

**This week's chair for Lent:**

God's table has space for all people! Today we acknowledge that for some people, taking a space at the table is difficult to access. A pink child's reminds us that people of every age have a place at the table, including (especially) children. The wheelchair reminds us that people of all physical abilities have a place at the table. It is part of our shared responsibility to ensure that no physical barrier prevents anyone from coming to God's table.



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!

**COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES:** It is time to send care packages to our EPC college students, and we need some goodies to fill the boxes. Once you have shopped, the items can be dropped off in the church office. If you don't want to go out and shop, you can also purchase online and just have it shipped to the church. If you are looking for ideas, you can use the following link to access our Amazon Wishlist. (<https://a.co/e4dn6le>) Please 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). **Check out the newsletter for a list and more information.**



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**EASTRIDGE**  
 Presbyterian Church



*The weekly lamp*

**TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—March 29, 2026**

- 9:30 am                  Worship—Sanctuary
- 10:45 am                Coffee Fellowship—Welcome Center
- 1:00 pm                  Special Musicians—Huxtable Lounge

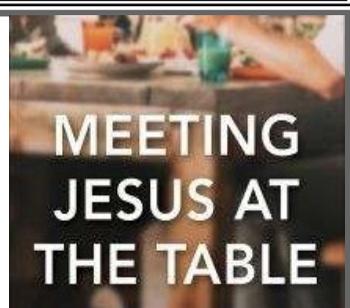


**TODAY in worship:**

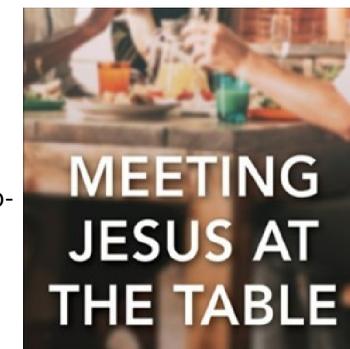
**Pastors:** Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth

**Worship Connection:** Kris Adler-Brammer

**Music:** Kirk Ringers, Chancel Choir, Bill Reichert, Brent Shaw, Will McGuire, Kristen Unterseher.



Join us at the table this **Maundy Thursday (April 2) at 6 pm** for a heritage potluck meal! Bring a favorite dish from your family, your family of origin, a cuisine you love, or whatever you love to grab in a hurry at the grocery store! Following dinner, our worship will continue in the sanctuary with stations that reflect on table scenes from the holy days.



Maundy Thursday  
 Heritage Dinner  
 and  
 Worship Stations



Good  
 Friday  
 Worship  
 Stations

**Good Friday Worship Stations:** We will have stations for self-guided worship and reflection from 8 am - 8 pm in the sanctuary on April 3. These stations feature table scenes from the holy days, and provide opportunities for prayer, praise, reflection, and contemplation as we observe Good Friday.



**EASTRIDGE**  
FOOD PANTRY

**Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:**

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

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

No food pantry distribution on Easter Sunday, April 5.



The **One Great Hour of Sharing** Offering will be taken TODAY. Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing— disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees — serves individuals and communities in need.

**Don't Be Fooled—Diversion Works!**

**Wednesday, April 1st at noon at the City/County Building**



On Wednesday, April 1, Justice in Action will gather for a creative public action highlighting the cost of jail overcrowding to Lancaster County taxpayers. Using a visual display of marshmallow Peeps—each representing a person currently in the county jail—leaders will illustrate how quickly the costs add up when people who could be in diversion programs remain behind bars.

Diversion programs connect individuals with treatment, mental health support, and accountability while saving taxpayer dollars and reducing jail overcrowding. This event will lift up the need for practical

solutions that strengthen our community and use public resources wisely.

Join Justice in Action and faith leaders as we raise awareness and call for expanded diversion programs in Lancaster County.

**Date: Tuesday, April 1**

**Time: Noon**

**Location: City/County Building (575 S 10th St.)**

**All are welcome to attend!**



**What is Walking Church?** Walking church is a time to gather together and worship while we walk! We'll meet Wednesdays at 8 am (starting April 8) in the parking lot on South Street just west of 33rd. We'll explore the trail in both directions, as we worship the God of all creation!

\*Note - if the weather is predicted to be prohibitive, we'll post on Facebook and send out an email notification of cancellation.



**A PLACE TO BE**  
F Street Community Center

**APR 8**  
**12 PM | WED**



**CHRIS BODEN**  
Supervisor  
F Street Community Center

AT EASTRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1135 Eastridge Drive



**A Place to Be: The Work of the F Street Community Center.**  
Faith Coalition of Lancaster County – April Gathering  
Wednesday, April 8 | 12:00–1:00 PM Huxtable Lounge  
In-person (bring your own lunch) or via Zoom

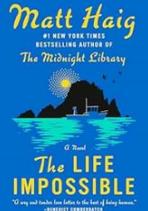
Where do people go when they just need a place to be? Join us for the April gathering of the Faith Coalition of Lancaster County as we welcome **Chris Boden, Supervisor of the F Street Community Center.**



**MEETING JESUS AT THE TABLE**

Walking the  
Sunrise Road

Easter Sunday, April 5, 6:30 am - **Walk the Sunrise Road** with communion (meet in welcome center no matter the weather)  
Later that morning: 9:30 am - worship with communion, bells, brass, and choirs (sanctuary)

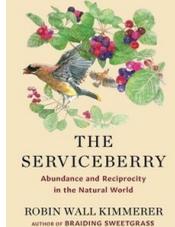


**Matt Haig**  
The LIFE IMPOSSIBLE

The **Eastridge Presbyterian Book Club** meets again April 13 at 7:00 pm. Our pick for the month is: **The Life Impossible by Matt Haig**. The EPC Book Club meets monthly from September—June in M12. Join us for discussion and refreshments!

Join us April 19 for a book discussion of **“The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World”** by **Robin Wall Kimmerer**. We'll discuss the book, plus learn more about what we can do to encourage mutual flourishing, and sample some serviceberry-inspired foods! More info to come.

**11:00 am Sunday, April 19 in Huxtable Lounge. Light refreshments provided.**



**THE SERVICEBERRY**  
Abundance and Reciprocity  
in the Natural World  
ROBIN WALL KIMMERER  
author of BRAIDING SWEETGRASS