

The **January Annual Meeting** will be Sunday, January 26, following worship.

Committee leaders, please turn in your submissions for the Annual Report by Sunday, January 19.



**Sunday, January 19 (TODAY!) – Justice in Action - MLK Prayer Vigil**

6pm at the Lancaster County Jail - 3801 West O St. - Enter at "Visitor's Entrance"



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. reminds us that "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." As we honor his legacy, we gather not only to reflect on his enduring call for justice but also to acknowledge the lives of those within our jails—people whose voices and stories are often left in the shadows.

This vigil is an opportunity to stand together as a community united in compassion, hope, and a shared commitment to justice. Through the power of collective presence, we will honor Dr. King's vision of a more equitable world while lifting up the dignity and humanity of those impacted by incarceration. Join us as we shine a light on the darkness of injustice and affirm the values of mercy, equity, and solidarity. Let this vigil serve as both a moment of reflection and a call to action as we continue to work to expand access to diversion and connect people to the resources they need. **It will be cold, but the program will be no longer than 20 or 25 minutes! Dress warm and show up for justice!**

**Eastridge Church Staff**

Rev. Dr. Melodie Jones Pointon.....Senior Pastor  
Rev. Thomas Dummermuth.....Associate Pastor  
Kris Adler-Brammer.....Youth and Children's Ministries  
Donna Gustafson.....Office Manager  
Andy Kalnins.....Night/Weekend Custodian  
Brent Shaw.....Choir Director/Organist  
Will McGuire.....Worship Leader  
Vince Ruhl.....Director of Online Worship  
Brett Meier.....A/V Tech  
Sydney Mitchell.....Nursery attendant  
Laura Siemsen.....Administrative Assistant  
Kristen Unterseher.....Choir Accompanist

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**EASTRIDGE**  
Presbyterian Church



*The weekly lamp*

**TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—January 19**

- 9:30 am Worship —Sanctuary and online
- 10:30 am Fellowship - Welcome Center
- 10:45 am Confirmation Informational Meeting—M12

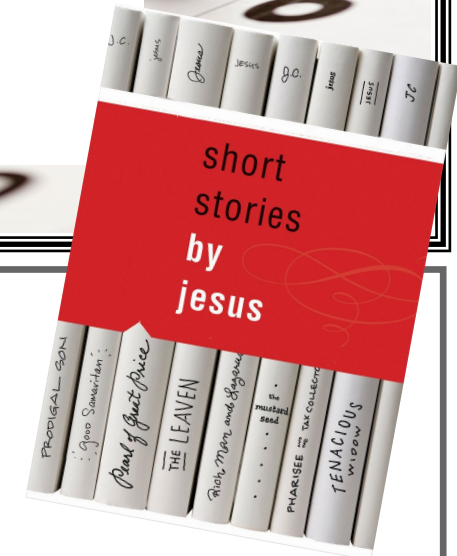
**TODAY in worship:**

**Pastors:** Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth

**Worship Connection:** Kris Adler-Brammer

**Liturgist:** Doug McDaniel

**Music:** Chancel Choir, Kristen Unterseher, Jonah Bennett, Will McGuire, Brent Shaw, Sara Bevans, Hope Shortridge



CHANGING THE WORLD  
CONFIRMATION FOR THE MISSIONAL CHURCH



**New Confirmation Plans at Eastridge!**

We are excited to announce new plans for Eastridge Presbyterian Church's confirmation journey!

After thoughtful planning and collaboration, we are transitioning to a new, missional confirmation model. This approach aligns closely with our church's commitment to living out faith through action, as inspired by Matthew 25. To share more about these plans, we invite all parents, caregivers, and prospective confirmands to an informational meeting **TODAY, Sunday, January 19, following worship in M12.**



**Sign up to provide a meal for our youth!** Each Wednesday evening, youth group begins with a meal. Providing a meal includes a main dish, side(s), and dessert. The church provides drinks and all the paper products. This year the group will consist of about 12 people.

Link is here: <https://bit.ly/youthmeal2425>



**Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:**

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

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

Thank you for your donations to our December **Food Pantry Food Drive**: The pantry took in \$ 3,070 in monetary donations plus 488 pounds of food.

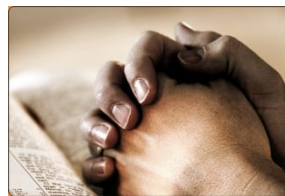


EASTRIDGE  
FOOD PANTRY

The **2025 liturgist sign up** is now online!

Here is the link: <https://bit.ly/liturgist2025epc>

Let the office or a pastor know if you are interested in serving as a liturgist on Sunday mornings.



**THE GATHERING PLACE:** Eastridge Presbyterian Church arranges to provide 4-5 volunteers at The Gathering Place, a local soup kitchen, on the 4th Monday of each month. For more information on what this entails, contact the church office.

Thank you to all Eastridge members who volunteer to serve at The Gathering Place.

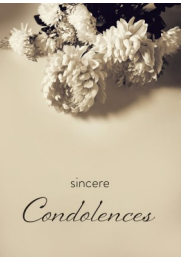
**Updated sign up:** <https://bit.ly/gatheringplace2025epc>

VOLUNTEER



**Prayers:** Condolences to Alice Kruse following the loss of her sister and her brother, within eight days of each other.

**Prayers to the family of Duane Olsen.** Duane's memorial will be held February 1 at 2:00 pm at Eastridge. **Prayers for the family of Virginia Dietrich.** Virginia's funeral was held Friday, January 17 at Eastridge.



**Sudan/South Sudan Mission Network: Online Meeting**



Join us on Tuesday, January 28 at 11:00 am via Zoom (Zoom connection available in Huxtable that day as well). Check out the recent email from the church (or the flyer on the bulletin board near M12) for more information.

**Fourth Friday Women's Coffee Fellowship:**

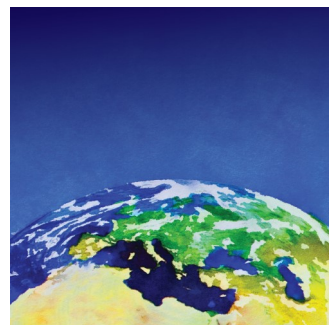
This fellowship group resumes in January!

Join the ladies in Huxtable on January 24 at 8:30 am for our monthly coffee fellowship! Let the office know if you would like to be included in an email reminder.



**The Green Team** is excited to announce our 2025 strategy!

The team has identified nine potential projects so far including: solar panel, EV charger, and heat pump installation; old window replacement; continued light fixture, LED light, and timer/motion sensor installation; basement stove replacement; and critical electrical and technology infrastructure upgrades. Stay tuned as the team works to accomplish their goals - and please join us if you are interested in assisting!



The **EPC Book Club** meets the second Monday of each month September through June at 7:00 pm. Locations vary...check the Welcome Center for info when you arrive!

Our selection at right, *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks, is our pick for February.

Join us February 10 at 7:00 pm in M12 for discussion and refreshments.

