

Eastminster Happenings

Reaching up, Reaching out, Reaching In!

March 30, 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

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

This is a very brief edition of Eastminster Happenings due to Mike still being in the hospital. I thank all of you for your prayers, he is being healed through God's mighty power and your love. Please make sure to check your Covenant Messenger, the weekly bulletin and our website www.epcfl.org for anything I may have left out.

Have a blessed week,

Natalie Derrick

Don't Forget!

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.

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.

BIBLE STUDIES – A new short term Disciple Bible study is beginning Monday, March 31st at 10:00 am in the Heritage Room. This 8 week study will give a unique overview of the Old Testament. It will focus on God's plan for mankind that was revealed through the people of Israel. Participants will explore the major circumstances that tie the Old Testament together with the New Testament. The cost for the study book is \$12.00 and can be picked up at class.

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!

Young Adults

SPRING TEA - Save the date! "May Flowers, Charity Showers" will be Thursday, May 1st at 4:15 pm. Tickets will go on sale in April. If you are interested in helping with the food, please come to a meeting on Tuesday, March 4th at 9:00 am in the library.

WOW Wednesday – The next WOW Wednesday will be held on April 2nd at 5:30 pm.

PRIME TIMERS: March 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!

Men of Faith

RTB (Reasons to Believe) Chapter: Having finished a discussion of "Majesty of the Maker," with a study guide by Ken Hultgren and DVD of Dr. Hugh Ross, members and friends will be glad to learn that Dr. Ross is scheduled to be in our area for several outreaches on April 9-11. If you want help plan and promote these events, or want more information on RTB, please contact David Beckwith, beckwith5@earthlink.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

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

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

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 In Russia

God is faithful and worthy of praise! He had many things planned for Irkutsk, and to the best of my knowledge, they were accomplished. Thank you for praying. While I was there, each day after I finished my teaching, I had to prepare for the next day's lessons from the book of Romans for the 1 year Bible school. I tried to stay one step ahead of the students. Often I had to ask God to give me appropriate examples so the students could understand the concepts. I had to use several different teaching methods in order to finish in the amount of time allotted and to get the material on a level that was useful for the students. It was a challenge for me. I learned much. God rewarded me by having students share with me what God was teaching them and how it affected their lives. That is always gratifying. I love watching the eyes change with understanding, and I saw that several times. I was also asked to teach in 3 different churches over the weekend: 1 in Irkutsk, and the other 2 in other locations some distance from Irkutsk. The messages were from the book of Romans, and I put them in church presentation format with illustrations and introductions, questions, etc. I was amazed as each time people would come up to me after the service and tell me that it was exactly what they needed to hear, or how the examples helped them in the situations they were currently experiencing. That's God. I had some "firsts" while I was there: a former student came up to me after 1 church service, introduced me to her young daughter and her husband, and then asked me to pray for their child who is due to be born in April. We had a family prayer session right there in church. Another woman came to tell me that God had answered last year's prayer when I was there, and that her husband had come back to her family, and he is interested in Christianity. Then a mother came up to me and asked me to pray for her son. He had been in the Russian army and lost his hands in the fighting in Chechnya. I had to ask God what to even pray, and the mom and I cried our way through the prayer. May God continue His work in His

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 pobnsusan@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.*

Prayer with a Pastor

way. I enjoyed being in the 2 churches outside of Irkutsk. One church meets on Saturday mornings. Some of the students who live in that town participate in the worship service. The church pastor showed slides of his short term mission trip to some distant cities in a remote region of Siberia north of Irkutsk. He had a rugged trip as there was much more snow on the ground where he went than on the ground in Irkutsk. I was reminded of it, when 2 days later, the car I was being transported in crossed a frozen river [no bridge] and was momentarily stuck in an area where the ice and snow had melted in the sunshine. However, I did not get out and push! My feet stayed dry as the driver skillfully was able to rock the car back and forth out of its stuck position, and then we took a wider berth around the puddle and continued across the frozen river. On the way back, we did not have the same problem. It was colder then.

Olga and I had a delightful time in the village that day. It is in a beautiful part of the Siberian wilderness, and we were with women who were hungry to speak about Jesus and spend some time in the Bible and pray. One of Olga's dreams is that she will know English well enough to translate for me, and that we will do ministry together. I told her that it is my dream that God give me the gift of a Russian tongue and that I will not need a translator. It is always a treat for me when Olga and I do work together, and the village day was one of those. Olga knew what I was going to speak about, so she was ready to translate from my Russian into real Russian so everyone there understood what I was trying to say. It was a house church gathering, and I gave a very informal introduction to our topic for the day by giving the history of how God brought the Mongolian Christian church into existence in Budapest. That introduction was impromptu on my part, but I noticed that everyone could follow it, and when I brought up the topic for the day, Olga got the gist of where I was going with it, and then she could start into the topic with her part. It was one of those days when we complemented each other in what we were doing, and functioned as a team without the need for translation. Thank You, God, for that gift. Both Olga and I enjoyed it very much. And fortunately, so did the ladies. Some of them cried. I did, too. May God receive the glory!

Grace and peace,

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Prayer

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

Contact Us

http://www.eastminster-presby.org/contact_us.htm

Church office: 723-8371

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.