

Eastminster Happenings

Reaching up, Reaching out, Reaching In!

April 14, 2008

What's going on?

For a complete list of bible studies, activities, and offerings; please go to our website at: <http://www.epcfl.org>

Worship Schedule:

Saturday Worship Service: 6:00 pm

Sunday School: 9:15 am

Sunday Worship Services: 8:15 am and 10:30 am

Radio Broadcast: 8:30 am on WEJF (90.3 FM)

Nursery provided for all worship services and Sunday School

Children's Ministry

Sunday School

Sunday mornings, 9:15 am

Junior Church

Sunday mornings during the 10:30 am service starting on September 9th

Choir

Wednesdays from 4:00 – 4:30 for 2-6th grades.

New Ringers

I am sitting here in Mike's hospital room typing this latest edition – what a joy to be able to just sit and talk with him as I type this! Thanks for all your prayers and we look forward to seeing you all at church events soon!

Have a blessed week,

Natalie Derrick

Don't Forget!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - There will be a congregational meeting in the Sanctuary on April 20th after the 10:30 service for the purpose of electing new Elders. Please plan to attend.

ELECTRONIC GIVING – Did you know that Eastminster offers the convenience of having your tithes automatically transferred from your bank account to Eastminster? If you are interested in using this convenience or would like more information, please contact Sue Neville in the church office.

SONGS OF THE BIBLE – is a new adult class meeting from 9:00 to 9:40 am on Sundays, convenient for Chancel Choir members and open to others as well! Pastor Ralph Bronkema is leading the class, which meets in the bell choir practice room upstairs in CMC.

CHOMP AND CHAT – with the Pastors, occurs April 22nd at noon, in the library. We meet every 4th Tuesday and have some lively discussions; please bring your lunch and join us!

Beginner's Youth Handbell Ensemble – Tuesdays, 4:00 pm, Handbell Room.

Celebration Ringers

Youth Handbell Ensemble – Tuesdays, 4:15 pm, Handbell Room. Please call Martha Bortner for details at 723-8371.

Kids Club

Bible Fun, Crafts and Game on Wednesdays from 4:30 – 5:30 for K-6th grades.

Wow Wednesdays

1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm

Tweenagers (5th-6th Grade)

Life of Faith

For 5th and 6th grade girls will meet Wednesdays at 4:30 pm in the Heritage Room.

The Joshua Project for Boys

5th & 6th grade boys meet on Tuesdays @ 4:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

Jr. High

4:12 Program

Bible Study and games. Wednesdays from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Power Connection

Is a Sunday morning class designed to help Jr. High students commit and GROW in their faith. Sunday mornings at 9:15 am.

Power & Light - Sr. High

Sr. High Discipleship

Sundays from 5:00 - 6:00p.m. Rooms 6 and 7

Sr. High Fellowship

TBA

Power & Light

Sundays from 6:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The Living Room Small Group Bible Studies

*Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m.
Trader's home
200 Riverside Pl.
Dessert provided!*

RENT-A-TEEN – is Saturday, April 19th. This is a fundraiser to help students go to summer camps. Call the office and speak to Tangela to reserve a teen to come to your house and do any spring cleaning, garage cleaning, or miscellaneous chores that you've been putting off doing.

MUSIC FROM THE BRITISH ISLES - The Indialantic Chamber Singers under the direction of David Vogeding will present a program of choral music from the British Isles in April. There will be two chances to hear this great choral ensemble in concert. The first concert will be on Friday, April 18th at 7:30 pm at Suntree United Methodist Church on Wickham Road. The second concert will take place on Sunday, April 20th at 4:30 pm at Eastminster. Both performances will include music by British composers John Ruter, jazz great, George Shearing; and the poetic music of Benjamin Britten, which pays tribute to the patron saint of music, Cecilia and is an entirely unaccompanied musical composition requiring great accuracy from the singers. Both concerts are free but there will be a free will offering taken.

SPRING TEA - Save the date! "May Flowers, Charity Showers" will be Thursday, May 1st at 4:15 pm. Tickets are on sale now for \$12. Call Lynda Trader at 723-2191 or pfoofer@aol.com for more information.

PRIME TIMERS: Lunch Out will be held on Thursday, April 17th at 1:00 pm at Continental Flambe' in downtown Melbourne. Call Don Judd for more information. Game Day will be held the last Friday of the month at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served. Bring your games and a sense of humor!

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM - Sign up now with Instructor Lou Fead at 956-7643 for the AARP Driver's Program. These refresher courses are scheduled for Tuesday, April 22nd and 29th in the Christian Ministry Center from 9 am to 1 pm in the meeting room.

RUMMAGE SALE – The rummage sale is coming Saturday, April 26th! Start rooting plants and saving your "good stuff". Donations will be accepted the week of April 21st!

VBS IS COMING JUNE 16 – 20! – This year our theme is "Power Lab: Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power." Preregistration forms are available in the front office or at the Information Station. Soon you will be able to register online. Interested in helping? Please contact Vicki Lichti

Young Adults

Immersed

Thursdays at 8:00 p.m., 1st Baptist Church of Melbourne

Adult Programs

Moms In Touch

Prayer group praying for all area schools – Meets Wednesday mornings at 8:30 in the Meeting Room upstairs. Please contact Natalie Derrick at Natalie@derrickrealestate.com for more information.

Preschool Moms

Please contact the church office for more details on meeting times.

Ladies Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Meets at 7:00 p.m. every Tuesday in Classrooms 6 and 7 upstairs. Studying Beth Moore's "A Heart Like His".

Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Meets from 9:15 – 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the 2nd floor youth room in the CMC. The term's study is Beth Moore's "Believing God".

Women of the Church Circle Meetings:

Circle 2

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday at 9:30 am in the Library.

Circle 4

Tuesdays, 1:30 pm, Library

Tuesday Men's Breakfast

2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. at the Blueberry Muffin.

Second Saturday Men's Breakfast

Held on the 2nd Saturday of the month in the Fellowship Hall. The morning begins with coffee served at 7:30 a.m. and breakfast served at 8:00 a.m.

Men's Discussion Group

722-3869 or email Kim Wolff at wolffpack123@bellsouth.net.

Teens and Parents

Eastminster Scholarships - Time once again to apply! It is through the generosity of our members who contribute to this special educational fund that enable our church to offer student scholarships. The applicant must: 1) be a member of Eastminster Presbyterian Church or be actively involved in the church's ministry; 2) be a Christian youth/young adult of high moral character and high academic standing; 3) be a full-time student and have evidence of acceptance to an accredited institution of higher learning; 4) demonstrate financial need; and 5) turn in a completed application to the church office by May 1, 2008. Applications are available in the church office. There are two applications this year: one for first-time applicants and one for student re-applying. Priority will be given to applicants who have established coursework in religious studies, music and/or service. The Scholarship Committee will announce the recipient(s) by June 1, 2008. Questions? Contact Melinda Miller, 777-4765.

Hungary Happenings - Chinese Style

I went to a Chinese church tonight here in Budapest. It was delightful. I met a Chinese Christian over a month ago, and she invited me to go to church with her tonight, and I readily agreed. This was my first time actually looking at Chinese characters. I could not read anything when the words [characters] were flashed up by power point on the wall. However, it was artistically done, and I saw some interesting characters. I looked for the repeating characters and began to see them, and by the end of the singing was able to kind of follow the singing with the characters. Again, I could not join in with them and sing, nor did I learn the pronunciation of any of the characters, but in the last song I heard several phrases in the chorus, so I would sing those phrases when I could, and I saw them in the characters. Not bad for a linguistic zero like me. I can do better in Mongolian because they mostly use a Cyrillic alphabet and that I know from Russian. So when they flash the words up for the songs in Mongolian I can try and read along with them a little bit. Not so in Chinese. I also noticed that there are hardly any common words between English and Chinese. I heard Alleluia, Amen, Jesu, Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, Mark, and that was about the extent of any "common" words. But that is better than nothing.

Except for the language difference and that the church was located across the street from the Asian market in an upper

Every Wednesday morning from 6:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Brown Bag Lunch

Bring your lunch and study with the pastor on Wednesdays at 12 noon.

Investment Club

The Eastminster Investment Club meets every month on the second Tuesday at 7:00 pm. in the CMC second floor. Guests are welcome to attend. We have members who are not members of Eastminster. All are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity to learn how to evaluate stocks in a very conservative format using a software program stock selection guide. For information, contact Barbara Allen, Presiding Partner, 777-7052 or Beth Young, Recording Partner, 223-5921.

Prime Timer's

Lunch Out! is held the 3rd Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m. Contact Don Judd for more information at 724-1416.

Game Day is held the last Friday of every month at 12 noon. Bring a friend and a game and join the fun! If you have any questions, please contact Susan Wailles at 773-0266 or email at bobsusan@mac.com

Chancel Choir

Rehearsal on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the choir room.

Calvin Singers

Rehearsal on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays at 7:30 am in the choir room.

Adult Handbells

Genesis Ringers – Rehearsal on Tuesdays at 9:00 am in the Handbell room.
Alleluia Ringers – Rehearsal on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Handbell room.

room in an industrial building, you could have imagined that church service being anywhere in any culture or country. I was told that there is a Chinese church in the same district where I go to Hungarian church. And I was told that there are probably 20,000 Chinese in Hungary. I must say that one of my challenges was understanding the Hungarian that was spoken to me because it was spoken with a Chinese accent. I know it is hard for them because I speak Hungarian with a southern American accent, too. It made me think of my year in Moscow when I met a Japanese woman and our common language was Russian. It was so different from Russians speaking Russian that it was a challenge for me to understand. It took me some time to adjust my ears to the Japanese Russian, and tonight it was the same: I had to flex my brain to the accent. We sang 6-8 songs at the beginning of the service. A man played a synthesizer, and a trio led the singing from up front. The first song I knew in English, so I sang in English. The other songs were Chinese and I could tell by the music. That was interesting for me to notice. Next came the reading of the first Scripture for the evening. We stood and read several sections of Psalm 119. The men read the first verse, then the women read, and they continued to alternate to the end of the passage. It meant that there was only 1 translation of the Bible, and the church had Bibles in the back, so everyone could take one to their seat and have it with them during the service to read from. Following the Scripture reading, there was prayer, then some announcements, and then the sermon. At the end of the service, communion was served. The bread [cracker portion] and the grape juice were served at the same time. Everyone held theirs until all were served, then we took the bread and the juice at the same time. There was a benediction, and it was over. It had lasted about 1.5 hours. Many people came up to me after the service and asked me how I liked the service, and invited me to come back. I had to introduce myself in the service in Hungarian and most all of them understood Hungarian. They were very friendly both before and after the service. During the service there is a time for greeting one another, and they say, "Jesus loves you" to one another.

Oh, yeah, we had a Chinese dinner before the worship service, and the worship service started at 7:00 p.m. because people work 7 days a week, and it needs to be at the end of the day. Since people have not had time to go home and eat dinner, they serve dinner at the church. And it was delicious. Interestingly enough, the Mongolians also serve dinner for the same reason.

Grace and peace,
Jan Dearman
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Prayer with a Pastor

Tuesdays at 9:30 am in the Prayer Chapel.

Overeater's Anonymous

*Mondays, 7:00 pm
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm
Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Fridays (Men), 6:30 pm
in Classroom 1*

Narcotic's Anonymous

*Mondays, 8:00 pm
Wednesdays, 8:00 pm
John Knox Hall*

Recovery in the Big Book - AA

Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

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But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9

Prayer

At Eastminster we believe that God not only wants us to express our desires to him in prayer, but that he wants us to boldly come before him with our requests. God has promised to answer prayer and we take this promise sincerely. A phone call (321-723-8371), a visit to the church office, or filling out an online Prayer Request will start a chain of calling for instant and ongoing prayer.

Please email me at Natalie@derrickrealestate.com if you have information that you would like included in the next newsletter, would like to be removed from this list, know of anyone who may like to receive this newsletter or for any other reason.