



From the Pastor's Pen...

I can clearly remember rushing home from school to watch my favorite educational TV: *Reading Rainbow*, *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood*, *3-2-1 Contact!*, and of course, the monsters of *Sesame Street*. The messages of these shows are still powerful enough to be translated into Superbowl Commercials, sung by Lady Gaga, and shared with children today. Through these shows a whole generation of us learned how to deal with grief and anxiety, divorce and racism. We learned scientific principles like energy, nutrition, and physics. We learned to read, add, subtract, and divide.

We also learned how to find things that are different (like the following video):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6boftfKFEJg>

It is a catchy tune, sung by Cookie Monster. "One of these things is not like the others" he sings, while we all look for what it is that is different.

This fall, we are invited to turn that song around and ask a different question: What do we have in common? Together, we will explore how community takes shape through:

the way we are created to help one another;

the faith that gathers and connects us;

this particular building in the Eastridge neighborhood of Lincoln, Nebraska; and

our shared worship as we grieve, praise, give thanks,

and pass the peace.

What will we find when we look for the things we hold in common? Our hope is that in a world that is competing for our attention while isolating us from each other we will find that the tie that binds us together is stronger than the pull that separates us.

I look forward to seeing you this fall!

The Eastridge Logo



In October of 2014, the session adopted our current logo and tagline. The logo is a cross that moves into a circle and a circle that moves into a cross. The imagery here emphasizes our history as a church plant established by the mission board in 1953. We are a church that goes out into the community and comes back to this particular church community. The three lines reflect the Trinitarian nature of our faith in

God the Creator, Christ, and Redeemer; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Slate blue and red are reminiscent of the PC(USA) logo, while orange and yellow provide some contrast indicative of our unique story. Altogether, the logo appears to be an "e" "p" "c". It was originally designed by a 13 year old confirmand and refined through committees.

The Eastridge Tag-line

"Christ-Centered. Community Strong" summarizes our faith and our values as a community of Christ caring for each other, the community in which we live, and the community around the world. ~ Pastor Melodie



The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend our Broken Hearts and World

Wednesdays, beginning

September 9 | 6:30–7:30 p.m.

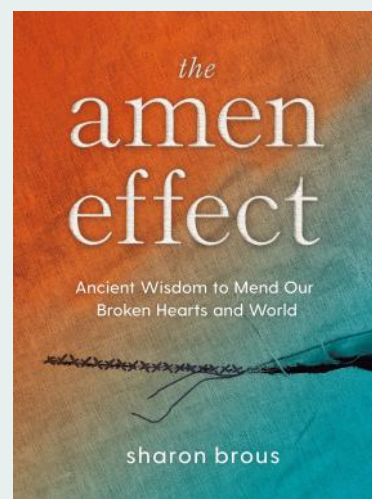
This fall, join us for a conversation around Rabbi Sharon Brous' *The Amen Effect*, a thoughtful and deeply human exploration of the practices that help communities become places where people are truly seen, known, and accompanied.

Drawing on ancient Jewish wisdom, contemporary research, and stories from congregational life, Brous explores our longing for connection — and what it can look like to be present to one another in joy and grief, in difference and disagreement, and in the ordinary moments of life together.

We'll read, reflect, and talk together, considering what it means to show up, to listen, to bear witness, to make room for grief and joy, and to recover a sense of wonder.

Come ready to listen, reflect, and join the conversation.

Copies of *The Amen Effect* by Sharon Brous will soon be available at the Welcome Desk at church, or wherever you purchase books.



Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/amenfall26>

Justice in Action listening sessions are underway, and you are invited to join one of the conversations!

Each year Justice in Action begins their work by listening to voices in our congregations. Your engagement in these sessions helps us determine what issues are affecting our city and county.

For questions, contact Sara Bevans at sarabevans62@gmail.com

Join us at one of the following gatherings:

- Sunday, Sep. 20 at 10:45am in the Huxtable Lounge
- Thursday, Sep. 24 at 7:00pm at the home of Jean Schulze
- Sunday, Sep. 27 at 10:45am in the Huxtable Lounge



FROM THE ELEVATOR COMMITTEE: AN UPDATE!

The elevator committee met throughout July and August and has developed a plan. We are currently in the process of seeking proposals from multiple elevator companies both as to the scope of the project and the cost. Once the proposals are in, the committee will forward a recommendation to the Trustees and Session and once the



Session/Trustees approve a proposal the church will begin fundraising for this project.

A capital campaign will include the elevator project and other capital needs of the church as determined by the Session and Trustees. This campaign will begin later but now is the time to consider your end of year tax plan including any required minimum distributions. The committee urges you to give serious consideration to this vital need.

~ The Elevator Committee



MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN:



Faith Connection for Preschool Children: Our preschool class will begin Sunday, October 11. This class is for 3-year-olds through Pre-K and

will meet on Sunday morning during worship. The children will join the congregation for worship through the Worship Connection. Following the Worship Connection, the preschool children will meet in the back of the sanctuary and then go to class. The class will conclude at the end of worship.

Faith Connection for Elementary Children: Our elementary aged faith formation program will resume on Tuesday, September 15. This is an after-school program that allows two hours with our children to build relationships and develop faith. On Tuesday afternoons, we begin with some free play time, have a snack, engage in Bible study with age appropriate activities, and provide worship education. The Tuesday afternoon daily schedule begins with the completion of the school day and concludes at 5:30pm. An electronic sign-up link will be sent out to all of our families. If you did not receive the

link or would like to inquire about others joining us on Tuesday afternoons, please contact Kris Adler-Brammer at kadlerbrammer@eastridge.org or (402) 488-7844.

MINISTRY WITH YOUTH:

Faith Connection for Youth: Youth programming will resume on Wednesday, September 9 from 6:00pm to 7:45pm. Each Wednesday evening, our time together includes dinner, recreation, fellowship, and study. We are continuing our partnership with the youth group at First Presbyterian Church this year. To acknowledge and accommodate our partnership, our meeting place will alternate between the churches each month. To begin our year, we will meet at Eastridge for the month of September. During the month of October, we will meet at First Presbyterian. The alternating will continue throughout the year.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We have some wonderful opportunities in place for our children and youth coming this fall. In order for these opportunities to happen, we need volunteers! Our volunteer opportunities vary in commitment and preparation – they can be a weekly, twice a month, or even monthly commitment. We will need:

Teachers – prepare and teach a lesson. **At this time, we do not have enough people to cover our class needs.**

Youth Group advisors – lead recreation, prepare and teach a lesson/activity

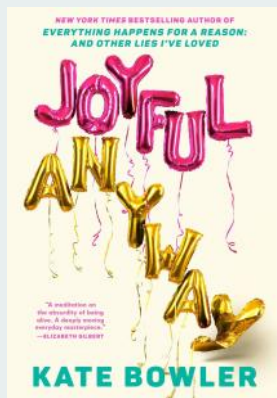
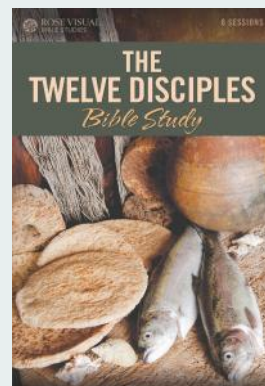
Meal Providers – provide dinner for the youth group

If you think you might be interested in assisting the children and youth programming and would like additional information about these opportunities, please talk with Kris Adler-Brammer.





Monday Night Bible Study: We will start August 31 at 6:30 pm with a 6 session study of *The Twelve Disciples* (author: Len Woods) then starting October 19-November 23 (6 sessions) studying *Genesis* by Amy-Jill Levine. This group meets Monday evenings September—May in Huxtable Lounge from 6:30-7:30 pm and is led by Doug and Mickey McDaniel. Contact the office for more information!



Wednesday Morning Bible Study: This group will be starting the book *Joyful, Anyway* by Kate Bowler starting September 2.

This group is led by Donna Gustafson and meets each Wednesday at 10:30 am in Huxtable Lounge. Contact the office for more information.

Various Zoom studies are held throughout the year. Watch the weekly lamp bulletin for more information, or check the church website!

This fall, the **Eastridge Hospice Singers** will begin their 9th year of “bringing the peace and comfort of music to those journeying through hospice care”.

Our own personal hospice singing journeys have been blessed with developing relationships with the individuals for whom we sing. Whether we sing just once for a person or multiple times, music has a special way of helping ease, and of making more beautiful, the transition from this world to the next. We often find, especially at end-of-life, “When words fail, Music speaks.”

Our unique singing ministry is appreciative of EPC and the support given to us by staff and members of our congregation. Brochures and business cards for the Eastridge Hospice Singers can be found on the Welcome Desk. For more information or the scheduling of a singing visit for a family member or friend receiving hospice care, contact Patty Niemann at epc.hospice.singers@gmail.com or 402-432-8353. We also are available to provide educational programs for community groups as a way for others to learn more about our ministry.



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Faith Partners: Eastridge Faith Partners' mission statement: The Eastridge Presbyterian Church Faith Partners

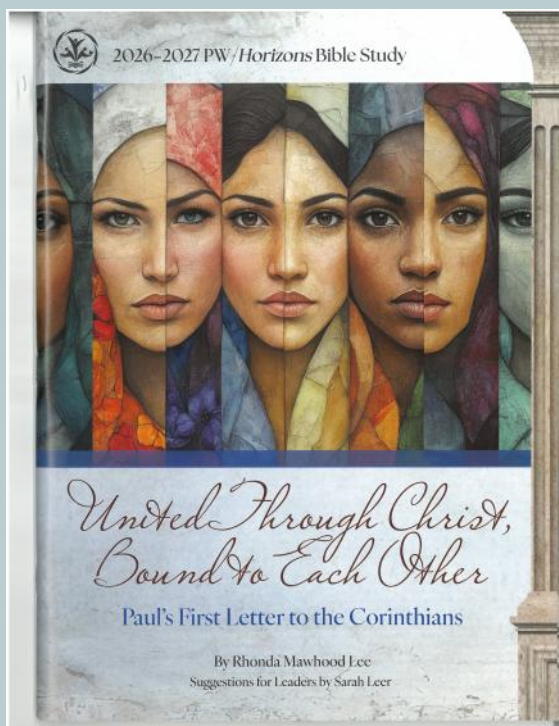
offers alcohol, drug, and other addictions awareness, prevention, education, referral assistance and recovery support to the people served by this congregation in a safe, non-judgmental environment. We're the group that sponsors the Mental Health Cafés and similar events here at Eastridge. Contact the office if you'd like to be a part of this committee!



Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Do you knit, crochet or quilt? The EPC prayer shawl group welcomes those with these skills to join them in helping to make prayer shawls and baby blankets to be given to our members and church friends during times of difficulty and times of joy.

For questions about this group or making shawls and blankets, contact Patty Niemann or the church office.



EASTRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN GATHERING:

Formerly known as Eastridge Presbyterian Women, the monthly gatherings are open to all. We'll have two gatherings, one in September and one in May. All are welcome. The September Gathering will be held on the 16th at 1:00 pm and will include info about PCUSA General Assembly. More info to come!

The monthly circle Bible studies will continue to meet the first Wednesday of each month, September through May.

Our study this year is *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other* by Rhonda Mawhood Lee.

Esther/Ruth Circle: 1:00 pm in Huxtable and M12

Miriam Circle: 7:00 pm in Huxtable

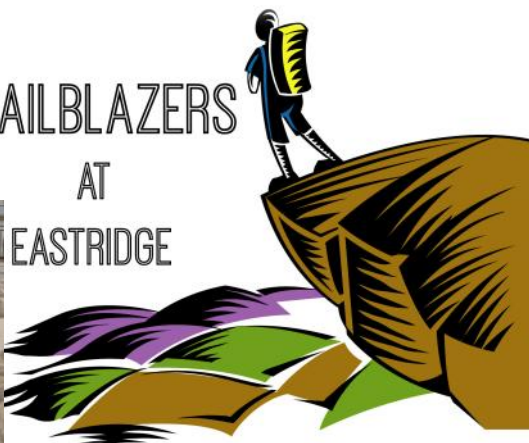
For those of you already participating, pick up your yearbooks and study books at the Welcome Desk.

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. If you are interested, please contact Sandra Hilsabeck at 402-770-4289.

For September 18: Prehistoric Nebraska by Jeremy McMullin, Highway Salvage Preparator at UNL State Museum



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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/epclefler2627>

If you would like more information about volunteering, please contact Susan Budler at susan.budler@outlook.com. Volunteers who want to help at the Lefler Food Market will need to fill out a Level II volunteer application. Go to <https://wapp.lps.org/gold/volunteer/volunteer.cfm>, the application only takes a few minutes to fill out.



FINANCIAL UPDATE: Thank you for your gifts to date in 2026! Help us reach our end of year giving goal of \$ 550,000. We are currently at \$ 304,014 in general fund giving in 2026 (August 23); average-wise, we should be at \$ 359,615.

Thank you for giving to the ministries of Eastridge Presbyterian Church!



Children and Youth Program Volunteer Information

We are thankful for ALL who volunteer in many ways with the children and youth at Eastridge Presbyterian Church. The church is one of the last few places where children experience and develop relationships with those outside of their age range that they are not related to. Because we know and understand the extreme value in these relationships, we work to provide safe spaces for **everyone** involved in our children and youth programming. One of the ways we work to provide safe spaces is doing national background checks on those people working with our young people. The 2026-27 school year

brings us to a year where it is time for us to re-do these background checks. If you volunteer with our children and youth in any way, you will receive information from Kris Adler-Brammer, Director of Christian Education, on completing the necessary forms to fulfill our requirements as listed in Eastridge's "Safe Church – Child Protection Policy." All information that is collected and received is kept confidential on file in the church office! If you are a children and/or youth volunteer and you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kris in the church office.



YANA: You Are Not Alone, a group for those who have lost a spouse, meets the first Tuesday of each month for a meal and fellowship.

We often choose a restaurant to meet for lunch or early dinner.

Contact the office or Berna Stading for more information.





Fourth Friday Women's Coffee Fellowship:

Join the ladies in Huxtable Lounge on September 25 at 8:30 am for our monthly coffee fellowship.

Let the office know if you would like to be included in an email reminder that week as well.

Session Highlights: August 16



Approved Session Meeting Minutes for July 12, 2026.

Acknowledged that communion was served on Sunday, August 2 at 9:30 a.m.

Approved the Advent study, "The Advent Tree: Meeting Jesus in God's Big Story" by Kara Eidson.

Approved the Winter theme, "Better than Normal: Virtues for an Off-Script Life" by Mary Ann McKibben Dana.

Rev. Dummermuth attended the Homestead Presbytery Meeting at Camp Calvin Crest in August.

Kris Adler-Brammer attended the Synod School of the Presbyterian Synod of Lakes and Prairies, held at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Kris Adler-Brammer will provide a General Assembly report to Eastridge this fall (date TBD).

Eastridge Care Connections: This group, which is similar to our former Deacon Ministry but not exactly the same, meets for quarterly gatherings.

Our current Care Connections team is organized into three areas: Families; Death, Dying, Grieving; For Those at Home. Contact the church office if you are interested in this ministry!



Ladies Night Out: This group meets for fun outings, mostly "off campus". This past year we visited the Dairy Store on East Campus (photo shown).

Various events are planned throughout the year. For more information contact the office. A Facebook page actively shares information as well.



Are you interested in forming a weekly morning walking group? If so, contact Susan Budler (susan.budler@outlook.com) or Donna Gustafson (dgustafson@eastridge.org).

Let us know what day of the week might work best and what time in the morning. To give some variety we'll look at various locations, such as the trails by Leon's and the Children's Zoo, or maybe Holmes Lake. Don't feel like you must come every week, this is just a chance for some fellowship, walking and taking in nature. If there is an interest, we'll follow-up with more information.



BELONGING in Worship

As Presbyterians, we gather in worship to glorify the God who is present and active among us, particularly through the gifts of Word and Sacrament. We most often think of gathering for worship in the sanctuary, but worship can happen in many, many places. Our Bible stories tell us that places of worship can be in temples and tabernacles, on hillsides and lakeshores, and even in an ark. In those same stories, the ways in which we worship may be even more creative. Our Old Testament stories share that a variety of items were used - the ark, linens and vessels, oil and incense, musical instruments, grain, fruit, and animals. Through all these things, we have the freedom to be creative. Maybe even encouraged! Regardless of how and where we worship, worship needs to be accessible to all who gather.

Worship also includes an element of learning. In order for us to worship God with our whole selves, we must first learn. We must hear the stories, understand what they mean, hear interpretations, all so we have an understanding of how we live out and share the messages that God has for us and for the world. In our learning, God invites all of us to join together and be fed in ways that are helpful and engaging for each of us. God provides many gifts for us in these times of faith development but one of the most unique gifts is that we are provided the opportunity to learn from each other regardless of our age and ability. We all have something to share, and we all have something to learn.

Belonging – think about that word for a moment. What does it mean to you? Is there a place where you feel like you belong? What is it that makes you feel like you be-

long? The answers to these questions are both the same and different for everyone. We probably all have a similar definition to what it feels like to belong. A place where we go that someone knows our name, it feels familiar (or like home), you are greeted with a smile, there is a place for you to sit, you were invited, etc. Our differences come when we talk about the things that make us feel like we belong. I can physically get in the door, there is a chair that I can fit in, someone knows my name, there is food I can eat, I know where to go to find things, I can hear/understand what is being said, I can see what is happening. It doesn't matter where we are or what we are doing, if we are involved, we want to belong. This especially includes our worshipping community.



This fall we will be making some additions to work on including our children so they feel like they belong. We will continue to have a time set aside for them in

the worship service where they are able to understand and take in the story that is shared. When we all hear this together, it provides an opportunity for us to learn together and gives us some common language. What a great gift for everyone to be able to sit around the table together and talk about the stories that Jesus shares with us. We will also continue to provide them with worship appropriate activities that will increase their understanding of the story. The more senses that are used in the learning process, the greater the chance there is for understanding of what you are learning. We all learn in different ways and providing multiple ways to do this is helpful when we strive for an environment of belonging.

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BELONGING in Worship (*continued*)

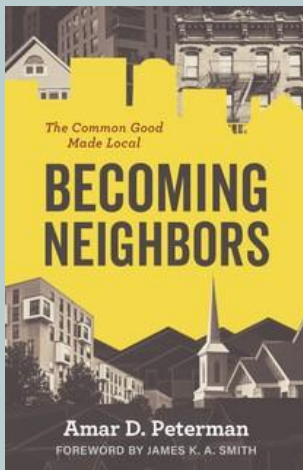
To help us facilitate a full sense of belonging for our young worshipping members, we will provide them some additional spaces to sit. In place of the two pews that we are currently using for the Worship Connection, we will provide them chairs that fit them and allow their feet to touch the ground as well as a tabletop space that will allow them to fully engage in the worship experience appropriate for their age. Lastly, we will provide them with creative ways to participate in worship. When it's appropriate, they may have an instrument to help them sing along and dance with a hymn. They may have some art supplies so they can participate as a "resident artist" and illustrate the story for us. They may have a labyrinth so they can trace their finger and follow along with the prayers of the community. They may learn and share The Lord's Prayer through American Sign Language. So many ways for not just the children, but everyone in the worshipping community to participate.

The children love being part of the worshipping community. It can only be imagined how much more love and care they will feel from their community when they feel the extended sense of belonging from the adults that are a vital part of their lives and faith development. As we live into the continuation and growth of these adjustments, we hope you will see the exciting things that can happen. Questions will come anytime any changes are made. Intention in how to set up these spaces of belonging is important. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please feel free to reach out to me, Kris Adler-Brammer. I will be happy to talk further with you about how the changes will work for the entire worshipping community.



Book Study: *Becoming Neighbors* by Amar D. Peterman

The work of cultivating the common good starts in your own neighborhood. In *Becoming Neighbors*, Amar D. Peterman explores how the common good can be cultivated through the practice of neighbor love. And he encourages Christians to join their neighbors at what he calls "the shared table"—a space where communities gather across differences to work towards the flourishing of the whole.



Within every neighborhood, people have daily opportunities to show up for each other and share the best of their traditions, cultures, and beliefs. But too often, Christians keep to themselves—and

when they do show up, many spend more time talking than listening. Peterman encourages Christians to adopt a different posture: to sit side by side with their neighbors at the community table, share a meal, engage in mutual listening and learning, and actively commit to each other's flourishing.

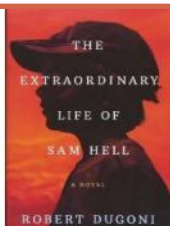
At the heart of this book is a simple but critical question: **How will we live?** Amid our differences and disagreements, through the strife and terror of our world, through the reality of death and the hope of resurrection, the answer for Christians is clear: We live as neighbors.

This study meets Thursdays on Zoom beginning September 10 and continuing through October 8, and is led by Pastor Melodie. Watch for a sign-up coming soon.



EPC Book Club: Get ready for another exciting year of reading! Here is the list for EPC Book Club 2026-2027. Due to Christmas and its inherent busy-ness, we do not meet in December. For more information, contact the office.

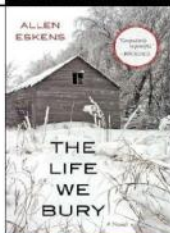
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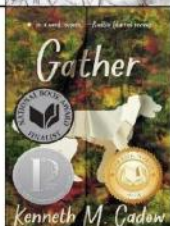
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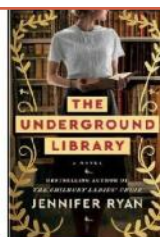
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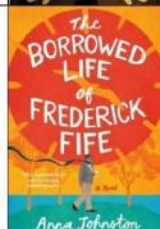
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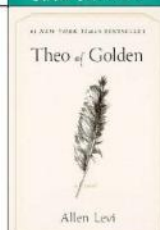
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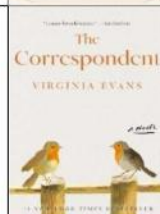
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May 10



June 14



Devotion Ministry: We are always looking for new writers for our online devotion ministry. If you are interested in writing, even just occasionally, please contact the office for more information. If you'd like an email prompt, contact the office as well!

Summer Songs: This summer we asked some members of our music ministries to select the songs we sang in worship. Members between the ages of 7 and 77 from our Kirk Ringers, Chancel Choir, and Intergenerational Pop-Up Orchestra selected hymns and responses. Thank you for your continued worship leadership throughout the year *and* over the summer!





PERSEVERING *toward* WHOLENESS

The 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, addressed constitutional governance, racial justice, gender justice, denominational finances and the direction of the church, laying groundwork for work continuing through the next assembly.

Co-moderators elected, GA228 to be held in Puerto Rico

Commissioners elected the **Rev. Marta Pumroy-Cordero**, border ministry coordinator for the Tres Rios Border Foundation in Tres Rios Presbytery, and the **Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer**, pastor and head of staff at First Presbyterian Church in Davenport, Iowa, as co-moderators. They will preside at GA228, June 11-22, 2028, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Commissioners also **approved full, in-person assemblies**, including an exhibit hall, beginning in 2030.

Budget and per capita

Commissioners approved a **balanced \$188.4 million unified budget** for Presbyterian Life & Witness (PL & W) and the A Corporation for the 2027-2028 biennium, about \$5.8 million more than the previous budget: \$90.45 million for 2027 and \$97.92 million for 2028. Per capita rates were set at \$13.04 in 2027 and \$12.72 in 2028.

General Assembly Relationships

The GAR Committee approved the new Organization for Mission, the structure for the General Assembly as the denomination's highest council, and **established PL&W** and its governing board.

Israel/Palestine

Commissioners approved RIW-04, declaring that the **Israeli government has violated international law** prohibiting genocide in its war in Gaza. As amended, RIW-04 directs the denomination's Office of Public

Witness to advocate against U.S. military sales to Israel and purchases from Israel. It also encourages members to avoid products from Israeli companies linked to violations of international law.

Constitutional interpretation, missiology, and mission co-worker dismissals

Following testimony on staff dismissals during **World Mission's closure**, the assembly approved CON-02, directing PL&W and the A Corporation to revise employment policies to prohibit nondisclosure covenants for employees, with a report due to the 2028 assembly. RIW-01 calls for review of the processes that terminated mission co-worker positions and World Mission. RIW-02 directs the development of a new missiological statement for global engagement.

Pastors will now be required to complete **boundary and abuse-prevention training** at least every three years. An overture to remove the Board of Pensions' medical coverage requirements was rejected.

Commissioners referred CON-10, which seeks an authoritative interpretation of monogamy, for discussion within the theological framework proposed in GEN-09, "Beyond Changing Families."

Gender and Sexuality Justice

The Constitutional Interpretation Committee **rejected a call for a special study of the Olympia Overture amendments**, citing related proposals GEN-06 and GEN-09. GEN-06 directs the development





of a mechanism that would allow congregations to indicate their openness and readiness to call an LGBTQIA+ candidate on their Ministry Discernment Profiles. Candidates would be allowed to view congregational responses. GEN-09, "Beyond Changing Families: Flourishing Relationships and Belonging," seeks a theological framework and a study guide on human sexuality and gender that reflect the PC(USA)'s commitment to full inclusion.

The assembly reaffirmed support for **access to medically necessary gender-affirming healthcare** and approved development of a survey collecting non-identifying information about sexual misconduct in church settings.

Climate and Environmental Justice

The Climate Justice Committee approved CLJ-02, "Changing Course for a Green Future," **directing divestment from more than 50 companies** by 2030 and barring new investments in them. All CLJ items were placed on the consent agenda, including a call for education on regenerative farming and prioritizing responses to the climate crisis.

White Christian nationalism

Commissioners voted overwhelmingly to declare White Christian nationalism and similar ideologies "**a theological error**" incompatible with the teachings of Jesus Christ; language changes in the *Book of Order* require presbytery ratification. Commissioners rejected an amendment that would have removed references to White Christian nationalism from the Special Committee on the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Race report.

Racial justice

The Racial Justice Committee advanced several recommendations **strengthening the denomination's**

anti-racism work, including RAC-04, "The Report from the Special Committee on the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) on Race," directing "PL&W to create a tracking system that displays the progress/ completion of all GA business... related to race, racism, and White supremacy ..."

RAC-01 calls for PC(USA) entities to report to the 228th GA on implementation of RGJ-13, the 2022 Report from the Disparities Experienced by Black Women and Girls Task Force. RAC-03, the "Resolution on Liberia Project 180," explores establishing theological learning and repair, and developing **acknowledgment and apology for Presbyterian involvement** in and support of the American Colonization Society and its lasting effects on Indigenous Liberians.

Ordered ministry

The Theological Education and Ordination Committee approved changes **modernizing preparation for ministry** while preserving Presbyterian ordination standards. ORD-02 clarifies that ministry preparation in G-2.06 and G-2.07 of the *Book of Order* applies to those training for the ministry of Word and Sacrament; it requires a two-thirds presbytery vote. ORD-03, addressing collaborative ministry teams, was approved; ORD-04, seeking removal of the time-of-service requirement for ruling elders in mid council roles, was not.

A new confession

A newly appointed special committee will continue **considering a new confession**. The draft seeks to articulate Christian faith in response to contemporary challenges including racism, economic inequality, environmental degradation, violence and political polarization.

For full stories about General Assembly or other news from the PC(USA):

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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. Sign up here:

<https://bit.ly/epcgatheringplace26>



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MEET THE STAFF

Coffee Groups:

Fourth Friday Women's Coffee: On the fourth Friday of each month, join this (mostly) retired group of ladies that meet in Huxtable Lounge here at Eastridge for coffee at 8:30 am. Join us September 25!

Men's Tuesday Morning Group: Join us at Le Quartier at Edgewood every Tuesday at 8:00 am for discussion and coffee.



Join us for a hymn sing on September 6 during worship! Dress casual that day, if you'd like.

Some favorite hymns will include:

- *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*
- *God of the Sparrow*

- *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet*
- *I Come with Joy*
- *God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*


Hymn Sing

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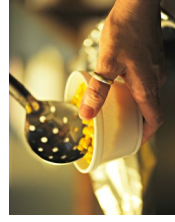
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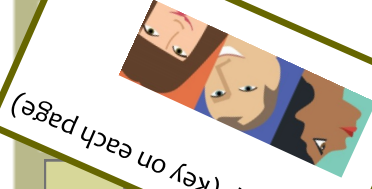
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Adult Studies and Committees (see newsletter for specific studies... many are available!)	W, L, S	various	A
(Eastridge) Care Connections	S	various	A, Y
Chancel Choir	W	Wednesdays at 7:00pm	A, Y
Devotion Ministry	S	Write as often as you'd like!	A, Y
Eastridge serves at The Gathering Place	S	Last Monday of every month	E
Eastridge Hospice Singers	W, S	TBD	A
EPC Book Club	L	Second Monday of the month during school year	A
EPW Gatherings	L, S	Third Wednesday of the month 4 times a year	W
Faith Connection for Children in Preschool	W, L, S	Sunday morning	C
Faith Connection for Elementary-Age Children	W, L, S	Tuesdays during school year	C
Faith Partners at Eastridge	S	Meetings the 2nd Thursday most months; special events	A, Y
Food Pantry	S	Volunteer to help distribute food or fill boxes	A, Y
Fourth Friday Women's Coffee	L	Fourth Friday of each month	A
Interfaith Justice Organization in Lincoln/Lancaster County	L, S	various	A
Kirk Ringers	W	Tuesdays at 6:30 pm	A, Y

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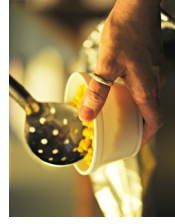
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Ladies Night Out	L		Quarterly throughout the year	W
Lefler Middle School Food Market	S		Volunteer to help distribute food	A, Y
Meals on Wheels	S		Call the office to volunteer!	A
Men's Tuesday Morning Fellowship Group	L, S		Every Tuesday at 7:30 am at The Mill @ Telegraph	M
Monday Night Bible Study	L		Mondays at 7 pm during the school year	A
Prayer Shawl Group	W, S		On your own!	A
Stephen Ministry	S		Contact the church office for more information	A
Trailblazers: a group for retired individuals and couples	L, S		3rd Friday of the month except summer months	A
Wednesday Morning Bible Study	L		Every Wednesday at 10:30 am	W
Women's Circle Groups	L		First Wednesday of the month; times vary; except summer	W
YANA Group (You Are Not Alone) for those who have lost a spouse	L		Evening meal the first Tuesday of each month	A
Youth—Faith Connection	W, L		Wednesdays during the school year	Y
Zoom studies for Adults	L		Typically Thursdays at 10:00 am throughout the year	A

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