

Fall Programming Schedule

Elementary Faith Formation (K-5th grade) – We began on Tuesday, September 15. We gather at the conclusion of the school day and meet until 5:30pm.

Middle & High School Faith Formation (6th – 12th Grade) – We started on Wednesday, September 9. We gather from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. We will continue our partner-



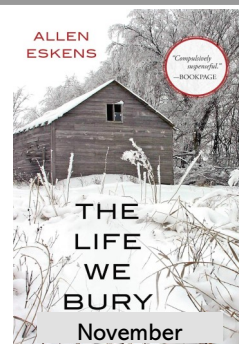
ship with the youth group at First Presbyterian Church. We continue alternating churches each month beginning with Eastridge in September.

We can always use additional volunteers in all our programming. If you think you might be interested in volunteering with our children and youth in any way, with any commitment level, please talk with Kris Adler-Brammer.

EPC Book Club: We meet the second Monday of each month in M12, September—June. More information on the church website, calendar page. For October: ***The Long March Home*** by Marcus Brotherton & Tosca Lee.

For November: ***The Life We Bury*** by Allen Eskens.

For the entire year's list, head to the church website, calendar page.



Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:

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

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

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.....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
Laura Siemsen.....Administrative Assistant
Kristen Unterseher.....Choir Accompanist

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 **Our Staff**

EASTRIDGE
Presbyterian Church



The weekly lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—September 27, 2026

9:30am	Worship—Sanctuary
10:30am	Coffee Fellowship—Welcome Center
10:45am	Justice in Action Listening Session—Huxtable Lounge
1:00pm	Special Musicians—Huxtable Lounge

TODAY in worship: Pastors: Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth

Worship Connection: Kris Adler-Brammer

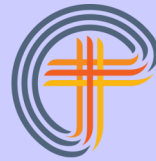
Music: Kirk Ringers, Will McGuire, Kristen Unterseher, Brent Shaw

Ken Medema (who wrote the text for our opening song) is a song writer, composer, recording artist, and story-teller through music. Blind from birth, Ken began playing the piano at age five and studied classical music by reading Braille. He graduated from Grand Rapids Christian High School and studied music therapy at Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan. As a music therapist in both Indiana and New Jersey, he began writing songs for hurting teenagers, an experience that helped to launch a career of writing songs on Christian life that has taken him to venues large and small all over North America and beyond. He responds to what he hears and sees in his heart at particular events, often improvising songs on the spot, offering compassion, honesty and desire for integrity in both worship and life. In 1985 he began Brier Patch Music, which continues to publish his music and recordings, including 26 CDs. (*from hymnary.org*).



This fall we have made some changes in the sanctuary to provide a space that fits our children k-5. In place of the two pews that formerly were used for the Worship Connection, we have provided chairs that fit children and allow their feet to touch the ground. There is also tab-

letop space that will allow them to fully engage in the worship experience appropriate for their age. In this space, we will provide them with creative ways to participate in worship. We hope you will welcome these changes for our children in worship!



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

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

Join us at one of the following gatherings:

- Sunday, Sep. 27 at 10:45am/Huxtable Lounge



Youth Meal Sign Up: Sign up to provide a meal for our youth! Middle/High School Faith Formation (6th – 12th Grade) has begun. We gather from 6:00 to 7:30pm. We will continue our partnership with the youth group at First Presbyterian Church. We alternate churches each month beginning with Eastridge in September, so this is the month to sign up to provide a meal! **Sign up:** <https://bit.ly/26-27YGdinner>

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Eastridge financial update: As in other years, our giving tapers off this time of year. We need approximately \$ 15,000 per week (Sept—Dec) to make our 2026 budget goal. (For comparison, we took in \$ 4,683 in general fund offerings this past week). **Thank you for your gifts to the church!**

New Member Orientation: Interested in membership at Eastridge? Come on October 4 following worship (10:45 am) to find out more! We will meet in Huxtable Lounge that morning. Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/discoverEPC>



Eastridge Presbyterian Church arranges to provide 4-5 volunteers at **The Gathering Place**, a local soup kitchen, on the 4th Monday of each month. The Gathering Place for 2026 sign up is online.

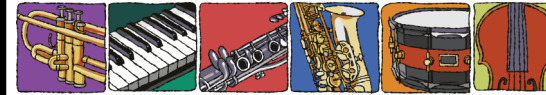
Check it out here: <https://bit.ly/epcgatheringplace26>

VOLUNTEER



PRAYERS

Prayers for the family of Douglas Reimer. Service information for Doug to be announced. Contact the church office to be included in the prayer list.



Pop-up orchestra: Any musical instrument of any level welcome! (Rain sticks, windchimes, and other percussion available with little or without any experience.) Rehearse

Sunday, November 15 after the church service (about 10:45am) then play the prelude on Sunday, November 22 which is the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Talk to Brent at organman77@gmail.com or 919-609-5362 to get sheet music before hand or a part that fits your ability of any musical instrument.

FROM THE ELEVATOR COMMITTEE: 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*



Fall start up dates for choirs: Wednesday, September 9 for **Chancel Choir** and Tuesday, September 15 for **Kirk Ringers (handbells)**. All are welcome! Talk to Brent if you would be interested in joining either

group for the fall: organman77@gmail.com

Upcoming Music calendar:

September 27- Kirk Ringers

October 4 - Guest Jazz Combo

October 11 - Chancel Choir

October 18 - Guest Bugeaters Barbershop quartet and Bill Reichert

October 25 - Kirk Ringers and Chancel Choir

(Looking ahead to November! Nov. 22 - Pop up orchestra)