



Did you know? The current phone system at Eastridge will forward your call to a pastor in case of pastoral emergencies. Just call the church number (402)488-7844, and dial a pastor's extension. Voicemails can be left, and are checked periodically.

To the EPC Deacons, prayer chain, members & friends:

Just a note to say thank you for all the prayers and well wishes during my time of recovery after a recent brain surgery. I want you to know how much love and support I felt, knowing how many in this community went to the throne on my behalf. You all made me feel so cared for. Thank you. *Fondly, Chris Boden*

Thank You!

FOR VOLUNTEERS: Sign ups for November are below.

Wednesday and Sunday Distribution: <https://bit.ly/FPNovDist>

Filling boxes: <https://bit.ly/FPNovFill>

Thank you volunteers, we could not do it without you!



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Trailblazers: Stop in Huxtable Tuesday morning, November 22 at 9:30 am (Thanksgiving week!) just to connect and have a cup of coffee. No agenda, no time limit: just connect with friends. Church staff will provide coffee and treats that morning!



Trailblazers for November: We will gather November 18 to clean church pews. Meet at 7:00 p.m.—Sanctuary and Welcome Center. Committee: Hicks, Stading. A copy of the Trailblazers Trek for 2022-2023 is available on the church website, on the calendar page.

Eastridge Church Staff

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Dr. Brian Lew.....Director of Music Ministries
Donna Gustafson.....Office Manager
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The weekly Lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE

Ten Thousand Villages Youth Fundraiser in Welcome Center

10:00 am Worship — IN PERSON and online
11:00 am Congregational Meeting — Sanctuary
11:20 am Coffee and Fellowship— Narthex



ten thousand villages.

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES – We will be hosting a POP-UP sale for Ten Thousand Villages **TODAY through Tuesday** in the Welcome Center at the church. Church and neighborhood members will be invited to come shop and hopefully start your Christmas shopping!



The **Worship and Music Committee** is sponsoring another calendar fundraiser for our choral scholars. Last year the calendars raised \$ 1,800 for the choral scholar program at Eastridge.

A sign up is available at the Welcome Desk. Checks payable to West Door Studios for \$ 30, checks can be left in the office inbox. If paying via Venmo, account info at right.



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LET'S CELEBRATE &
GIVE THANKS TOGETHER

Following 10 am worship and a short congregational meeting

A SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR
HOSTED BY THE DEACONS
IN THE WELCOME CENTER
NOVEMBER 15, 2022

The **Annual Meeting** to nominate and elect officers, and to approve Pastor's Terms of Call is **TODAY**, directly following **ONE service of worship** (in person and online) at 10:00 am. Desserts/brunch goodies will be served by the deacons that morning!

Names for November 13 meeting: **Trustees:** Barry Stelk, Robbie Shortridge, Neil Bateman. **Nominating:** Cheryl Byler, Cathy Duling. **Elders:** Kris Brenneis (Worship/Music), Carolyn Olsen (Adult Education), Carolyn Brandle (Fellowship), Hope Shortridge (Youth).

Deacons: Jan Skala, Richard Neal, Charlene Neal, Tim Hansen, Berna Stading. **Memorials & Endowments:** Paul Harmon, Bill Woito.



MATTHEW 25

Dignity” is defined as “a sense of pride in oneself; self-respect.” Maintaining dignity is necessary for us to feel worthwhile and perceive that we are contributing to the well-being of ourselves and our family. Dignity nourishes hope, but without the means to care for ourselves, dignity is hard to maintain. For individuals who find accessing the Eastridge Food Pantry (EFP) their only way to feed and care for themselves and their loved ones, offering a dignified way to accept help shows our love for our neighbors.

EPC provides a loving atmosphere when patrons can select their own items in a dignified, empowered manner. Family food preferences guided by religious and medical constraints are honored by creating a setting that is similar to most grocery shoppers who make their own choices. The three attributes that we must possess to have a sense of well-being are dignity, hope, and purpose. As it says in the lyrics to “The Greatest Love of All,” “No matter what they take from me, they can’t take away my dignity.”

Eastridge Food Pantry collection for the week of November 13-19:

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

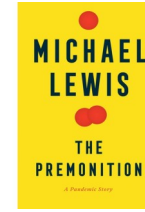


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ChurchLife app info: Beginning November 1, you will no longer be able to download the ChurchLife app. IF YOU ALREADY HAVE IT on your phone, you will still be able to access it. For those who are interested in this app, click below for more information: <https://bit.ly/churchlifeinfo>

All Saints Sunday: In the church’s calendar, a special day is set aside to remember all those who have joined the church triumphant. All Saints Day will be celebrated in worship TODAY!



Book club for November 14 (tomorrow night!):

Join us to discuss *The Premonition* by Michael Lewis TOMORROW NIGHT, the 14th, at 7:00 pm in the conference room. Treats and discussion leader is Pat Schwan. For a list of this year’s selections, head to the church website, What’s New menu, then Calendar.



Next Sunday is **Eastridge Presbyterian Women’s Thank Offering Sunday.**

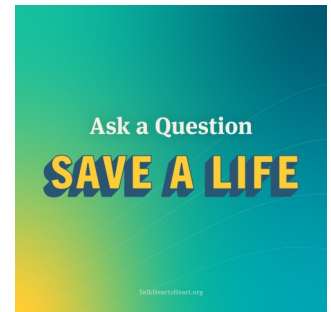
Eastridge’s PW has 4 circles with a total of 32 members. In the circles, we meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month and have Bible study and fellowship.

Since 1888, Presbyterian women have expressed their deep sense of gratitude for God’s blessings in their lives by giving back to people in their communities and around the world. Through the Thank Offering we can help fund programs that provide education, relief from disasters, safe housing, cooking instruction, training for justice and advocacy work, and so much more. EPW is asking you to join in this offering. Envelopes are in the bulletin. Please place the envelopes in the basket on the table next to the door in the Welcome Center or send or bring to the church office. Last year financial assistance from the Thank Offering of all Presbyterian Women in the United States funded 10 projects, 2 internationally and 8 in the United States.



Faith Partners at Eastridge will be sponsoring a QPR training on **Wednesday, November 16!** Join us in the **Huxtable Lounge** from **6:00-7:00 pm** (parents: it’s conveniently scheduled during youth!)

Not just for parents, this training helps us recognize warning signs in others. QPR is a suicidal thinking, behavior, attempts prevention training for participants to be able to recognize the warning signs and question, persuade, and refer people at risk (for help). RSVP encouraged but not necessary! There will be food!



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your response to our stewardship campaign so far! If you still have not turned in a pledge card, our finance committee welcomes the opportunity to better plan a church budget for 2023. For comparison: in

2022, 93 family units pledged to support Eastridge financially. This year, we are currently at 60 family units. This difference means we are approximately **\$ 130,000 less/short** in our pledged gifts toward the 2023 budget. **Thank you for your gifts and pledges!**