



Our families with young children recently received a "Lenten Book Bag" with books and activities to explore this Lent. With a grant from the PC(USA) as well as funds from our budget we were able to gift: *Psalms of Wonder* by Carey Wallace and Khoa Le; *Little Prayers for Everyday Life* by Traci Smith and Anna Jones; and *Ordinary Blessings for Parents* by Meta Herrick Carlson. These books were distributed through our Tuesday Afterschool Program.



Join the **Eastridge Presbyterian Green Team Facebook** page for information on what the group is doing here at Eastridge plus general information on climate and how to be a better steward of the earth. Contact the church office for an invitation to the group! Not on Facebook? Contact the office for a monthly flyer on the Facebook group activity.

FAITH COALITION FOR APRIL:

Monday, April 9 | 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Huxtable Lounge

In-Person or Online. Bring your own brown bag lunch if attending in person.

Zoom access available via website www.lancasterfaith.org

We hope you'll join us for this important conversation!

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The weekly lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—April 6

- 9:30 am Worship—Sanctuary and online
- 10:30 am Packing College boxes—M12
- 11:00 am Session Meeting—Huxtable Lounge
- 1:00 pm Special Musicians—Narthex or M12



TODAY in worship:

Pastors: Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth

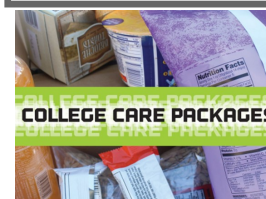
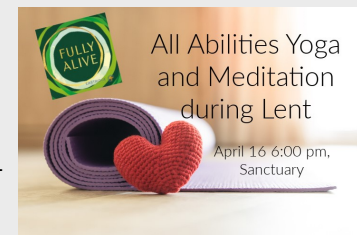
Worship Connection: Kris Adler-Brammer

Music: Men's Choir, Will McGuire, Brent Shaw

LENT AT EASTRIDGE:

Tuesday, April 8, 5 pm - Join us for a food taste test (Welcome Center)

Wednesday, April 16, 6 pm - All abilities yoga and meditation (Sanctuary)



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES:

Join us **TODAY following worship** to pack college care boxes in M12!



Trailblazers is a group of older adults at Eastridge that provides an opportunity for men and women, singles as well as couples, to participate together in the life of the church—in service and fellowship. We usually meet the third Friday night of the month, September through May.

April 18: **Dine Out – Olive Garden.** Meet at 6:00 pm at O Street location.



Join us at Eastridge during Holy Week!

Sunday, April 13, 9:30 am - Palm Sunday
Worship

Wednesday, April 16, 6 pm-7 pm - All abilities
yoga and meditation (sanctuary)

Thursday, April 17, 6 pm - Maundy Thursday dinner followed by service at 6:45 pm (welcome center)

Friday, April 18, 12 pm - Good Friday worship

Easter Sunday, April 20, 6:30 am - Sunrise Service (weather permitting, east patio)

Easter Sunday, April 20, 9:30 am - worship with traditions old and new (sanctuary)



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>



Did you know that public safety increases when diversion programs are used in lieu of incarceration?

Did you know that one of the top three reasons an individual is currently sitting in the Lancaster County jail is due to failing to appear in court?

The **Adult Pre-trial Diversion research team** is working to increase opportunities for non-violent offenders to participate in diversion programs.

Plan to attend the **NEHEMIAH ASSEMBLY** where we will ask local officials to create better alternatives: May 1, 6:30-8:00pm at St. Mark United Methodist Church. For questions, contact: sara-bevans62@gmail.com or visit the Justice in Action website at: www.justice-in-action.org



Eastridge Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team: Wednesday, April 16 at 12:15 pm – Room M12

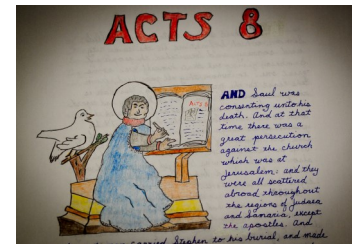
EPW GATHERING: Wednesday, April 16 at 1:00 pm in Huxtable for Program

Topic: **Nebraska Attorney General's Office: Protect the Good Life (info on fraud).**



Easter flowers: If you wish to provide a spring flower for the church sanctuary for Easter Sunday, please complete a form and mail or bring to the church office by April 11. Flowers will be a variety: lilies, tulips, hyacinths, daffodils. Forms are at the Welcome Desk.

Care Connections Spring Gathering is April 10! If you are part of our community that is committed to caring for each other in intentional ways, we'd love to see you at our April 10 Spring Gathering! We'll meet at 6 pm for dinner and fellowship, and also some conversations about the ways we care for each other in this community. We'll be done by 8 pm, in time to get home before it gets too dark!



Looking for something to "take up" during Lent? Purchase a copy of the **Nebraska Corona Bible** in flash drive format and enjoy daily readings on your computer! Brochures are at the Welcome Desk, or inquire in the office. The office has several copies available, no waiting for your order! Great to give as a gift as well. Many of the submissions include artwork (photo at left).

Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:

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

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



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People's Lives Are Changed: You help real people in the U.S. and around the globe recover from disasters, fight systemic poverty and hunger, and develop the skills they need to transform their communities in ways only they know how.

We Are Called to be Repairers of the Breach: Isaiah 58 says, "If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted ... you shall be called repairers

of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in."

We can do so much more together than individually: Each of us can make an impact in a small way, but when we join together, through One Great Hour of Sharing, we can do so much more. It is the single largest way Presbyterians come together to make a difference in the world.

