

A Birthday Celebration!

Both of our pastors are turning 50 this summer/fall! Pastor Melodie’s birthday was August 11, Pastor Thomas’s is September 26.

Join us following worship on September 7 for refreshments and wish them a happy birthday!

Baskets will be available for cards.



Check out the September newsletter (copies at the Welcome Desk!) for information on our many ministries and programs at Eastridge!

Newsletter



Eastridge Presbyterian Women: EPW starts a new year in September. Bible studies (in three Circle groups) meet the first Wednesday of each month and we gather as a group on the third Wednesday four times a year. If you are interested in joining one of the Circles, please contact Pat Grieser at 402-488-8678, or email office@eastridge.org. Look for yearbooks and study books in the Welcome Center today! Our book this year is *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* by Rosalind Banbury.



The Food Pantry is again in need of your clean plastic bags from grocery/retail use. You may leave them in the grocery cart in the Welcome Center.

Thank you!

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
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EASTRIDGE
Presbyterian Church



The weekly lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—August 31

9:30 am	Worship —Sanctuary and online
10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship—Welcome

TODAY in worship:

Pastors: Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth
Worship Connection: Kris Adler-Brammer
Music: Nancy Hall

Happy Labor Day weekend!



Faith Formation for Youth:
Begins Wednesday, September 3.

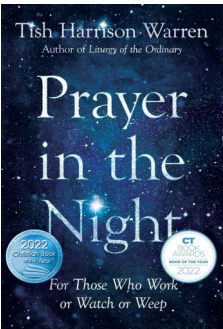
Faith Formation for Elementary Age:
Begins Tuesday September 9.

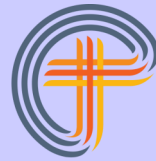


Prayer in the Night: For Those Who Work or Watch or Weep by Tish Harrison Warren

This book offers a prayerful and frank approach to the difficulties in our ordinary lives at work, at home, and in a world filled with uncertainty. This study meets Wednesday evenings in September from 6 pm - 7 pm (starting Sept 3). Study led by Pastor Melodie.

Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/epcprayerinthenight>





We need Volunteers to help with the Lefler Food Market! In 2017 Lefler Middle School started the Lefler Food Market to serve students and families in need. Eastridge Presbyterian Church provides 3 volunteers each month to help for this once a month Food Market, on the first Wednesday of the month. The Market takes place during the school year, September-May. We have a Sign-up Genius link if you are interested in volunteering: <https://bit.ly/epclefler2526>



Community volunteers needed!

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for Lancaster County trains and supports volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children and be a voice for them. When everything else in a child's life is in chaos, a CASA is a stable adult presence giving the child a fighting chance to gain a voice, achieve safety and stability, and develop a sense of self-worth. CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to advocate for a child's best interests until the case is

closed and the child is in a safe, permanent home. CASA volunteers make sure children's needs are met while they are in the system and assist in moving cases forward so that children do not linger needlessly in foster care. For more information about becoming a CASA volunteer, ask Kris Brenneis, current CASA volunteer, and/or visit www.casa4lanaster.org.

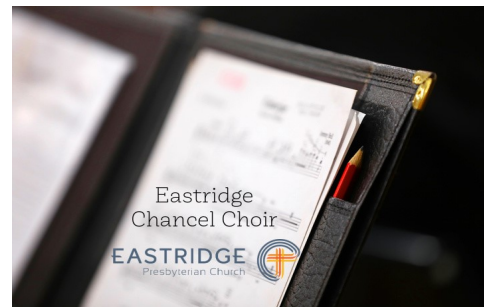


The **Eastridge Presbyterian Book Club** starts again in September. Our first meeting of the year is Monday, September 8 at 7:00 pm. Join us in M12 to discuss ***Becoming Madame Secretary*** by Stephanie Dray. Check out the church website on the calendar page for a list of this year's picks.

"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!"

-Psalm 150

Chancel choir will resume rehearsals Wednesday September 3 at 7:00pm. **Kirk Ringers** will resume rehearsals Tuesday September 9 at 6:30pm. Contact Brent Shaw if interested in ringing, singing, or offering other musical gifts.



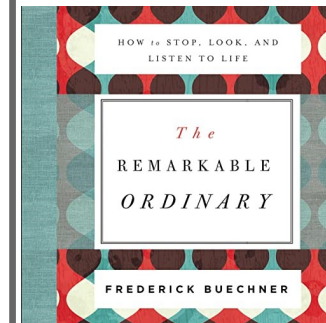
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Flowers today provided by Sara & Bill Bevans in celebration of Dave & Julie Gies' 65th Wedding Anniversary.

Happy Anniversary!



Condolences to Bibiana Nyaben Koang and Stephen Pajok Kong and family on the loss of their daughter and sister, Nyajock. Nyajock's funeral was held at Eastridge on Saturday.



The Remarkable Ordinary: How to Stop, Look, and Listen to Life by

Frederick Buechner: This study will meet Thursdays from 10am - 11am on Zoom, September 4 through November 20. However, there will be some field trips - either on your own or with the group. We will visit an art museum, the International Quilt Museum, a campus, and the Sunken Gardens. Study led by Pastor Melodie.

Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/epcremarkablestudy>



Preparing for Food Shortages: A Call to Action

Items we can use:

- Personal care items i.e. shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper
- Cleaning items i.e. laundry soap, dish soap
- Feminine hygiene products

- Canned fruits, vegetables, tomato products
- Canned meats
- Spaghetti pasta

TO VOLUNTEER:

Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:

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

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

What's a small act that helped you feel God's presence in your everyday life? This fall, we are asking for stories about small acts that helped you feel God's presence in your everyday life. Some of these stories may be shared in newsletters, sermons, in worship, or on our podcast, The Sunrise Road. We're calling it our **#do with love moments**, and it will relate directly to our fall series, "Holy Moments: Finding God in the Midst of the Everyday." To share your story, please email them to the office at office@eastridge.org, or send a video recording to 402-817-9004.

do with love