

A Gleaner's Table is a Sharing Table

In her book, *The Serviceberry*, Robin Wall Kimmerer shares what a "gift economy" might look like. "In a gift economy," she writes, "wealth is understood as having enough to share, and the practice for dealing with abundance is to give it away."

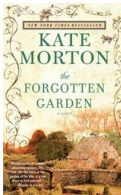
Our faith community is invited to participate in a gift economy Sunday, October 26, as we share produce and pantry items with each other! As we think about what we might have in abundance -

whether from our gardens (fresh or canned/made into jam/frozen), or from our pantries (that time we bought too much yellow mustard or lentils) - we are encouraged to give it away so others might enjoy it. These food items will be collected on a Gleaner's Table in the Welcome Center as we gather for worship.

As we leave, we'll take items we can enjoy later.



Discover Eastridge: If you are interested in exploring membership at Eastridge, join us for a "Discover Eastridge" event. Even if you are not ready to join, you are welcome to attend to find out more about our community. It will be held October 19 at 10:45 am (following worship) in Huxtable Lounge. RSVP encouraged, but not required via the following link:
<http://bit.ly/discovereastridge>



The **Eastridge Presbyterian Book Club** meets again October 13 at 7:00 pm. Our pick for the month is: ***The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton**. The EPC Book Club meets monthly from September—June in M12.

Join us for discussion and refreshments!

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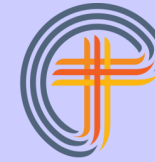
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EASTRIDGE
Presbyterian Church



The weekly lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—October 12

9:30 am	Worship—Sanctuary and online
10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship—Welcome Center
11:00 am	Session Meeting—M12
1:00 pm	Special Musicians—Huxtable Lounge

TODAY in worship

Pastors: Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth

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



Holy Encounters on the Camino

This summer Pastor Thomas joined a group of pastors on a two-week pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago in Spain.

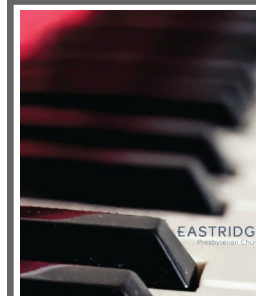
Thomas will be sharing photos and reflections from this sabbatical journey at two upcoming gatherings. Both are part of ongoing Eastridge programs, but

these particular meetings are open to anyone who would like to come:

Wednesday, October 15, 1:00 pm – at the monthly meeting of Eastridge Presbyterian Women (EPW).

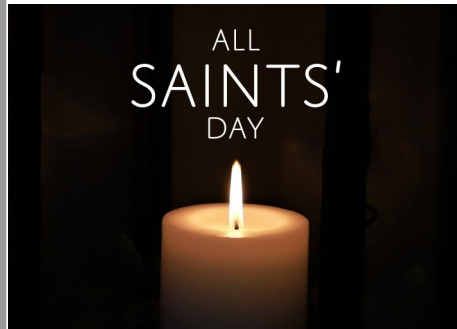
Friday, October 17, 7:00 pm – at the monthly Trailblazers fellowship meeting.

Come and join us for stories, images, and reflections on what pilgrimage can teach us about our own walk of faith.



Calling all music instrumentalists! Looking for anyone who plays an instrument of any ability. We will rehearse after the church service on Sunday, October 19 and then play an easy, fun prelude on **Sunday, November 2**.

Let Brent know you are coming so he can have the sheet music for the right musical instrument and ability level for you. We already have some flute and violin players ready to go!



All Saints' Sunday – November 2:

On All Saints' Sunday, we give thanks for the lives of those who have gone before us in faith. During worship, we will read the names of church members and others connected to our congregation who have died in the past year. If you have lost a loved one in the past year and would like their name included in this time of remembrance, please contact the church office by Monday, October 27.

Meal for 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 7-9 people. If you are willing to provide a meal, the following link can be used to sign up:
Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/youthmeal2526>



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES:

These packages that we will prepare will go to our **EPC members who are currently enrolled in college**. THANK YOU to those who have already donated. If you are looking for ideas, you can use the following link to access our Amazon Wishlist.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2R78RoLCUoM2D?leftNavSection=Shopping&ref_=abls_inv_sl&source=leftnav

Send it ATTN: Kris Adler-Brammer. And if you aren't up for shopping, cash donations are also helpful to purchase those last additional items or help cover

the cost of postage (\$17.10 per box shipped).

Individual servings of cookies, oatmeal, crackers, etc.

Mac n Cheese (in the packets), ramen noodles

Halloween candy, granola bars/protein bars, gum, crystal light/drink powder packages

Laundry pods (non-scented), dryer sheets (non-scented)

Please have all items to the church office by October 23 so we will have everything to pack them up on Sunday, October 26th. We will be packing baskets/boxes on the 26th following worship and we would invite you to join us!

Prayers for Chris McCullough for health concerns.

Prayers of blessing/congrats for Shawn Rankin on the birth of baby Aliyah! Grandmother is Becky Rankin.



Eastridge financial update: As in other years, our giving tapers off during late summer. We need approximately \$ 17,141 per week (Oct—Dec) to make our 2025 budget goal. **(For comparison, we took in \$ 3,500 in general fund offerings this past week).** Watch for third quarter statements in the mail!

Stewardship Sunday: Join us on Sunday, October 26, as we celebrate the receiving and giving of gifts in worship and at our Gleaner's Table (see A Gleaner's Table is a Sharing Table.) In worship, we'll sing songs of gratitude and hear messages that inspire us to be thankful and to share. **This is the Sunday we'll also collect the estimate of giving cards for 2026, giving thanks for the generosity that keeps our ministries going.**



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FOOD PANTRY

TO VOLUNTEER:

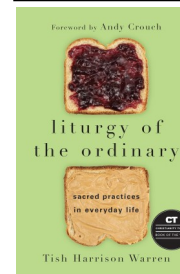
Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:

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

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

Fourth Friday Women's Coffee Fellowship:

Join the ladies in Huxtable on October 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.



Wednesday Night Book Study!

***Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren.** Wednesdays 6-7 pm, October 8-29 (4 weeks), in M12. Led by Pastor Melodie.

Books available for study members on the Welcome Desk. Sign up: <https://bit.ly/loftheordinary>