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Pastor's Corner

*"While it is good that we seek to know
the Holy One,
it is probably not so good to presume
that we ever complete the task."*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Scientists, philosophers, administrators, artists, and simpletons are on equal footing when it comes to knowing God. It's true that scientists have the advantage of knowing God through the mechanics and mysteries of nature. Philosophers stretch the boundaries of knowledge and theories of knowing as they attempt to peer into the mind of God. Administrators draw upon pragmatics and trends and human interactions in order to see the patterns of God at work in the world. Artists ping between reality and imagination, blurring the boundaries of both, questioning, proclaiming, celebrating, denouncing, and offending. And simpletons simply live mostly free of the distractions of equations and theories and trends and symbolisms.

What unifies everyone in the great search for knowing God is that God remains sovereign over God's own revelation. As theologian Peter Rollins points out in his book *How (Not) to Speak of God*, God is the unknowable, knowable God. We can know him only in part – the part that God chooses to reveal to us. No Tower of Babel or particle accelerator or work of art can ever capture more of God than God will allow.

This limit to God's know-ability is connected to God's transcendence – a fancy word that means beyond our limits. The scientist will forever be limited by what is measurable, the philosopher by what is knowable, the administrator by what is observable, the artist by what is imaginable, and the simpleton by what is experience-able. It matters not that we live in the 21st century or that Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Eden. All humans are dependent on God telling us about God. Thus it is upon God that we must rely for our knowing God. To depend on some

other source than God, risks skewing our understanding of God by the biases of that source.

If I know of God only through my family, then God will either look a lot like them or not at all like them, depending upon whether I like my family or not. If I rely simply upon a sunset to tell me about God, then I will only see God's gentle hues and miss out on God's strident black and whites.

Thankfully, The Almighty appears to take delight in revealing God's self. We find God's fingerprints are all over creation. Indeed, God's image is reproduced in each and every human. You see The Almighty co-authored a sacred, self-revealing book we refer to as Holy Scripture. Yes, God remains active and involved in the world being revealed through gentle wisps of air and hurricanes alike. But our Reformed Tradition tells us that beyond the lens of nature God came into the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. And it is through Jesus that we come to know God most fully. Therefore when we center our lives upon Jesus Christ we can know the unknowable God and reenter the world as scientist, philosophers, administrators, artist, and simpletons empowered with direction and purpose, love and grace. But first I guess we'd best spend a little bit of time getting to know Jesus a tad better, eh?

God Bless Always, Chris



Our Mission: *"We exalt God through joyful worship, loving care for others, and service to our community and world."*

Our Vision: *"We will be known as a growing, spiritually vibrant, and diverse congregation, serving others through Christ's love."*



“Welcome Home Sunday”
September 9th

Bring a Friend! Bring 2 Friends!

9:40 – Nursery open

9:45 – Sunday School Classes:

- **Children’s Class**–Room 21
- **Adult Class** in the parlor

10:30 – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:30 – Coffee Fellowship
 in the Donaldson Room

11:00 – Worship Service

12:10 – “Welcome Home Picnic”
 in Fellowship Hall

To celebrate the end of summer and the Fall beginnings of many of our church classes and programs, the Fellowship Team will be giving a “Welcome Home Picnic” after the church worship service on September 9th. Bring a picnic side dish or dessert! We’ll be serving Hot Dogs & Ice Cream and lots of other "goodies" for you to enjoy.

To add to the festive mood, you can dress for church in your summer bright apparel and Hawaiian shirts!



Please plan to attend this special event with your EPPC Church Family.

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS
at ENSLOW PARK

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY – September 9

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES begin Sept. 9

LILIES GATHERINGS begin September 16

SHARING YOUR FAITH begins in September

*** GUITAR LESSONS begin September 8**

*** UKULELE ORCHESTRA begins Sept. 8**

*** KIDS’ GAME NIGHT begins September 13**

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – October 7

*** MU SENIOR RECITALS at EPPC - October**

**KIRKIN’ of the TARTANS SERVICE
 & RECEPTION – October 28**

*** UNICEF & HALLOWEEN PARTY – Oct.**

*** SOCCER PRACTICES - TBA**

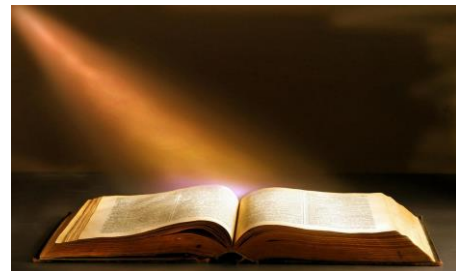
*** ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASS – TBA**

* If you have questions on these * Events contact Rodrigo Almeida, Outreach Coordinator by phone: 304-972-8103

or email: eppcoutreach@gmail.com

Also visit our Website:
[eppc72@wix.com/eppc](https://eppc72.wix.com/eppc)

Come and Help Plan for
Adult Sunday School !!



On September 9th, all Adults are welcome to come to the **Adult Sunday School Class** at 9:45 in the Parlor. We will meet to discuss ideas for study material and for the organization of the class leadership. Come and bring your ideas!

Outreach Music Classes for Fall

Come and join EPPC's music classes and events and let's have some fun and spread our gifts in our community!

Here are the upcoming Music Classes:

Guitar lessons: EPPC is giving 20 scholarships for the Fall semester. 10 for the classic guitar and 10 for popular guitar. These classes are for kids from 11 to 14 years old. In order to enroll your kid, please email me at



eppcoutreach@gmail.com

with a subject of "Guitar Scholarship Request". On the body of the email, please send me the student's name and last name, age, and which class he/she wants to attend. **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!**

Ukulele Lessons for kids:

This class will be on Thursdays at 5p. The group will have 10 students with ages from 7 to 10 years old. It will cost \$10 per lesson/student. Each student is responsible for your instrument. They will learn how to play the Uke, strumming, and reading music notation. It is a great time to play your favorite music with your friends and family!

Ukulele Lessons for Adults:

We will meet every Saturday at 10a. A light breakfast will be offered to the students. The course is FREE! So, bring your relatives, friends, neighbors, etc and let's make music! The student is responsible for their instrument.

For more events and information, please visit the EPPC website:
<https://eppc72.wixsite.com/eppc>

Looking forward to see you all there and have a great time together!

Rodrigo Ameidá,
EPPC Outlook Coordinator



For All Creatures Great and Small



"A Blessing of the Animals"
Worship Service
Saturday, Oct. 6th
11:00 a.m.
in the
EPPC Courtyard

Blessing of the Animals Service will be held in the courtyard at Enslow Park Church. Pets of all shapes & sizes are welcome for this time of thanksgiving in liturgy and singing for the gifts of all God's creatures.

"Praised be You my Lord with all Your creatures."
- St. Francis of Assisi

Make sure to join us

as

EPPC Celebrates

the 15th Annual

"Kirkin' o' the

Tartans"

Worship Service



on Reformation Sunday

October 28, 11 a.m.

followed by a

Reception in Fellowship Hall

Hope Chest

Our Hope Chest
"Items of the Month"
for



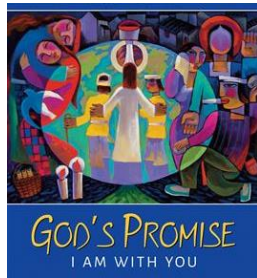
SEPTEMBER are
POTS & PANS and
FRYING PANS with LIDS.

Consider "The LILIES"



The LILIES, "Ladies Inspired by the Lord In Eternal Service", will begin meeting again on **Sunday, September 16th**, after the Sunday worship service, in the church parlor. The LILIES meeting season is September through June. We invite all the women of our church to join our meetings for a light lunch, fellowship, local and international mission projects, devotions and scripturally based discussions.

This year our Bible Study will be "God's Promise: I Am with You" by Amy Poling Sutherlun. This Bible study will focus on the central promise from God: "I will be with you". This study will be a journey through scripture, from Genesis to the end of the Gospels, tracing the repetition of God's most frequent promise: "I am with you".



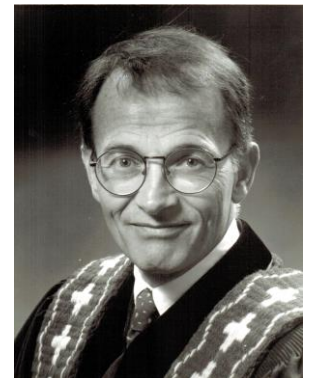
If you have any questions about the LILIES, please contact Susan K. Fabry, Moderator of the Presbyterian Women of EPPC, 304-523-0891, or 304-633-5434 or susankfabry@msn.com.



September Birthdays

- 9 - Timothy Bonyak
- 13 - Tabatha Baire
- 14 - Chris Cunningham
Alan Edwards
- 17 - Rocky Harris
- 18 - Allison Gossett
- 21 - Loy McGuire
- 22 - Charlotte Miller
Raven Baire
- 24 - Kathryn Harris

Prayers for Rev. John Niles and Family



Dear Friends,
This is to let you know that John has been diagnosed with dementia. We would like to ask for your prayers for John and for his doctors to find a cure. John has started donepezil to help slow this disease after we saw the neurologist on July 23. And I am fine. (Helen) I had my port for chemo taken out and I still have my checkups and CT scans to make sure the cancer hasn't returned. We hope everyone at Enslow Park is doing well.

Love, Helen and John

John was the Pastor at EPPC 1996-2007.

John & Helen's address:
205 Wesleyan Drive, McAdenville, NC 28101
johnhnils@aol.com



Flowers

Thank you to everyone who has given flowers this year that enhance the beauty of our worship services.

If you would like to give Flowers for September Worship Services please sign the Flower Chart in the Donaldson Room or call

Jane Jones 304-525-0820.



A Letter of Thanks from Saint Thomas Church

Dear Friends at EPPC,

Thank you so much for hosting our mission team from St. Thomas. It was such a joy to gather with your people for worship and to present our VBS program to the children of your community this past July. Of course, the richest blessings to us were the twelve salvation decisions that were made by children at the VBS. God is so good!

I would also like to thank not only the children that came to VBS, but also the people of your congregation for their most generous gifts totaling \$792.00 toward the World Vision "Seeds for Haiti" project. This gift along with the offering we received at St. Thomas VBS in Bernville, will provide drought-tolerant seeds that will feed about 400 children for one year. In addition to this, their families in Haiti will also be presented the Gospel message. This is exciting...to touch the lives of 400 children and their families for Jesus Christ.

May God continue to bless your church as you have been a blessing to us. I know I will remember my time at Enslow Park Presbyterian. You truly are some of the friendliest, loving people I have ever met.

With Christ's Love, Brian Luckenbill

Food & Clothing Pantry

For the month of September Christian Associates' Cridlin Food & Clothing Pantry has asked EPPC to contribute:



36 JARS
of JELLY

Special Need: Men's XL Boxers.

Cridlin also continues to need bath towels, hand towels, wash clothes & sheets. Please ask that donated sheets have sizes marked. Thank you!

If you would like to be a volunteer at the Cridlin Food & Clothing Pantry, which is located in the Trinity Episcopal Church, you can go Monday, Wednesday or Friday, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Recipe of the Month

"Breakfast Bake"

Submitted by Ann Harris

(Enjoyed at the VBS Breakfast in July)



Ingredients:

- ~ 3c. shredded hash browns (frozen kind)
 - ~ 1 can Crescent Roll dough, unrolled
 - ~ 6 pieces of cooked bacon, crumbled or 1 to 2 pkgs real bacon bits
 - ~ 12 eggs
 - ~ salt & pepper to taste
 - ~ 1 c. shredded cheddar cheese
- Optional Toppings: chopped peppers, onions, mushrooms, cooked sausage, etc.

Directions:

- ~ Press dough into bottom of 9X10 baking pan
- ~ Spread hashed browns, bacon and optional toppings of your choice.
- ~ In separate bowl beat eggs and salt & pepper.
- ~ Pour eggs over toppings in pan.
- ~ Bake at 350 degrees 40-45 minutes
Check to see if done by putting knife in center – should come out clean.
- ~ Sprinkle cheese on top and bake 5-10 more minutes until cheese is melted.
- ~ Cool 5 minutes and cut into squares.

Can be made the day before. May take longer to bake if cold out of the frig. Serves 8-10



Every Sunday Morning 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

If you would like to volunteer to host one of the Coffee Fellowship times, the sign-up sheet is in the Donaldson Room or call the church office.

Coffee, creamer, sugar, cups, plates & napkins are all provided. You need only bring juice, home-baked or store bought baked goods, and fruit if you would like.

Thank you from the Fellowship Team!

