



**Justice in Action** listening sessions are under way and you are invited to join one of the conversations!

Each year Justice in Action begins their work by listening to voices in our congregations. Your engagement in these sessions helps us determine what issues are affecting our city and county. Please join us at one of the following gatherings:

- ♦ Sunday, Oct. 1 at 10:45am in the Huxtable Lounge (TODAY!)
- ♦ Sunday, Oct. 15 at 7:00 at Eastmont Towers

**IN THE MILITARY:** The church is updating their list of military individuals. If someone in your family serves/has served, please let the office know.



**Faith Connection for Youth:** Youth programming is on Wednesdays from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

For this school year, our time together will include dinner, recreation, fellowship, and study. Sign up to serve a meal to the youth! **Sign up is here:**

<https://bit.ly/youthmeal2324>

#### Eastridge Church Staff

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# Our Staff

**EASTRIDGE**  
Presbyterian Church



*The weekly Lamp*

#### **TODAY AT EASTRIDGE**

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| 9:30 am  | Worship —Sanctuary and online                       |
| 10:45 am | Justice in Action Listening Session—Huxtable Lounge |
| 12:45 pm | Special Musicians—Huxtable Lounge                   |



**TODAY in worship:** Pastor: Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth. Worship Connection: Kris Adler-Brammer. Liturgist: Paul Shortridge.

Musicians: Chancel Choir, Vilynn Decker (trumpet), Will McGuire, Brent Shaw.

**Faith Partners:** Eastridge Faith Partners' mission statement: The Eastridge Presbyterian Church Faith Partners offers alcohol, drug, and other addictions awareness, prevention, education, referral assistance and recovery support to the people served by this congregation in a safe, non-judgmental environment. Contact the office if you'd like to be a part of this committee!



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We have some wonderful opportunities in place for our children and youth coming this fall. Our volunteer opportunities vary in commitment and preparation – they can be a weekly, twice a month, or even monthly commitment. We will need: **Teachers** – prepare and teach a lesson. At this time, we do not have enough people to cover our class needs. **Youth Group advisors** – lead recreation, prepare and teach a lesson/activity. **Meal Providers** – prepare a snack for the afterschool program or provide dinner for the youth group. If you think you might be interested in assisting the children and youth programming and would like additional information about these opportunities, please talk with Kris Adler-Brammer.



**COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES:** It is time to send care packages to our EPC college students! We hope you might be willing to donate some items that we can

use to fill the boxes to the brim. Below you can find a list of some of the favorites. Once you have shopped, the items can be dropped off in the church office. If you don't want to go out a shop, you can also purchase online and just have it shipped to the church. If you are looking for ideas, you can you the following link to access our Amazon Wishlist. (<https://a.co/e4dn6le>) Please send it ATTN: Kris Adler-Brammer. And if you aren't up for shopping, cash donations are also helpful to purchase those last additional items or help cover the cost of postage (\$17.10 per box shipped).

· Individual servings of cookies, oatmeal, crackers, etc.

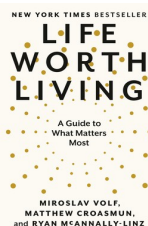
· Mac n Cheese (in the packets), ramen noodles

· Halloween candy, granola bars/protein bars, gum, crystal light/drink powder packages

· Laundry pods (non-scented), dryer sheets (non-scented)

· Highlighters, pens· Band-aids, cough drops, small hand sanitizer

We will be filling about 30 care packages so items in multiples are appreciated. If you have any questions about donating, please feel free to contact Kris Adler-Brammer at [kadlerbrammer@eastridge.org](mailto:kadlerbrammer@eastridge.org). Please have all items to the church office by Thursday, October 26th so we will have everything to pack them up on Sunday, October 29th.



### Life Worth Living study:

We are offering an **IN PERSON** option for this study, led by **Bill Bevans**. We will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in M12 (started this past week, it's not too late to join). Inquire in the office about books, or pick yours up at the Welcome Desk if you plan to join the study. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/lifeworthlivinginperson>



The **Eastridge Food Pantry**: The **Food Pantry** made some changes in March. Wednesday distribution will only be for in-person shoppers. There will not be drive thru available on Wednesdays. Sunday distribution will only be for drive-thru boxes. There will be no in-person shopping available on Sundays. Here are the links for volunteers:

Distribution: <https://bit.ly/FPDistFood> Filling boxes: <https://bit.ly/FPFillingBoxes>

**Congratulations** to Nyabuoy Chan and family on the birth of baby Sarah, who arrived last Sunday, September 24!

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP: To provide flowers for the front of the sanctuary on Sundays for worship, head to this sign up : <https://bit.ly/flowersworship>



**Faith Connection for Elementary Children:** Our elementary aged faith formation program resumed on **Tuesday, September 12**. This is an after school program that allows two hours with our children to build relationships and develop faith. The Tuesday afternoon daily schedule begins with the completion of the school day (including early out days) and concludes at 5:30pm.

**This year's Peace and Global Witness Offering** celebrates the 40th anniversary of the PC(USA)'s Commitment to Peacemaking. By confirming the Commitment congregations of the PCUSA...

- declare that working for peace is an essential mission priority
- establish a framework for implementing peacemaking
- invite members to work for peace in their own lives, households, communities, and the world
- challenge themselves to grow in and pass on peace-making ministries to future generations.

Eastridge Presbyterian Church will receive this offering during worship on October 22. One-fourth of the offering will be retained by EPC and used to support PCUSA mission coworkers Bob and Kristi Rice in their work addressing trauma due to warfare and civil upheaval in South Sudan. (The Rices will be worshipping with us on October 22.)



EPC Book Club: Our next selection is *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison.

This group meets the second Monday of each month from September to June. Check out the entire list on the Eastridge website, under the menu "What's New" and by clicking on Calendar. Or, just head here (link available in online version):

[Book Club - Eastridge Presbyterian Church - Lincoln, Nebraska](#)