountable. Here are suggestions from the United Nations Refugee Program to help:

Encourage the Biden Administration to resettle as many refugees as possible this year and help the U.S. raise our goal to 125,000 refugees next year.

Tell your Members of Congress to invest in U.S. capacity to welcome refugees; we need robust funding for refugee and asylee services.

Create a place of welcome in your own community; ask your local officials to be a champion for refugees.

Help strengthen welcome for asylum seekers. Refugees who come directly to our shores need our voices, our support, and our prayers.

"A Day in the Life of Refugees." (Voice of America documentary, June 19, 2021, 1 hr. 36 min.) Video compiled by videographers sent all over the world on the same day to record refugees' experiences. <https://bit.ly/3NRmPb>

"Celebrate the Strength of Refugee Fathers." (United Nations Refugee Agency) Read the stories of six fathers who are determined to protect their families at all costs. <https://bit.ly/3aUnCnL>

Brian Lew will be offering an **adult beginner ukulele class** the week of July 11th. Classes will meet Monday through Thursday from 10:30-11:30. Registration is limited to 10 people. Contact Brian for more information/to sign up! (Ukuleles provided for class use)



G.R.O.W. Garden Wish List: Here is what we have so far!

Ivory Silk tree lilac \$250 (2)
Taylor juniper \$150 (7) Two purchased!
Autumn Brilliance \$130 (1)
Miss Kim lilac \$125 (5)
Autumn Jazz viburnum \$35 (3)
Cornelius cherry \$190 (2)
Royal Star magnolia \$150 (purchased!)

Strolling path \$50 per section (12 sections purchased!)

Sprinkler system contribution

To give, go to: Eastridge.org; Click on "Menu". Select "Serve/Give to Eastridge". Enter the amount of your donation. Pull down and select "Garden Fund". Use optional memo to indicate the specific item you want to contribute.



ROAD TRIP!

A SUMMER SERMON SERIES

The Babymoon June 19- Luke - Mary and Joseph are newly engaged, expecting a baby any day, and forced to make a trip back to Joseph's hometown to be included in the big census.

The Friend June 26 Trip - Luke - After Jesus rose from the dead, word begins to spread fast among his followers. Two of them are walking the seven miles to a town called Emmaus when they are joined by a man they don't recognize.

The Trip That Changed Your Life July 3- Acts – Saul/Paul

The Work Trip July 10- Acts & 2 Corinthians - During his lifetime, the Apostle Paul takes at least three major road trips through the lands around the Mediterranean.



The Gathering Place is going back to 5-6 volunteers per evening in July, and Eastridge is eliminating the Sunday slot. We are back to 5 volunteers on the 4th Monday of each month starting in July. The sign up is updated online! Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/thegatheringplace2022>

Nebraska Corona Bible – Summer 2022 update: The Nebraska Corona Bible has been written and most recently scanned. Now we are looking for volunteers to help review a printed-out copy of the scan, to make sure everything is in order and complete. Can you help us? You can sign up for a time slot on Wed. June 22 or 29 here: <https://bit.ly/NCBreview>

