

Hi EPC friends! I am reaching out for your help. **I am in need of newspapers for an activity we will be doing at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium** at the end of the month. It doesn't matter where the paper is from or how big. I can use them all. And if you have a neighbor or two who gets the paper, I would love to take those too. They can be dropped off at the church anytime between now and July 22nd. And if you can't make it to the church, I can pick them up the week of July 21st. Thank you in advance for the help!

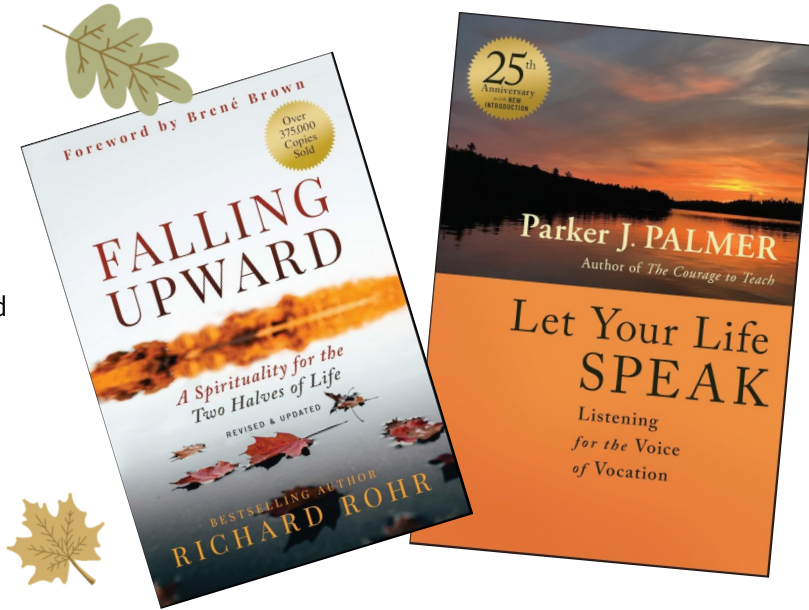
~ Kris Adler-Brammer



**Save the Date: Fall Retreat
September 12-13 | Camp Calvin
Crest**

In a world that rewards achievement and constant motion, what happens when we begin to listen more deeply—to the quiet voice within, to the seasons of our soul, to the wisdom found in falling and rising again?

Join us this fall for a weekend of reflection, rest, and renewal inspired by Richard Rohr's *Falling Upward* and Parker Palmer's *Let Your Life Speak*.
More details and registration coming soon.



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The weekly lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—July 20

9:30 am Worship —Sanctuary and online
10:30 am Ice Cream, Coffee, Fellowship—Welcome Center
1:00 pm Special Musicians—Huxtable Lounge



TODAY in worship:

Pastors: Melodie Jones Pointon

Liturgist: Doug McDaniel

Worship Connection: Kris Adler-Brammer

Music: Brent Shaw, Michael Jha

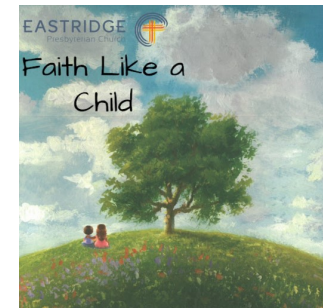


July 20—TODAY!—If I Drove an Ice Cream Truck by Cat in the Hat

Of course we're having ice cream for breakfast following worship!

July 27—Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

Following worship, we'll watch an episode of Mr. Rogers in the sanctuary!



Summer Sermon Series:

Faith Like a
Child



Would you like a child's chair?

We have more small wooden children's chairs than we know what to do with! If you would like to take a couple home with you, we would love for them to find homes where they can be used! They have been well loved but are still in sturdy condition. People are welcome to take them for **FREE**. If you would like a chair or two, there is a stash of them behind the Welcome Desk.



What is a Land Acknowledgment?

We can trace the beginnings of Land Acknowledgment from Australia through Canada to the United States. Its original intention was to "give honor to the Aboriginal peoples and as a way to increase the rights of these Indigenous peoples." It is most often a statement recognizing that a building or event is on land originally inhabited by Native Americans.

Why would EPC consider a Land Acknowledgment?

The 223rd General Assembly (held in 2018), urged many church bodies to consider this as a step in dismantling racism and addressing the denomination's



historic harms against Indigenous people. Following her sabbatical last year where she researched her genealogy and her family's journey west along to

Mormon Trail, Rev. Dr. Melodie Jones Pointon (Senior Pastor and Moderator of the Session) asked the Session to consider establishing a committee to explore the desire for a Land Acknowledgment at EPC.

Who will be on the committee? We are currently asking members if they would like to serve in this way. The committee will include diversity of voices, including

Native American heritage. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact the office or email mjonespointon@eastridge.org.

Fourth Friday Women's Coffee: Join us July 25 at 8:30 am in Huxtable Lounge for coffee and fellowship! This group meets monthly except for November and December. Bring your own coffee, or the office can make you a cup!



Looking ahead - a sneak peek at what's happening in August:

Dreams play an important role in the biblical narrative. This August, we'll explore the some of the dreams we find in scripture, and how God is speaking to us through dreams. As we enter the last month of summer and help prepare our scholars, teachers, and education staff for the coming year, we'll share our own dreams with each other. Oh, and of course, we'll also have some fun along the way!



Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:

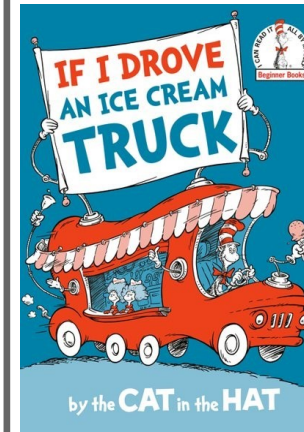
Distribution: <https://bit.ly/FPDistFood>

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



Prayers: contact the church office to be included here or in an online prayer group.

"Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you." ~ Jeremiah 29:12



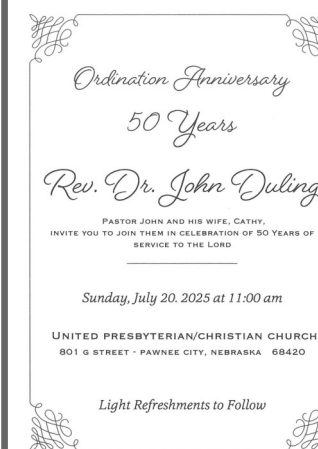
TODAY'S BOOK referenced in the sermon: *If I Drove an Ice Cream Truck* by the Cat in the Hat

The Cat in the Hat imagines driving an ice cream truck with Thing One and Thing Two as his helpers in this hilarious new Beginner Book—and follow-up to If I Were Saint Nick by the Cat in the Hat—that's perfect for summer reading! No one's immune to the jingle of an ice cream truck—even the Cat in the Hat! And in this funny easy-reader, the Cat imagines driving his own. Hop on for a wild ride as he whips up magical Glow Cones that light up, wobbly Shake-a-Lot Shakes with tiny legs, super-cold Slushies that could freeze a swimming pool, and loads more yummy, zany treats!



Sunday, August 10, at 9:30 am is the blessing of our scholars and backpacks!

It's also pajama day at church! OR: wear comfy clothes or your favorite "school" (alma mater) shirt.



Ordination Anniversary - 50 Years—Rev. Dr. John Duling

Pastor John and his wife, Cathy, invite you to join them in celebration of 50 years of service to the Lord. **Sunday, July 20, (TODAY!) at 11:00 am**

United Presbyterian/Christian Church, 801 G Street, Pawnee City, Nebraska

Light refreshments to follow

Ordination verse: *Jesus says "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work." John 4:34*