



Eastridge Presbyterian Women Cookie Sale is December 8.

Ladies, you may drop off your cookies on Saturday December 7 from 2-4pm or the morning of the sale.

Join us this Advent at Eastridge Presbyterian Church!

- ◆ Sunday Worship at 9:30 am followed by food for the journey and the soul!
- ◆ December 1 - homemade quick breads, coloring, and conversation
- ◆ December 8 - savory breads, stuffing stockings for the Gathering Place, and the EPW Cookie Sale
- ◆ December 15 - charcuterie boards and Christmas carols
- ◆ December 22 - warm homemade breads and jams
- ◆ Special Christmas Music every week by our choirs, musicians, and congregation
- ◆ Tuesday lunch devotion and meal on Zoom at 12:15 pm with Pastors Thomas and Melodie



ADVENT CALENDARS: Pick up an advent calendar that is part of the "From the Manger" Advent series we are working through this season.

Calendars are available at the Welcome Desk!



Eastridge Church Staff

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EASTRIDGE
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The weekly lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—December 1

9:30 am	Worship —Sanctuary and online
10:30 am	Fellowship with homemade quick breads, coloring, conversation—Welcome Center
1:00 pm	NA Monthly Meeting—Fellowship Hall



TODAY in worship

Pastors: Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth. **Music:** Iesha Clanton, Daniel Ikpeama, Michael Jha (vocalists); Brett Meier (drums); Bob Fusion (saxophone); Brent Shaw. **Advent Candle:** Olsen family



EPC FOOD PANTRY December 1 FOOD DRIVE: We're looking for holiday baking supplies such as sugar, brown sugar, powdered sugar, shortening, oil cocoa powder, chocolate chips. Hot chocolate mixes, pie filling, graham cracker crusts, cookie and cake mixes, gingerbread house or cookie kits are popular. Boxed potatoes, stuffings and gravy or mixes are good ideas as well. **Please plan to bring your food December 1!**

Due to the war in the Middle East, the **Peace Light** will not be brought out of the grotto this year. We can still spread the Peace Light and its message of peace and friendship through our network of Keepers of the Light. We have kept the flame going throughout the year, and will be **sharing it in worship on December 8 and both Christmas Eve services at 5 pm and 7 pm.** Additionally, the light will be available by special request through the office.





Pledge cards and stewardship letters have gone out in the mail! The estimated giving card (pledge card) will help us formulate a budget for 2025. We encourage you to discuss and pray over your giving before filling out the card and returning it to the office by November 24 (you may also leave in the offering plate). Pledge cards and letters are also available at the welcome desk!

Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:

Distribution: <https://bit.ly/FPDistFood>

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

IDEAS FOR PANTRY DONATIONS (Food Drive December 1!):

sugar, brown sugar, powdered sugar, shortening, oil, cocoa powder, salt, pepper, cinnamon, vanilla, chocolate chips, hot chocolate mixes, pie fillings, graham cracker

crusts, cookie and cake mixes, gingerbread house kits, boxed potatoes, stuffing mixes, gravy or gravy mixes, instant oatmeal packages, jams and jellies, condiments (ketchup, mayo, mustard).



Angel Tree at Eastridge~ This year we will be sharing gift cards with neighbors residing at Fresh Start in Lincoln. Gift cards provide the women in the Fresh Start community with opportunities to make personal choices that reflect their own wishes and preferences—something most of us also appreciate and enjoy. To participate in sharing the spirit of the season in this way:

- *Take one or more envelopes from the tree.
- *Place a gift card (\$25 is the suggested amount) in the envelope and seal it with the sticker you'll find inside.

*On the envelope, fill in the business where the card may be used and the amount of the gift card, if different than \$25.

*Return the envelope to the black mailbox beside the **office door on or before December 8.**

Some favorite places to patronize shared by women at Fresh Start include Walmart, Target, gas stations, Bath and Body Works, Starbucks, and fast food restaurants (Burger King, Amigoss or McDonald's.)



Thank you for your gifts in 2024! Help us reach our end of year giving goal of \$ 550,000. **We are currently at \$ 411,599 in general fund giving in 2024.**

Finance Report

Thank you for giving to the ministries of Eastridge Presbyterian Church!

Flowers in worship today provided by Berna Stading and family in memory of Ken Stading.



Check out the insert in today's bulletin to provide poinsettias during advent.



Per Capita/Denominational Giving: For 2024 the assessed Per Capita is \$ 37.50 per member of Eastridge. However, if you are so called, a gift of \$100 will help us cover our denominational funding obligations and assist those who may not be able to contribute towards this obligation.

For more information, check out the December newsletter.



Calendar fundraiser: It's back! By purchasing a 2025 nature/wildlife calendar you'll be helping out two valuable EPC ministries. 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 listed on the sign up, and here.

This year the fundraiser will benefit both **Children's & Music ministries at Eastridge!**



West Door Studios Donna Gustafson Photography
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Red Cross Blood Drive: Eastridge is sponsoring another Blood Drive!

Please consider donating blood on Tuesday, December 10, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM in Huxtable Lounge. In only 30 minutes you can help save a life!

Schedule a Blood, Platelet or Plasma Donation | American Red Cross red-crossblood.org)



ADVENT DEVOTION & MEDITATION: Pastors Melodie & Thomas will be doing a weekly lunchtime zoom devotion/meditation/communion service. It will be at 12:15pm on Tuesdays, starting December 3. Link here for zoom:

<https://bit.ly/adventzooomeastridge>