



Let us start off the new school year on September 11th with our first GiFT Sunday. The theme of the day is reCreation.

Who is GiFT for?

For everyone: For Singles, couples, moms and dads, college students, teenagers, kids, grandmas and grandpas, empty nesters, newcomers, working people, retired people, people with pets, and for those without. In short: for everyone (did we say that already?).

What are the goals of GiFT?

GiFT Sundays provide an opportunity to gather and worship together as one family of faith. GiFT reclaims God's intent for faith to be shared in community and across generations. Through a shared experience — often missing from everyday life — of families learning together, sharing faith, praying together, serving and celebrating rituals and traditions, GiFT helps connect families and individuals who want to spend more quality time together. GiFT builds relationships between the generations and fosters teamwork across the congregation. By sharing our faith stories and learning from each other, we Grow in Faith Together.

What does a GiFT Sunday look like?

9:00am Worship as one family of faith in the sanctuary

10:15am Learning event for all generations: which includes community building, age appropriate activities, music, and learning from each other.

11:30am Shared meal.

The main dish will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

**Join us the second Sunday of the month for GiFT:
Let's Grow in Faith Together.**

PCUSA Gifts of the Heart: School Kits

Once again, during the Advent season, our congregation will be packing School Bags to be distributed through the PCUSA Disaster Assistance efforts. Though we will not pack the bags until then, it is the Back To School season here in Lincoln and school supplies will be available at great prices. Following is a list of the SPECIFIC items they ask to be included in each bag. The Outreach Committee thought members might like to stock up on these items while the sales are good. We will pack as many kits as we have supplies for, but would like to do at least 50. You can keep the items at home and bring them to the church closer to Advent, or bring them to church to be stored until we pack the bags. The bags will be provided.

School Kit

- 1 — pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- 3 — 70-count spiral notebooks or tape-bound pads of 8" x 10 1/2" ruled paper or pads with 200-210 sheets of ruled paper. Do not include filler paper.
- 1 — 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- 1 — hand-held pencil sharpener
- 6 — new pencils with erasers
- 1 — large eraser
- 1 — box of 24 crayons

Thanks for participating in this mission opportunity!





Bistro Theology

FAITH. DRINKS. DISCUSSION. QUESTIONS

Bistro Theology is a gathering space for people of all faith and non-faith backgrounds to come together and respectfully dialogue and question over life, spirituality, culture and society. No agenda, no catch, no debates or shouting matches. But a celebration of our community and how we can challenge and learn from each other.

Come join us this Summer on the last Monday each month at the Piedmont Bistro for Faith, Drinks, Discussions and Questions.

"Some of the most important moments in the history of the church took place in the pub: Luther kick started the Reformation over a few pints. The Church of England was started in the White Horse tavern. Hymns like 'Love Divine, All Loves

Excelling' were inspired by pub music. And seemingly all the best conversations take place in the pub.

The format is simple: beer, conversation, and God. Everything is up for discussion, no assumptions, no barriers to entry. If you are going to get upset because someone questions something that is important to you maybe this isn't for you, but if you think that whatever might be true ought to be able to stand up to being questioned, maybe it is."

(From the invitation of Church on the Corner, an Anglican church in London -- one of the first to offer what they call 'Pub Theology')

For more info, contact Thomas Dummermuth (tdummermuth@eastridge.org). Our next meeting is August 29 at 7:00 pm at Piedmont Bistro

Our Summer Sermon Series: Favorite Bible Passages! This summer, join us as each week we explore a favorite Bible passage of a Ruling Elder currently serving on our church Session (Board)! Summer Sermon Series for July:



Psalm 121. Chosen by: Robin Hadfield. Committee: Personnel. Member from 1963-1981 and 1987 to present. "Although I have many favorite scripture passages, when Pastor Melodie asked session members to select one, I returned to this psalm. In 2013, I served as moderator of Homestead Presbytery. At the worship service for the final meeting of the year, the moderator may present the sermon. I used this psalm as the basis of the sermon. I love the word picture painted by the psalm. In the sermon, I used imagery of cairns, which is a Scottish term for a human-made stack of stones sometimes left to mark trails. I asked the presbytery to consider whether we are leaving cairns to mark the way for those who follow us. The psalm assures us that God is always watching over us and marking the trail for us."



Luke 6:35-48; Romans 2:1-6 Robby Shortridge. Committee: Personnel. Member 2009-Present. "Although I have many favorite scripture passages, those chosen for today have really struck a chord with my heart. It seems to me that the World is becoming a more divisive and judgmental place. At turbulent times, I think it is important to step back, pause, reflect, and then remember that final judgment belongs to God."



Romans 12:9-21. Chosen by: Alinda Stelk. Committee: Worship and Music. Member: 1984-1988, 1990-present. "This passage is a favorite of mine because it speaks to me as an individual while also creating a clear vision of how we are to be the church in the world. Paul provides a reminder that Christian love is not simply the warm, fuzzy feeling encapsulated by an Internet meme. Clearly, the active love Paul describes is challenging to live out. It creates a stark contrast with our current cultural tendencies toward division and accusation. Paul's words provide a reminder that I need on a daily basis."



Susan's Tree:
Last August, we celebrated Susan Taylor's service to Eastridge as our Director of Christian Education. Many of you donated to this commemorative gift, a tree planted in Susan's honor. Here is Susan in front of her tree, an Autumn Blaze Maple.

Presbyterian Youth Triennium: Our youth just returned from an exhausting and exciting week at Presbyterian Youth Triennium. In their time at PYT they experienced the love of God through play, small group, and amazing worship. Our youth were continually encouraged to remember that they are enough, that they have a voice, and that they should continue to remember God has taken the weight of our baggage from our shoulders so that we are free to love all we encounter. Please make every effort to speak with the youth and adults that attended so that you can hear about the message of hope and love to which our youth were witness.



SCRAPBOOK: Photos from the recent Middle School Youth Mission trip and Triennium at Purdue





Pantry Thank You: Thank you for your response to our request for boxes! We will post again in the Lamp as the need arises. If you are interested in volunteering in the pantry, contact the church office.

Pledge/Giving Report:



Yearly expected pledges	\$ 580,421
Received as of June 30	\$ 241,188
Should be at	\$ 290,210



Coming in the September newsletter: Info about fall activities! The September newsletter will come out a bit earlier than usual. If you have info to be included in the September issue, please turn them in by August 12!

Shared from one of our church members:

"Are you happy in your faith? If you are, please notify your face."



Dessert, Please!

Doesn't everyone just love to end a meal with a yummy dessert, preferably home made? Besides tasting good, it seems special, which makes you feel special! The folks who eat their evening meal at the Gathering Place share that desire, but they have been running short of homemade desserts at their evening meals. We recently received a letter asking for contributions for just that-homemade desserts. This seems like a need we, at Eastridge, can help address by broadening the scope of our current work with The Gathering Place. There are two ways you can contribute desserts to be served at their evening meals.



On the 4th Monday of each month, a group of 6-8 Eastridge members serve the evening meal from 4:45-6:00. If you have a group of people who would like to do this, please contact Donna about signing up. If you sign up, and find you cannot go, please be sure to find a replacement, as the meal needs to be served as planned. In addition to serving that night's supper, we now are asking the

group that goes each month to take enough home-made dessert for about 90-100 people. Each group will plan and coordinate what they take.

Another way EPC supports the Gathering Place is to transport bread donated by the Kinnamons to be served with the meals. Each Thursday, EPC members pick up bread at Kinnamon's distribution center and deliver it to the Gathering Place, as well as to our own pantry. If, at any time, any of you would

like to make dessert for the Gathering Place, but are unsure about getting it there, you can bring your desserts to the church any Thursday morning. The Eastridge Bread Ministry volunteer will then deliver it that afternoon, along with the bread. You do not need to have

enough for all 90-100 people. The folks at the Gathering Place will use it along with other desserts they have on hand. containers will not be returned, so be sure you have your items in containers you don't care about getting back.

Thanks for considering participation in this ministry to The Gathering Place!



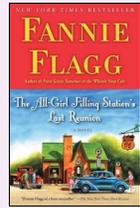
CRAFT THANK YOU: Thank you to Anna Meier, whose creative talents produced this wonderful cardboard **Noah's Ark** for Vacation Bible School. Following Bible School, we gave the ark to the children's church at the **People's City Mission!** What a great way to recycle, and share Anna's talents with the community. Pictured here is the ark in its new home at People City Mission!



EPC Book Club reading list:

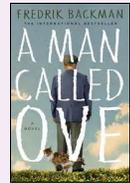
Join us the last Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in Huxtable Lounge for discussion and refreshments. Our list for 2016 is here:

September: *The Girl on the Train*, by Paula Hawkins

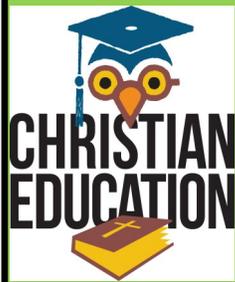


October: *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion*, by Fannie Flagg

November: *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman



* Stop in the office to get a list of selections for the entire year.



Faith Connection (Sunday School) Teachers Needed! Faith Connection starts after Labor Day; teachers will be teaching roughly 3 out of 4 Sundays a month. Groups are: Preschool, Kindergarten-2nd Grade, 3rd -5th Grade, Middle School, High School. GiFT teachers will help once a month for these groups: Preschool, Kindergarten-5th Grade, Middle School. Please contact Amanda Rodell, Mason Todd, or the office if you can volunteer! Be a part of the faith formation of our children.

August Ladies Night Out

will be Friday August 19 – this will allow those interested in attending Women of Faith the last weekend in August to attend both events. From 6:30pm-8:30pm we will be meeting at **Lincoln Craft Studio**, 4720 Prescott Street to make a metal stamped necklace. We need at least 10 people to participate with a maximum of 20 – please RSVP to Christi at 402-805-4031. There are snacks available to purchase if desired, please bring a snack to share and your choice of beverage.



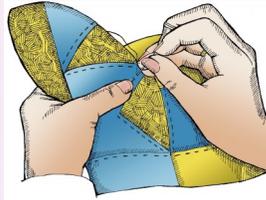
Eastridge Quilted Prayer Shawl Group: Have you considered being a part of the Eastridge Prayer Shawl Ministry but don't know how to knit or crochet? Do you have a sewing machine at home that you would like to put to good use? Eastridge has a VERY active prayer shawl ministry and a very high demand for prayer shawls. If you have been part of this group already and would like to see a pattern and walk through the steps for a quilted prayer shawl OR you are interested in knowing more about making prayer shawls (knit, crochet, or quilted) we invite you to come out Saturday, August 13 1pm-4pm at Eastridge in Huxtable Lounge or Fellowship Hall (check the monitor in entry). We will provide a pattern, examples, tips and tricks and allow time for questions. If you have a portable machine you are welcome to bring it along. Please bring your own beverage. A light snack will be provided. Please call Christi Mook 402-805-4031 with any questions.

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Best wishes to Nick Raimondi, who is moving to Kansas City. Nick both directed and assisted with Antiphonal and Cherub children's choirs this past year.



Calvin Crest Fundraiser: 19th Annual BBQ & Quilt Auction on Saturday, August 27. Schedule: 10am Quilts on display; 11:30am -1:00pm BBQ lunch; 10:00am-2:00pm Silent Auction. During the day: Open swim & activities; evening cookout & campfire. Quilt forms are available at the Welcome Desk and the EPW bulletin board (near restrooms). Vickie Wolfe will be taking items one week prior to the event. Contact the office for more information.



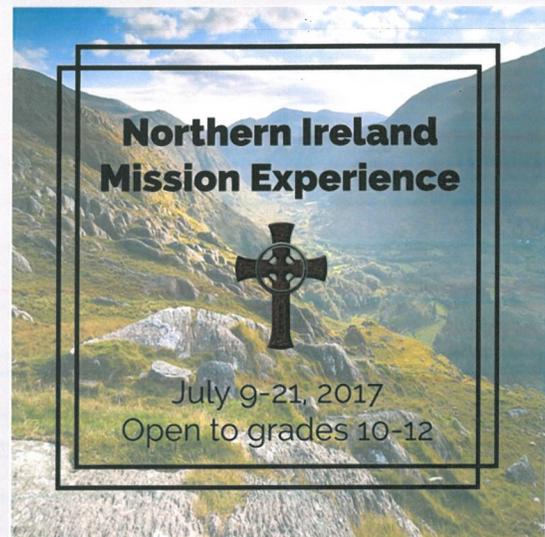
"The Last Fling before that School Thing":

sponsored by Camp Calvin Crest on Friday, August 26 through Saturday, August 27. All youth are invited (must be entering 7th-12th grade). Join us for games, worship, swimming, hiking, campfire, and more. Cost is \$ 25 per person. Register online at www.calvincrest.org; RSVP date is August 22. Contact the office for more information.

Middle School Ministry

Middle School Mission Immersion: Those youth that attended the mission immersion dedicated their time and energy to serving at the Ronald McDonald House, Hope House (domestic violence safe house), and Operation Breakthrough (childcare and preschool for underprivileged children). They used sweat and tears as they loved these people through their service. Please speak to the youth and adults that participated and ask them about their experience so that you can hear just a little bit of what these youth were able to experience.

Informational Meeting: International Mission Trip to Northern Ireland! This trip is for youth grades 10-12 (2016-2017 school year). If you'd like to learn more, please attend this initial informational meeting on August 14 at 11:45am. A chance to register will be online soon!



COMPLETE APPLICATION ONLINE OR
GET AN APPLICATION FROM THE
CHURCH OFFICE
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2016 AT 11:45 AM



Highlights of the June 16 Session

Consent Agenda

Session Minutes for May 12, 2016

Affirm that communion was served at the 9:00 and 10:30 worship services on June 5, 2016. Remove Imogene Bruce from member rolls, deceased May 17, 2016. Acknowledge that Rev. Thomas Dummermuth and Rev. Melodie Jones Pointon officiated at the memorial service of June Lyman on May 14, 2016. Acknowledge that Rev. Melodie Jones Pointon officiated at the funeral service of Imogene Bruce on May 24, 2016. Acknowledge the baptism of Jax Pearson Eicher, son of Zach and Ashley (Ober) Eicher on May 22, 2016 at the 9:30 Service. Remove Shirley Hill from member rolls, deceased June 8, 2016. Rev. Melodie Jones Pointon officiated at the funeral service of Imogene Bruce on May 24, 2016. Remove Robert (Bob) Schiebinger from member rolls, deceased June 8, 2016. Remove Charlene Franey from member rolls deceased June 11, 2016. Accept Susan Budler, Dale Ruhl and Erma Ruhl into membership at Eastridge on June 5, 2016.

Motions:

It was moved and approved as brought forth by the personnel committee to remove the job description “Director of Traditional Music” and replace with a “Adult Choir Director” and a “Director of Children’s Music Ministry” who will provide music experience from August through Palm Sunday.

It was moved seconded and approved to try the concept of a commission based session for a one year period beginning July, 2016.

It was moved seconded and approved to trial the GIFT program starting in September of 2016 as outlined by the GIFT planning committee for one Sunday per month for one year and then review.

It was moved seconded and approved as requested by Rev. Katie Barrett Todd to use Eastridge Presbyterian Church as the gathering and drop off location for the 2016 Triennium on Monday July 18 and again for the return on Saturday July 23rd.

It was moved, seconded and approved as requested by Alinda Stelk to routinely serve communion at the worship services on the first Sunday of each month.

Highlights of July 21 Session

Consent Agenda:

Affirm that communion was served at the 9:00 and 10:30 AM services on July 3, 2016.

Acknowledge that Rev. Melodie Jones Pointon officiated at the memorial service of Charlene Franey on July 20, 2016.

Approve the baptism of Lucy Kay Hilzer at the 10:30 service on August 14, 2016.

Acknowledge the email vote to approve music job descriptions (9 Yes, 4 no reply). Approve the ordination and installation of deacons at worship this coming Sunday.

Motions:

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the gifts as listed in the M&E report dated June 20, 2016.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the June 16, 2016 session meeting after a typo was corrected.

It was moved seconded and approved to elect Robin Hadfield, Jo Bateman, and Heather Douglas as commissioners to the next presbytery meeting on August 19 and 20th at Camp Calvin Crest.

It was moved, seconded and approved to use the church for the marriage of Connie Barry and Steve Bennett on September 23, 2016 at 10:00AM.



Memory Clinic

AVOIDING THE BRAIN STRAIN: HOW TO KEEP YOUR BRAIN STRONGER LONGER

What is the Memory Clinic?

This is a weekly class lead by speech language pathologists and graduate speech language pathology students. The target audience is individuals and their significant others who are concerned about age-related memory difficulties. The purpose is to provide education and solutions. Group intervention for participants will focus on learning about and developing strategies to improve independence and safety with daily functional skills and activities. Significant others will attend with a focus on assisting their family member/friend with the daily challenges of memory impairment. Participants will have the opportunity to share their experiences with other individuals and professionals, as well as brainstorm and implement techniques to manage daily challenges.

Who should attend?

Individuals and their significant others who are:

- Concerned about memory and thinking limiting functional skills
- Interested in learning about memory and strategies to enhance thinking skills
- Willing to participate in discussions
- Willing to complete simple weekly assignments
- Able and willing to attend 8 weekly sessions for 90 minutes each (Wednesdays 10-11:30)

*(*Limit 8 participants and significant others each session)*

Details:

Starts & End Date: September 7, 2016 to October 26, 2016 **RSVP by August 15, 2016**

Cost: \$80.00 for the memory clinic

Where: Barkley Memorial Center

East Campus University of Nebraska—Lincoln

*(*Unless otherwise arranged)*

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AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00pm Fellowship 7:00pm Music & Worship Committee	2 9:30am Staff 7:00pm Worship Team	3 10:30am Small Group	4 5:00pm Personnel Committee	5	6 Wedding
7 9:00am Worship 10:30am Worship	8	9 9:30am Staff 4:00 pm Outreach Committee 5:00pm Stephen Leaders 7:00pm Worship Team 7:00pm Stephen Ministry	10 10:30am Small Group	11 6:00pm Youth Committee 6:30 pm Deacons 7:00pm CE Committee	12	13
14 9:00am Worship 10:30am Worship 11:45 am Meeting for Ireland Youth Trip 1:30 pm Eastridge Neighborhood Association meeting	15 	16 9:30am Staff 7:00pm Worship Team	17 10:00 EPW Coordinating Team Meeting 10:30am Small Group	18 5:30pm Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm Session Meeting	19	20
21 9:00am Worship 10:30am Worship	22 4:45pm Eastridge serves at The Gathering Place	23 9:30am Staff 7:00pm Worship Team	24 10:30am Small Group 4:00 pm Musician's Rehearsal for Wedding	25 1:00pm Newsletter Assembly Group	26 4:45 pm Wedding Rehearsal 7:00pm Ladies Night Out	27 1:30pm Wedding
28 9:00am Worship 10:30am Worship	29 Bistro Theology 7:00 pm	30 9:30am Staff 7:00pm Worship Team	31 10:30am Small Group			

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